ASHA IMPRESSIONS 2019 SITE VISIT AND REPORT.

On 25th April 2019, at PUPS Velagapuram Asha Impressions 2019 was held where Ramakrishnan and Sriram were part of the panel of the judges.

There were two sections of the program.

1. Presentations were judged by Ramakrishnan and two others in the panel.
2. Scratch programming by students judged by Sriram and two others in the panel.

It was very well conducted and the participations were very encouraging from the various schools.

The nos were just mind boggling and we received 90 presentations and finally choose 11 nominations out of these for the final selection of the awards.

The students who were nominated represented with their school teachers to the function and showcased in front of the panel of judges.

It was extremely difficult for the judges to pick the best three from these, but by far the students opened up well and demonstrated to their best ability.

A lot could be seen in terms of the preparation by the teachers from early January 2019.

One good observation was the display of excellent team work and the dedication of each team member in the project and the untiring support from the teachers in moulding these children to be able to come on stage and present. I got reminded of my school days when the fear of walking up to the stage was so bad that at times words did not flow as required and we invariably miss out to present properly.

This was not the case with the teams who were nominated for 2019 workshop. I would also like to appreciate the support and cooperation extended by the school management in helping conduct such a huge program.

Children and teachers travelled from various schools in Thiruvalur for this event.

The local authorities did their contributions by being present and encouraged each and every student. This displays the zeal and enthusiasm and the wholehearted support that the Education department has.

In spite of the schools being closed for annual vacation all the team members of the 11 groups were present and took time out to participate in this annual event.

Scratch competition:

- Six projects shortlisted for final presentation from a total of 90+ projects

- The six shortlisted projects were done by students from 6th to 8th std from 4 schools -Manjakuppam, Ramenjeri, Odappai and Aayakolathur

- A total of 35 students from these 6 projects participated in the final presentation

- The Overall quality of the shortlisted projects was pretty high. Many of the students had a good understanding of Scratch programming.

- It was apparent that a lot of work had gone into developing these projects

- The three winning projects stood out above the rest and also demonstrated teamwork through participation of multiple team members

We would like to thank "ASHA for Education Chennai Chapter" for giving us this opportunity to be part of this great event.

Great Initiative and a great cause in motivating the children in the Govt schools.