

14th Foundation Day Celebrations – Dindigul Region



For the first time in Dindigul Region, DHAN Foundation's 14th Foundation day was celebrated on 2nd October, 2010 with huge enthusiasm and zeal at N.S.Community Hall, Dindigul. The event was started by 10 a.m. with prayer song 'Om dhatha sree' followed by "Pagai Ulla Idathil." Lighting of lamp was done by Mrs.Amutha, Civil Judge, District Court, Dindigul, Mr. Pon.Sivanandam,

ADSP, Dindigul and Mrs.Shanmugavalli, Kalanjiam Movement, Welcome address was given by Mr. Khader, Programme Officer, DHAN Foundation and he also shared the purpose and relevance of foundation day celebration on Gandhi Jayanthi.

Mr.S.Sivanandan, Regional Coordinator, DHAN Foundation, Dindigul shared that he was very much privileged and fortunate to conduct the first ever Foundation day at Dindigul. He echoed the foundation message delivered by Mr. M.P.Vasimalai, Executive Director, DHAN Foundation and then he made a presentation on status, reach and activities of DHAN Foundation and



Kalanjiam Foundation at national level with specific focus on Dindigul district. He was pleased to announce that our "DHAN Foundation" has won the "INDIA NGO" award under larger NGO category for the year 2009. Followed by his presentation, a film on "Illuminating lives" was screened which received huge applause and recognition both from the Chief Guests and the participants.



Mrs.Amutha, Civil Judge, District Court, Dindigul, Launched the special savings programme by introducing the three different coloured special savings cards to

the participants. On her presidential speech, she started congratulating all the stake holders of the institution who brought huge success in the development sector. She was so much impressed with the film and the literally wet her eyes on seeing the outstanding performance of the people functionaries. She quoted that DHAN Foundation have touched every corner of the sector and she surprised that judiciary part has not been featured in our activities. She volunteered to serve the members in providing legal support to them. In the process, she explained that their legal forum has been serving three types of services such as social justice, people level legal forum and family counseling for the past five years. She requested that our members should avail those services with high spirit. She also reiterated that judgment made at panchayat level may come to this forum for legal approval. She wished that poor women should have more faith and self- belief in them for attaining continuous success in their lives.



Mr.Pon.Sivanantham, ADSP of Dindigul district in his special address noted that he was very much fond of Gandhian thoughts since from his childhood days and he strictly followed the principles of Gandhiji. He never expected to become a police officer as he is soft and calm in nature. He humored that he dislikes quarrelling and prevent himself involving or witnessing any violences and that's why god made him as a

police officer. He strongly mentioned that 'DHAN Foundation' has been known for their committed service and their reach and activities are ample evidence for that. He requests the participants to kindly make use of DHAN services to uplift their standard of living. Before his talk he awarded the tailoring course completion certificates to nine students of Kalanjiam Tailoring Centre, Athoor Vattara Kalanjiam.

Launching of integrated insurance scheme was done by Mr.Arumugam, Deputy Divisional Manager of National Insurance Company, Dindigul. In his address, he stressed the importance of health insurance in today's environment and insisted the members to go for both life and health as a composite pack to prevent from any shocks in their lives. He also



quoted that NIC has been a development partner for DHAN Foundation in the recent years and eager to start new chapter in Dindigul Region.

Before his speech, a cultural awareness programme was performed by 'Kodangi' team on WASH Project which attracted the audience most and sensitized them to have good practices.

Experience sharing was done by Mrs.Dhaya, DHAN Staff, Mrs.Chinnammal, People Staff of Vadamadurai Vattara Kalanjiam, Mrs.Pitchayammal, Athoor Vattara Kalanjiam and Mrs. Mary, Dairy Council member of Shanarpatty Vattara Kalanjiam.



Mrs.Revathy, Director of Village Extension Service Gandhigram recalled her earlier experience with Mr.M.P.Vasimalai while working in ASEFA. DHAN Foundation has been known for its extensive reach and enabling model of promoting community based institution. She also stressed that both social and financial development are essential to attain the holistic development.

She requested the member to enrich their livelihood skills for ensured economic development. She also released the books on 'Dairy Management' written by Dr.K.Ganeshan, Asst. Director of Animal Husbandry (Rtd.,)

Dr.K.Ganeshan, Asst. Director of Animal Husbandry (Rtd.,) has launched the Dairy intervention programme by releasing the books of accounts of dairy and lighting the Kuthu Vilakku. He focused on the importance of cattle rearing and practices to be followed by the dairy farmers. He performed stage demonstration on "Artificial Insemination" for better understanding of the participants. He also wished to continue his services for member orientation and veterinary camps.

With his speech, the function came to end with vote of thanks by Ms.Shanmugavalli, Kalanjiam Movement followed by National Anthem, around 410 members, including people staff, federation and cluster leaders from eight locations were participated in the event and all had very good lunch with higher satisfaction.

Shanarpatti health them on “Anemia Control, and terracotta, activity display by LIFE, Nilakottai, and Tailoring activities by Athoor. Also, individual federations have displayed their activity charts in photographs.

Note:

The first ever foundation day was marked by a full fledged exhibition which was arranged by the following teams.

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| 1. Anemia awareness | – | Shanarpatty Health Team |
| 2. Terracotta display | – | Shanarpatty Business Team |
| 3. Tailoring Activities Catalogue | – | Athoor Team |
| 4. Fashion Jewellery and Handicrafts | – | LIFE, Nilakottai Team |
| 5. Activity Performance Charts | – | All the eight Locations |

The exhibition was well received by the participants and good recognition from the Chief Guests.