

# **GLOVIS SANGAMAM PROJECT REPORT - MAR / APR 2017**

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Glovis Sangamam project is continuing to support the 8 schools in Thiruvallur Dist. Here is a report of the various activities that took place during April and May 2017.

## Assessments Analysis

The assessments and the grading were completed by March. We prepared reports for every school. These were printed and handed over to the schools by the end of April. The school reports can be accessed by clicking the school name and then going into each class from the following link: [http://45.56.79.245/school\\_avgs?year=2017](http://45.56.79.245/school_avgs?year=2017).

We have also done analysis of the performance of the school against external factors. We have tentatively found that the performance of a school is strongly correlated with good teacher - student ratio. We have also found that the performance is negatively correlated with percentage of tribal population in the school, and the size of the school. We have also found no correlation with the infrastructure at the school (based on the RTE score) and whether the strength of the school is increasing or decreasing.

## End of the School Year

The school was originally scheduled to end by the end of the month of April. However because of the high summer heat, they decided to close all the schools one week earlier. The schools closed by April 21<sup>st</sup>. This threw a lot of our plans into confusion. We couldn't conduct the annual day functions in many of the schools. Our teachers had planned to conduct their own SA3 tests in their classes. This also could not be done. Finally we had planned to distribute T-shirts and shorts / skirts to the school children along with the annual day functions. This also could not be done. The distribution of these will now be done during the new academic year.

## Sports Dress for the children

The sports dress for the children got delayed and we finally received them only by the 20<sup>th</sup> of April. This was too late for us to distribute the dresses to the children at the schools as the schools also closed early. We will be distributing these to the new students at these schools once they reopen in June.

## Annual day functions

Because of the early closure of the schools, many of the schools couldn't conduct the annual day functions. The following schools did conduct the functions: PUMS Ramanjeri, PUPS Thomur, PUPS Kuppammal Chathiram and PUPS Gandhigram. Mr. Joo Min and others from Hyundai Glovis also participated in the annual day function at PUMS Ramanjeri.

### Teacher Training and RightStart 2017

The teachers had their TET exams around the end of April. We trained the teachers for these exams. The results are still awaited. Mrs. Jayashree Arun our English trainer also took a class on English grammar for all the Thiruvallur teachers on 26<sup>th</sup> April.

From May 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> Asha conducted its annual teacher training programme at IIT Madras. Two days of Maths training by Ramanujan Museum and two days of English training by Mrs. Jayashree Arun was conducted. There was also half a day of computer training by our own staff Mohan on using computers. See below for the last day functions of RightStart 2017.

### Computer Training and Asha Impressions

Asha Chennai has been sending 10 computer teachers to primary schools in the Poondi Block of Thiruvallur District including all the Glovis Sangamam schools. The computer teachers teach basics of using computers to the children as well as teach them their curriculum subjects (esp English and Maths) using innovative contents in the computers.

Children from 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> standard have been learning OpenOffice. Since January they have been organized into teams creating presentations using OpenOffice Impress. Eight best teams were selected and invited to Chennai on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May. This is the Asha Impressions competition.

On May 28<sup>th</sup> 40 children from top 8 teams were brought to IIT. This included the following Glovis Sangamam schools: Kuppammal Chathiram, Pattarai Perumbudur, Ramanjeri and Thomur. Nemiliagam which is going to be part of Glovis Sangamam from 2017-18 was also selected.

These teams presented their work to a panel of 4 judges and the winners were selected. In the evening a common function for Asha Impressions and RightStart was held with Prof. Bhaskar Ramamurthi, the director of IIT Madras as the chief guest. Mr. Joo Min, the

Managing Director of Hyundai Glovis also graced the occasion as the special guest.

In this event certificates were given to the teachers who participated in the RightStart teacher training and prizes were given to the winning teams in Asha Impressions. One of the Glovis Sangamam schools, Ramanjeri, won the second prize.

Click here to see photos from this programme:

<https://goo.gl/photos/7aTXr11Ny4LveCFX6>

Teacher Hiring

We have hired all the teachers required for the new academic year in May. These new teachers could also attend the RightStart teacher training.

### Upcoming Events

Schools reopened on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June. Initial 1 month there are a lot of administrative work, new enrollment, distributing the materials given by the government etc. There have also been a lot of changes in the officials in the education department (AEO, DEO etc.). Our teachers including the computer teacher will start their work at the schools on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June.

There will be the annual teacher evaluation test conducted on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June.

Three more schools in Poondi block which are already funded by Asha

We plan to enhance the computer teaching at the middle schools. For children who have already been trained on Open Office the last one year, we intend to expose them to programming. We are planning to teach them programming using Blockly to control a small Robot (OSOBOT). This should be a fun exercise for the children. We have started the process.