

# **GLOVIS SANGAMAM PROJECT REPORT - DEC 2017 - JAN 2018**

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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 December 2017 and January 2018.

## End of Term II and start of Term III

Thankfully there weren't much interruption to the education schedule this year Term II unlike the last couple of years. So the schools held the SA3 assessments during the week of Dec 16<sup>th</sup> and then closed for Winter vacation as planned from Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> to Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Term III has now started.

## Students Materials Distribution

We had given students sports costumes at the 8 schools we supported last year. This was only given in June as we got delayed with this last year. Therefore we thought it would be better to give something else to the children this year at these 8 schools. After talking to the HMs at the schools, we decided on giving the children chappals and umbrellas. At the 4 new schools which didn't receive the sports costume, the HMs preferred to give the children the sports costume. In addition we also had enough money in the budget to also give all the children a health/hygiene kit. This kit contained a toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, comb and hair oil.

Volunteers from Hyundai Glovis and Asha visited all the 6 schools in the Thiruvallur Thirutani stretch and distributed the materials on Jan 5<sup>th</sup>. Materials had been distributed to the other 6 schools on Jan 4<sup>th</sup>. We had informed the schools that Mr. Joo Min had retired as the MD of Hyundai Glovis and a new MD was taking over. The teachers from the schools also had the children make small mementoes for Mr. Joo Min. The efforts taken by the children from some of the schools was touching. This showed the amount of impact this project has at these schools.

Click [here](#) to see the Asha news article and photos from these distributions.

## Teacher Training and Meetings

Term III teacher training for all Asha Chennai teachers was held at Olcott Memorial School at Chennai on 27<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018. Mrs. Meena Suresh and Mrs. Kalyani from Ramanujan Museum and Math resource centre conducted the training. All the teachers from Thiruvallur also participated in this session.

Besides this our regular teacher training schedule is continuing. Weekly English assignments are given to the teachers. Radhika and Nathiya are conducting English and Maths training for weaker teachers. Our monthly meetings are conducted on the last Saturday of every month at various schools and teachers are presenting various things during the meetings like science experiments, craft demonstrations, how they teach various lessons, etc.

Click [here](#) to see pictures from the teacher training session held on Dec 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### Repair of Toilets at Anandheri and Ammambakkam

Toilets at these two schools covered by Project Sangamam were repaired as part of Project Sugadharam. These are covered in more details in the Sugadharam project report. In addition an old dilapidated toilet was demolished at Nemiliagaram to increase the space available for the play ground.

#### School Libraries

The effort to identify the suitable books for the libraries has more or less been completed. The books we will be purchasing will include,

- Tulika Books.
- NBT/CBT books.
- Karadi Tales.
- Books from Pratham and AID India (Eureka books).
- English reading cards from Orient Blackswan.
- Dora books.
- Books from Misc publishers seen at the book fair.

For this purpose we also sponsored a trip for the teachers to the book fair. We also wanted to improve the culture of book reading among the teachers. We have to now purchase the books and setup the libraries. We have also placed the order for the bureaus for the libraries.

In addition we looked at the various options available at Annanagar. We have finally decided that building another room for the library at the school ground itself would be the best option. This has been made as a separate proposal to Hyundai Glovis.

#### Written Assessment

We have been conducting written assessments for all our supported schools in February. We will be doing the same this year as well. The

preparatory work of finalizing the assessments for various classes etc. have been completed.

### Technology and Education

Our efforts on Technology and Education are continuing. Our computer teachers are continuing to go to the various schools to teach the children computer science as well as teaching Maths, English and other subjects through innovative contents on the computers.

Like last year, this year too our teachers are training the student teams made from 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> std students to create presentations using Openoffice Impress. In addition this year we are also training children from middle school classes 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> to create projects using the programming language Scratch. These will be judged and the best presentations and projects will be recognized.

The contents available with the teachers is continuing to be enhanced. We have recently updated the contents with the latest videos from Khan Academy. We have also added videos from Youtube that are suitable for EVS and Science lessons. These enhancements are continuing to happen.

### Upcoming Events

Books and bureaus are being purchased for the school libraries. They will be distributed to the schools and the libraries setup soon.

Written assessments will be conducted in Feb at all our schools. Grading of the assessments will also be started and we hope to finish that by March.

Schools that have more than 80 students have been asked to conduct their annual day functions before the end of February. Some of our schools will also be conducting the annual day functions next month. Smaller schools will be conducting it later.