



Philanthropist and social thinker Mr K Chandramohan, CMD, NTC Group, has donated the body/coach for a bus that belongs to Agavizhi Charitable Trust, Salem.

Agavizhi Charitable Trust, Srinivasapuram, Salem, founded recently in January 2015 by the couple Rajinikanth and Umamaheswari, is a paradise for many visually challenged people – young and old. The 22 visually challenged inhabitants have heartrending stories that belong to their past. But today they have joyous memories to share; thanks to Agavizhi that brought them out of dark. Their handicap is not an obstacle anymore. They don't stand in street corners and beg anymore. They are not a burden to their families anymore. Yes! They have been rescued by Agavizhi and shown the path to better life.

Agavizhi [translates to "inner light"] picks the blind from the streets, from homes that cannot afford food, education or clothing. Puts them on a rehab and helps them produce incense sticks, toiletries, bath-oils and more. And even pays them for their work – Rs 3500 per month, besides providing food & shelter. Agavizhi's mission is more about giving back to the visually challenged, their lost self-esteem, a modest life and show them the way to earn their livelihood.

Adds Rajinikanth, the trustee of Agavizhi: "We have adopted 24 children, less than five years of age – all of them visually challenged. Their education, food, shelter and clothing is on us till they reach their colleges. We also sponsor the musically talented, visually impaired singers from across Tamil Nadu. We take them to temples, festivals and wedding functions so that they can perform and earn their income. We have seven staff members to assist our daily chores in our trust. The land and the trust building were sponsored by kind-hearted people." And this is not all. They give an honorable funeral to the blind brethren when they pass away.

And how did he come across Mr K Chandramohan? Rajinikanth is quick to reply, "One of our well-wishers – IGP, Mr P Nagarajan, IPS, is a good friend of Mr K Chandramohan, CMD of NTC Group. Through Mr Nagarajan, IPS, when Mr Chandramohan came to know that we needed financial support to build coach for a passenger bus chassis that we had, he readily agreed to build the coach. It was a wonderful gesture by Mr Chandramohan. His team quickly moved in and today the new bus is ready to transport our visually challenged members everywhere. This timely financial support from Mr K Chandramohan and NTC Logistics, is truly magnificent," he stops.

Rajinikanth is all of modesty, and gives the credit to his wife Umamaheswari, who is the managing trustee. "She does everything, I am just helping her," he says. They are both higher secondary teachers in a government school nearby, and they teach social studies for class 10 students. Rajinikanth spends his evenings in Agavizhi, managing the activities. He is excited that the new bus is likely to be registered for use on 30th June 2017. He is even more excited that the inaugural run of the bus will take place on the 1st of July 2017.

As long as large-hearted Chandramohans are in this world, help is just a second away for such "for the blind, by the blind" souls. Well, do you know that Rajinikanth and Umamaheswari are visually challenged too?



Mr K Chandramohan, CMD, NTC Group and Mr S Muthusamy, Director, Fleet Operations & Maintenance, seen alongside the newly built bus coach donated to Agavizhi Charitable Trust.