

INAUGURATION OF TAMIL NANGAI



ABSTRACT

COROAT has trained 28 transperson from Vengur on Psychological and entrepreneurship development Training in June 2022, in collaboration with TABIF and NABARD, Trichy. District Administration has come forward to provide space in collector office for two stalls and contributed Rs.1,00,000/-. Selco Foundation, Divya Prena Foundation has supported to the tune of Rs.9,00,000/- for Solar power system, machinery and construction of the stall. Beneficiary contributed Rs.50,000/-. The total cost of the stall is Rs.10,50,000/-

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NANGAI Solar Powered
E-Seyai and Juice Stall, District
collectorate, Trichy**

SHOP OPENING PHOTOS






THIS ENTERPRISE FIGHTS CLIMATE CHANGE
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Transpersons make a fresh start with solar-powered stalls

e-seva centre and juice shop to be run by them at Tiruchi Collectorate

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Social organisations and administration authorities in the city have come together to provide a sustainable livelihood option to persons from Tiruchi's transgender community, by inaugurating a solar-powered e-seva centre and juice shop on the Collectorate premises.

The stalls were inaugurated on Tuesday by K.N. Nehru, Minister for Municipal Administration, in the presence of Collector M. Pradeep Kumar.

The ergonomic working spaces were designed and built at a cost of ₹11 lakh by Bengaluru-based non-profit venture SELCO Foundation, in collaboration with the Tiruchi District Collectorate, National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD), Divya Prema Foundation, Tiruchi Agribusiness Incubation Forum (TABIF) and COROAT Trust. SELCO



Transgenders in their new juice shop opened at the Collectorate in Tiruchi on Tuesday. • M. SRINATH

Foundations projects are focused on solar energy-based interventions for social uplift.

S. Amirtha, 29, who heads the transgender 'Vasanthakaala Paravai-gal' self-help group (SHG), will be helped by her colleague M. Jessica, 31, in running the stalls.

"I have spent most of my life begging for survival. This stall has given trans persons like me an

opportunity to make a fresh start," Amirtha told *The Hindu*. "We had at least 20 customers walking in today, who were very thrilled with our shop," she added.

The machines in the stalls – a photocopier, sugarcane juicer, blender-mixer, refrigerator and other electric appliances – are all powered by solar energy panels that stay on throughout the day. Amir-

tha and Jessica were trained by COROAT Trust in the day-to-day running of the stalls.

There are approximately 300 transgender persons in Tiruchi; around 65 from the community have been shortlisted for future sustainable livelihood projects by SELCO.

"We have been working with unelectrified villages in Tamil Nadu from 2011; as of now, we have created 13 model projects with solar energy in the State. This is among our first forays into a city-based project, to support transgender people in Tiruchi," said S. Nambirajan, senior manager, public relations and outreach, SELCO India.

"Transpersons have been ostracised by their families, so it is important to give them hope, and a basis for a productive livelihood away from commercial sex work and begging," he added.

Transsexuals to helm solar e-seva centre, juice corner in Trichy

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Trichy: Tamil Nangai — a solar-powered e-seva centre and juice corner by and for transgender community — was inaugurated by municipal administration minister K N Nehru at Trichy district collector office on Tuesday.

Trichy district collector M Pradeepkumar attended the function.

SELCO in collaboration with Trichy district administration, NABARD, Divya Prerna Foundation, TABIF, She-in-he and COROAT has constructed an energy efficient and ergonomic work space for the e-seva centre and juice corner, which has been provided with energy efficient photocopier, sugarcane juicer, mixer, fridge and electric appliances.

The objective of the centre was to provide livelihood opportunity to transsexuals in Trichy. Initially, two transsexuals, Amirtha and Jessica, will be running the business.

R Baskar



FRESH START: Tamil Nangai, the e-seva centre and juice corner at Trichy collector office

Promoted by She-in-he and the Community Renovation and Organisation Advancement Trust (COROAT) run by its founder trustee M Padmavathy, the project started off after conducting a two-week training programme in June.

The two transsexuals were part of the self-help group (SHG) run by the Mahalir Thittam project.