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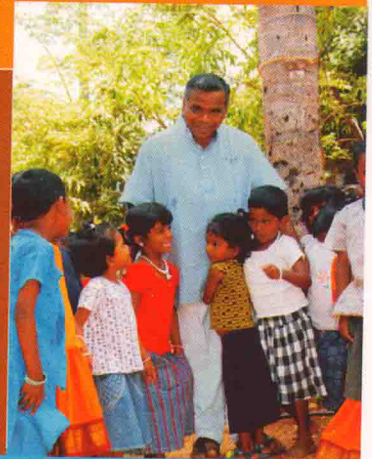


Kingdom of brotherhood where equality and social justice reign, Everyone's right is respected and equal opportunity is provided to all.

## **Vision Statement**

## **Mission Statement**

Our organization in participation with the grass root level people seeks to serve irrespective of caste creed or religion, the weaker sections of the society the women, children youth and marginalized communities and offer them the opportunities for developing their potentials leading them to have a self sustaining life.

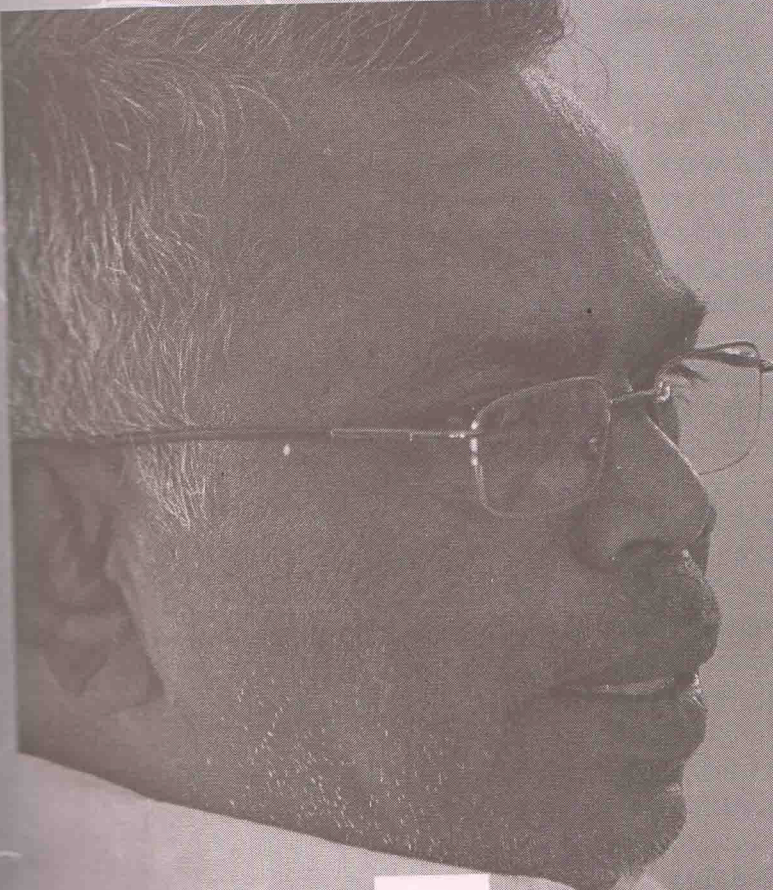
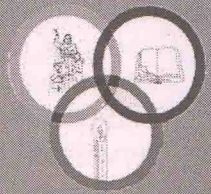


## **SJDT's Approach**

**SJDT's Approach is called 'MEALS' approach**  
Motivating  
Equipping  
Accompanying  
Linking &  
Self Sustaining.

The MEALS approach envisages the NGO as a facilitator in motivating and mobilizing the community from the outside and not as "one of the community" equipping the community through skill transfer, accompanying the community by providing relevant back up, and eventually enabling them to link with mainstream resources and services and being instrumental for policy influences.





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Dear Friends,

Greetings and prayerful wishes to you from **Bro.I.Sebastian FSC**,  
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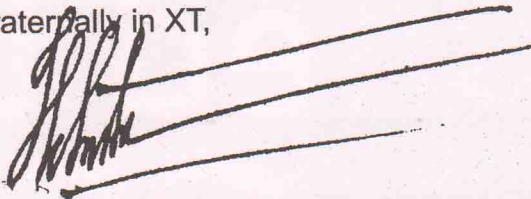
Children are our focus and they are our motive.SJDT's first and foremost intervention is centered around children in difficult circumstances.The following statistics will give a glimpse of how SJDT's care intervention is child focused.

- 1.Total number of Orphanages we run: **5**
- 2.Total number of children benefitting from the Orphanages: **340**
- 3.Total number of Tuition centers we run: **89**
- 4.Total number of children benefitting from the Tution centres:**2603**
- 5.Total number of Persons with disabilities benefitting out of our Pro-gramme: **47**

We thought that we could name some case stories of the selected few children whom we reached out to. This book is a result of that effort. Most of the children who benefit from our orphanages are supported by individual sponsors.We are very grateful to them for their generous support.It is because of the generous support of these sponsors we are able to reach out to these girls and provide them quality education and good family settlement.I thank the sponsorship agencies that mobilize these individual sponsor to reach out to a child in need rising above creed,colour, and nationality.

Thanking You,

Yours Fraternally in XT,



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# A.Gowsalya

Age	: 21 years
Gender	: Female
Education	: B.B.A III rd Year
Father's Name	: M.Ayyakannu
Mother's Name	: A.Pitchaiammal
Village	: Jayamangalam
Block	: Periyakulam
District	: Theni



She is Gowsalya and now she is 21 years old. Her father's name is M.Ayyakannu and he is 54 years old. Her mother is in her fifties and her name is A.Pitchaiammal. She has got one brother and one sister. She hails from Jayamangalam. She completed her schooling at Theni District. Now she is doing 3rd year B.B.A in Jayaraj Annapackiam College for Women at Periyakulam.

Her life was different in the early childhood. Her parents are coolies and were unable to feed the three children. She never thought that she would go to school. She was unsure of her childhood happiness. Thanks to the effort taken by Bro.I.Sebastian FSC and his team who identified her needs. She became Sponsor Child when she was studying 5 th grade. From then onwards there is no turning back. She is very active and Bro.I.Sebastian FSC was sure that she would come out with flying colours.His dream has come true. Now she is going to complete her B.B.A.

She is very active in the sports and a good dancer too. Her favourite subject is Mathematics and she is good at playing Kho-Kho. Her favourite teacher is her drawing master. She openly admits that she is fond of watching television and get scolded by her parents for this, She is an active member in N.S.S and involves in social activities. She gratefully remembers the sponsors for anchoring her life with financial and mental support. She wants to do M.B.A for a bright future. She is expecting that her sponsors would help her in realizing her dreams.





# N.Revathi

Age	19 years
Gender	Female
Education	B.A
Father's Name	S.Nagayya
Mother's Name	N.Ranjitham
Village	Jayamangalam
Block	Periyakulam
District	Theni



I am N.Revathi. I am 19 years old. I am from Jayamangalam in Periyakulam block in Theni District. My father's name is S.Nagaya and mother's name is Ranjitham. My father is a farmer who goes for coolie work in farming field. So he doesn't earn much money to meet out all the family expenses. My mother is a house wife. I have two brothers. Now I am doing B.A. Tamil - second year at M.V.M.College.

When I was small, since my family was poor my parents found it difficult to send me to school. When my mother heard about the noble service of Bro.I.Sebastian FSC my mother approached him for help for my studies. After a brief discussion Bro.I.Sebastian FSC, Executive Director of St.Joseph's Development Trust, understood our family difficulties and my eagerness to study and assured for educational support through sponsorship programme. I was elated when he promised to help me for my studies through sponsorship programme. I was provided school fees, notes and books and writing materials, dress. This help has motivated me to study further. I really enjoyed my childhood privileges. I take this opportunity to thank Bro.I.Sebastian FSC and sponsors. Now I am a grown up girl studying higher studies. I want to study further. I expect my sponsor's continual help for higher studies. Since my parents are coolies our income is not enough to continue my higher studies I request my sponsors to help me till I complete my higher studies. Once I am settled I would love to help poor students. I pray for the good health of my sponsors and for Bro.I.Sebastian FSC.





# A.Jeya Priya

Age	18 years
Gender	Female
Education	12 th standard
Father's Name	L.Azhakar
Mother's Name	A.Amutha
Village	Jayamangalam
Block	Periyakulam
District	Theni



Jeya Priya is her name. She is 18 years old. Her father's name L.Alagar and he is 42 years old. Her mother's name is A.Amutha who is 38 years old. She has one brother namely Vijay who is studying. Her father never bothered about the family members. He loves alcohol. Her mother is doing coolie work and feeds the children.

Earlier it was difficult to pursue her studies as no one bothered about her studies. It is not only the money that hindered her studies but also the indifferent character of her father. Her father is so adamant that all should listen to his words without any reply. He won't spare time to chat and listen to the feelings of the children. Only her mother was struggling to educate the children. Since there was no encouragement from her father, her mother took initiative with the help of Bro.I.Sebastian FSC to educate her children. Now with sponsors' help, she is studying well. She is doing her 12 th grade. She is very good at studies. Her mothers' dream to give education to her children is also now realized with the support of sponsors through the intervention of Brother. Even though her life was at sixes and sevens she could put up with all the difficulties with the help of sponsors and Brother.I.Sebastian FSC. She wants to study further. Her only hope is to become a well educated person and earn and help her mother in whatever ways possible.

She thanks the almighty for showing the way through Bro.I.Sebastian FSC and sponsors. SJDT is also proud of her improvement.



Age	19 years
Gender	Female
Education	B.Com IIIrd Year
Father's Name	A.Sellamani
Mother's Name	S.Murukeshwari
Village	Jayamangalam
Block	Periyakulam
District	Theni



## S.Pandi Selvi

I am Pandiselvi and I am 19 years old. My father's name is A.Sellamani and he is fifty years old. My mother's name is Murukeshwari who is in her forties. I have two brothers namely Thangapandi- 10 years old and Rajapandi - 18 years old. I hail from Jeyamangalam village in Periyakulam Block in Theni District. I secured good marks in 10th and 12th grade and at present I am doing 3rd year B.Com.

I never imagined that oneday I would do higher studies.

Since my father is a coolie he found it difficult to educate us. My mother is a house wife. My father wastes money in drinking. In our community, female children are not considered as treasure. Female child is considered to be a burden in the family and sending her to school is a sheer waste. However I was sent to school but due to financial crisis in the family I was about to be stopped from going to school due to my family's poor economic condition.

But God had different plan for me through Bro.I. Sebastian FSC and the sponsors. The staff of SJDT found that I am a worthy student to be educated. In spite of difficulties I could manage to join college and now I am studying well. Bro.I. Sebastian FSC has given me whole hearted help thus anchoring my studies with the help of sponsors. Once I settled I will help the poor children in their studies. I take this opportunity to thank Bro.I. Sebastian FSC and sponsors for all the support extended to me and helping me to continue my studies for these many years and ensuring me bright future.



# R.Suganya



Age	18 Years
Gender	Female
Education	B.Sc.,(Information Technology)
Father's Name	K.Ramalingam
Mother's Name	R.Rajammal
Village	Azhakar Nayakkan Patti
Block	Periyakulam
District	Theni

Suganya is 18 years old girl from Azhakar Nayakkan Patti village in Periyakulam block in Theni District. Her father's name is K. Ramalingam and mother's name is R. Rajammal. She has got one brother namely R. Rajesh Kumar. Her parents are coolies. Her parents are earning very meagre income through their coolie works. Her parents could not give one good meal for the children in a day. And so education was a distant dream for her. Her father also doesnot go for work regularly and mostly spends all his earnings in drinking alcohol. The family is surviving mostly with the income earned by her mother. Due to the poor economic condition of the family and careless attitude of father, her mother sent only her brother Rajesh Kumar to school and Suganya was staying at home. The staff of SJDT identified Suganya through their house visit and after analysing her home condition they selected her for sponsorship support. From her 1st standard onwards she has been helped with the sponsorship support.

As she grew, she developed interest for studies. She started to score high marks in all subjects. SJDT has seasoned her thoughts and dignity. Bro. I. Sebastian FSC and her sponsors anchored her life without any fear. Now she is doing B.Sc., I.T. Is it possible for poverty stricken girl to do I.T is the question of her village people. It is a great surprise for her village people to see her growth. She wants to study further with the continual support of her sponsors. Bro. I. Sebastian FSC has assured all the necessary help to complete her higher studies with the continual support of sponsors. She along with her family members thanked her sponsors and brother for supporting her these many years to do her studies and assured to remember the sponsors and brother in her prayers everyday and pray for their good health of mind and body.



# A.Saranya

Age	18 Years
Gender	Female
Education	B.Sc.,(Computer Science)
Father's Name	M.Arumugam (Late)
Mother's Name	A.Santhi
Village	Kakkan Nagar
Block	Dindigul
District	Dindigul



I am A.Saranya, 20 years old girl from Kakkan Nagar in Dindigul block in Dindigul District. My father's name is M.Arumugam who is no more. My mother's name is A.Santhi and she works in a plastic company. I am the only child to my parents. Since my father expired as soon as I was born, I was considered as inauspicious child to my family members. Yet my mother who works as coolie never lose heart. She suffered for my prosperity. When Bro.I.Sebastian FSC came to know about our plight through his field staff he extended his helping hand. So I started my schooling. Now I am doing 3 rd year B.Sc.,Computer Scince. All the credit goes to Bro.I.Sebastian FSC and sponsors. I secured very good marks at the school level.



Now in the college I have 79% of marks. I know that I have enough potential to do higher studies. This energetic spark was ignifed in me by Bro.I.Sebastian FSC. Now I don't have any fear of future. I am sure to look after my mother. I will also help the poor children in their education. When I get help from sponsors for my education, why can't I help once I am settled? I thank Bro.I.Sebastian FSC and sponsors for their impeachable support. Today my mother is very happy over my progress and she is very proud of me. I know thanking God is not enough. It needs more than doing something for the rejected ones.





# M.Karthika



Age	22 years
Gender	Female
Education	B.Com 2 nd Year
Father's Name	V.Murugesan
Mother's Name	M.Mala
Village	Kamaraja Puram
Block	Dindigul
District	Dindigul

Karthika is 22 years old girl doing B.Com.,2nd year. Her father's name is Murugesan,who is in his forties.Her mother's name is Mala and she is 40 years old.They are totally 3 children in the family.She has got one brother and one sister.Her father is a vender.Her mother is a house wife.She is sickly.Since her father is a small coconut vender and unable to feed and educate children,Karthika was selected for sponsorship support for education which the organization has been providing to the poor and needy children in the districts of Dindigul and Theni with the support of foreign donor agencies.Now she is doing 2nd year B.Com at G.T.N.College.Nobody thought that a vendor's daughter would do B.Com.But God has changed her destiny.Bro.I.Sebastian FSC identified the need for supporting her.She has been given all the assistance,her school fees,dress,notebooks and medical assistance were met out by the organization through sponsor's support. She was between devil and deep sea but Bro.I.Sebastian FSC's concern reached her to the shore safe and sound. Her aim is to complete Post Graduate in M.Com.She wants to become a Chartered Accountant.Bro.I.Sebastian FSC who re-wrote her destiny would see her getting Post Graduate degree also.

Life is a game and survival of the fittest.But preparing a child to face the challenge is most importantBro.I.Sebastian FSC has done that and he will continue to do that with the continuous support of donors.

She is happy young child.She was given all childhood blessings and now she is having youth blessings with the continual support of her sponsors.Her destiny is Bro.I.Sebastian FSC and she is sure of achieving her aim through him.



# M.Gracy Mariya

Age	20 years
Gender	Female
Education	ITI
Father's Name	A.Makimai Doss
Mother's Name	M.Indhu Rani
Village	Dindigul
Block	Dindigul
District	Dindigul



I am M.Gracy Mariya.I am 20 years old. My father's name is A.Makimai Doss who is a coolie.My mother's name is M.Indhu Rani who is also a coolie.My father doesn't get work regularly.Moreover he suffered two heart attacks and could not go for regular work.So the family runs with the income that my mother earns.My sister is a school dropout. If I am studying now it is because of Bro.I.Sebastian's intervention.He only understood the predicaments and supported me in my education.I have not seen the sponsor but they are doing everything through Bro.I.Sebastian FSC.To be frank,Iam very talented girl.I am a very good dancer and have won many prizes.My aim is to study hard and get job to look after my sister,mother and father.

The way I was identified by the SJDT staff is overwhelming.I used to go to evening tuition centre for evening study.I was about to be a school dropout due to my family's poor economic condition.But seeing my performance in studies and interest to study, the staff of SJDT informed Bro.I.Sebastian FSC about me.Bro.I.Sebastian FSC who is a service minded figure understood my situation.He immediately promised me to render help for my studies.I was elated. From then onwards I was assisted with sponsorship support to continue my school studies and at present I am doing I.T.I. through the continuous support of my sponsor.I cherished my childhood blessings through Bro.I.Sebastian FSC.I promise my sponsor that I will also help the poor children once I am settled in some good job.



Age	21 years
Gender	Female
Education	I.T.I
Father's Name	A.Selvaraj
Mother's Name	S.Jayaseeli
Village	Ayyankulam
Block	Dindigul
District	Dindigul



## S.Suriya

Suriya is 21 years old girl from Ayyankulam Village in Dindigul District. Her father's name is A.Selvaraj and mother's name is S.Jayaseeli. She has one sister and one brother. Her family is living below the poverty line. Both her parents are coolies and income is sure only when they have work. In spite of that they are feeding their 3 children. Her father is a sickly person. So he doesn't go for work regularly. With the meagre income earned by her mother the family finds it difficult to meet both ends meet.

It is quite interesting to note how she has been selected for sponsorship. She used to attend the evening tuition centre run by SJDT. Though she was not brilliant she was active. Her activities attracted everybody. The staff in the tuition centre thought that if she is provided with good support she would come up in life. The centre staff informed Brother about Suriya's family condition. After that her life got changed. Once she started to receive sponsorship support she started studying well. Through SJDT she understood the importance of studies and the life in general. From then onwards there is no turning back. She did well in her school studies and as of now she is doing ITI. She is sure of getting a job after the completion of I.T.I. She says that her main aim is to look after her parents. She gratefully remembers the help of Bro. I. Sebastian FSC and sponsors. She does want to see the sponsors so as to thank them for their benevolence. She is a full-fledged girl and knows the meaning of 'help' through Bro. I. Sebastian FSC and sponsor.



# S.Parameswari

Age	22Years
Gender	Female
Education	B.Ed.,
Father's Name	P.Selvam
Mother's Name	S.Ramalakshmi
Village	Jayamangalam
Block	Periyakulam
District	Theni

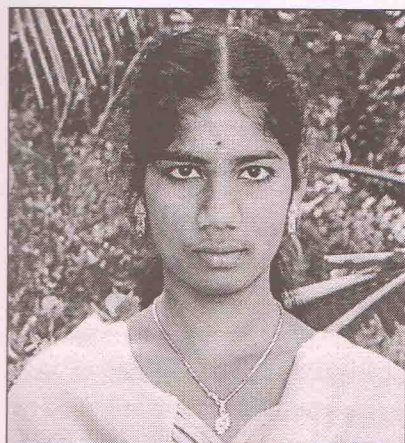


I am S.Parameswari and I am doing B.Ed., after completing my B.Sc.,degree. I have the great hope of getting job as a teacher. I would like to share my life events with you from the bottom of my heart. Being born to poor parents, life has been so difficult to understand. My thatched home will tell you volumes of my difficulties and how I was brought up. When I was born in 1989 I never knew that my life would be at sixes and sevens as many children in India hope to be born in at least to the middle class parents. Both of my parents were coolie workers and they could not meet out all of our family needs as well as our educational requirements. We could have one good meal in a day. My parents wanted to stop me from going to school when I was studying in 6th standard, but somehow I continued my studies. I was regular to the tuition centre run by SJDT in our village. The teacher who was facilitating us in our studies in the centre informed Brother about our family situation. Brother with real concern over my future selected me for sponsorship support. I started getting sponsorship from 8th grade onwards. In the beginning I was not aware of the importance of education. But after getting the sponsorship my life turned sweet. My parents feed us with the two cows that are our only assets. I have one younger brother. Being a coolie it is not an easy job to educate us. Though parents are lean and weak they went for coolie work. they never thought of educating me as education is not needed for village girls. But after joining the main stream of SJDT I realized the need for getting education for my bright future. I studied well and scored well in 10th and 12th grade. Then I completed B.Sc., Now I am doing B.Ed. The sponsorship support made my life worth living. I would like to do M.Sc., and M.Phil., If it was not God who showed me Brother who in turn helped me with sponsorship support to continue my studies today I would be an another coolie. I offer my thanks whole heartedly to Bro.I. Sebastian FSC and the sponsors. My request is that whoever reads this would be motivated to help children like me. Thank you dear readers.



Age	18 years
Gender	Female
Education	12th Standard
Father's Name	S.Mariyappan
Mother's Name	M.Rajathi
Village	Jayamangalam
Block	Periyakulam
District	Theni

# M.Pushpa Devi



Pushpa Devi is 18 years old girl and hails from Jeyamangalam. Her father's name is S.Mariyappan and he is 45 years old. Her mother's name is M.Rajathi and she is 35 years old. Her father is a farmer and her mother is a house wife. She has got one brother. Now she is studying in 12th grade.

During her early childhood days due to poverty in the family her parents thought of dropping her from the school. She used to go to evening tuition centre run by SJDT. Knowing her situation and her ability to study well, the staff forwarded her situation to Bro.I. Sebastian FSC. Realizing the need to help the child Bro.I. Sebastian FSC brought her under scholarship program. From then onwards she started studying well. Now she is studying 12th grade. She is eagerly waiting to do higher studies with the continuous support of the sponsors. Her hobbies are reading, singing and drawing. She goes for coolie works during the holidays and buys things that are needed for her. She doesn't want to disturb her parents. Her family lives in a thatched house. Having realized the need to study, she continues to shine in the exams held at the school.

She may be from poor family but her thoughts are noble. She knows how her sponsors send the money and how much they work hard to send the money. She really thanks God for giving such wonderful sponsors. She says that after getting settled she would also sponsor atleast one child.

She says, I am ready to sacrifice my life for the poor not because I hate but because I love it"



Age	21 years
Gender	Female
Education	B.Ed.,
Father's Name	M.Pazhanichamy
Mother's Name	P.Mariyammal
Village	Jeyamangalam
Block	Periyakulam
District	Theni



## P.Prabha Devi

What does destiny hold for many children? But the will of God can re write the destiny. That's what happened to P.Prabha Devi who hails from Jeyamangalam in Theni District.

She was born on 3.6.1990 and now she is 21 years old girl. Her parents are very poor. Her parents M.Palanichamy and P.Mariyammal are coolies. They are in their forties. Their income is not sufficient to run the family. Inspite of that they looked after their daughter well. But poverty does not do good to any family. Seeing the difficulty they had a plan of dropping Prabha from school. But thanks to the staff of SJDT who identified her as potential lad who should be given help to continue her studies. They brought the issue to the notice of Bro.I. Sebastian FSC who was kind enough to help her in education with the help of sponsors.

From that day onwards her life took different shape. She put her heart and soul in studies. After completing college studies now she is doing B.Ed., so as to become a teacher. She is a very good dancer and speaker. She won many elocution contests. Her hobby is reading novels. Since she is doing Tamil literature she can speak well.

She is a member in the SJDT family. She whole heartedly thanks the sponsors and Bro.I. Sebastian FSC for their Himalayan help.



# M.Sutha Rani

Age	17 years
Gender	Female
Education	B.Sc (Micro Biology )
Father's Name	S.Muthu Kalai
Mother's Name	M.Lakshmi
Village	Sarathupatti
Block	Periyakulam
District	Theni



'Life is a game told by an idiot signifying nothing'

The saying may be correct with Shakespeare but it is not so with M.Sutha Rani. Though she was born under the clutches of poverty, she questioned the fate of life with the help of Bro.I.Sebastian FSC.

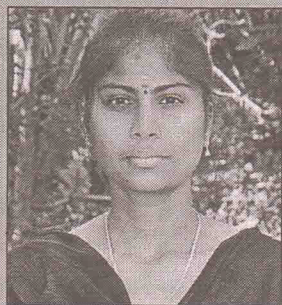
Her parents, though coolies put all their effort to educate their two female children. But poverty sliced them inexplicably. Sutha Rani who is very good at studies visited SJDT with her friend. On learning the help of Bro.I.Sebastian FSC for poor children she boldly asked Bro.I.Sebastian FSC to help her to continue her studies, after explaining him about her family situation. Bro.I.Sebastian FSC appreciated her interest in studies and promised to help for her education. From then onwards there was no turning back. She started studying well with the help of sponsors. Now she is studying B.Sc., Microbiology. She needs to go for higher studies and wants to rewrite the history. To her life is no more a game of an idiot but intelligent can rewrite and she is the finest example of that. She expects the sponsor to help her for doing her higher studies too.

Now the father S.Muthu Kalai and mother M.Lakshmi breathe freely and thank God for everything for they know that their daughter has achieved a lot. To her, life is sweet and she wants to enjoy her life as it comes but at the same time she has strong desire to achieve something in life and serve the needy in whatever ways possible.



# S.Abirami

Age	20 years
Gender	Female
Education	ITI
Father's Name	A.Makimai Dass
Mother's Name	M.Indhu Rani
Village	Dindigul
Block	Dindigul
District	Dindigul



I am S.Abirami. My parents are P.Subburaj and S.Packiam. I have one eldesr brother,one elder sister and one younger brother.I hail from Jeyamangalam in Theni District.My parents are coolies. My mother is in her fifties.

My father is no more.So my mother feeds us by doing coolie work.My sister is married.My brother goes for work.I had great interest in studies during my childhood.But my family situation curtailed the interest.I was about to stop my education but the staff of SJDT identified me at that crucial time.From then onwards there is no turning back.Bro.I.Sebastian FSC with the help of sponsors helped me to continue my education.Now I am 23 years old doing my college studies. I am doing Tamil Literature.I am good at oration.I am a good dancer. I have danced in many functions.

I am very happy today because of sponsor's help.I had cherished childhood after joining SJDT's sponsorship programme.Only God has paved the way for me through Bro.I.Sebastian FSC and sponsors.

One wish,I wish to accomplish and that is to educate at least 10 poor children every year.Hope after my studies and as soon as I get the job I will be able to implement my strongest desire.



# S.Ravi



Age	18 years
Gender	Male
Education	B.C.A-1st year
Father's Name	N.Subbaiyan
Mother's Name	S.Megala
Village	Sarathupatti
Block	Periyakulam
District	Theni

S.Ravi is 18 years old and he hails from Sarathupatti Village, in Theni District. He is now studying B.C.A first year. He wants to do M.B.A in a reputed institution after completing B.C.A.

It was interesting to note that how he came to SJDT. His parents are coolies. He has got one sister studying in 9th grade. When his father was working he lost his hand. So the burden of carrying the family fell on his mother. He joined the evening tuition centre run by SJDT in his village. The teacher of the centre investigated the family situation of Ravi and presented the issue to Bro.I. Sebastian FSC. On his part Brother called Ravi personally and talked to him. He poured out his dire need of studying for a bright future. Brother consoled Ravi and assured to help him to continue his studies through sponsorship support.

Now after completing schooling Ravi is doing B.C.A., first year. He wants to do M.B.A. after completing B.C.A. He has placed great hope on Brother I. Sebastian FSC and sponsors. He loves his mother for she is the sole bread winner of the family. She is happy and when she is interviewed about the growth of her son she smiles and tears of joy roll down on her cheek.

Ravi is yet to cross the border in spite of difficulties. But he is proud as he is marching towards bright future. He may be a silent guy but the fire in him to achieve greatness is burning in his heart. He whole heartedly thanks Bro.I. Sebastian FSC and sponsors for showing him the right path.





Age	: 18 years
Gender	: Male
Education	: B.C.A., 1st year
Father's Name	: K.Muthuraj
Mother's Name	: M.Eashwari
Village	: Sarathupatti
Block	: Periyakulam
District	: Theni

## M.Muthukumar

Muthukumar of Sarathupatti is different in every aspect of life. He was born on 25.05.1994. His father's name is K.Muthuraj. His mother's name is M.Eashwari. He is here to share his experiences and how he overcame all obstacles and poverty and poverty during his childhood days.

I was born in a poor family. My father was running a business but suddenly there was lot of loss in the business. My father borrowed lot of money to manage the loss that occurred in business. Nobody came forward to help my father. In the meantime I used to go for evening tuition run by SJDT in our village. I never thought my father would go for coolie work. But he did. Now he is working in a bakery.

The staff of SJDT identified me and the interest I had for studies. They also came to know about my family whereabouts. So Bro. I. Sebastian FSC started helping me with the help of sponsors.

Now I am doing B.C.A first year. Bro. I. Sebastian FSC has given me great hope about my future. I would like to do M.C.A in a reputed institution. Everything depends on Bro. I. Sebastian FSC and sponsors. I really thank God for showing a lot of opportunities for my future life. I have to thank Bro. I. Sebastian FSC and sponsor who adopted me as their child. I love to watch television. I am fond of Cricket and spend time in playing Cricket. Once again I thank brother and sponsors for making my life meaningful.



# A.Mahalakshmi



Age	: 21 years
Gender	: Female
Education	: I.T.I
Father's Name	: K.Azhakar
Mother's Name	: A.Pandiyammal
Village	: Jayamangalam
Block	: Periyakulam
District	: Theni

I am A.Mahalakshmi. I am 21 years old. My parents are coolies and they are in their forties. I have two elder brothers who are in their twenties. I hail from Jeyamangalam in Theni District. My father is no more. If I have to narrate my early childhood days, it is heart breaking. My father died when I was a small kid. My mother being a coolie found it difficult to feed all three of us. So she worked day and night to look after us. I never thought that I would have chance to study. I used to play with other kids in the village. But in the evening they all used to go to tuition centres to do their studies and homework. I also used to go with them though I knew nothing about the tuition centre activities. The centre teachers were very friendly with the children and they helped the children to do their studies. Slowly I also enrolled myself in the centre and started to take active part in the centre activities and there was good improvement in my studies. But due to the very pathetic economic condition of my family my mother decided to stop me from going to school. When my tuition centre teachers and friends heard that my mother was planning to stop me from schooling, they came and talked to my mother. My mother told them the difficulties in sending me to school. The centre teacher along with the centre children presented my issue to Bro. I. Sebastian FSC during the review meeting. Then I met him personally. Brother assured to help me to continue my studies with the financial support of some sponsors. As he promised till to date I am being financially assisted to continue my studies. Time has rolled on I studied well and now I am learning tailoring in I.T.I. I take this opportunity to thank you all for making my dreams come true. God has shown me the way for my future. I enjoyed my childhood blessings with the help of sponsor. Now I am a grown up girl and would be a tailor in 6 months. Now I can ask my mother to relax. I love to thank everyone who anchored my life.





Age : 18 years  
Gender : Female  
Education : D.T.Ed- 2nd year  
Father's Name : M.Rajendhiran  
Mother's Name : R.Rakkammal  
Village : Muthulapuram  
Block : Nilakkottai  
District : Dindigul

## R.Nanthini

R.Nanthini is 18 years old girl from Muthulapuram village in Dindigul District. Her father's name is Rajendhiran who is 40 years old. Her mother's name is Rakkammal and she is 38 years old. She has got one younger brother namely R. Suresh. The family is living in a thatched roof.

She was a little girl when Bro.I.Sebastian FSC visited her village. There she was playing with other small children. She was very active. Bro.I.Sebastian FSC found fire in her eyes. When Bro.I.Sebastian FSC enquired about her, the staff told her family's situation and Nanthini's unsure education. Pitying the girl Bro.I.Sebastian FSC contacted the sponsors. They were ready to support Nanthini. From that time onwards Nanthini has been financially assisted to continue her studies. She was good at studies and regular to our evening tuition centre.

Now Nanthini is 18 years old beautiful angel. Now she is studying D.T.Ed., 2nd year. She wants to study B.A. English. She is fond of reading. Parents are very supportive of her especially her mother. Just a visit has brought immense change in life. Now she is one destiny of SJDT. Since she is studying teacher training she is fond of teaching. Her aim is to become a very good teacher. Though she is from poverty stricken family, she is strong and positive. This attitude only has brought a Himalayan change in her life.

She thanks God and sponsors for helping her and the day is not far when she would adopt a girl just like her sponsors. Yes surely she will.





Age	21 years
Gender	Female
Education	ITI
Father's Name	S.Sellamuthu
Mother's Name	S.Rasammal
Village	Jayamangalam
Block	Periyakulam
District	Theni

## S.Sivakami

I am S.Sivakami. I am 21 years old. My mother's name is Rasammal and father's name is S.Sellamuthu. Both are in their forties. I have one younger brother namely S.Thanga Murugan. I hail from Jayamangalam village in Theni District. My family lives in a thatched house. My parents are coolies. They work hard in the scorching sun to feed the family. When I was doing 5th grade I met Bro.I. Sebastian FSC. During the shsring, I told about my family and parents' hardship. He enquired about my education and asked whether I had any liking for a bright future. I immediately said, 'Yes'. That is how I joined the main stream of SJDT. From that time onwards I am being financially supported to continue my studies.

I had my education up to 12th grade at Jayamangalam. After that I joined tailoring course in an I.T.I. The road that I travelled was not full of roses. It had stones of difficulties. In spite of this I succeeded because of Bro.I. Sebastian FSC and sponsors. I thank God for all that he meant to me. Now life is much happier than I expected.

My brother is doing 10th grade. He is also studying well. Now I have learnt how to lead a positive life. Mere thanks are not enough, but doing something in return is very much expected. Once I complete my tailoring course and open my own shop I will start helping at least a few poor children those who become dropouts due to family's financial instability.





Age	19 years
Gender	Female
Education	D.T.Ed
Father's Name	Selvam
Mother's Name	S.Mariammal
Village	Jayamangalam
Block	Periyakulam
District	Theni

## S. Pandiselvi

I am Pandiselvi and I am 19 years old. My father's name is Selvam and My mother's name is Mariammal who is a home maker. Both are in their forties. My brother's name is Poomani who is studying 11th grade. I had my schooling at St. Anna Higher Secondary School. I scored 856 marks in my 12th Annual Examination. Now I am doing D.T.Ed., at Thiraviyam College. I am a good dancer. My favourite subject is mathematics. I love drawing very much. I want to study M. Phill.

My family was very poor and education at higher level remained a dream. Though my family is economically very poor my parents sent me to school by borrowing money from the moneylenders. When I was studying 3rd grade I happened to meet one of the staff of SJDT. Though the casual conversation the staff came to know about my home condition and my desire to do higher studies. He also met my parents and had interaction. The staff presented my case to Bro. I. Sebastian FSC, he at once had informed the staff to include me in sponsorship support programme. Knowing my predicament Bro. I. Sebastian took initiative to get sponsorship support for my education. By God's grace I got it. I was very happy. After that there was no turning back. With the help of sponsor my studies went on well. Everyone was surprised at my growth. Today, if I am doing D.T.Ed. it is because of Bro. I. Sebastian FSC and sponsors. I would be very happy if I do M. Phill. I request Brother and sponsor to anchor me in my higher education also as they did for my school studies. The motto of De la salle touched my heart because he only brought changes in the field of education. Once I become a teacher I will do social service for the abandoned poor children.





# R.Parthiban

Age	18 Years
Gender	Male
Education	B.C.A.,1st year
Father's Name	A.Raja
Mother's Name	R.Devaki
Village	Sarathupatti
Block	Periyakulam
District	Theni

Parthiban is 18 years old boy from Sarathupatti village in Periyakulam Block in Theni District.Mr.A.Raja and Mrs.Devaki are his parents. Now he is doing B.C.A.,1st year.He would like to study M.C.A.He has one brother who is 19 years old.

His parents are coolies. They work day and night to run the family.When he was studying in 5th standard his parents decided to stop him from going to school due to family's financial crisis. As the family was in need of additional income to survive they decided to send Parthiban for coolie works. He also started going for some available coolie work. His tution centre teacher reported the issue to Bro.I.Sebastian FSC.He called Parthiban personally and had a dialogue with him. The boy expressed his willingness to study further provided if he is helped financially to continue his studies. Bro.I.Sebastian FSC known for his kind heartedness promised to help him with the support of some munificent donors.After that Parthiban started going to school. Now he has grown up and so are his studies. Now he is doing B.C.A 1st year.Education has changed him a lot. He thanks Bro.I.Sebastian FSC and sponsors for all the support that they are extending to him these many years to continue his studies and assured his prayers for the good health of his sponsors and Brother. He is a very talented football player. He participated in District Level football matches.

He loves playing and watching Television.Sport is his life.He is sure of reaching greater heights in the days to come.





Age	20
Gender	Female
Education	B.C.A 2nd Year
Father's Name	E.Azhakar
Mother's Name	A.Palaniyammal
Village	Muthulapuram
Block	Nilakottai
District	Dindigul

## A.Priya

I am A.Priya, 20 years old young girl. I hail from Muthulapuram village in Dindigul District. My father's name is Azhakar and mother's name is Palaniammal. We are living in a rented house. We are four members in the family. My father was a driver by occupation and he died in an accident. So my brother stopped his education and went for work. His income is not enough to run the family. So slowly my mother thought of dropping me from school.

But God had his own plan through Bro. I. Sebastian FSC. I found God in the heart of Bro. I. Sebastian FSC who knows my family very well. He promised me all the help that are needed for my education. I have to thank Bro. I. Sebastian FSC and sponsor who have made my education a destiny. Now I am doing BCA 2nd year. I am sure that brother will help me to complete my MCA with the financial support of sponsors. I am good at folk dance. I dance during my village festival celebration.

I never thought that I would be a graduate. But SJDT has made me to realize my dream. I thank God for everything. I know the value of prayer and I assure my prayers for the good health of my sponsors and brother. I am fond of doing social service and definitely I will help poor children once I get settled. I thank everybody at SJDT,



# K.Pandiya Lakshmi

Age	19 Years
Gender	Female
Education	Nursing 2nd Year
Father's Name	Kalimuthu
Mother's Name	K.Panju
Village	Jeyamangalam
Block	Periyakulam
District	Theni



Pandiya Lakshmi is 19 years old girl from Jeyamangalam village in Theni District. Her father's name is Kalimuthu and he is 45 years old. Her mother's name is Panju aging 39. She has got one brother who is 21 years old. Her parents are farmers. At present she is doing Nursing.

How she came under Bro.I. Sebastian FSC is quite interesting. At that time she was doing 6th grade at Government Higher Secondary School, she used to be active. She is good at singing, dancing, and games. But she realized her potential only after going to SJDT's Tution centre. Since her parents get occational coolie works, their income also was limited. But they made it sure that their children could get two meals a day. However their earning was not enough to manage the family as well as educational expenses of both the children and so they decided to stop her from going to school. When her parents had decided to drop her from school she felt sad. Once Bro.I. Sebastian FSC visited the evening tution centre which is in her village, at that time with litter fear in her heart she slowly approached brother and expressed her liking for studies and requested him to help her to continue her education. Appreciating the boldness and her interest in studies Bro.I. Sebastian FSC promissed her all help. This was the turning pont in her life. There has been no turning back afterwards. She studied well, played well and participated in all extra-curricular activities. Now she is very happy because she is going to be a Nurse. Hard work can change anyone's life. That is what happened to Pandiya Lakshmi. She is sure to get a job within two years after completing her nursing course and she vows to help her parents. Her father figure Bro.I. Sebastian FSC cherishes her growth since childhood. She promises to help poor children in the future once she gets settled. She has not seen the sponsors but she prays for them every day. She thanked brother and her sponsors for their continual support. Who said being poor is an obstacle to climb greater heights when Good souls are around?





Age	18 years
Gender	Female
Education	12 th standard
Father's Name	K.Palani Samy
Mother's Name	P.Shanthi
Village	Jayamangalam
Block	Periyakulam
District	Theni

## P.Raja Priya

I am Raja Priya and I am 18 years old. My father's name is K.Palani Samy and my mother's name is Shanthi. I have got one brother and one sister. I come from Jeyamangalam village in Theni District. I never thought that Bro. I. Sebastian FSC would rewrite my life with good education. Being born to poor parents is not my fault but it is God's plan. SJDT has given me childhood blessings mainly education through brother and I thank God for that.

As a toddler I held the sleeve of my mother's saree and I grew day by day maintaining me was the biggest problems for my parents. They found it very difficult to feed me with milk. Next when I was five years old, they wanted to send me to school. I also went. Five years went like that. When I was doing fifth grade my parents' poverty and social condition put me in traumatic situation. On seeing my condition the SJDT staff took me to Bro. I. Sebastian FSC. He benovolently soothed my head and enquired about my family and my interests. I told him one thing that I wanted to study. He liked my stubbornness. After my entry into SJDT sponsorship programme my life has been changed a lot. I started studying well and scored good marks in all the exams. Now I am doing 12th grade. If I were to look back my life it was filled with joy and happiness. Bro. I. Sebastian FSC never allowed me to think negatively. His concern and sponsor's help are twin force that prompted me to study well. I have not seen my sponsor's face but I pray for their good health. I pray to god that they enjoy good health and long life. When God is with us who can be against us? Thank you.



# P.Divya



Age	19 years
Gender	Female
Education	B.A(English)
Father's Name	P.Palani Samy
Mother's Name	P.Pandiyammal
Village	Jayamangalam
Block	Periyakulam
District	Theni

Divya is 19 years old girl doing B.A English. Her parents are Palani Samy and Pandiyammal. She hails from Jeyamangalam in Theni District. She has been a lucky girl after joining the SJDT's scholarship scheme. Life never tells us what to do when one is under poverty. That's what happened to Divya. A young and energetic girl Divya was studying 6th Grade when her parents asked her not to go to school as they were not able to meet her educational expenses. Being a brilliant student she couldn't think of being dropped from the school. She came across a girl who had been receiving SJDT's support for her studies. Immediately she approached one of the staff of SJDT and expressed her strong desire to study. She also told them that she wanted to study well. The issue was brought to the notice of Bro.I. Sebastian FSC. He was very happy to see the girl's interest in studies. She told everything about the family to Bro.I. Sebastian FSC. Her sudden answers and her enthusiasm propelled Bro.I. Sebastian FSC to write to sponsors about Divya. From that time onwards Divya has been receiving sponsorship support for doing her school studies. Now she has successfully completed her school studies and as of now she is studying B.A. English literature. When she asked to recall her childhood days she was thrilled to narrate. Her parents are now happy that their daughter is studying higher than what they had expected. Divya is very sure about her aim in life. She enjoys her college life. She says after getting job she would help her parents till their last days. She says that if you have strong will power no one can stop your achievement.





# J.Nivetha

Age	17 years
Gender	Female
Education	B.B.A 1st year
Father's Name	M.Jegajoshi(Missing)
Mother's Name	J.Rajeshwari
Village	Nalla Karuppan Patti
Block	Periyakulam
District	Theni

Nivetha is 17 years old girl. She is studying 1st year B.B.A. Her father's name is M.Jegajoshi. He was in the Army for some time and for the past 19 years he has been missing. So the family burden fell on her mother J.Rajeshwari who toiled day and night to feed the 3 children. Her elder sister J.Morthy who is attending tailoring class and her younger brother J.Suraj is doing 10th grade. When Nivetha was born nobody was happy as she was a girl child. The poverty in the family couldn't allow Nivetha to get good nourishments. Though her father was at the Army at that time he didn't send any money. When she was five years old her mother decided to send her to school. But it was a distant dream. In the mean time her mother heard about the service of Bro.I. Sebastian FSC and approached him for help. Understanding the family condition Bro .I. Sebastian FSC assured to help the family by providing educational assistance to Nivetha with the support of sponsors. After that Nivetha started going to school like any other children. With the help of Bro.I. Sebastian FSC she went on studying well and today she is grown up girl studying B.B.A in a reputed college. To her Bro.I. Sebastian FSC is a fatherly figure. She calls Bro.I. Sebastian FSC fondly as father. Her mother is working in a book printing company getting rupees 3000 to 4000 per month. Nivetha wishes to do M.B.A. in future. The tears of joy that she shed while making the interview, spoke volumes of gratitude. She is very happy and gorgeous. She is sure of great future if the help is extended to higher studies also. She says that she will adopt a child once she is settled. She prays for the sponsors and Bro.I. Sebastian FSC for their great assistance and impeccable support. She gratefully acknowledges that without Bro.I. Sebastian FSC's help she wouldn't have completed her studies. She wants to meet the sponsors one day to express her gratitude.

She sincerely thanks all the good souls who have anchored her in education. Bro.I. Sebastian FSC is a very happy man as he sees Nivetha's growth that stands out uniquely among all other children. He thanks the sponsors for making Nivetha's dream a real one.



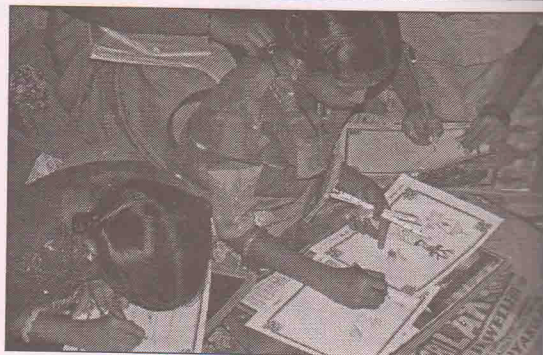
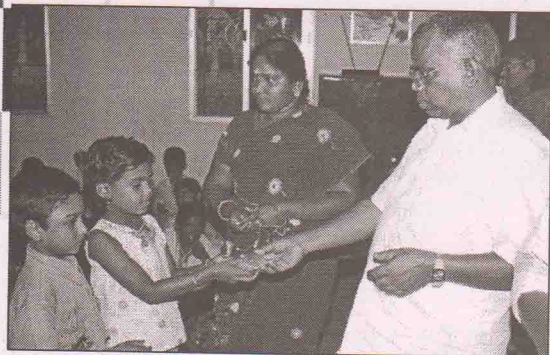


Age	19 years
Gender	Female
Education	B.Sc Maths 3rd year
Father's Name	K.Loganathan
Mother's Name	L.Anbu Devi
Village	Nalla Karuppan Patti
Block	Periyakulam
District	Theni

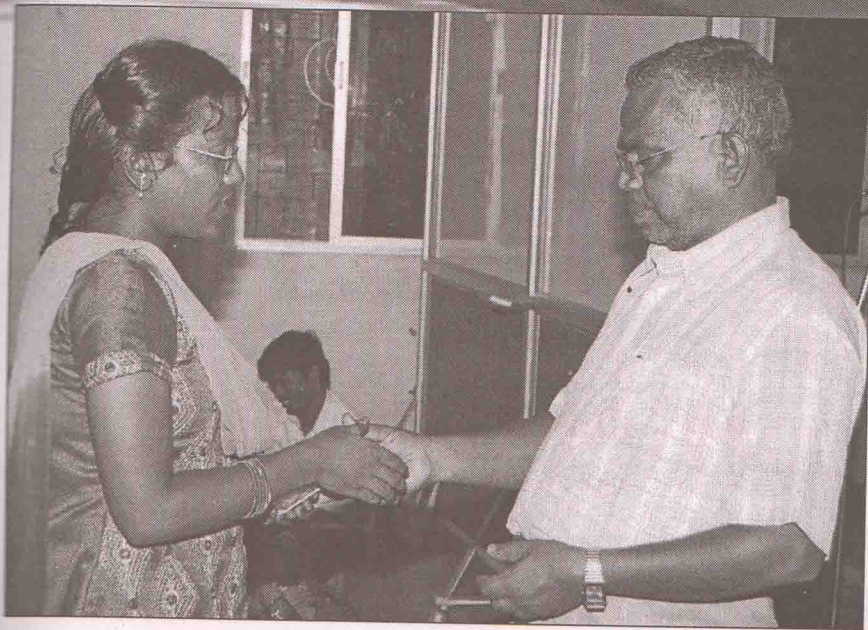
## L.Munitha

I am L.Munitha carrying best wishes to you all. I would like to share with you my sea of journey in my life. Now I am 19 years old and doing 3rd year B.Sc. Mathematics. I do remember my childhood days that haunt me even today. Being born to the poor parents I never dreamt of studying even upto high school level. My father's name is Loganathan who is a farmer. Since he is a drunkard he never bothered about the family. My mother Anbudevi was supporting me and my brother by doing coolie work. Up to 5th grade I never enjoyed my childhood. Mother thought of dropping me from the school. But God had some other plan. When my mother heard of SJDT Service for the poor children, she approached Bro.I. Sebastian FSC for help. Sensing the dire need of my family Bro.I. Sebastian FSC promised to help for my studies with sponsorship support. Since then I have been supported by Bro.I. Sebastian FSC. Now I am a grown up girl studying Mathematics in a reputed institution. Bro.I. Sebastian FSC is helping me since 6th grade. I have been getting help from Bro.I. Sebastian FSC for ten years. I have not seen benefactor since childhood but every day I remember them in my prayers and pray for their good health of mind and body and I also would like to help some needy children once I get good job, in the foot steps of my sponsors and I feel that will make my sponsors and brother very happy. Thank you.





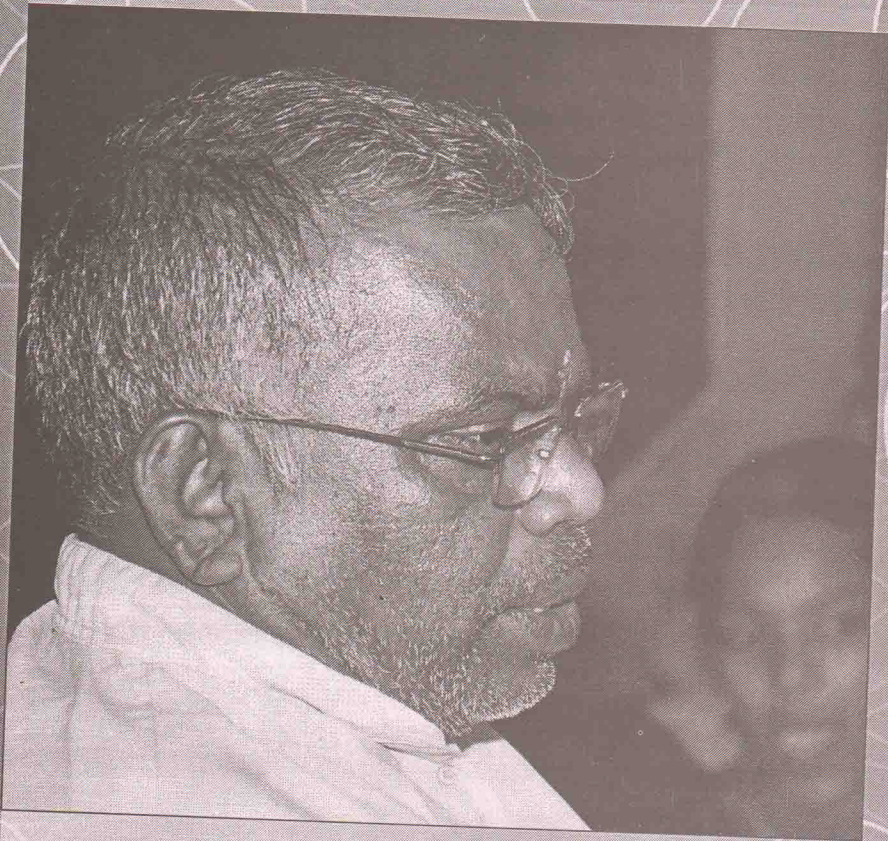




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