

Nambikkai—A Street Play by Nalmdana

Dear Friends:

The first show for the Nambikkai--Tsunami Rehabilitation project will be staged at Thuraipakkam, Chennai on the evening of March 15th. Time- around 6 p.m. pre play entertainment. 7 to 8 p.m. play. Post play interaction will happen.

This is where some 500 plus families affected by the wave from different fishing kuppams along Chennai coast are re-located by the Government. These people lived in rented huts along the shore very close to the sea. But they got left out of all rehab doles as the owners of the huts grabbed most of the goodies.

This group was identified by some volunteer organizations who have contacted us and requested us for a show. Their children are at present out of school, as distance to and from this area to original schools are too much for the families to handle... without resources. So many problems which need solutions.

Nalmdana's play will address some issues concerning women and children... will be mostly along fun lines... as we entertain and educate. We have members of the Chennai Counselling Forum- ready to hold group counseling after the play- at a mutually fixed location... so public and friends are welcome for the play... but not for the private counselling session.

For details of time and location please contact me/ office- 24960885/ 24960772.

Or call - jeeva- at 94440-28060 or
Raviraaj- 94440-28070.

We are keen to partner your organization and cover your areas... during the ensuing months. After testing the script and including many scenes based on needs- in different locations, we could create short films that could be screened by other orgns. as part of training.... so ideas are welcome.

Please share this mail with whoever is interested. second pilot show will happen later this month at a fishing hamlet- also followed by counselling.

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