



September Edition Newsletter

Welcome,

Hello from Chudar! We are in the month that celebrates the spirit of knowledge sharing and we wish all our tutors a happy teachers day!

Chudar is an education intervention program that works with underprivileged middle and high-school children. Our vision is that every child assimilates the requisite knowledge, skills and confidence to face the future, both in school and beyond. The name “Chudar” stands for brilliance, which we hope to ignite in our upcoming generation.

At Chudar we have started 5 model after-school centers in areas of Chennai affected by the 2015 floods. Through these centers, we currently impact 162 children and hope to reach out to many more. In each center, dedicated tutors take classes in Tamil, Maths, English and Science to improve the quality of education, with a focus on middle-school. We inaugurated these centers this academic year, and are excited by the response from the community! We also work with a government aided school by providing our resources and training to teachers. Overall our program reaches 650 children.

We launched our website www.chudar.org and also our facebook page at www.facebook.com/ChudarEducation . Do share our updates and send us feedback. Look forward to your continued support!

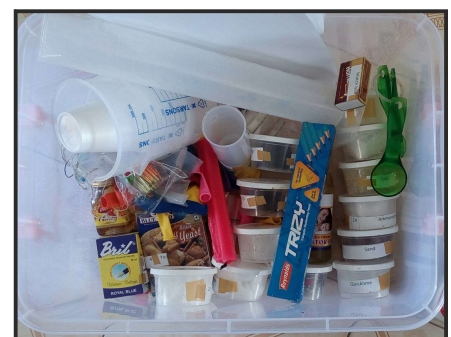
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With every passing day, we proudly watch our Chudar kids take small but firm steps towards freedom from the shackles of ignorance & self-doubt. This August 15 brought additional cheer in the form of independence day celebrations at the Adyar center.

It was a well-organized celebration with the right mix of patriotic songs and spirited performances by the kids. Speeches on eminent personalities was followed by a group dance. Finally, little Iman charmed the delighted audience with his animated story telling sans any trace of stage fear. The program ended with prize distribution for the winners of elocution, drawing, essay writing competitions which were held prior to Aug 15th. Kids and parents alike thoroughly enjoyed the performances.



Chudar and Government schools

We are happy to share that this month Chudar has taken Chennai High School's (Sringeri Mutt Road, R.A Puram) 7th and 8th grade students under its wings! Team members Ms.Vimala and Ms.Lakshmi visit the school twice every week to teach math and English, respectively. The principal and teachers are delighted by this development and are keen to leverage Vimala and Lakshmi's expertise to their students' benefit.

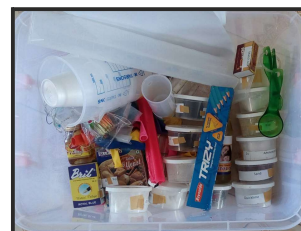
Vimala says that the best part of this experience is the students' enthusiasm, evidenced by earnest requests "to extend the class into the lunch session!" This month Vimala is working with them on the topic of Factors, HCF and LCM. Lakshmi has also made all her English sessions interactive in order to draw students out of their shells of inhibition. She says that her aim is to help them shed their fear for the English language and to help them experience the joy of reading!



Chudar develops a Science Kit

Chudar Education prepares science kits for students through extensive research for the education centers.

The TamilNadu State textbook in science has over 120 activities and experiments that students can try either in class or at home. However, the concern is that most students do not get the opportunity to try them for various reasons. Some of the activities cannot be performed in class or at home as they take many days to complete. However, in our kit, we have tried and tested each experiment and ensured that it works! The most important aspect of the Chudar science kit is that it is solely based on the activities listed in the textbook. In addition to using the kit in our centers, we also plan to reach out many government and aided schools with this science kit.



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