

# Eyeopener

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## **Nethrodaya**

**LET'S SHARE THE LIGHT**

*You see things and say, 'Why?'  
But I dream of things that never were and say 'Why not?'*

**12TH ANNIVERSARY**

## Founder's Desk

At the juncture of our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Day Celebration, I as founder of Nethrodaya, feel extremely fulfilled to realize that Nethrodaya could transform the lives of thousands of Visually Impaired people in Tamilnadu by providing various essential and need-based innovative welfare services in the fields of Education, Vocational Training, Health Care and Self Employment completely free of cost over the last 12 years. I sincerely express my deepest sense of gratitude to all our Well Wishers, Donors, Volunteers and Supporters for their unconditional and selfless support in all our welfare activities. Without your support it would have been next to impossible for Nethrodaya to have served the Visually Impaired Community to this scale. You have donated your hard earned money, spent your precious time, and donated many useful assets in kind to Nethrodaya towards the welfare of the underprivileged Visually Impaired Community.

Your constant guidance motivated us at every stage of our progress and has transformed Nethrodaya into becoming one of the leading Institutions in working for the Welfare of the Visually Impaired Community.

Setting up of a free Residential Higher Secondary Special School for the Visually Impaired in the year 2012 is a strategic major initiative of Nethrodaya. This initiative is gaining momentum and more and more Visually Impaired students are coming forward to join the residential special school as it is being offered completely free of cost.



The process of setting up a free Residential College for B.Ed., in Special Education (Visually Impaired) is in progress and will turn into a reality in the following Academic Year.

I am happy to share with you that the recognition as the 'Best Social Service Institution 2012' received from Government of Tamilnadu, Appreciation from the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disability, Government of India during his personal visit to Nethrodaya rating our institution as a role model and encouragement received from Hon'ble Judges of Madras High Court, have placed our Institution on a High Pedestal.

I look forward to your continued patronage and support in the coming years.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Govindakrishnan'.

C. Govindakrishnan

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## In House Services



**Computer Training Centre**  
Students getting trained in Basic Computer Skills



**Reading Centre at Nethrodaya**  
We request Volunteers to assist our students in their progress.  
Timings : (Weekdays) 3:00 to 6:00 PM (Weekends) 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM



**Music Training Classes**  
Vocal & Instrumental



**Full-fledged Gymnasium**



**Yoga Classes**



**Fully Functional Audio Library**



**Free Higher Secondary School  
for the Blind**

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## Out Reach Programmes



### Individual Cattle Rearing Unit for Visually Impaired Rural Families

Nethrodaya identifies underprivileged families in villages and helps restore their dignity by way of donating a Hybrid Cow with a female calf that helps generation of income to support themselves and lead a life of self esteem.

### 24 Hour Free Medical Helpline

Nethrodaya provides quality medical services to visually impaired accident victims by tying up with hospitals and meeting the medical expenses for various medical problems that go far beyond the visual realm. They also provide immediate hospitalization and surgical aid.



### Educating Children of Visually Impaired Parents

Nethrodaya provides free educational assistance to children of visually impaired parents that includes school / college fees, cost of books, uniforms, etc., thereby enabling a secure future of their families.



### Self Employment for the Visually Impaired economically backward families

Nethrodaya provides seed capital to the Visually impaired from economically weaker background to enable them towards self employment thereby ensuring them to lead a dignified life.



### Free Distribution of Sticks to the Visually Impaired 24X7

Nethrodaya distributes free sticks to the visually impaired round the clock thereby minimizing day-to-day risks posed by them while commuting.



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## Achievers from the House of Nethrodaya



### Pride of Nethrodaya

Nethrodaya is extremely proud of its four visually impaired students, Jayabalan, Muruganandan, Bhoopathy and Sivakumar who have made a mark in their academic career and are out on a mission of fulfilling their dreams of accomplishing the most coveted Doctorate in their respective fields of education in spite of their disabilities and challenges. All four hail from remote villages and economically backward families.

### Ezhumalai

A totally blind student hailing from a remote village in Villupuram district of Tamilnadu has fulfilled his ambition of becoming a teacher in a Government School. He has graduated staying at Nethrodaya that spanned over a period of ten years. Nethrodaya has pride in his success in life.



### Sekar

A Visually impaired student hails from a remote village from Namakkal, Tamilnadu has successfully completed his M.Ed in Tamil Literature. During his stay in Nethrodaya for the past 10 years, He has completed his Bachelors Degree, Masters Degree & B.Ed. He is being conferred M.Ed from the Tamilnadu Teachers University on 24th September 2014. We at Nethrodaya wish him great success for the days to come.

### Kavitha

Kavitha recently turned blind due to an irreparable eye disease. She found leading her day to day living extremely difficult. She approached Nethrodaya on getting to know of the organization through her family friends for counseling and guidance. Nethrodaya offered her the requisite support and upon motivation and educational support appeared for Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission TNPSC Examination and got selected and is appointed as a Clerk in a Government School at K.K. Nagar Chennai.

Kavitha visited Nethrodaya and thanked Nethrodaya for their unconditional support and donated her first month



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## Events



### Eleventh Anniversary Celebrations

The Eleventh Anniversary celebrated on 5th October 2013 had Shri. Prasanna Kumar Pincha, Chief Commissioner for persons with disabilities, Government of India, Thiru. P. Sivasankaran, IAS, Secretary to Govt., Welfare of Differently abled and Dr. G. Visvanathan, Vice Chancellor, Tamilnadu Teachers Education University as Guests of Honour.



### State Level Conference on Career Counseling & Guidance

The State Level Conference on Career Counseling & Guidance was held on 23rd November 2013 and had Hon'ble Justice P. N. Prakash, Madras High Court, Thiru. V. K. Jeyakodi, IAS, State Commissioner Welfare of the Differently Abled and Thiru. Rameshwar Murugan, Director of School Education, Govt. of Tamilnadu as Guests of Honour.



### South Indian Singing Festival for the Visually Impaired

The South Indian Singing Festival for the Visually Impaired was held on 27th and 28th February 2014 with singers hailing from Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamilnadu and from the Union Territory of Pondicherry. Indian Film Music Composer Mr. D. Imman, Playback Singers Priya Himesh and M. L. R. Karthikeyan were Guests of Honour. Playback Singer Krishnaraj and Celebrity S. N. Surendra performed the tough task of adjudicating the Winners.



### Achiever's Award

The State Level Felicitation held on 14th June 2014 had Dr. K. Manivasagam, IAS, State Commissioner of Differently Abled, Thiru. M. V. M. Velmurugan, CEO, Velammal Group of Institutions, Thiru. Krubanandham, Regional Director, NIVH and Thiru. Unnikrishnan, Renowned Celebrity as Guests of Honour.



### State Level Chess Tournament

The State Level Chess Tournament held on 16th August 2014 had Hon'ble Thiru. Justice N. Kirubakaran as Chief Guest and Thiru. P. Sivasankaran, IAS, Principal Secretary, Welfare of Differently Abled, Thiru. Dinesh, M.D. Kovai Pazhamudhir Nilayam and Thiru. S. Mukundan, CEO, Flexol Packaging Ltd. as Guests of Honour.

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## Supporters of Nethrodaya

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### Judiciary at Nethrodaya

Chief Justice Karpaga Vinayagam, 02-10-2002
Chief Justice Gokhale, 02-07-2009
Justice P.K. Mishra, 26-08-2007
Justice Prabha Sridevan, 25-10-2009
Justice Mani Kumar, 22-01-2010
Justice Nagamuthu, 13-06-2010
Justice Venkatraman, 31-10-2010
Justice K.N. Basha, 27-02-2011
Justice Mathivanan, 01-05-2011
Justice P.N. Prakash, 23-11-2013
Justice N. Kirubakaran, 16-08-2014

### IAS Officers at Nethrodaya

Tmt. C.K. Gariyali, IAS, 30-01-2005
Thiru. L. Vijayaraghavan, IAS, 02-10-2005
Thiru. Mohan Verghese Chungath, IAS, Thiru. Audiseshiah, IAS, 21-01-2007
Thiru. Rajendra Kumar, IAS, 21-01-2007
Thiru. Kumar Jayanth, IAS
Thiru. Thangasamy, IAS, 03-07-2005
Thiru. Ranvir Prasad, IAS, 21-01-2007
Thiru. Palaniappan, IAS, 06-12-2008
Thiru. Ram Mohan Rao, IAS, 26-07-2009
Tmt. Meenakshi Rajagopal, IAS, Thiru. Vijay Rajkumar, IAS, 04-12-2009
Thiru. K. Dhanavel, IAS, 04-06-2010
Thiru. V. K. Jeyakodi, IAS, 27-02-2011
Thiru. P. R. Shampath, IAS, 25-06-2011
Tmt. Kannegi Packianathan, IAS, 07-08-2011
Thiru. P. Sivasankaran, IAS, 08-08-2013
Thiru. Prasanna Kumar Pincha, 05-10-2013
Dr. K. Manivasagam, IAS, 14-06-2014

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## Your Contributions really matter :

- ❁ Sponsor a Cow for a Poor, Visually Impaired Rural Family to supplement their income.  
Cost - Rs. 25,000/-
- ❁ Register as a Scribe to write examinations for the Visually Impaired Students.
- ❁ Donate a Stick for one of the Visually Impaired Students. Cost - Rs. 125/-
- ❁ Donate clothes / furniture in good condition to be used by our Visually Impaired students.
- ❁ Share with joy your Special Days by:
  - ✦ Donating Provisions like Rice, Sugar, Oil, Dhall, etc.
  - ✦ Sponsoring the monthly expense of a Visually Challenged Student - Rs. 1,500/-
  - ✦ Sponsoring the monthly medical expense of a Visually Challenged - Rs. 500/-
  - ✦ Sponsoring High Tea - Rs. 250/-
  - ✦ Sponsoring Breakfast - Rs. 1,250/-
  - ✦ Sponsoring Lunch - Rs. 1,750/-
  - ✦ Sponsoring Dinner - Rs. 1,750/-



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