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Chennai Catastrophe – the December Deluge

There are about 120 families totalling to 360 members at a place called Nivarana Maiyam. It is quite close to our Alamadhi Centre (about 5 kms. away). *There are 53 senior citizens included in this group*. When rains lashed in December '15 and the water levels rose dangerously, these families vacated their houses and camped at a nearby rice mill.





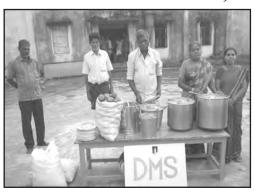
They returned to their houses and saw 'devastation'.





Mixies, gas stoves, TV sets, furniture – nothing was spared. Text books and note books of children were washed away.







DMS decided to support these families. Even today, albeit at lesser frequency, *DMS* prepares lunch at its Centre, cooks food, transports it to this place, and serves them hot. We carry a detailed report inside with many more photos.

MOTTO:

Manava Seva Madhava Seva Service to Humanity is Service to God Dear Member,

This incident happened in 1995.

"Get up, get up immediately." The voice was loud. Sundaram woke up when he heard this and looked around. Nobody was to be seen. He must be dreaming he thought and went back to sleep.

It was not night or morning. It was in the middle of the afternoon and the sun was blazing. Sundaram was employed with Divine Mother Society (*DMS*) at the Alamadhi Centre as gardener. He had finished his lunch and was lying down next to the temple where Guruji's vigraham is installed.

"Get up, and go and urinate immediately." Sundaram who lay down to sleep once again heard the same voice. This time he knew it was 'a voice' for sure and not his imagination. He got up and looked around. Again there was nobody who could have spoken from such close quarters but this time he felt instinctively that it was Guruji.

He proceeded with great difficulty walking very slowly towards the fence to urinate.

For the last six months Sundaram had been in pain. It appeared he had a stone in the kidney. At first the pain was not much and tests done revealed the presence of the stone. He approached doctors for treatment but strangely nothing seemed to work. As months went by, the pain started increasing. It came to a stage when the pain would grip him uncontrollably and he would not be able to move. He was at a loss what to do. He would come to the *DMS* Center to work but when the pain would become unbearable he would go to the temple and he would lie down just outside, by the side. At that time the temple structure had been constructed with steel rods running lengths 20 feet all around and at the top the roof consisted of thatched straws.

On this particular day Sundaram had come to office and had done some work but after having his lunch, the same pain had recurred severely. Sundaram had gone off to the temple and had been sleeping for some time when he first heard the voice and then on getting up, he helped himself catching the steel rods to stand up. He had been having this excruciating pain for the last few days and could hardly walk. Slowly he went to the fence and with a lot of effort sat down and urinated. Suddenly he noticed something unbelievable: there was a stone that had come just come out when urinating. He stared with disbelief. As he moved to pick it up, he was equally astonished that his movements had become totally painless. He picked up the stone and walked back with gusto to the medical centre. He showed the stone to the nurses there.

From that moment onwards his pain was gone.

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All of us preserve gold and diamonds at home and these are our valued possessions of precious Stones. Sundaram was no different – only that, his precious stone was not an ornament but a Biological stone. Sundaram decided to keep the stone as a relic.

It had been 'treasured' in his house for several years. We understand that a few years back one of the rooms in his house had caught fire due to short circuit, and the fire spread to another room causing damage. In that pellmell the stone was lost.

the Annadhaanam cooked by *DMS* staff





Health Care



















Sundaram has not seen Guruji. The Alamadhi Centre was started only in 1994 and Sundaram was one of the first employees to join *DMS*. But he strongly believes that it is Guruji who had called out (the voice) and miraculously solved his health problem.

Seeing miracles happen is so much more easy with Guruji!

A few days back we heard a fresh incident comparable to the above. In the last week of Jan. 2016 late night Mukund mama (elder brother of Guruji) started coughing continuously. Slowly the intensity of coughing became severe. Jalaja mami (sister of Guruji) who is with Mukund mama and takes care of him, was sleeping when the cough started but when it became intense she was not able to sleep. She became worried why the cough was persisting and that also with such intensity. After half an hour she got up and went to the photo of Guruji in the hall and prayed to Him to stop the cough. She came back and lay down and immediately Mukund mama's coughing disappeared.

To such a Soul who is the embodiment of love, we will be assembling on 19th February and offering our prayers at the Alamadhi Center. 19th February is the Annual Installation day of Guruji's vigraham. The detailed program letter is being separately emailed/enclosed.

Our New Year wishes to you. May Guruji bless you and your family members with excellent health, peace of mind and spiritual grace.

Guruji's photo with the 2016 calendar comes to you (by courier) to stand testimony that 366 days a year He is by you. We thank Mr. S. Ramanathan, Mumbai (Life member) for sponsoring the calendar.

Mata Kamakshi

News from Alamadhi

Though there has been several volunteer groups helping out for the floods in Chennai, none are 'preparing food and serving'. The NGOs that came forward to help, carried parcels of food from kitchens and distributed it and sad to say, most efforts were concentrated within prime city areas. Outskirt residential areas were left to fend for themselves.

The efforts for the most part wound up at several places within a week after the rains. But these steps in no way solve the basic problem. As *DMS* witnessed at this place, even after full clean-up, the kitchens are not operational because of the stench in and around the houses. Even approaching these houses was a challenge due to the slush around. The families need sustained hand-holding until they reach normalcy.

Therefore *DMS* decided to prepare food and serve them. As there are no facilities to cook here, *DMS* purchases provisions, cooks at its Centre, and transports the cooked food to this place. Hot food along with drinking water is then served using paper plates. Even today this support is being given by *DMS* (once a week).

To tackle the onset of epidemics, *DMS* organized two medical camps at this place. (See the other page for photos).