

## Stella Maris Centre for Networking & Communications

### Annual Report 2015 – 2016

#### A. Collaboration with Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, New Delhi: 9 month online certificate program in Corporate Social Responsibility (C.S.R):

- The students completed their last test (3/3) and the final Big Bang Exam in April 2015
- N.G.O internships for 12 weeks from April - June 2015 was arranged by the Coordinator, Dr Sundari Krishnamurthy and the candidates submitted their reports to IICA by end June 2015
- The SMC candidates attended the convocation in IICA, Gurgaon on July 8-10, 2015 with all the other candidates from 14 other States \*(photos 1 & 2 with captions)
- Mark sheets were sent to SMC by IICA in September second week and handed over to the candidates by SR Susan. Mark sheets were posted to two candidates – one in Kerala and the other in Bahrain
- The first batch of ICP-CSR course was successfully completed and all accounts handed over by Dr Sundari.K to the Internal Auditor.

#### B. Networking with individuals/ organizations:

- Dr. Sundari Krishnamurthy met Dr Bernardine Dias, Founder and Director of *Tech Bridge World: Technology with a Global Heart* in Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, and U.S.A in June 2015 to explore the possibility of collaboration with SMCEPC. Dr Dias is also an Associate Prof in Robotics and she said she would explore possibilities of PG and Research students visiting SMCEPC.
- Mr. Prem Anand Assistant Vice President Program Development , Apollo Tele- Health Services, Hyderabad visited SMCNC along with Mr. Vinod Kuriakose, State Head Operations, DEITY, Government of India, in July 2015, to explore the possibility of offering tele-medicine from SMCNC to SMCEPC.
- Mr. Ashish Sarma, Manager, Business Consulting and Strategy, Infrastructure and Education, Siemens Industry Software (India) Private Limited, Gurgaon, Haryana visited SMCNC in July 2015 along with Mr. Vinod Kuriakose to explore the possibility of offering an online course in motorcycle maintenance and repairs to the youth in Thirupachur through SMCNC,

- Dr Federico Zaragoza, Vice Chancellor for Economic and Workforce Development, Alamo Colleges, San Antonio, Texas, U.S.A along with Ms. Carol Fimmen, District Director for International Programs, Alamo Colleges and Ms. Usha Venkat, Director of Information Technology, Alamo Colleges visited in July 2015 SMCNC and explored the possibility of joint collaboration of skill development programs at SMCEPC in Thirupachur. They had come to Delhi at the invitation of the P.M to a high level meeting on “ Skill Development” and seized the opportunity to visit SMC.\*(photos 3, 4, 5 & 6 with captions)
- Dr Sundari.K attended the launch of the Women’s Business Forum of The Andhra Chamber of Commerce on August 21, 2015 with the Union Minister of State for Science and Technology presiding, at the GRT Convention Centre, to request the women entrepreneurs to offer training for women in Thirupachur village in which SMCEPC is located.
- Dr Sundari.K met Dr Usha Sriram and her group which had launched a huge event on “ Women 2 Women: Opening windows of Opportunity for diabetes care and prevention” at the Hotel Raintree on August 29, 2015 to explore the possibility of having medical camps at SMC and SMCEPC
- Dr. Sandeep Murali, General Surgeon at V.H.S & Seethapathy Hospital, office bearer in Vidya Mandir Alumnae Association and Madras Medical College Alumnae Association visited SMCNC in October 2015 to explore the possibility of using video-conference facilities at SMC. He also offered to conduct medical camps at SMCEPC through an NGO in Chidambaram, run by the parents of a classmate who had passed away. He also provided links to important officials in Thiruvallur for S.M.C.E.P.C. (\* photo 7 with caption).
- Dr Bala.K.R. Balachandran, Prof. Emeritus of Accounting & Operations Management of NYU STERN School of Business offered to extend an exchange program with Korea/ Taiwan and Dr Rajini Sarma, Artist and Textile Designer offered an exchange program with an Italian college/University. The husband- wife team visited SMCNC in October 2015
- Sr. Susan Matheikal and Dr.K.Sundari networked with the N.G.O *HeARTbeat Foundation*, set up by the Family of Mr. V.S. Ramana of L & T to exhibit, promote and help specially abled artists and attended the exhibition in Kilpauk in October 2015.\* ( Photo 8 with caption)

- Sr. Susan Matheikal and Dr. K.Sundari attended the *Arunim Exhibition of products made by the specially abled – a path breaking marketing initiative of 250 NGO's*, organized by Mr.V.S.Ramana, General Manager, C.S.R & C.S.T.I at the Convention Centre of L & T Constructions in January 2016 \*( photo 9 & 10 with captions)
- Ms. Carol Fimmen, District Director of International Programs, Alamo Group of Colleges, San Antonio, Texas, U.S.A visited S.M.C.E.P.C on February 8<sup>th</sup> & 9th 2016, and interacted with the Anganwadi workers undergoing Computer Training. She also studied the working of the Common Service Centre in serving the village population. She also met with the Science faculty of Botany, Chemistry, Physics and Zoology Departments and listened to their presentations on Eco- center. Along with Mr. Vinod Kuriakose, State Head Operations of DEITY, Government of India, visited the Holck Larsen Centre and explored possibilities of collaboration with SMC, SMCEPC and L & T's CSR department.  
\*(photos 11, 12 and 13 with captions).
- Sr. Susan.M, fmm and Dr. Sundari.K attended the Nana Palkhiwala Memorial Lecture on February 19<sup>th</sup> 2016 delivered by Mr. S. Ramadorai, Chairman, National Skill Development Agency; after the lecture they met the speaker and briefed him of SMCEPC and handed over pamphlets of C.S.C and N.D.L.M.

### **C. Launch of a Common Service Centre at SMCEPC Thirupachur Village:**

- Information Communication Technology (ICT) has been the focus of Dr Sundari in SMCNC's activities. Hence when an opportunity arose in meeting the CEO of C.S.C and the State Head Operations of the CSC eGovernance Services at M.S.S.R.F, Dr Sundari invited Mr. Kuriakose to SMC and SMCEPC, which he did on March 3 & 4, 2015. It was suggested that a proposal be given. Dr Sundari.K prepared the proposal and submitted to Delhi Office.
- In April 2015 SMC heard that they were shortlisted. Several visits by Mr. Kuriakose and team enabled us to understand the full range of services that can be offered to the citizens through ICT. Telemedicine (through Apollo Hospitals and skill development (maybe through Siemens) and other experts offered expert advice.
- Meetings with the staff of SMCEPC by Mr. Vinod Kuriakose and Mr. Kamalesh in July & August 2015 helped prepare the groundwork for setting up a separate room in a detached building near the entrance for the C.S.C.

- Through the social worker Mr. Thukka Raman local youth were informed of the availability of job openings in the C.S.C. About 20 youth came in August 2015 for the initial screening and practical exam.
- The shortlisted 6 candidates were called for a whole day training program on two days in September 2015 and Mr. Bhasker and Mr. Kamalesh , Trainers from C.S.C and two Candidates: Mr. Dinesh ( B.E in EEE) and Ms. Jeslin ( M.Com) were selected as operators for the C.S.C at SMCEPC
- The inauguration of the C.S.C took place on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. It was blessed and inaugurated by the Provincial Sr Leena D'Souza, fmm; Mr. Vinod Kuriakose delivered the inaugural address on “C.S.C and the services offered to citizens; and Mr. V.S.Ramana, G.M, CSR and CSTI, L & T Constructions gave the special address on “ CSR and its role in community Development. Ms. Jayashree, D.P.O - Thiruvallur District” spoke on “ICDS and its role in Development’. At the end of the program Ms. Jayashree announced that she would nominate Anganwadi workers to be trained in the National Digital Literacy Mission’s (NDLM) skill development program. The C.S.C started its functioning and the first AADHAR Card was issued to the Parish Priest of Thiruvallur. The C.S.C offers 9 Business to Consumer services, 7 Government to Citizen Services and 5 Skill development and Educational Services to the villagers. \*(photos 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 & 19 given with captions).

**D. Training Programs at C.S.C in Stella Maris College Extension Project Centre at Thirupachur:**

- Ms. Elizabeth, Assistant Branch Manager, Indian Bank, Thirupachur inaugurated the Batch 1 of Anganwadi workers undergoing Level 1 of Computer training under N.D.L.M.on October 7<sup>th</sup> 2015 and the 10 day, 2 hours per day training was completed on October 19<sup>th</sup> 2016; The enthusiastic group of twenty Anganwadi workers underwent 20 hours of training and a model exam given on 2 Saturdaya.
- Two supervisors spoke on behalf of the D.P.O as to their delight in finding such a good centre very close to their office. The D.P.O of ICDS in Thiruvallur, Ms. Jayashree deputed I.C.D.S staff at regular intervals in the afternoons to the CSC at SMCEPC.
- The Classes had one hour of theory and one hour of practical. Both Mr. Dinesh and Ms. Jelsin had been called to SMCNC in Chennai, where intensive training was given by Mr.Kamalesh and teaching material and videos had been handed over.

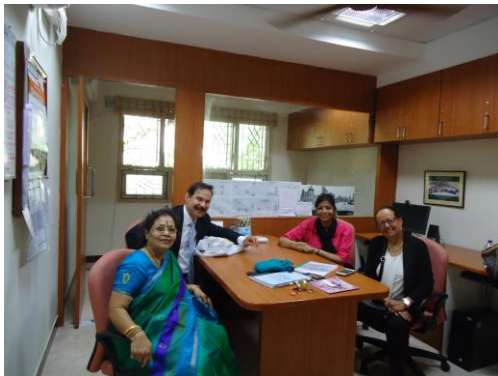
- Examinations were taken online at the end of November 2015 and could be completed only by third week of January 2016 due to the heavy rains and government declared holidays \*(photos 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 ,25 &26 given with captions).
- Batch 2 of 20 Anganwadi workers underwent the Level I course from October 26<sup>th</sup> till November 6<sup>th</sup> 2015, and were met by Sr Leena D'Souza, Provincial regarding their progress; they took the online exams for 3 days in the third week of January 2016.
- Batch 3 of 20 Anganwadi members attended the Level I course from November 12<sup>th</sup> to December 12<sup>th</sup> 2015 and took the online exams in the last week of January 2016.
- Revisions were held on 2 Saturday/ 2 convenient days, using a Question Bank sent by N.I.C, New Delhi and a Revision Bank compiled by Dr. K.Sundari, Mr Dinesh and Ms. Jelsin. Sr. Susan and Dr.K.Sundari regularly visited C.S.C in S.M.C.E.P.C at Thirupachur to supervise the classes, two revisions and online exams.
- Batch 4 of 20 Anganwadi workers on 28<sup>th</sup> December- 11<sup>th</sup> January undertook the theory and practical training and completed the online exams in the first week of February 2016.
- Batch 5 underwent the Level I 20 hours Digital Literacy Appreciation Course from Jan 12<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> January and took the online exam by the first week of February 2016.
- A Distribution of Certificates ceremony was held on February 18<sup>th</sup> 2016 with the Project Officer Ms. Sivagami of the District Collectorate and the I.C.D.S District Project Officer Ms Jayashree along with Sr Jasintha Quadras, f.m.m, Principal and Sr. Susan Matheikal, Secretary and Village Level Entrepreneur of C.S.C. TPU being present along with sisters, faculty and students. The 100 Anganwadi workers (**No's 1 -100**) **who had successfully obtained 100% pass in the Level I** course, received the certificates and shared their experiences.
- Batches 6 -10 are being trained and will complete their training by April 15<sup>th</sup> 2016 and another 100 Anganwadi workers (Nos 101 - 2001)will be trained through the National Digital Literacy Mission ( N.D.L.M)\* ( photos 27, 28, 29, 30,31,32 & 33)



Ms. Indira Dutt, Chairperson Andhra Chamber of Commerce introduces Dr Sundari Krishnamurthy, Director SMCNC & Resource person for the Management training session



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