

NEWS LETTER

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A UNIT OF: Nobel Laureate MOTHER TERESA CHARITABLE TRUST

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Dear Sir,

Mother Teresa Charitable Trust and its sub unit "**Mother Teresa Forum**" is very much glad to present this Newsletter.

You are aware that **MTCT** approached Govt. of India and requested **Dr.Manmohan Singh** Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to release a **commemorative coin** to mark the birth centenary of Mother Teresa. The Govt. of India took up our proposal and ordered issue of commemorative coin of appropriate denomination to mark the birth centenary of **Mother Teresa** falling on **26.8.2010**.

We have also requested all the States Chief Ministers/Governors to 1) **establish a memorial in the name of Mother Teresa** 2) **To install a statue of Mother Teresa in the state capitals** 3) **To name a prominent road/town in the name of Mother Teresa** 4) **To celebrate the centenary year (1.e from 26.8.2010 to 25.8.2011)** 5) **To include Mother Teresa's history in the school/college curriculum.**

Several states already accepted our obligation and are taking action on our request. We are also getting favourable replies from many states.

Mrs. Sheila Dikshit, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi has accepted our proposal and ordered **installation of**

statue of Mother Teresa in the Indian capital Delhi and also construction of **Memorial Hall** there.

You are aware, that we run free ambulance service in Kanyakumari, the southern part of India, free computer training centers, free tailoring centers both in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh states to help the unemployed youth.

Our anti tobacco programs sponsored by WHO (World Health Organization), blood donation, eye donation camps, health camps, helping the poor students, self employment programs, awareness camps etc are widely appreciated by one and all in various parts of India and abroad.

The Govt. of India have now directed us to organize the function of the "**Centenary celebrations**" and the "**Release of commemorative coin**" jointly hosted by "**Missionaries of Charity**" Kolkata and **Mother Teresa Charitable Trust**, at Kolkata on **26.8.2010**. Our volunteers are actively undertaking this and are on the job.

We propose to invite Hon'ble President of India **Mrs. Prathiba Devidingh Patil**, Prime Minister **Dr.Manmohan Singh**, Central Ministers, State Chief Ministers, Governors and other dignitaries for the celebrations at Calcutta.

The volunteers of **Mother Teresa Forum** are requested to

celebrate the Centenary Anniversary of Mother Teresa in all State Capitals jointly with the State Governments, and other organizations.

Besides, we have also moved a proposal to declare, the birth day of Mother Teresa as "**National Orphans Day**". We met the Hon'ble Minister of Home Affairs **Mr.P.Chidambaram**, in this regard and the Govt. of India is actively considering our request.

Similarly, we have also moved with the United Nations Organization (UNO) to declare Mother Teresa's birthday as "**International orphans day**". We have also approached Govt. of India, through Ministry of Women and Child Development to take up this with UNO. We hope that our request would be favourably considered.

Further, I am very much glad to inform you that the (United Nations Educational Scientific Cultural Organization) UNESCO in its Executive committee meeting (No.45, (9) resolved *"Mother Teresa left a testament of unshakable faith, invincible hope and extraordinary charity as a "Mother of the poor" She became a living symbol of compassion to the world, and a living witness to the thirsting love of God. Mother Teresa's message is in fully accordance with the UNESCO constitution, and this celebration in 2010 will be a good opportunity to explain to young generations her message of compassion, tolerance, mutual respect, solidarity and peace. The commemoration of this anniversary would help to further disseminate globally Mother Teresa's Universal message, in regard to the 100th anniversary of the birth of Mother Teresa in 2010 (1910-1997)..... to celebrate Mother Teresa's birth anniversary. MTCT has requested the*

Director General of UNESCO to join with us in the inaugural ceremony of the centenary celebration on 26.8.2010 at Kolkata, and also in other state capitals.

The volunteers of Mother Teresa Forum, cordially invite the general public to join with us to serve the society so that our service would reach the oppressed and the underprivileged.

All the state committees has been given a target, to enroll 10,000 volunteers in every district and to organize committees, right from village, zonal, district etc. We solicit all the members to effectively enroll members/volunteers from the general public (No charges collected) and from committees to serve the public and spread the message of service down to the bottom.

The existing committees would also be reorganized so that an effective and efficient service minded volunteers would be in service.

The National Committee of **Mother Teresa Forum** will also be reorganized shortly.

MTF is in search of dedicated volunteers who can work hard and take up the challenges at national, state and district levels. We solicit you to contact our office.

MTCT has taken initiatives to have the **Mother Teresa's Centenary Celebrations** throughout the centenary year ie (26.8.2010 to 26.8.2011) from village to state level on all the states. The volunteers are requested to organize the same.

"Service to mankind is to Service to God"

Yours Sincerely,



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Managing Trustee