

GLOVIS SANGAMAM PROJECT REPORT – OCT 2014

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 Oct 2014.

Teacher Evaluation and Training

The major training event during the month was on Oct 11th. We had the second session of Maths training by Mrs. Meena Suresh from Ramanujan Centre for Math. She focused specifically on teaching methods related to the teaching of the lessons in the second term since the second term is just starting now. We have also placed the order for Math kits from Ramanujan Centre's sister concern Kits and Concepts. These should be received in early November.

We also continued the training on computers and English. On Oct 4th 4 teachers from project Sangamam came to Chennai to learn how to use computers and the Internet. They have been using the network card they have at Thiruvallur to learn various aspect of Internet as well as Maths and English. On Oct 24th, since all the schools were closed because of the rains, we decided to make use of it by having some more training at Thiruvallur. In addition to going over the topics covered in the Oct 11th training, we focused on English, in particular how to construct sentences.

Deepavali

Rains and Deepavali meant several holidays at the school. Asha ususally gives bonuses for teachers during Deepavali. This time around we had already given two sets of sarees and blouses to the teachers (other than the uniform kits). Therefore we gave the current teachers an additional amount to bring the total bonus to Rs 3000. The new teachers only received the sarees as bonus.

Upcoming Events

There will be continuation of the teacher training that we have started. We will be reviewing how the teachers are employing the kits and the tecniques they have learnt during their training. Mrs. Meena Suresh and I will be visiting the schools to see how the teachers are teaching.

Further we are planning to organize an English training session in November. We have observed that the reading comprehension and the vocabulary of the teachers are good enough. However their ability to form sentence structures and write in a grammatically correct manner needs to be significantly improved. The focus of the training will be this.

We are also in discussion with Madras Dyslexia Association to have a Dislexia awareness camp for both the Asha and the government teachers at Thiruvallur.