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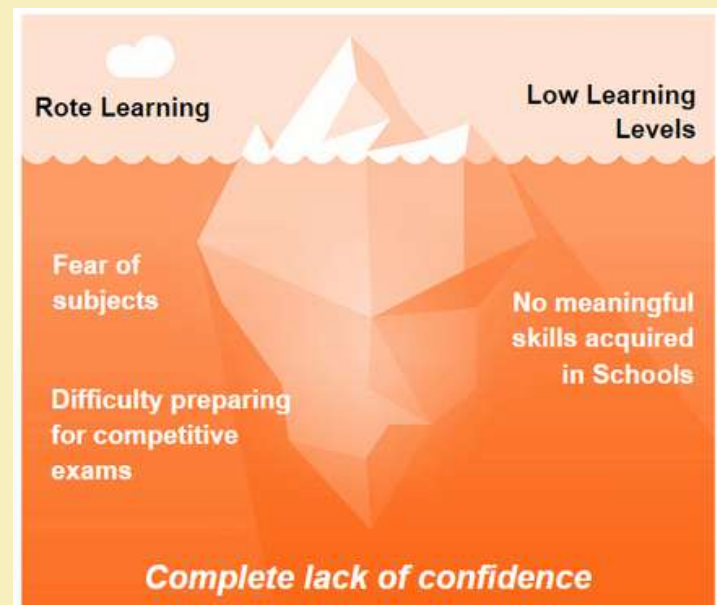
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# About Chudar

**Chudar, founded by Dr. Ravishankar** and his dedicated team, aims to enhance the quality of education for children from underprivileged backgrounds. Our mission is to ensure that every child graduates high school equipped with the necessary knowledge, skills, and confidence to succeed in their future endeavours. **"Chudar" is a Tamil word that signifies the brilliance or sparkle of a flame**, symbolising our hope that each child will shine brightly in their own unique way through our efforts.

## The Problem

Several studies show that most kids are enrolled in school but learn very little. The ASER survey points out that of all children in the age-group 6-14, **more than 99% are enrolled, but the majority lags behind in educational outcomes**. This problem persists from primary all the way to high school and the National Achievement survey by NCERT has also shown that children have very low competencies in Mathematics, English, and Science. **The problem affects children from disadvantaged sections, who are often first-generation learners**. The main reasons for low learning levels in Tamilnadu is the prevalence of rote learning.

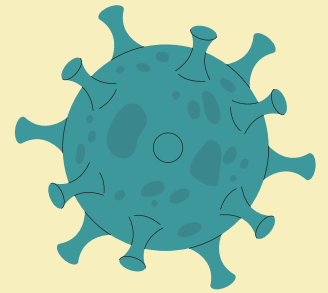


## The Solution

**Chudar envisions that every child acquires the knowledge, skills, and confidence to face the future**. We develop innovative educational content in Mathematics, Science, and English, with a focus on Classes 6 to 8. This content helps children assimilate skills and concepts as opposed to rote learning. When children truly understand instead of memorising, they become confident learners. Some of the principles of our solution are:

- **Measuring learning outcomes** rather than just inputs
- Prioritising skills over memorization
- Integrating **technology-aided learning** where feasible
- Encouraging local ownership and community participation

Through these methods, we aim to transform students into confident learners who are well-prepared for the future.



# Empowering Communities Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic

COVID-19 significantly impacted underprivileged communities hindering their daily routine. Many people lost their livelihoods, which interrupted their ability to provide for their families. Education was severely disrupted, particularly for those without access to online learning resources. The virus claimed many lives, further devastating communities. Additionally, lockdowns restricted access to food and essential resources, exacerbating the hardships faced by these communities.

In response to the pandemic, Chudar initiated relief efforts in May and continued them throughout the year, supporting those in need. We undertook significant relief efforts by distributing essentials, sanitary supplies, reusable masks, N95 masks and sanitizers to government hospitals and underprivileged families.

Simultaneously, we adapted our educational programs to online platforms like WhatsApp, ensuring continued learning for our students despite school closures. We offered virtual classes and interactive sessions to keep the students engaged. Despite the challenges, student engagement remained active and enthusiastic.

# Relief Activities



- Distributed Grocery Essentials
- Distributed Sanitary Supplies
- Distributed N95 & Reusable Masks
- Education for Children in communities in Chennai

# Relief Kit Distribution

**500 FAMILIES  
BENEFITTED**



During the COVID-19 pandemic, Chudar undertook significant relief activities to support affected communities. We focused on daily supply distribution, providing essential groceries and sanitary supplies to 500 families. Our efforts aimed to alleviate the hardships faced by these communities, ensuring they had access to necessary resources during this challenging time.

## Districts Covered:

- Chennai
- Chengalpattu
- Tiruvannamalai



# Mask Distribution

**6000+ BENEFICIARIES**

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**As part of our relief efforts, we distributed masks to help protect communities and frontline workers. We distributed 6,000 reusable masks to the communities we work in and approximately 200 N95 masks to government hospitals. These efforts aimed to enhance safety measures and provide essential protection to both vulnerable populations and healthcare professionals.**



# Sanitizers Making & Distribution

**400 BENEFICIARIES**



**Chudar and its volunteers made sanitizers based on the WHO guidelines and distributed it to many families in the communities we work in and also to small shop owners and vegetable vendors. Many of them have used the sanitizer and said that they are more than happy to use it and were thankful to the volunteers as they could not afford to buy them.**



**Frontline workers have been working round the clock to ensure that our cities and neighbourhoods are clean and sanitised. As an acknowledgement to their selfless service we reached out to them as well. Kathiresan, our local volunteer from Thiruvannamalai, Valli from Mylapore and Nivedha from Saidapet, distributed masks, sanitation kits and essential groceries to Government sanitation employees in their respective locations.**



# Relief Kits to Frontline Workers

# Mask Making as a Livelihood

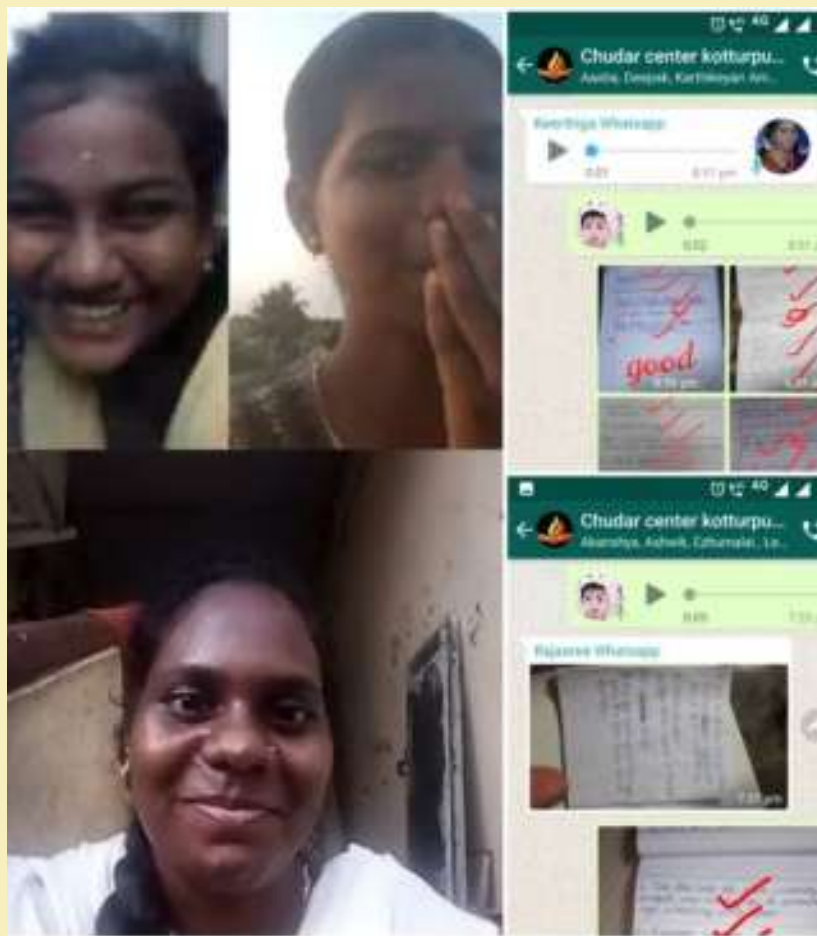
Many families were out of work and we wanted to do something constructive about it

Vasanthi was employed as a housekeeping staff in a company, but since the lockdown, she did not have any work. With 2 young children to take care of and her husband, a daily wage labourer, her future was very uncertain. Chudar approached her with the idea of making reusable masks according to the design prescribed by the Government of India and giving them to the people in her community. Vasanthi was elated by the idea as she did a bit of odd jobs in tailoring and this would ensure her some economic stability. Soon she received the material and the design translated in Tamil with the details of making the mask through a local volunteer.



In the next couple of days she managed to make 100 masks and they were distributed to many families in her community. “I’m really happy that I’m able to use my tailoring skills and help my community. I’m very grateful to Chudar for this initiative” said Vasanthi.

Many others like Vasanthi came forward and made around 6000 masks that we distributed to the community.



# The WhatsApp Story

**Manju, our tutor at the Kotturpuram centre conducted Science, Math and English classes for the children through whatsapp video calls. The 30 minute class consisted of sharing videos in a particular subject and asking questions based on the video. The children were very excited to connect over whatsapp and interact with their friends. One student Priyadarshini sent back a voice clip saying that she tried out one of the experiments along with her brother and found it very interesting. Many children said that they missed coming to the centre but these classes helped them revise what they had learnt earlier and loved answering the questions. The students were very eager to get their answers corrected as soon as they sent them to Manju.**

# Voices from the Field



Karthika works with Chudar as a resource person, but during the lock-down she expressed interest in doing relief distribution to the neediest families near her location. She reached 35 families in a span of 1 week with Relief kits consisting of grocery and sanitary supplies, sanitizers and reusable masks. While talking to her about her experience this is what Karthika had to say:

*“When I started distributing the relief kits, I had no idea that there were so many needy and vulnerable people, each of the families had their own set of problems. One, in particular, moved me a lot.”*

*As I was passing through the Sithalapakkam lake area, I got to know of a family of 3 children studying in classes 9th, 8th and 7th, from their neighbours. They had lost their mother and were living with their alcoholic father who does not go to work regularly and does odd jobs. Many times their neighbours said that the children fend for themselves with no help at all. I found that the boy used the money he got out of collecting and selling the liquor bottles, scrap materials and waste paper to pay for his sisters and his notebooks and other school materials. Sometimes he would go fishing with his younger sister to the lake while his older sister would take care of the house. They were very reluctant at first to accept the Relief kit and some clothes. When I asked the kids what they wanted they replied “Akka we want to study well and get good marks”.*

# Recognition

#	Name of Achievement	Given by	Year
1	Sarang Social Initiative	IIT Madras	2018
2	Dr. Ravishankar invited to present at CII UNICEF Summit on Education	CII – UNICEF	2018
3	Dr. Ravishankar is a part of the Tamilnadu Government Curriculum Revision Committee	Dept. of Education, Govt of Tamilnadu	2017





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**ROYAPETTAH, CHENNAI- 600 014.**

**Income & Expenditure A/C for the year ended 31-03-2021**

Expenditure	Amount (Rs)	Amount (Rs)	Income	Amount (Rs)	Amount (Rs)
<b>Direct Expenses</b>		<b>43,30,234.00</b>	<b>Direct Income</b>		<b>68,86,886.00</b>
Relief work expenses	3,48,114.00		Donation 20-21	68,86,886.00	
Chennai Communitycentre Program	22,29,037.00				
Educational materials	6,39,755.00				
Rural community program	3,78,990.00				
School project expenses	5,35,390.00		<b>Indirect Income</b>		
Documentation and donor relations	1,98,948.00		Savings bank interest		<b>2,98,458.00</b>
<b>Indirect expenses</b>					
Admin expenses	6,42,041.00	<b>7,60,828.00</b>			
Audit fee	5,900.00				
Bank charges	646.00				
Staff welfare expense	77,500.00				
Donation service charges	34,741.00				
Excess of Income over expense		<b>20,94,282.00</b>			
<b>Total</b>		<b>71,85,344.00</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>71,85,344.00</b>

As per our report of even date

P.S. Subramania Iyer & Co

Chartered Accountants

Firm Reg. No: 004104S

For Eureka Education Foundation  
  
 Managing Trustee  
 Managing Trustee

V.Swaminathan  
 Partner

Membership No:022276

Place : Chennai  
 Date : 09-02-2022  
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**Balance sheet as on 31-03-2021**

Liabilities	Amount (Rs)	Amount (Rs)	Assets	Amount (Rs)	Amount (Rs)
Corpus fund		35,000.00	Current assets		86,84,618.00
Current liabilities		5,900.00	Loans & Advances	4,40,000.00	
Audit fee payable	5,900.00		Cash	17,813.00	
Excess of income over expense		86,43,718.00	Bank	82,26,805.00	
Opening balance	65,49,436.00				
CY excess of income over expense	20,94,282.00				
<b>Total</b>		<b>86,84,618.00</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>86,84,618.00</b>

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# Contact Us

Dear Friends,

At Chudar, we are dedicated to providing quality education to underprivileged children, ensuring they have the skills and knowledge to succeed in life. Our programs, including after-school centers, STEM initiatives, and intervention directly in govt. schools have already transformed the lives of over 6,500 children.

Your generous support can help us reach even more students, providing them with the tools they need to thrive academically and beyond. By donating to Chudar, you are investing in the future of these young minds, empowering them to achieve their dreams.

Join us in making a difference.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

**Dr. Ravishankar**

**Founder & Managing Trustee**

## DONATE VIA

### BANK TRANSFER

Bank Name: Kotak Mahindra Bank  
Name on Account: Eureka Education Foundation  
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