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1. Introduction

We are an organization registered U/Sec. 2 of the Societies Registration Act, 1860 purely devoted to philanthropic activities such as education and rehabilitation of AIDS affected children and rehabilitation of destitute children.

Keraleeyam initiated its activities in 2005 when a group of individuals including doctors, media professionals, lawyers and social activists came together to fight against the stigma afflicted to the HIV positive people in the society.

The mission of Keraleeyam got underway with a survey in Kerala starting from the northern most districts, Kasargode. Keraleeyam was trying to picture the condition of HIV positive people in the high risk areas of the society. The organization could realise from the outcome of the survey that children are the most neglected lot among the HIV positive people as they are denied a peaceful life even within their dwelling places, if ever there is a place for them.

When the demand for care taking of the HIV patients grew beyond the reach of the organization it was decided to focus the activities to the HIV positive children as they had only limited days of survival. Moreover these children didn't know that death is fast approaching them due to a disease which affected them for no fault of theirs. The disease was passed on to them from their parents and most of them lost their parents at their infancy leaving them at the mercy of aged grand parents. The society segregated these children and they were destined to have a cruel death without even having their birth rights like a decent living.

We organized annual festivals abroad India to give a global platform for the achievements of Kerala in the cultural, social and economic fields. It also focuses towards bringing in and creating a long lasting relationship with like minded individuals/organizations working in the key sectors of AIDS and Hospice, Tourism, Education, to evolve a beneficial plan of action.

2. Governing Council Meeting



The first Governing Council meeting was held on 21st July 2005 at the chamber of Chief Minister, Kerala Legislative Assembly hall and the same was presided by Shri. Oommen Chandy, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala. Govt. Officials and Keraleeyam members also attended the meeting. In continuation of the meeting Office Bearers of Keraleeyam submitted a detailed project report to Smt. Sonia Gandhi, President, UPA



3. Programmes



On 30th September 2005 at Kanakakunnu Palace, Thiruvananthapuram, His Excellency the Governor of Kerala Shri R.L. Bhatia inaugurated 'Keraleeyam' and on that occasion Shri Bharat Mohanlal launched AIDS awareness campaign.



A sum of ` 15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand Only) each was distributed to 23 AIDS affected children by the Governor. His Excellency the Governor of Kerala donated ` 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only) from his salary for our noble causes.



On 22nd November 2005, Miss Universe Natalie Glebova in a function held at Bolgatti Palace, Kochi distributed ` 15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand Only) each to 20 AIDS affected children.



On World Aids Day, December 1, 2005 the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala Shri Oommen Chandy distributed ` 15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand Only) each to 25 AIDS affected children in the presence of more than fifteen thousand students drawn from different schools. On that day various seminars, brain storming sessions to spread AIDS awareness were conducted by us in various schools in Kerala. The Chief Minister flagged off a year-long AIDS awareness campaign of our dedicated volunteers to visit the nook and corner of Kerala. We are conducting survey from Panchayat level to identify AIDS affected children.



On 26th December Keraleeyam arranged cultural programme at Alappuzha for H.E. Patric De Beyter, the Hon. Ambassador of Belgium during his visit to Kerala. The Cultural programmes include were Theyyam, Kalaripayattu etc.



On January 26, 2006 Kerala Legislative Assembly Speaker Shri.M. Vijayakumar released the AIDS awareness stamps by handing it over it to the renowned singer Padmasree Dr. K.J. Yesudas. Mr. J. Alexander I.A.S (Retd.) former Chief Secretary and Minister of Karnataka and Shri Jayan Babu, Worshipful Mayor of Trivandrum Corporation handed over ` 15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand Only) each to 21 AIDS affected children, which was followed by a Musical Night by Dr. Yesudas.

