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Dear Sir/Madam,

Greeting from Mother Teresa Charitable Trust.

The Centenary celebration of Mother Teresa, the epitome of simplicity who served the poor, downtrodden and the sick who brought forth a good change in their livelihood was remembered and celebrated at Chennai on 8th Feb 2011. This function was a milestone in the history of Mother Teresa Forum. The entire auditorium was filled with MTF Volunteers, general public, students, elders and VIP's. The city glided with posters and banners depicting the name & fame of Mother Teresa. Volunteers traveled long distances from various districts and states to participate in this auspicious celebration. MTF, presidents of Central Chennai, North Chennai, South Chennai, Kancheepuram & Thiruvallur districts have organized the function and worked for the success of the celebrations.

Our chief guest, His Excellency Shri.M.O.H.Farook, Governor of Jharkand in his address to the audience, highlighted the service and sacrifice made by Mother Teresa to the deprived society. Special address was made by Pondicherry Minister Mr.M.Kandasamy, Anna University Vice Chancellor Mr.P.Mannar Jawahar, Parliament

member Mr.J.M.Haroon and Freedom Fighter Mr.G..A Vadivelu.

The lighting of Religious unity Lamp was made by His Holiness Shri.La.Shri.Ganasambantha Desiker of Madurai Adheenam, Most Rt.Rev.Dr.Chinnappa, Arch Bishop Madras, Mylai catholic Diocese, Rt. Rev.Dr.V.Devasahayam, Bishop of Madras, C.S.I.Diocease and Moulavi. K.M.Ilyas Riyazi, Member, Ulama Welfare Board. The presence of these religious leaders was extremely special in the centenary celebrations.

On this auspicious occasion, 2000 school students were given out with school bags and two Notebooks each, 1500 aged women were given sarees, 1000 elderly men were given dhotis, 15 widow's were given sewing machines, 10 tricycles were given to physically challenged people, 10 people were given iron- boxes and 7,000 people both young and old were served with dinner. This function which was held at Chennai has reflected in various other states of India. Large numbers of volunteers are coming forward to become registered members and be part of our organization.

Similar functions are being organized in other parts of Tamil Nadu under the leadership of the district presidents.

All the district and state presidents are solicited to come forward to organize such celebrations in their area to mark the birth centenary of Mother Teresa. Let us join hands to serve the needy in the footsteps of the great Mother.

G.K.Dhas
Managing Trustee

Mother Teresa Centenary Celebrations - Oratorical competition:

MTCT and its sub unit MTF jointly organized an oratorical competition- on "Mother Teresa, her life and service" at Velankanni Arts & Science College, Chennai on 05.02.2011. Students from various city colleges participated in the competition. The judiciary panel had Mr.A.Xavier, Trustee, Mr.Ramalinga Jothi, Thanjai Ilam Singam and Kavinghar Ravi Bharathi.

The winners were given prizes on the centenary celebration held on **8th Feb 2011 at Kamarajar Arangam, Chennai** by His Excellency Shri.M.O.H.Farook, Governor of Jharkhand.

Mother Teresa Forum, Krishnagiri and Uthangarai Lawer's union jointly organized Legal Awareness Camp:

Volunteers of MTF, Krishnagiri district and Uthangarai taluk legal service committee jointly organized a Legal Awareness Camp on 4th January 2011 at Thandiappanoor village of Uthangarai. The camp was presided by Uthangarai Taluk sub judicial judge Smt.Jijee, in the presence of Shri.D.P.Raja Venkatraman,M.E.,Ph.D, President, MTF Krishnagiri. Special addresses were made by several advocates.

Legal counseling was made to the general public. Elders physically challenged and widows were given guidance on enabling Govt. welfare assistance. The camp ended with the vote of thanks by Shri.Kalaiarasan Advocate,Uthangarai.

Mother Teresa Centenary Celebrations:

Mother Teresa Charitable Trust and its unit **Mother Teresa Forum** organized the centenary celebration of **Mother Teresa on 08.02.2011 at Chennai His Excellency Shri. MOH Farook, Governor of Jharkhand**

was the chief guest in the program, Religious leaders His

Holyness Srilasri Gnanadesikar of Madurai Adheenam, Arch Bishop Madras Mylai Catholic Diocese Most.Rev.Dr.M.Chinnappa,Rt.Rev.Dr.V .Devasahayam, Bishop of Madras, C.S.I.Diocease and Moulavi K.M.Ilyas Riyazi, Member, Ulama Welfare Board participated in the function and lite the Religious unity lamp. Hon'ble welfare Minister M.Kandasamy, Freedom Fighter Shri.G.A.Vadivelu, Member of Parliament Shri.J.M.Haroon, Anna University Vice-Chancellor



Dr.P.Mannar Jawahar and others participated.

Social workers, educationalists and several industrialists participated in the centenary celebrations and added fame to the great mother.

Our Managing Trustee Shri.G.K.Dhas presided over the function and gave out the presidential

address. In his address he said *Nobel Laureate Mother Teresa Charitable Trust* and its unit *Mother Teresa Forum* is fast spreading its wings in the nook and corner of Indian sub-continent. Thousands of selfless volunteers from different states, districts, villages, serve the society irrespective of caste, creed or religion for the upliftment of the poor and the downtrodden. Our service is being highly appreciated by the general public and has reached throughout the length and breadth of our nation. We target 10,000 volunteers in each districts throughout India. To highlight the importance of a healthy life among the poor, our volunteers are urged to conduct free general health camps, blood donation camps, eye camps, dental camps etc.

MTCT will function as a bridge between the Govt. and the needy by bringing forth welfare schemes announced by the Govt. for the upliftment of the poor. Get linked with other non-governmental organization like Rotary Club, lions Club and work



for the upliftment of the poor and unemployed youth, wherever possible.

MTCT

distributed school bags and note books to 2000 poor school students. Aged women and men were given 2,000 sarees and 1,000



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were given iron boxes to start self-employment 7,000 people were provided with food. Around **10000** volunteers and beneficiaries participated in the function.

This celebration is a milestone in the history of MTCT. State / district



presidents jointly with their office bearers and friends arranged vehicles and brought many volunteers to the capital city to participate in the massive celebrations. On behalf of the trust board and staff of MTCT we thank all the participants who jointly worked with us for the grant success of the celebration held on 8th Feb 2011 at Kamarajar Arangam, Teynampet, Chennai.

His Excellency **M.O.H. Farook**



in his address said, MTCT and its unit MTF under the leadership of its founder

Shri.G.K.Dhas has arranged for this grand centenary celebration of the great Mother. I am extremely happy to be part of these celebrations. I am also happy to know about the social welfare activities being done by this Organization. MTF targets on social upliftments, child education, technological education to Women & youth handicraft trainings. Computer trainings, free ambulance service, tailoring courses etc which is highly appreciable.

I appreciate and honour all the work done by this organization standing under the footsteps of Mother Teresa. I

wish this organization would spread wings further and work for the poor and downtrodden world wide.

Anna University Vice Chancellor Dr.P.Mannar Jawahar in his address, said, I am extremely happy to see the work of MTF being undertaken throughout the Indian Nation. Such social celebrations will inspire the students community towards social welfare activities. The younger generation will definitely walk in the peaceful path laid by Mother Teresa

Hon'ble Pondicherry Minister Shri.M.Kandasamy, His Holyness Shri.La.Shri.Ganadesikar, Moulavi. K.M.Ilyas Riyazi, Elder Politician G.AVadivelu and others spoke in the centenary function.

MTF, State Gen. Secretary Mr.Chandra Sekar read out few proposals to the State & Central Governments,

- i) to install a statue of **Mother Teresa** in the state capital
- ii) to name a prominent road/town in the name of **Mother Teresa** and
- iii) to celebrate the centenary year ie, from 26.08.2010 to 25.08.2011, throughout the Country.

MTF National Vice President Shri.P.W.Jeyakumar Arul thanked the gathering and thus the celebration came to an end.

Cultural Fest:

The centenary function held at Kamarajar Arangam, Chennai included cultural programs. Students from Annai Velankanni Arts & Science College presented a good dance which was admirable.

Bharatanatyalaya students performed classical dances. The classical



performances were organized by Smt.Stella Anbarasu, Founder of the dance school. The dance school staff & students were honoured with prizes and certificates.

Andhra Pradesh office bearers:

Shri.Santha Bhushan, M.A., B.L.,is nominated as General Secretary of MTF Andhra Pradesh state.

Distribution of new dresses to poor

Children:

Mother Teresa Charitable Trust in collaboration with **SEESHA** a social organization has supplied new dresses to 1000 children in the age group of 2 to 14 years in the states of Jharkhand and Uttarpradesh states.



In Jharkhand the state president Mr.Manikdutta, the vice president Ms.Arthi and other office bearers arranged the distribution of these clothes to the children.

In Uttar Pradesh, the state president Ms.Neha Mishra the General secretary Mr.Alok Kumar Srivastava Vice Presidents Ms.Nidhi Rastogi, Ms.Priyanka Sharma Ms.Ankita Sharma,Mr.Rahul Srivastava Mr.Vishal Mishra Mr.Anoop Srivastava and other team of MTF volunteers supervised the distribution

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one"

- Mother Teresa

