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District Collector Cuddalore, Gagan Bedi Singh inaugurated the Village Information Centre at Thazanguda, Cuddalore that was jointly built by Oxfam India/Svaraj and MNTN. The Village Information Centre will accommodate a Centre for Women and Children and the Fisherwomen's Sangha. Oxfam India/Svaraj will train local women in the use of computers and internet knowledge.

Mr. Bedi while addressing the gathering congratulated both Oxfam India/Svaraj and MTNL for their splendid efforts. He encouraged villagers to take up fishing activities once again, and work towards rebuilding their lives as soon as possible.

Director Designate Oxfam India/Svaraj, Bharti Patel and MNTN Director Rajendran also spoke a few words on the occasion.

On the same day, Help Age India and MNTN inaugurated two Sanghas for senior citizens and a mobile medical unit, which were flagged off by Mr. Gagan Bedi.

Others present at the event were Thazagunda Panchayat President, Amrithalingam and S.S. Ranganathan.