



**Senaapathy Kangayam**  
**Cattle Research Foundation (SKCRF)**  
(A In Situ Conservation and breeding farm)



**Annual Report**  
**2009 - 2010**



The Foundation launched its official website [www.kangayambull.com](http://www.kangayambull.com) on 15 January 2009 at its office in Kuttapalayam, Kangayam Taluk, Erode District by Shri.Sivasenapathy saminathan, Chairman of the foundation. The website contains details about the Kangayam cattle breed, Korangadu, the silvi-pastoral traditional land use pattern that is the backbone of the Kangayam breed, about the history of the Kangayam breed, maintenance of Kangayam bulls, breeding details, morphometric details of the Kangayam breed. There is also a comparison between bas indicus and bas Taurus.

On 7 April 45 teachers from Vivekalaya Matriculation School, Coimbatore along with the principal and secretary visited the foundation and the farm. They gained first hand knowledge on breeding of Kangayam cattle, use of cattle waste as inputs in agriculture , compost making and organic farming.

On 20 April 2009 Shri.Anbu Sundaranadal Swamigal of Earth Trust, Coimbatore and Ooty visited our foundation and farm staying two days to gain an improved understanding about Kangayam Breed and explained organic farming techniques to a group of farmers.



Visit by a group of teachers from Vivekalaya School, Coimbatore



Chairman of the foundation Sivasenapathy foundation , with holiness Anbu sundarananda Swamigal of the Good Earth Trust

Members of the Foundation visited the Kannapuram Car Festival and Shandy in April and May for display and



Proof of age

sale of animals bred in the foundations Farm at kuttappalayam. A stall was put up explaining salient features of the kangayam breed steps to conserve korangadu and explained natural healing cum treatment methods to the visitors

Members of the Foundation made a visit to the Andiyur Shandy in Erode District on 13 August 2009 for sale of Kangayam animals bred in the Kuttappalayam Farm. Members of the foundation met

Mr.Sivasenapathy Natarajan, President of the Bargur Hill Area Cattle Breeders Association to discuss about the conservation of the Bargur Breed at Ennamangalam, Anthiyur.



Dr. Kandasamy

On 8 September 2009, Prof.N.Kandasamy, Animal Genetics, formerly with the Tamil Nadu Veterinary College, Namakkal visited to conduct a 'Siruvatta Oliparappu' Narrow Casting by Doordharshan Programme was recorded at the Kuttappalayam

Farm. It was telecast in Doordharshan on the 13 December 2009.

Mr.A.Perumal, Farm Manager gave an interview to Doordharshan on Zero Budget Farming in the same



Mr. Perumal, Manager during a TV Shoot with Mr. C. Periyasamy

Programme. Mr. C. Periyasamy explained the various uses of Indigenous cow urine and cow dung in organic farm.

On 9 September 2009, Mr. Guy Jacob, Department of Biological Anthropology, University of



Cambridge, UK visited the Kuttappalayam Farm to learn about Kangayam Breed and Korangadu.

On 21 September 2009, Dr.V.Arivudai Nambi, Save the Eastern Ghats Organization and Mr.G.Gunadran, Auroville visited the Kuttappalayam Farm to discuss future plans of the foundation. Plans were drawn for establishment of a Kangayam Cattle Museum and Kangayam Heritage Trail. A draft brochure for the foundation was drawn and discussion held for participation in the FAO Consultation in New Delhi scheduled in October 2009.



On the same day Mr.Kathiravealu, from Vavuniya, Srilanka, secretary of the Srilankan organic farming association visited

the foundation to have a first hand knowledge on the use of cow dung and cow urine in agriculture.

During 6-8 October 2009, the Managing Trustee and two members of the Foundation participated in the Consultation in Developing a Code of Conduct for the Implementation of FAO Global Plan of Action and Convention on Biological Diversity in support of Pastoralists / Livestock



Mr. Karthikeya Sivasenapathy during the LIFE Network Consultation at the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Pusa Complex, New Delhi

Keepers for Conservation of Livestock Resources at the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS), New Delhi. The group had an opportunity to interact with a large number of government officials, non-governmental organization working on Animal Genetic Resources (AGR) and its Rights.

During 24-27 November 2009 a group of 50 farmers from Tumkur, Karnataka headed by Dr.Nagaraja, Joint Director of Animal Husbandry, Government of Karnataka, Dr.M.Rajashekar, Assistant Director, Veterinary Hospital, Dr.H.R.Nanjundappa, Assistant Director, Veterinary Hospital, Dr.Hamappa, Assistant Director, Veterinary Hospital, visited the kuttappalayam farm to learn about the Kangayam Breed, Korangadu and use of cow dung and cow urine in agriculture.



Tamilmaiyan's Kangayam Cattle Show 2010

They visited the Bull Temple in Sri Anoor Amman Temple in Palayakottai. They also visited the farm at

valliarachal to see the trial plot of banana and casuarinas – differences between organic farming and chemical farming.

In December 2009, Prof. Minoti Chakravarthy Kaul, Researcher, Institutional Analysis, Forests and Customary Law and Dr.Richard, Professor in UK visited the Kuttappalayam Farm to learn about the Kangayam Breed and Kuttappalayam. She conducted a seminar for a group of farmers (Breeders of Kangayam Cattles and owners of Korangadu).



On the 6th of February 2010, Our foundation organised a grand "Kangayam Cattle Show" under the

side lines of "Nam Tirupur Koodal 2010". The prize money for seven categorizes was sponsored by Tamil Maiyam, Chennai. The event was first of its kind and had a tremendous response from livestock keepers, breeders and the general public. The show was inaugurated by poet Kanimozhi, Member of Parliament and was felicitated by Ministers from the Government of Tamilnadu Mr. Pongalur N. Palanisami, Minister for Animal husbandary, Mr. Saminathan, Minister for Highways, Mr. Suresh Rajan, Minister for Tourism, Mr.



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Tirupur District Collector, Mr. Vidial Sekar, Mr. A.G.S. Manimaran, Mrs. Prabhavathi Periyasamy, Members of Legislative Assembly, Government of Tamil Nadu. The Managing Trustee of the foundation Mr. Karthikeya Sivasenapathy handed over the demands of the Kangayam Cattle breeders 1. establish a breeding



from conservation centre for the kangayam cattle in kangayam (in-situ conservation), 2. Steps to conserve Korangadu (silvi pasture - a traditional and unique pasture land farming system in the dry lands of Kongunadu, Tamil Nadu, India), to prevent slaughtering of Kangayam animals and to create infrastructure for the annual Kangayam Cattle Mela (Shandy) at kannapuram, Kangayam Taluk, Tirupur District, Tamil Nadu, India.



Ms. Kanimozhi Karunanidhi, Member of Parliament





From 19 february to 2 nd March the trustees of the foundation Mr.Karthikeya Sivasenapathy and Mr.Gunadaran Govindswamy participated in the National level consultation on Biodiversity held in "Khabba" Jaisalmer,Rajasthan.It was Conducted by the L.P.S. and the LIFE network of which SKCRF is a part.

A group of farmers and trustees from the Muthumalai Reddiar Trust near Chennai were brought to the foundation by Mr.V.Palaniswamy Trustee, SKCRF to understand the use of cow dung and urine in farming to also know about the uniqueness of 'Korangadu'.



Dr.Arivudainambi,Principal Scientist ,trustee SKCRF and Mr.G.Sundar, Director of R.M.R.L, Chennai stayed at the foundation from 08 to 10 March to document certain Traditional knowledge systems associated with the Kangayam breed and Korangadu.An extensive visit was undertaken to the foundations "Korangadu" and

other places like "Kannapuram" (1300 year old Temple and Cattle shandy exclusively meant for Kangayam breed), Visited the Bull Temple, few other Korangadu for documentation and photography. Plans were made to publish articles in international magazines on the breed and its unique character.



Dr. Ilse, Founder, LIFE Network International, LPP, Germany

Mr.Karthikeya Sivasenapathy and Mr.Gunadharan Govindswamy visited Chennai to conduct discussion with



Discussion with Mecheri sheep keeper at Veerasolapuram village

Dr.Arivudaina mbi and Mr.G.Sundar to make plans for applying for a side event in the (Convention on Biological

Diversity),Conference of Parties 12 to be held in New Delhi India.

We had arranged a visit for Dr.Ilse Kohler Rollefson of "League For Pastoral People and Endogenous



Dr. Ilse with Mr. Anand pothipalayam

Livestock Development" from Germany, Founder and Global Coordinator LIFE Network, to our foundation. She was a guest of SKCRF from 25 March to

2nd April. She was joined in the trip by Mr. Devaprakash, Trustee, SKCRF, and Karthikeya Sivasenapathy, Managing Trustee, SKCRF & Secretary, Palluyir Foundation

On the 26 th she was taken to Pothipalayam village where she could learn about the ancient local system of "Aachi Madu" in Kongu region.It is a system where a lady is given a "Kangayam Cow" as gift by her parents after her delivery.The heifers of the said cow



Mrs. Thilagavathy with her 'Aachi Madu'

are continuously kept within the family for years together.There is a lot of sentiment attached to the cow and is given preferential treatment,love and care.Dr.Ilse was immensely pleased to see the fourth generation of the cow given by the parents of Mrs.Thilagavathy Jegadesan whose daughter is now 22 years old.Her daughter assured Dr.ilse that she would take with her the "Aachi Madu".It is customary that the cow or heifer of the mother goes to the daughter in the family.

The documentation of Mr.Vivekanandhan a passionate livestock keeper of the same village for the natural service provided by his bull for the past 15 years astonished the visitors.He also mentioned that after the "Kangayam Cattle Show 2010" conducted by this foundation there has been 3 fold increase for his bulls natural service as his was awarded the 2 nd prize in the young bulls category.



Dr. Ilse was fascinated by Mrs. Soundaram Ramaswamy, locally known in her village Punjai Thaliyur,near Mulanoor, as the "Bull Lady" who rears 5 nos of bulls for livelihood.It was a wonderful sight to watch the bulls running towards her like children after she whistled for

them. Later Dr.Ilse and team visited the "Sankarandampalayam Kaavidi" a bio cultural event linked intrinsically with the "Kongu Nadu" where people carrying pots of water to the lord Muruga Temple in Palani walk with their 'Kangayam Bulls" and bullock carts.It is a religious event which cannot be conducted without the "Kangayam Cattle" at its helm.



Bio Cultural Event

27 late evening Dr. ilse, Mr. Devaprakash and Mr. Karthikeya Sivasenapathy arrived at Bargur after meeting Mr.Nachimuthu Gounder of

Dhoni Madavu Thottam, who has one of the best herds of Bargur cattle. "Palluyir' foundation assisted in the creation of "Bargur Hill Cattle Breeders Association". Mr.Sivasenapathy Natarajan Secretary and Mr.Kenjappan president of B.H.C.B.A. Joined Dr.ilse and team at Anthiyur.



Dr. Ilse with a Bargur Live stock keepers family



A herd of Bargur Cattle

Dr.Ilse was shown around the "Patti" meaning Penning areas and had a improved understanding of the problems faced by the "Lingayats community" in preserving and conserving their breed.The Livestock keepers immediate problems are "Lantana Camara" an invasive alien species which has spread all over the grazing areas and removal of penning permits.

The next day Dr. Kandaswamy former professor of Animal Genetics,Tamilnadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University,joined the team and Dr. Ilse was shown a pastorlist community called the "Kurumbai Aadu"



Kurubai Gounder community live stock keeping lady involved in blanket weaving

Maintained by the "Kurumbai grounders" of the sulur and other areas adjoining coimbatore.They move with their sheep up to 400 to 500 kilometres for fodder and get paid by farmers for penning at their farms.

On 31 Dr.Ilse,Dr.Kandaswamy and Mr.Karthikeya Sivasenapathy travelled to Kerala to visit the Vechur conservation Trust. "Vechur is a native cattle of Kerala.The team visited few livestock keepers and the trust until the 2 nd of April.Dr.Ilse was seen off by the trustees



Prof. Soosama & Prof. Iype of Vechur Conservation Trust, Kerala

from the Cochin International airport. the year 2009-2010 comes to an wonderful end.

### List of Cows & Bulls issued by the foundation

SI No	Name and Address	Male	Female
1	Mr. Krishnan, Peravarani, Nagapattinam	1	5
2	Mr. Shakthi, Kannapalayam, Sulur, Coimbatore		2
3	Mr. Ramu, Centre for Scientific Research, Auroville,	2	
4	Mr. Ramachandran, Aranthagi, Pudukottai	1	2
5	Mr. Magudapathy, Kodumudi, Erode		2
6	Mr. Prakash, Jaycee Higher Secondary School, Coimbatore		1
7	Mr. Vijayaraghavan, Thondamuthur, Coimbatore		2
8	Mr. Muthusamy, Correspondent, Vellar College, Erode		1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>

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