



Mar-Apr 2017 Newsletter

Hello everyone! We hope you enjoyed reading Chudar's previous newsletter! We are all geared up now to take you through some hot trails in learning outcomes across our centres this summer, and give you a glimpse into our volunteers' undying motivation to quench the thirst to learn in Chennai's youth.

On the Declaration Trail:

Declarations are events held by our tutors that showcase the children's achievements to both the community and children. Once the tutors are confident that **all the children in their class have achieved a particular skill, they declare this to the community**. This boosts the children's self-esteem and builds tremendous motivation in them, while also delivering a sense of satisfaction and pride to the tutors.

Our tutors and the team have sweated it out (both literally and figuratively) to bring about significant improvements in the skill levels of their children! Come, let's follow the **Declaration Trail** and see where it leads us!

At the Centres:

Kotturpuram Centre: The events at Chennai centres were held with much fanfare. The centre wore a festive look as it prepared to host the declaration event. The parents and the community had already gathered in anticipation, eager to know more about their children's learning. The children came up one by one and proficiently displayed their Math and English Skills. The tutors (Mala, Manju and Valli) were confident that the children would be able to do sums in Fractions, Integers and Ratio in Math, and answer questions on Nouns, Verbs and Adjectives in English Grammar.

Raghu, the overall coordinator for Chudar spoke to the parents on the significance of declaration events. The tutors were also given gifts as tokens of appreciation for their immense efforts. Additionally, we were able to live-stream the declaration event for the first time, which was much appreciated by our well-wishers and supporters. If you missed watching it, [here](#) is the link.

Similar events were held at our Adyar as well as Triplicane centres.

Triplicane : One of the parents present at the declaration event at Triplicane wanted to share his experience. His story went: "I'm a fisherman, and my family has been in this business for generations. It is hard work and all we want for our children is for them to study well and have a good future. We send them to schools, and hope for the best. But after sending my child to your center, she started showing real interest in learning, and today, watching her solve all those maths problems in front of all these people filled me with pride! I thank you all for the efforts and the youngsters (Volunteers) who come and teach our kids."



Nagercoil Government-Aided School:



Chudar organised a full-scale declaration event for middle school children (standards 6 - 8) at a Government-aided School in Nagercoil. The children in standard 6th, 7th and 8th were called randomly and asked to solve Math problems in the following topics of Fractions, Integers and Ratio respectively, in front of their classmates, parents and teachers. What followed was a enormous burst of applause among parents, who visibly displayed their pride and admiration towards their children who stole the show by solving all the problems given to them with ease. The children also displayed their skills in English grammar. To make it a bit more interesting, we also asked the parents to choose one of the kids (not necessarily their own) to come up and showcase their skills. The kids performed so well, that each and every parent in the room was ecstatic. Chudar's founder, Dr Ravishankar, spoke to the audience on the importance of skill building amongst children and its role in boosting their confidence and self esteem. The event concluded with the presentation of declaration certificates to all the children who had achieved the skills.



Engage & Equip:

As part of their Tata Engage Program, volunteers from the "Tata Consulting Engineers" visited our Chudar centers and created quite a buzz! They planned various activities for the kids and their parents, including an awareness campaign for the parents, presentations for the kids and much more. The event ended on a high note when the Tata volunteers gifted books to the centers. We thank the Tata Engage Team for all their efforts!



We are in the process of organizing various events during the summer vacation in an effort to build extra-curricular skills. We would love to have your support!