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Aalayam Kanden Trust

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Annual Report 2019-20



AALAYAM KANDEN TRUST

Reg No.887/11

Founder Trustee

T S Padmapriya

Managing Trustee

Baskaran M

Trustees

M Kumar

S Selvi

Our Sincere Thanks to
all our Donors, Patrons
and Supporters

Aalayam Kanden Trust has been registered as a Trust (**Regn No.887/11**) with the primary objective of creating awareness and appreciation about ancient, unique and lesser known places of heritage and the rich cultural, mythological and historical evidence they carry. We strongly feel that behavioral change towards protecting and maintaining these great treasures would happen once the history of these temples is revealed.

Vision:

To promote, protect, and preserve the rich cultural, mythological and historical heritage and pass it on to the coming generations.

Mission:

To identify and create awareness about unique and lesser known ancient heritage sites , document and disseminate their significance and ensure their preservation and maintenance, to create a heritage library and promote patronage to these sites for better sustainability.

Main Objectives:

- ◆ To create and promote awareness about the history, heritage and culture of India
- ◆ To bring to light unique and lesser known heritage sites
- ◆ To document the history and heritage of lesser known heritage sites in English and regional languages
- ◆ To create a database of unique and lesser known temples and to advocate for their upkeep and maintenance.
- ◆ To create a heritage library and make it available for pilgrims, tourists and researchers
- ◆ To promote heritage tourism to lesser known heritage sites
- ◆ To raise funds through Government, organizations, philanthropists and individuals towards the fulfillment of the above mentioned objectives.

Activities during 2019-20

Articles to raise awareness about lesser-known heritage sites:



Articles were written in Aalayam Kanden Blog (www.aalayamkanden.blogspot.com) on the following heritage sites:

- The Twin Devis of Srirangapatna
- Chinna Mandali – the place where Nataraja Pathu was born
- Muthuservamadam Varadaraja Perumal Temple
- A temple with a Dargah within – Sri Angala Parameswari Temple, Chintadripet

A research article on the life and times of Sirumanavur Munisawmy Mudaliar, the author of Nataraja Pathu, the first ever to be written was published on the Thresholds of History Blog.

An article on Athalanallur Gajendraravadar Temple was published as cover article in the Amman Darisanam magazine brought out by the Sringeri Sankara Matam in January 2020.

Provision of oil and ghee to light lamps in temples with low patronage



Due to lack of patronage, several temples struggle to keep the premises adequately lit. In order to overcome this basic constraint, Aalayam Kanden Trust, through patronage of its members has been providing five litres of ghee and oil to these temples wherever possible. During this financial year, oil and ghee was provided to the Chinna Mandali Niranjeeswarar Temple.

Support to temples



Muthuservamadam is a non-descript village near Gangaikonda Cholapuram. The village has very little tourist footfall or patronage. The beautiful Varadaraja Perumal temple here is being renovated through the hard efforts of the villagers. To provide a fillip to the activities, the Aalayam Kanden team visited the temple and documented the same. Rs. 5000 was paid towards the construction expenses from the

personal funds of the team members.

The Naganatha swamy temple in Thirukuvalai, Nagapattinam District did not have dolls to make a Kolu in the temple. Aalayam Kanden Trust sourced the Kolu dolls from its members and transported the same to the temple through the efforts of its volunteer, Mr V R Kaushik, to enable the temple to celebrate its Navaratri festival.



Heritage Walks to promote local heritage



The heritage walk through West Mambalam has now become an annual collaboration between Shashun Jain College and Aalayam Kanden Trust as part of the college's heritage club activities. A walk was arranged for a fresh batch of students in December 2019.

As part of the Sundaram Finance Mylapore Festival, a walk titled "Goddesses of Mylapore", featuring the lesser known female deities of Mylapore village, was conducted in January 2020.

A walk was facilitated in February 2020 for the US Consulate General and Care Earth Trust as part of the Water Matters Exhibition to Chintadripet – the walk focussing on how water was a key contributor to Madras' first planned township for weavers – Chinna Thari Pettai



Book release – Paadal Perum Paranthaman Aalayangal

To cater to the benefit of the Tamil speaking audiences and to raise awareness in them about lesser known heritage sites of Tamil Nadu, Aalayam Kanden Trust collaborated with Poet Diwakara Tanujaha to bring out a book on lesser known Vishnu temples of Tamil Nadu, complete with hymns specially written by the poet in the same format as the Prabhandhams written by the Azhwars. The book was released by Shri. Yessel Narasimhan, the world's largest collector of Carnatic Music, in the presence of Sri. Karu Nagarajan, Dean, Bharath University and Sri. G Sankaranarayanan, Professor and HOD, Department of Sanskrit and Indian Culture, SCSVMV University, Kanchipuram, apart from other dignitaries. Banners with the hymns, and history of the temple with QR code to access the English articles online were provided to the temples that were covered in the book and videos of the hymns, that were beautifully rendered by Ms Vidya Devanathan, were uploaded on the Aalayam Kanden YouTube Channel. Aalayam Kanden Trust wishes to thank Mr Devanathan, artist for donating the cover images of the book – Paadal Perum Paranthaman Aalayangal.



Documentation and Distribution of the Sthalapuramam of Sri Niranjeeswarar Temple, Chinna Mandali



Aalayam Kanden Trust documents the complete history of a lesser-known ancient temple each year and prints and distributes 1000 copies of the same to spread awareness about the temple and provide some income to it while doing so. In 2019-20, the Sthalapuramam of Sri Niranjeeswarar Temple in Chinna Mandali was written and distributed in February 2019.

Heritage Talks in different forums



Apart from articles and walks, Aalayam Kanden Trust also makes use of opportunities to raise awareness about heritage sites through lectures and presentations. Ms Padmapriya T S, Founder Trustee of Aalayam Kanden Trust, was invited to speak in the Mylapore festival about the cultural mapping of the Cooum river.

The Founder Trustee Ms Padmapriya T S was invited by the Tamil Heritage Trust to speak on information that can be gleaned from inscriptions to the participants of multiple sessions of How to See a Temple Training Programme (HOWSAT) through the year 2019-20.

Aalayam Kanden Trust founder Padmapriya T S spoke in Jaya Plus and WIN TV as part of the Madras Week celebrations about bringing back the glory of the Cooum river.

Special Article on Cooum Cultural Mapping by Aalayam Kanden in Sakthi Vikatan Magazine

Sakthi Vikatan, a popular magazine from the Vikatan Group, published a special article on the cultural mapping of the Cooum river, done by the Aalayam Kanden Trust. The link to the article can be found here: <http://bit.ly/3q2U7CA>

M.L. SRINIVASAN & ASSOCIATES
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS



AUDIT REPORT

We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of **Aalayam Kanden Trust** as at 31st March, 2020, the Income and Expenditure account and the Receipts and Payment account of the Trust for the year ended on that date annexed thereto. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Trust's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on the audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing Standards generally accepted in India. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of audit. In our opinion and to the best of our knowledge, and according to the information given to us the said accounts read with the notes thereon give a true and fair view:

- In the case of the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the above named trust as at 31st March, 2020
- In the case of Income and Expenditure Account, of the Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ended 31st March, 2020
- In the case of Receipts and Payment Account, of the Receipts and Payment for the year ended 31st March, 2020.

For M.L.Srinivasan & Associates
Chartered Accountants
Firm Registration No. 006505S

M.L.Srinivasan
Partner
Membership No. 203154



Place : Chennai
Date : 30-09-2020

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BALANCE SHEET FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st MARCH 2020

LIABILITIES	AMOUNT (Rs)	AMOUNT (Rs)
CAPITAL FUND		
Opening Balance as on 01.04.2019	4,831	
Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income	2,261	2,570
Loan		15,000
TOTAL		17,570
ASSETS	AMOUNT (Rs)	AMOUNT (Rs)
CLOSING BALANCE		
Cash in Hand	150	
Cash at Bank		
Punjab National Bank - 6028000100005596	17,420	17,570
TOTAL		17,570

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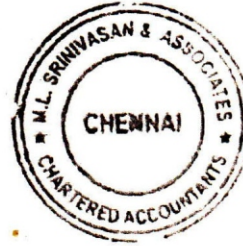
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Date: 30-09-2020



As per our report of even date attached
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st MARCH 2020

INCOME	AMOUNT (Rs)	AMOUNT (Rs)
INCOME		
Donations	50,794	
Bank Interest	712	51,506
Excess of Expenditure over Income		2,261
TOTAL		53,767
EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT (Rs)	AMOUNT (Rs)
REVENUE EXPENDITURE		
Heritage Documentation	7,165	
Printing of Heritage documents	36,280	
Books distribution	10,133	
Bank charges	189	53,767
TOTAL		53,767

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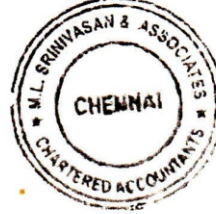
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st MARCH 2020

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT (Rs)	AMOUNT (Rs)
OPENING BALANCE		
Cash in Hand	448	
Cash at Bank		
Punjab National Bank - 6028000100005596	19,383	19,831
INCOME		
Donations	50,794	
Bank Interest	712	51,506
TOTAL		71,337
PAYMENTS	AMOUNT (Rs)	AMOUNT (Rs)
REVENUE EXPENDITURE		
Heritage Documentation	7,165	
Printing of Heritage documents	36,280	
Books distribution	10,133	
Bank charges	189	53,767
CLOSING BALANCE		
Cash in Hand	150	
Cash at Bank		
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TOTAL		71,337

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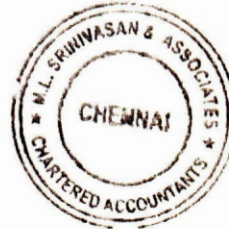
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