

# **GLOVIS SANGAMAM PROJECT REPORT - AUG 2018 - SEPT 2018**

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Glovis Sangamam project continues to support 60 schools in Poondi and Ellapuram blocks. Here is a report of the various activities that took place during August and September 2018.

## **End of Term I and Start of Term II**

The first term ended by Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> and Term II started on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>. Summative assessments were held at all the schools for the first term. With the change from ABL to the new Pedagogy methodology, the education department has been asking the schools to set their own papers at the level of the children. Most of the schools set their own papers.

## **Hiring**

Hiring effort continued through the months of August and September. Two of our first computer teachers Thangamani and Sailaja rejoined us this year. Asha Chennai got into computer education in 2008 when Inautix gave 60 used computers to all Asha supported schools. At Thiruvallur we hired Thangamani to be our computer teacher at all the 7 schools that we supported at that time. She left Asha 5 years back. She got married and now has two children and wanted to come back to Asha Chennai. Sailaja and Santhasophya were our second attempt at computer teaching. Then along with a couple of other teachers were made computer teachers. They started the mapping work for the Asha Kanini app which is not being used by all our schools. They also started formalizing the assessments back in 2015. She took a break from work when she had a child. Her child is now two years old and she has returned back to Asha. We also hired one more computer teacher, Nirmala to go to Nelvoy, Kunjaram and Vellathukottai. We hired a regular teacher Soundarya to teach at Athivakkam.

## **Materials for Schools**

Stationery and Sports materials were purchased and distributed to 53 schools in August. All the materials arrived at our office by 13<sup>th</sup> August. Some 5 teachers were roped in to do the sorting work. The materials were delivered to most of the schools on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. We were planning to have a distribution function at 5 schools on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August. However because of the demise of later Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the schools were closed on that day. We decided to postpone the function to the 20<sup>th</sup> of August.

Rubini and staff from Glovis (Bharath, Ahmad and Rueben) attended the distribution function at the following schools: PUMS Manjakuppam, PUPS Gandhigramam, PUPS Kosavanpalayam, PUPS New Thirupatchur and PUPS Old Thirupatchur. Other than Gandhigramam, all the other schools are newly brought under Glovis Sangamam project this year.



Click [here](#) to see a full report on the distribution.

### **Play Area for Gandhigramam**

From the excess amount in 2017-18, we had planned to construct play areas for two schools. We had selected the schools at Gandhigramam and Annanagar for this as these are very poor Irular hamlets. The work at Annanagar got delayed because of the delay in the construction of the library. At Gandhigramam this was also completed by the 14<sup>th</sup> of August and this was also inaugurated on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August when staff from Glovis visited the school for the distribution of materials.



Click [here](#) to see a full report on the Gandhigram play area inauguration.

### **Name boards for Schools**

We have been putting up name boards at all the Glovis supported schools. We have completed this effort at about 20 schools at this time and will complete this work gradually over the next couple of months. The name board identifies that the school is supported by Hyundai Glovis and Asha Chennai. These are 1.5 feet by 1 foot Acrylic boards. Since the board also identifies the school, they have been individually made for all the 60 schools.



## **Teacher Training**

Our Term II teacher training was held during the holidays. On 26<sup>th</sup> Sept English training was held at Olcott Memorial School. Then on Oct 1<sup>st</sup> Maths training was held at the same venue. Most of the Thiruvallur teachers travelled to Chennai to attend the training. The English session was conducted by Mrs. Jayashree Arun, a senior teacher at PS Senior Secondary School, Mylapore. The Maths session was conducted by Mrs. Meena and Mrs. Kalyani from Ramanujan Museum and Centre for Math Resources. The sessions went well and the teachers benefitted from the training.



Click [here](#) to see a full report on the Term II training. Note that Maths and English kits aligned to the training have been provided to all the schools where our regular teachers attend.

Our online English training is continuing regularly. We send a grammar and a reading comprehension assignment every week. The responses from the teachers are corrected and feedback sent by 6 mentors. Local training in Thiruvallur conducted by Radhika in English and Nathiya in Maths was conducted in August but could not be conducted in September because of the tight schedule. Besides these the regular monthly meetings were held on Sept 1<sup>st</sup> at New Thirupatchur and on Sept 29<sup>th</sup> at the newly built Annanagar library. Rubini also attended the monthly meeting on Sept 1<sup>st</sup>.



## **Site Visits**

Both Rubini and Rajaraman visited several schools during this period. See below a couple of photos from Rubini's visits. Rajaram's site visit is covered in a detailed [site visit report](#).



## **Annanagar Library**

The construction activities completed finally by the middle of September. There were work both outside the building and inside the building. We were hoping to complete it in a couple of weeks and have the inauguration by Sept 29<sup>th</sup>. However because of heavy rains in the area in late September, we couldn't complete these works as planned. We finally completed all the work and inaugurated the library on Oct 13<sup>th</sup>.



Since the inside of the building was in good shape by Sept 29<sup>th</sup> we decided to trial the use of the building for our teacher meeting on Sept 29<sup>th</sup>.

[Here](#) is a report of the work at the library in Sept and early Oct.

### **Asha Office Extension**

As mentioned in the previous bimonthly report, we had undertaken the expansion of our office at Kaivandur. Srinivasan, the project coordinator, who owns the building which houses our office at Kaivandur near Thiruvallur was willing to extend the office at his own cost. Asha has extended a loan to Srinivasan for this. The extension effort is complete and I am glad to report that the 40 staff of the project are able to comfortably use the office space now. Here are pictures of the office from the back of the building and a teacher training session in progress.



## **Upcoming Events**

During October and November, we will be inaugurating the library at Annanagar. In the initial few weeks, we will have to learn how the library is being used and set in place processes for our librarian to follow. Some additional materials will also be purchased based on how the children are using the library.

Uniforms will be distributed to all the teachers and staff.

New version of our contents and software for the computers will be ready by this time frame and we will install it in all the Asha and school computers.

Other initiatives like painting the blackboards at the schools will also be taken up during this time. Name boards will also be mounted at all the remaining schools by this time.

We expect to place the orders for the chappals and sports dress for the children in all the supported schools.