



**GANDHIBHAVAN ENVISIONS A TREATMENT CENTRE WHICH COMBINES TRADITIONAL AND MODERN METHODS WITH HIGH-END FACILITIES. IT WILL ALSO BE A CENTRE FOR POOR PATIENTS REELING UNDER FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES.**

## CHARITY BEGINS AT GANDHIBHAVAN

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### LIST OF AWARDS

- Colombo International Open University Doctor of Philosophy award
- Recognition from state homoeo education department
- Award from Kerala state youth welfare board
- Excellence awards from various Rotary, Lions clubs
- Sevaratnam award
- Baba Amte award
- State government's award for the best social service centre in 2008
- Karunya Varshi award
- Wisemen award
- Thilakkam 2014
- Velicham 2015 merit award
- Reprter TV's Jananayakan award
- Ekatha 2015 award
- Nims Karunya award
- Balichandana award
- Kerala Gandhi smaraka nidhi award
- Suvarmarekha literary award
- National Child development committee award
- Thoppil Bhasi keerthi award
- Muslim Educational Society award



Amalraj with wife Maya



**G**andhibhavan follows the trail of Punalur Somarajan's life journey. Punalur Somarajan, after his education, ventured into parallel education and business sectors. He also proved his mettle in literary field through his works on all-India Radio and several periodicals. With a view to spread the message of human love and fought against social evils, he started Gandhibhavan in 2002, which was inaugurated by Sukumar Azhikode.

He started an old-age home in a rented room at Pathanapuram, the first step was taking care of a lonely, destitute old woman. In 2004, he started a centre for mentally-challenged people and a special school. In 2005 October, Somarajan shifted his humanitarian activities to a one-acre plot at Pathanapuram which was bought by selling off his house and land and also with the help of like-minded people.

After that, he started rehabilitation centres under state mental health authority and social justice department.

With the help of generous, kind well-wishers, the activities are now being conducted in a three-acre plot.

Gandhibhavan obtained the accreditation of the central national open school in 2006. Same year, the institution was appointed as service provider by the government. In 2007, Sneharajyam, the first charity-oriented magazine in Malay-

### DREAM PROJECT

Gandhibhavan envisions a treatment centre which combines traditional and modern methods with high-end facilities. It will also be a centre for poor patients reeling under financial difficulties. Gandhibhavan aims to set up such a medical college under a university which highlights charitable credentials. Those who wish to contribute to this great cause, please inform us: [gandhibhavan@gmail.com](mailto:gandhibhavan@gmail.com), or contact: 9605047000 or 9605048000

alam, was started from Gandhibhavan. In 2010, a legal aid clinic of KELSA was started at Gandhibhavan. In 2013, Gandhibhavan was selected as the a-grade service provider of the Kerala women's commission.

In 2014, state government started a shelter home at Gandhibhavan for women. Meanwhile, a palliative care centre and a de-addiction centre were started in Pathanamthitta district.

Today, Gandhibhavan stands as a rare model of charity and compassion, accommodating more than 1000 inhabitants, from toddlers to a 104-year-old. A team of as many as 250 well-wishers, including doctors, lawyers and people from different walks of life, is its pillar of strength.

Somarajan's charitable endeavors have the wholehearted support of wife Prasanna Somarajan, and children Amalraj and Amitaraj. Amalraj is the chief editor of Sneharajyam and vice-chairman of Gandhibhavan. Amita leads the various projects of the centre.



**GANDHIBHAVAN IS A MODEL FOR KERALA'S DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. GANDHIBHAVAN HAS PEOPLE WHO REJOICES IN DOING CHARITY**  
- THOMAS ISAAC, FINANCE MINISTER

**GANDHIBHAVAN IS THE BIGGEST JOINT FAMILY IN INDIA. IT'S PROMOTER DR PUNALUR SOMARAJAN IS A VERSION OF MOTHER TERESA**  
- P J KURIAN, RAJYA SABHA DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

### GREAT WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

**GANDHIBHAVAN IS A MIRACLE. DR PUNALUR SOMARAJAN IS DOING A GREAT JOB BY TAKING CARE OF THOUSANDS OF INHABITANTS HERE. THE ACTIVITIES TO WIPE OUT THE TEARS OF THE DESTITUTE IF INDEED A DIVINE GESTURE OF KINDNESS**  
- DR A P J ABDUL KALAM

**VERY HAPPY TO ATTEND GANDHIBHAVAN'S GURUVANDANAM PROGRAMME, AS IT IS A GREAT VENTURE THAT UPHOLDS THE IDEAL THAT PARENTS AND TEACHERS SHOULD BE GREATLY RESPECTED. HERE IS THE RELEVANCE OF GOOD INSTITUTIONS LIKE GANDHIBHAVAN**  
- GOVERNOR P SATHASIVAM

**GANDHIBHAVAN IS A HEAVEN ON EARTH. IF RULERS VISIT GANDHIBHAVAN, THEY CAN BRING IN GOOD ADMINISTRATION. MY WISH IS THAT THERE SHOULD BE GANDHIBHAVANS IN EACH TALUK**  
- DR. PHILIPPOSE MAR CHRYSOSTOM MAR THOMA VALIYA METROPOLITAN

**GANDHIBHAVAN UPHOLDS THE PRINCIPLE OF CHARITY WITHOUT CONSIDERATIONS OF RELIGION, LANGUAGE OR REGION. THOSE BEHIND GANDHIBHAVAN DESERVES ADMIRATION FOR THEIR DEDICATED, UNITED AND KIND WORK**  
- PINARAYI VIJAYAN, CM

**GANDHIBHAVAN IS A BIG CHARITABLE CENTRE WHICH UPHOLDS THE SECULAR CREDENTIALS OF INDIA**  
- M A YOUSUF ALI