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Actually, let us say to *attempt* to keep order in the records, as the TOS has a policy of minimising administrative expenses in order to devote the maximum of donations to its educational and humanitarian work. This means that there is no paid employee except an accountant receiving a modest honorarium. All the work of processing and

filing the applications for membership, preparing diplomas in beautiful handwriting (with occasional help), obtaining the treasurer's signature and sending the diplomas on to the regional secretaries falls on the shoulders of the National Secretary. (During his administration, Brother Nair tackled the task of computerising the records. Even so, the names and particulars of new members are still also entered by hand in a traditional membership register. The task of modernisation is an ongoing one: nine regions have not turned in their latest membership figures.)

Membership record keeping is only the first task of the Secretary, along with minute-taking at meetings and the like. He or she also has to:

- * prepare the TOS Annual Report which in India runs to close to 150 pages (!)
- * correspond with the many regional secretaries, encouraging and supporting them in their work
- * help to plan and run the four zonal conferences per year
- * identify institutions suitable for financial assistance after natural calamities and follow up with on-site visits to evaluate progress
- * prepare and send an Annual Return to the Registrar of Societies.

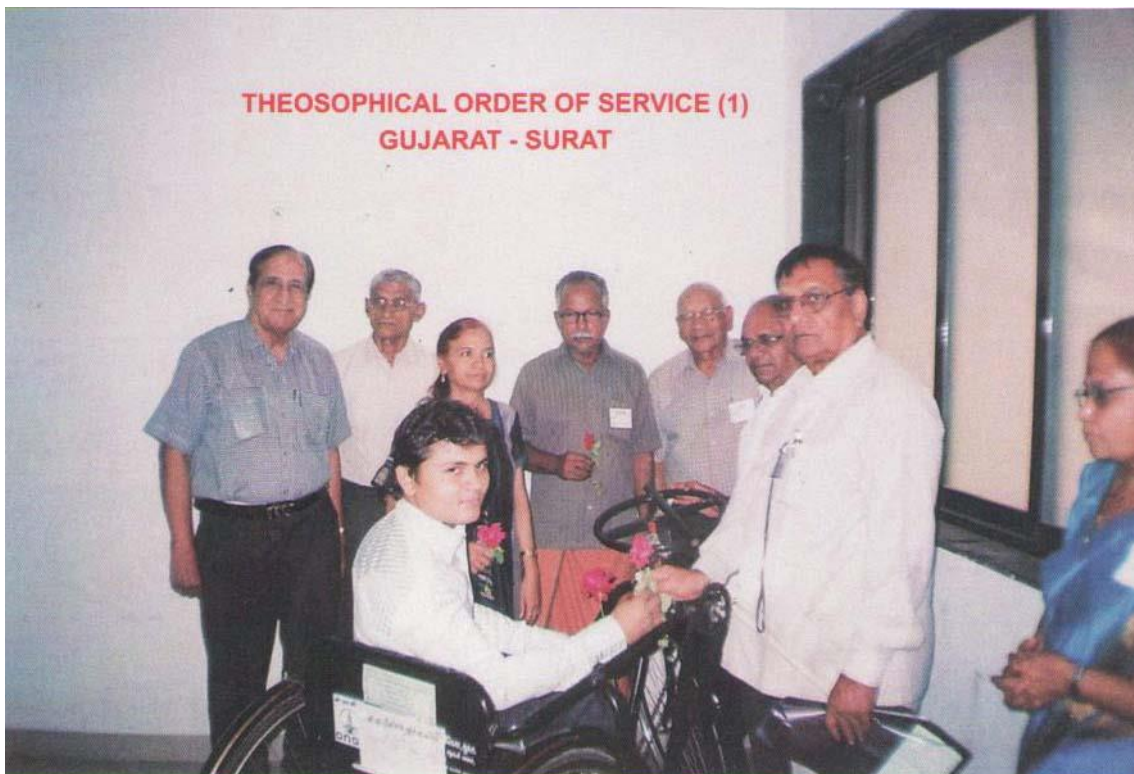
We wish Dr Nair a happy retirement, thanking him for his meticulous and devoted work. Of course retirement is relative in our brother's case as he is remaining a member of the Executive Committee of both the TOS and TS in India and will be doing a little more travelling for the TOS this year! We warmly welcome his successor to the role of National Secretary, Bro. K. Sivaprasad of Hyderabad.



Attending a veterinary camp at Guwahati, Assam in 2013-14



Mobility aid distribution in Guwahati, Assam, 2013-14



Distribution of mobility aids



South Zone Conference at Guntur, Rayalaseema Region 2011



In 2016, Brother Nair visited Durga Public School, Uttarakasi, Uttarakhand to verify the utilisation of funds provided to help rebuild the school in the wake of devastating flooding in mid-2013. This coming June, Bro. Nair will accompany Bro. B. L. Bhattacharya on a follow-up visit to a school the TOS sponsors in Srinagar, the largest city in the state of Jammu and Kashmir. The TOS provided the school with 210,000 rupees to rebuild after flooding in 2014.



Dr Nair during a visit to Odisha Region in 2014



South Zone TOS Conference in Kerala 2014