

Children's Resource Centre

April 2011

About: Timbaktu Collective, under its 'Child Rights program - **Chiguru**' has been running the Children's Resource Centre at Chenna kothapalli (CK Palli) village with an aim to provide free access to various learning and development resources to the children of Prakruti Badi, Timbaktu Badi, nearby Government/private schools in CK Palli village, junior college, children's clubs and youth. The facilities include a library, computer facilities, arts and crafts facilities. It also hosts various events and festivals. Asha-Bangalore has supported this initiative that benefits more than 350 children and youth monthly.



Library :

Prakruti Badi runs regular library classes for its 70 children using the library. This month there were 10 library classes (vs 25) due to the preparations for the Annual Day, exams for Grade 7 and fewer working days. More than 100 children came to the library to read the 7 daily news papers everyday, in addition to youth and others who came to the library.

Events:

'Ambedkar Jayanthi' was celebrated on 14th April. For such events CRC organizes lot of material and newspaper cuttings and makes them available for users. This time material on life and work of Dr. Ambedkar was collected and displayed in the notice board of the CRC. Children and users of CRC found it informative and useful.



Stock taking Books:

April is the end of academic year and the start of summer vacation, all those books issued to the children were collected back and taken stock of. Children who expressed keen interest to read books in the vacation time were issued books. 30 books were bounded this month as part of upkeep and maintenance of books.

Computer resources:

The computers at the CRC purchased last year have been helping children and teachers to learn and better their computers skills. The internet connection has a boon and is useful as a teaching and learning resource. Teachers have also used the computers for report making. Children of Grade 1 to 5 have seen films on Charlie Chaplin, mythological characters like Bheemudu, Bakasurudu, etc. Children also watched a film on the Mongol invasion of China - all part of their learning.

Children of the schools are going for an exposure visit in May. In connection with that children with guidance of teachers, using the internet – (Google maps) mapped their routes and searched for the places of interest and educational exposure in cities of Bangalore and Mysore. This is the first time such an activity was done.

Arts and Crafts:

The young trainees have stitched 41 dresses for the girls at Timbaktu Badi, the material were supported by a local charity. They have also made 20 therapy aids for the 'Balamilitha' – children with disability program. It consisted of bags with special design,

which are filled with sand and used in the therapy exercises. 80 handkerchiefs finish was also done this month.

Wood Work:

Two new models of bangle stand were also introduced this month. These were based on the designs available on the internet. 5 such articles were made. Similarly based on the designs available in the net, 2 new models of pen stands were tried out. 20 such pieces were made. Glass painting was also a new work that was introduced this month and 10 pieces were created.



Screen Printing :

800 paper bags which were made by children were also screen printed. These were to be gifted to the Mysore Zoological Gardens. Similarly 400 bags which were stitched last month at CRC for Dharani Farmer's cooperative Ltd were also screen printed this month.

Others:

More than 50 Children come to the CRC and played various indoor games like carroms, chess, connect 4 etc and also used the swings and slide. The summer vacation has given them more time to spend at the centre. 33 visitors from Naandi Foundation visited CRC and were thoroughly impressed by the quality of resources made available to children.

