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Dear trustee,

Hari Om! I have to share with all of you an important development that has taken place last week and promises to have numerous positive outcomes.

Mr Arvind Gawas, Special Supdt of Police, Puducherry had visited the College last week after hearing about our mission and our work. He wanted to explore the possibility of admitting boys and girls from various destitute homes in the city for undergoing training in the vocational courses conducted by SVRCC. These homes are under the control of the Police Dept.

Based on the positive report from Mr Gawas the Inspector General of Police (IGP), Mr Praveer Ranjan invited me for a meeting at his office on the 21st along with the President and other members of Rotary Club, Puducherry Beach City.

An ongoing program christened as 'Punnagai' (Tamil version of Muskan) was finalized in the meeting, with the objective of the Puducherry Police Dept sponsoring 50 to 100 students every year for being trained at SVRCC. The initiative by the Police Dept is in collaboration with the local Ministry for Social Welfare, the Rotary Clubs and a few industrialists. The course fees will be fully sponsored by the foregoing agencies.

On 23/8 the IGP again convened a joint meeting of all the partnering agencies to firm up the program details and its launch. I attended the meeting with our COO. The outcome of the deliberations are:

- To begin with 35 students have been identified, including 15 students from policemen families.
- Fifteen more students will be identified soon, to take the strength to 50.
- The launch function is scheduled to be held at SVRCC auditorium on Saturday 29/8 from 5 to 6 pm.
- The Minister for Social Welfare, the Chief Secretary, the IGP, Rotarians, representatives of different Homes and the students shall be participants at the function.
- The launch will be followed by high tea.

- A short film highlighting the plight of destitute children and how SVRCC's intervention will provide them a secured future, the program invitation, banner etc. are getting ready.
- The expenses of the launch function are being borne by the Rotary club.

All of us met the Chief Minister of Puducherry, Mr N Rangaswamy and he spontaneously consented to be the Chief Guest at the function. The CM heard about our College with avid interest after an effective introduction by the IGP. He expressed his keen desire to visit our campus and to be of help to our institution.

I am sure you will all agree that this is a major event, a milestone in SVRCC's life. I solicit your participation and would love it if you can make it though I realize it is at a very short notice. Our members' presence in good strength will reinforce the value of our institution and what we are doing.

As of now, 250 students have been enrolled in the current batch. With 50 more students joining under the 'Punnagai' programme, we shall be touching a strength of 300 or more students.

Once again God has shown that He is walking with us and blessing us in every step that we are taking.

Much love.

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