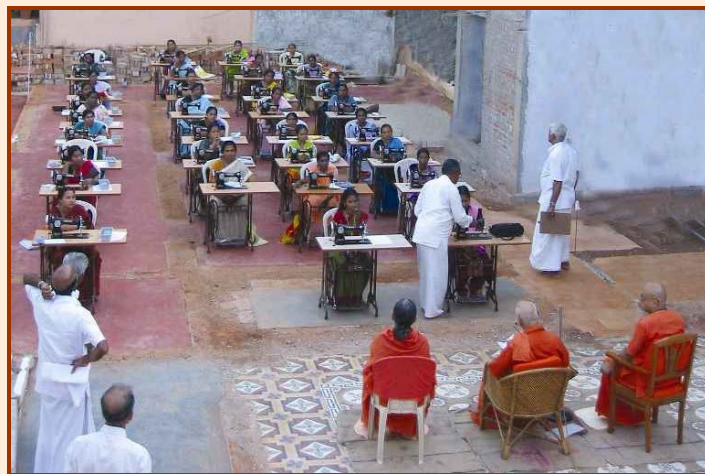


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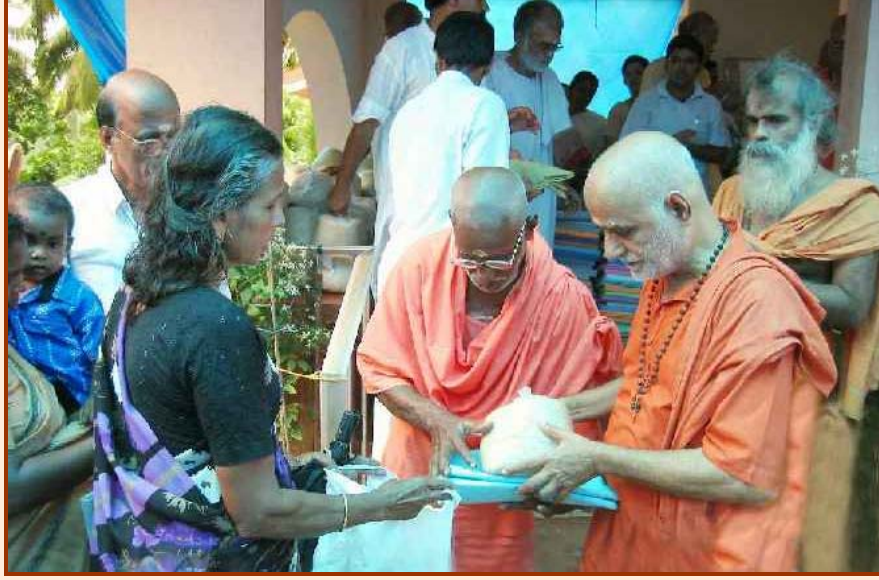
A benevolent event, sponsored by many people, aiming to benefit the society at large, constitutes a Satra. Anna-vastra Daana Satra is not just to help the recipients materially. Daana awareness instilled in countless men and women the world over, enriches the society with fellow-feeling and long-term harmony. The Anna-vastra Daana Satra was started in 1985 with such an aim.



*Mataji Shanta Devi gifting cloth and rice packet.
(Daana Satra 2005. Venue: Vyasa Tapovanam)*



*Gifting sewing machines to indigent ladies for self-employment.
(Daana Satra 2005. Venue: Narayanashrama Tapovanam)*



*Swami Purushothama Tirthaji and Swami Bhoomananda Tirthaji
distributing rice packets and sarees.
Also seen in the photo is Brahmaṛshi Devapalan.
(Daana Satra 2005. Venue: Narayanashrama Tapovanam)*

न भूप्रदानं न सुवर्णदानं न गोप्रदानं न तथात्रदानम् ।
यथा वदन्तीह महाप्रदानं सर्वेषु दानेष्वभयप्रदानम् ॥

(सुभाषितम्)

*na bhū-pradānaṃ na suvarṇa-dānaṃ
na go pradānaṃ na tathānnadānam |
yathā vadantīha mahā-pradānam
sarveṣu dāneṣvabhaya-pradānam ||*

(subhāṣitam)

*It is said that neither giving land, nor giving gold, cow or food will equal
the 'great gift of fearlessness' (by imparting spiritual wisdom).
Of all daanas, **abhaya-daana** is supreme.*