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District Collector of Cuddalore, Gagan Bedi Singh inaugurated the Village Center for Women and Creative Center of Learning for Children in Cuddalore today. The Centre, which is an Oxfam India/Svaraj initiative, will be a unit for disseminating information regarding weather forecasts, relief and rehabilitation efforts by the government, and provide villagers with an opportunity to access these programmes easily.

Mr Bedi who addressed the gathering, encouraged women in Self Help Groups to undergo training in computer operations. Mr. Bedi announced that similar information centres will be opened at Rasapettai, Sothikuppam, Singarathoppu, and Akkaraikori. He urged the people to support Oxfam India/Svaraj's initiatives and utilise the services provided by it.

The president of the Women's Self Help Group, Mrs. Raja Lakshmi, Director Designate Oxfam India/Svaraj, Ms. Bharti Patel, Help Age India Director, Mr. Doss, Director MNTN, Mr. Rajendran, Social Welfare Officer, Grace Annabhai were present at the event.