



**HIGHLIGHTS OF KARMA YOGA LEADERSHIP EXPERIENTIAL ACTION PROJECT DURING JANUARY-MARCH, 2017**

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Dear All

Greetings

We are happy to circulate the last quarter of our Karma Yoga NewsLetter in which our outgoing Magnificent Mauyrayas and Pandyas shared their field experiences .

The mega event organised for recapitulating the year long activities in the villages 'The convention 2017' turned out to be a great success and widened our participation and gained trust among the villagers.

We are eagerly waiting for the arrival of our new batch of students who will continue this journey with more strength and vigour.

KY Team

# Donating the Toilets...

**Perumalcherry** colony is one of the Karma Yoga village having around



50 families as residents and also there are more than 60 children living in this village. During Karma Yoga student's village visit they found the need for health and sanitation facility lacking in this village especially the necessity for

toilets. The Great Lakes Karma Yoga students took an initiative and prepared strategies and started with a survey to construct toilets for the

needy families. The Karma Yoga students identified 9 families for toilet construction. The constructed toilets were handed over on 22.01.2017 by our Founder Dean **BALA V.BALACHANDRAN** to the families.



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# TATA Trust Director visit ...

The TATA Trust Director Shri.Prabha Panni visited Karma Yoga villages



Periyacolony and Perumalcherry colony with their team on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2017. During their visit the Karma Yoga students explained their activities done by them. The Periyacolony Karma Yoga students exhibited the women empowerment activity of quelling products which was

prepared by the village women.

Then the team visited Perumalcherry colony to view the Great Lakes KY students' activities of First aid, Toilet construction and Educational activities.



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# KARMA YOGA Annual Convention- 2017

The Karma Yoga annual convention was held on 12.03.2017 at Annai



Theresa College.

Around 450 people participated from 24 Karma Yoga villages, KY village POCs' (point of contact), women and children participated in this convention. The

convention started

with Karma Yoga GM welcome address and main theme for the convention was “Self Help Groups and Employment”. Dr. Amalanathan was invited as a special guest for the convention. He presented a special speech to the SHGs members through group discussion and interaction session regarding current SHG scenario. Then the Karma Yoga students gave a presentation about micro level livelihood activity strategy. The KY POCs and children were honored by Karma Yoga students. The event ended with the village children’s cultural events.

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## Educational activities at Echankarunai

The Echankarunai Karma Yoga team have frequently visited the village and



focused on children's educational development activities. The KY students for the past one year taught innovative ideas to the village students to get more insights and to learn more new things. In the month of January the

Karma Yoga students conducted drawing, painting and life skill development activities competition and distributed prizes to the winners.



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# Library at Kunnavakam Govt School

Kunnavakam Karma Yoga team identified the need for library through their



regular village visits in their village. They then decided to install a library in the school for the development of children and so they mobilized funds from various organization and

individuals and purchased many informative study materials and books (Literature, science, technology, autobiographies and dictionaries) for the

student's library. The library was inaugurated by Dr. Sridhar Samu on 23.03.2017 at Kunnavakam Government middle school.



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## Cyclone Relief ...

“Love others like you love yourself” - a widow (Usha) was living with her two



sons (Mukesh, Ajay)

in a small hut in the  
Lattur village.

During the Vardha  
cyclone, her hut was

completely

destroyed and she

was left helpless

because of sickness and poverty and had no place to live safely. In this

situation Great Lakes Karma

Yoga students visited the

Lattur village and saw the poor

family's situation and decided

to give support to their family.

The students approached Great

lakes faculties and raised funds

to provide them shelter.



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## Educational support

The Kadampadi team visited the Erular community children and took



tuition classes. The KY students specially taught mathematics and English subjects to those who all are going to appear for 10std. public examination.

## Laptop repair for students learning

The Kunnavakam Government

Middle school Headmistress

requested the KY students to

repair laptop for the students

learning purpose. Based on their

request KY team had serviced



and handed over the repaired laptop to the HM for the usage of students.



## **Clothes and gifts for children home...**

The Kuzlipanthandalam village team regularly visited an orphanage in their village and they shared their love through providing gifts and clothes to the deserved children.



## **KY livelihood products stall ...**

The Periyacolony Karma Yoga students have mainly focused for the development of women and children. The KY students taught women to prepare quelling products in order to earn money. As a process initiative KY students put a stall in our campus during GL TEDx event and they also kept for sale the products which were prepared by the village women.



## Ashok Leyland Managers visit .....

Under the CSR learning program, 30 Managers from Ashok Leyland visited Karma Yoga villages - Perumalcherry colony, Periyacolony, Vasuvasamuthiram, Nallur, Kollamedu and Naduvakarai. The team was splited into six groups and allotted for their community visits and each group was given a specific topic (Health and sanitation, Women empowerment, Governance, SHG activities, Agriculture and Education)for the community assesment and presentaion. The Ashok



Leyland team after visiting gave a presentation about communities and suggested some startegies and solution for the development of villages.

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# TEDx event special speaker visit

One of the special Speaker of Great Lakes TEDx event Marta Vanduzer



from United States, Rutgers

University visited Karma Yoga

villages Perumalcherry colony and

Pudupattinam on feb 4 th to veiw the

ky student's activities. The special

speaker interacted with SHG women

and beneficiaries who received first aid kit and toilet support from Great

Lakes.



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# Miami Students visit

Miami Students visited Great Lakes on 07.03.2017 and had an interaction



with Karma Yoga

students about LEAP

(Leadership

Experiential Action

project) activities.

They visited Karma

Yoga Village

Kunnavakam along

with KY students and interacted with the school children and Irular

community people. Finally their visit ended with Tamil traditional Cultural

programs.



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