

# GLOVIS SANGAMAM PROJECT REPORT

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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 the month of January 2016.

### School holidays and SA2

This month was once again interspersed with holidays because of New year and Pongal. The children had forgotten a lot during the rain and other holidays and the classes need to revise these and start again.

The officials moved around the date of the SA2 tests and finally they started on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January. They were held with gaps and finally ended only on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Materials for children

We made bags for children at all the schools. The children in 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Stds were given smaller bags and the other children were given bigger bags. We also purchased health kits consisting of a tooth brush, tooth paste, soap, comb, and oil for all the children. The intention of these was to encourage the children to maintain good hygienic habits.

The bags were originally meant to be ready by the 25<sup>th</sup> of January. However this got delayed and because of this we had to move our distribution function at the schools to the 5<sup>th</sup> of February.

Also during the rains and floods most of the plastic mats in the schools were damaged. So we decided to provide replacement mats to the schools.

### Teacher Training

Because of the number of holidays the schools declared during the rains, the schools functioned during most of the Saturdays. Therefore we couldn't have the usual teacher meetings and training by volunteers. Since January 26<sup>th</sup> was a holiday for all the schools, we managed to have a training for the teachers. Mrs. Meena Suresh and Mrs. Kalyani of Ramanujan Museum and Centre for Math Resources conducted maths training. The focus of this training was

on the lessons that will be taught in term 3. All the teachers participated in the training.

### Assessments

We started conducting the mid-year assessments at the Sangamam schools. After the major problems in conducting assessments last year we have made major changes this year.

- a. We have only English and Maths assessments this time (no Tamil).
- b. The assessments are much shorter. They have been designed so that both the assessments can be completed in one hour.
- c. There is also an oral assessment (basically ASER's assessment in English and Maths). For children who are identified by the school as slow learners, for children in the 1st and 2nd stds and for those we find struggling with the written assessment, we conduct the oral assessment.
- d. These are being conducted one school per day by the same two teachers (Santha Sophya and Sailaja who are the computer teachers). This eliminates the possibility of helping by the government teachers.

The assessments were designed/developed for us by Rekha Balakrishnan and Meena Suresh. Since they are a lot simpler this time, it is also a lot easier to analyse. There is a clear idea on how to proceed with the analysis once the assessments are complete.

The assessments started at these schools on the 28th of Jan. The last school will have the assessment on the 17th of Feb.

### Upcoming Events

Distribution of the materials for the students will be held on Feb 5<sup>th</sup>.

The assessments are being held at all the schools. They will continue to till the 17<sup>th</sup> of Feb.

We will distribute the teacher kits to the teachers in February as well.

We hope to begin the following activities at the schools: Blackboard painting, carpentry and civil works, any additional distribution of materials to schools.

The computers repair effort will continue. We will continue enhancing the contents available for the teachers on their laptops.

