

GLOVIS SANGAMAM PROJECT REPORT - AUG-SEPT 2017

Glovis Sangamam project continues supporting 12 schools in the Poondi block of Thiruvallur district. Here is a report of the various activities that took place during August and September 2017.

Completion of Term I

Term I ended for all the schools on the 22nd of the month. Assessments were conducted in the week preceding that. From 23rd Sept to 2nd Oct were holidays for the schools. We had planned a couple of our teacher training programmes during those days.

Educational and Sports Materials Distribution

Most of the educational and sports materials for the schools were distributed in June/July. Some of the remaining materials were distributed in August/September. These included couple of Math kits from Jodo Gyan, Dust bin, some more mats, Pallankuzhi sets, etc. These were purchased and distributed to the schools during these two months.

Blackboard Painting

The blackboards at the schools need to be repainted once a year or even more depending on their use. Besides the blackboard all the classes in primary schools typically have scribble area all around the classroom to a height of 2.5 Feet. These also need to be repainted. We engaged painters to do this work at all the supported schools. These got completed in early September.

Click [here](#) to see photos from this.

Teacher Training and Meetings

English training through Emails is happening regularly. We have been sending weekly assignments to the teachers. The teachers responses are corrected by a group of mentors. This provides the teachers a regular opportunity to continue improving their English.

Besides this, we have two teachers identified, Radhika and Nathiya for observing and improving the teaching by all our teachers in English and Maths respectively. They have been going for regular observation trips to the schools and been sending reports on their

observations. They have also been conducting training session on the second Saturday of every month. These have been attended by the weaker teachers.

Another regular feature that has been added this year is that we have made our meetings with all teachers a little more structured. These are conducted on the last Saturday of every month. It was held on the 23rd of September as we had the training in Chennai on the 30th. Since there are over 30 teachers at Thiruvallur, we have been holding these all teacher meetings at various schools. In August this was held at our school at Thandalam. In September it was held at Kosavanpalayam. Both these schools graciously hosted all our teacher for these days.

During these trainings we have teachers themselves take up various activities like showing some science experiments, teaching the teachers some craft activities that can potentially be done in schools with children, etc. We also get 3 teachers in random to demonstrate how they teach in their class some lesson that they have taught in the last couple of weeks in their school/class. These meetings have been a great success both in terms of getting the teachers involved and the interactions two way instead of just from the trainer to the teachers.

Like last year we are having training session by external trainer at the beginning of each term. The RightStart training in May was also the training for Term I. The training sessions for term II was held on Sept 30th (English) and Oct 2nd (Maths). The English training was conducted by Mrs. Jayashree Arun, a senior teacher at P.S. Senior Secondary School and the Maths training was conducted by Mrs. Meena Suresh and Mrs. Kalyani from Ramanujan Museum and Centre for Math Resources. These training sessions focused on what the teachers need to teach in the upcoming second term.

Click [here](#) to see photos from this event.

Repair of Toilets at Gandhigram and Nemiliagaram

Toilets at two of the schools covered by Project Sangamam were also repaired as part of Project Sugadharam. These are covered in more details in the Sugadharam project report.

Click [here](#) to see photos from these.

Gandhigram Kitchen Garden

Hyundai Glovis has decided to setup kitchen gardens at schools to improve the nutrition of the children in the schools. They decided to start with Gandhigram, a very poor tribal village in Poondi Block where we are supporting the school. They wanted the kitchen garden they have setup to not just be a source of good nutrition but also a place of beauty that the school and the children feel proud of and enjoy.

They are working with another NGO Cheer to implement this. The kitchen garden was built over the end of Sept / early Oct. This was opened and dedicated to the school on Oct 12th. As you can see from the photos they have really created something beautiful at the school for the children. The children and their parents have been roped in to maintain the garden and protect it.

In addition to this Mr. Joo Min, the MD of Hyundai Glovis, through his personal capacity also donated health kits for all the children from Gandhigram. They are also planning to do more for the village like run an evening centre for the children, provide things like water, electricity for the village etc. as part of their CSR efforts.

Click [here](#) to see the photos of this effort so far.

Upcoming Events

Term II will start at all the school on Oct 3rd the day after our teacher training.

We will be purchasing and distributing another set of uniforms and health kits to the children at all the schools. We talked to the teachers and the common preference was to get uniforms for the children like we had given last time.

The completion of the kitchen garden at Gandhigram was done on Oct 12th. This was already covered in this report.

Eye camp is being conducted at all the schools from Oct 9th to 13th.

The teacher training and the teaching of computer science at the schools will continue. Other things like observation visits by Radhika and Nathiya and the volunteers will also continue.

We will be giving teacher kits (sarees, blouses etc.) to all the teachers around Deepavali.

We will setup libraries at our schools and where there is already a library, we will be augmenting it with more books.

Asha will be conducting Oral assessments at all our supported schools.