

# Chudar Newsletter Jan-Feb



## Greetings from Chudar!

January saw the unprecedented Jallikattu protests taking Chennai (and Tamilnadu) by storm!

Volunteers associated with Chudar were also part of the protests and we hope they will be part of our mission to improve education quality for all children.

We currently reach 700 children, and we hope to expand our reach and ensure that every child learns skills and concepts as opposed to rote memorization.

Read on for recent updates...

## A New beginning!:

**The Teynampet centre has been shifted to a more accessible location so that more children can come and attend the Chudar centre.**

At the inaugural, our coordinator Raghu encouraged parents to send their children. He also spoke about how Chudar transformed children's learning levels, at the same time covering topics from the school curriculum.

Similarly the Saidapet centre was also relocated to a more spacious premise at Teacher's colony 1st Street. The centre is now easily accessible and the children were excited to move into a bigger space.

Both centres were decorated and formally inaugurated by children attending the respective centres with a ribbon cutting ceremony followed by distribution of sweets.



## SSA officials laud Chudar learning materials!



The trainers from SSA Program ( Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan) who visited the AMM school at Nagercoil were very much impressed with the Chudar materials especially the English worksheets ! The teachers of AMM school were extremely happy to hear this feedback and shared this information with Lakshmikanth who had conducted a training recently for them.

## Volunteers @ Chudar:

**This year we had many student volunteers from different countries apart from regular Chennai volunteers. Many of them have contributed extensively in spreading the flame of learning, here is a small excerpt of the many tasks they did...**

Volunteer Krishna conducted classes in Math for kids at the Saidapet centre using abstracts and new methods of teaching numbers and fractions. The children got to know new techniques and enjoyed the classes a lot.

Natalie who is from Australia, works in the field of property development and has a passion for volunteering. During her stint here at Chennai she volunteered at the Adyar Chudar centre and taught the kids English and some fun activities. The children found the experience both novel and interesting

Hyeon Jung Oh from South Korea, has been travelling around the world for a year now, and had shown a huge interest to volunteer with Chudar. On his visit to Chennai he taught the kids math. Much to our surprise the children were able to understand despite the language barrier! Hyeon said "It has left me with fond memories. The kids are very enthusiastic and eager to learn. I want to come back here, soon after I complete my travel"



### Relief for Vardah cyclone affected families:

Many slum houses and families in Chennai were affected by the Vardah cyclone especially some of the houses near our Kotturpuram after-school centre. When we talked to the affected people, we realized the main damage was to the roofs and they asked if we could provide Tarpaulin sheets as a temporary solution till they could fix the roofs.

AID INDIA had procured these as part of their relief efforts across the city and we thank them for supporting us. We first surveyed the affected houses and then distributed the materials in a respectful and organized manner at Chitra Nagar, Kotturpuram with the help of our volunteers.



### From the field:

Fargath Jamima from our triplicane center, demonstrates a science experiment that she has learned recently. Shakti and her team conducted some skill building activities for children at the Kotturpuram centre. The children were encouraged to think out of the box, get curious and increase their observational skills.



### Upcoming events:

- [Chudar Volunteer meet](#)
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