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Congratulations to Sevalaya on their completing 23 years of selfless service.

I have had the privilege of being associated with Sevalaya from 2008. At that time, in my capacity as representative of Guru Krupa Foundation, (a charitable private foundation based in the US), I was looking for worthy causes that we could support in India. As providing grants for such causes entailed a good deal of due diligence work including verifying the credentials of the organization, and making periodic visits to the organization, I first visited their campus in Tiruninravur in 2009.

I was immediately struck by the transparency of the management process, and also by how professionally the place was run. Moreover, the entire organization appeared to be very well planned – unlike other places which focus on one aspect of charity, for instance running a school, or running an orphanage etc., here, the founder, Mr.Muralidharan, had made the scope of the project much more ambitious by including an orphanage, a school, an old-age home and a Goshala, and I felicitate him and his team for the nobility of their goals. I was also quite impressed with their outreach programs that provide vocational training, and mobile library etc. It is a testimony to the efficacy of the management of this organization that in spite of their large scope, they have been marching steadily forward, accomplishing their goals and continuously raising the bar in terms of the number of under-privileged that they are able to reach and help.

We have been providing financial support to Sevalaya since 2009, initially for teachers salaries, and in the subsequent two years for building their new primary school, and it is my opinion that Sevalaya represents one of the best and most efficient ways through which we could put our money to good use.

In short, I congratulate the Sevalaya team for their past achievements, and wish them all the best going forward, and hope that they will be able to touch many more lives and improve them in the future.

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