

GLOVIS SANGAMAM PROJECT REPORT - MAR/APR 2016

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 March and first half of April 2016.

Annual Day Celebrations

The school annual day celebrations took place through out the whole month. It started with Pattarai Perumbudur on the 3rd of March. Ramanjeri, Gandhigram, Thomur, Kuppammal Chathiram and Allikuzhi also held their annual days. Allikuzhi was the last one to hold on the 15th of April. Placepalayam and Katchur couldn't hold their annual day functions since the buildings were in bad shape and the AEO requested them to not have the functions.

In all the schools the functions were a little low key as the elections were approaching. But the events were just as enjoyable for the children and their parents. In all the schools we were happy to see whole village there to see the functions. Every school was also very thankful to Hyundai Glovis for all the support they were providing, esp the schools which had their functions after the excursion! ☐

Assessments Analysis

Asha Annual Assessments were conducted in February. The analysis of the scores were completed. Several addressable gaps in learning were found in Maths which we hope to address with the contents we provide in the laptops. However in English we need to refine our assessment and our broader approach to make headway. We also provided detailed reports to the head-mistress of each school detailing the steps we think they can take to address some of the gaps.

Teacher Training

There was a short training session on the 9th of April. I explained the reports we were sending to the HMs to our teachers. I also trained the teachers with some reading comprehension passages.

Ramanjeri Events

Several events happened over March at Ramanjeri. Ramanjeri held a Science Day function at the school on 2nd March. All the classes presented various science projects in every classroom in the school. Asha also organized a lecture by a biochemist on “Everyday Chemistry” at the school. We hope the children benefitted from the lecture. We also built a wooden door for a built-in cupboard at Ramanjeri.

Laptops and Projectors

We gave a projector to the school at Gandhigram. We also gave laptops to schools that do not have any. We gave them to Glovis Sangamam schools at Placepalayam, Allikuzhi and Katchur. We also gave them to Project Sangamam schools at Kottaikulam and Nemiliagaram. Maintenance of the computers at all the schools continued during this month as well.

Excursions

Excursions were organized for the 4th and 5th standard children at all the schools supported by Hyundai Glovis. Children from Kuppammal Chathiram, Pattarai Perumbudur, Gandhigram, Ramanjeri and Thomur had the excursion on the 19th of March. Children from Katchur, Allukuzhi and Placepalayam had it on the 2nd of April. The children were taken to the Birla Planetarium and Science museum in the morning and then to the Guindy children’s park in the evening. For lunch we had booked a hall at the Sangeetha at Adyar. Volunteers from Hyundai Glovis came in large numbers to support the teachers and Asha staff/volunteers in this effort. Generous gifts were given to the children as well as the teachers and volunteers. Everyone left the excursion very happy. Every school we visited after the excursion has been thanking us for organizing this.

Other Events

A bureau was given to the school at Katchur. The teachers whose houses had been damaged during the rains and floods in December were given assistance (as part of the Chennai Flood Relief project) to repair their house. These were carried out in March.

All the teachers were given uniform sarees and blouses.

We have started the process of conducting interviews to hire new teachers. We will need to hire a few more for Glovis Sangamam as well as a couple of teachers will be taking maternity leaves.

Upcoming Events

Some more minor civil and carpentry works will be taken up at the schools in the next month. We will also be buying a table and chair for the Katchur school.

The schools will be closing by the end of April. The summative assessments will be held towards the end of April. In May we will focus on teacher training. RightStart the five day annual training exercise will be held in the end of May. Teacher interviews will also continue in May.