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Dargas is small Irular colony tucked away from the noise and crowd in Thiruporur block, 83kms from Chennai. The Eureka Superkidz after-school centre here caters to more than 10 students from this village. When the centre was started the Eureka SuperKidz team came to know that 4 students-Vijay, Kannan, Mari and Sengeni had dropped out of school due to extreme poverty. These children were encouraged to attend the after-school classes by Eureka Teacher Sivagami, and with the guidance of Project Manager Selvam, these four students have been re-admitted to the Hanumandhapuram Higher Secondary School. Thanks to the Headmaster, Mr. Ilamparuthi, the children were immediately enrolled.

A NEW HOME! A NEW BEGINNING!



Eureka Homes have been constructed ten new homes for the *Irular* community in the villages of Neyadupaakam (4), Malayangulam (4) and Adhanur (3). These houses have attached bathroom and the villages of Malayangulam and Adhanur enjoy the facility of Solar Lighting as well.

On 29th August, Donor, Mrs.Suhasini Ragavan inaugurated Karumbakkam Kavitha's House.These families look forward to a secure future in their new home

MATH & ENGLISH LAB

INAUGURAL



AID INDIA has partnered with Tech Mahindra Foundation to improve the learning outcomes of underprivileged children studying in 3 Chennai Primary Schools. In these schools, we have been training the Govt-teachers and also set up Math and English labs for students to learn with understanding. More than 800 students will learn with the help of technology-enabled devices like projectors and practice the lessons by using applications in Android tablets. Each student has also been given with workbooks & worksheets to reinforce concepts practice in all subjects.

On 16th October, AID INDIA team and Tech Mahindra Foundation together celebrated Diwali with students of Chennai Primary School,V.P Koil Street,Mylapore. Students were excited to play games and eat Diwali sweets. They were also given instructions to Celebrate a safe Diwali.



TRAINING FOR NGO PARTNERS



More than 10 NGOs in TamilNadu have joined hands with Eureka SuperKidz to improve children's skills in Tamil, Math, English. NGO staff were engaged in fun activities and games such as Eureka math puzzles, Dog & the bone game, Chain game for math and "Read it fast" to improve Tamil reading. The grasping speed of the kids to learn new things is unbelievable, a student named Kousalya from Kottai village proved it by singing the Walk'n'Talk chant and songs within a couple of days from the start of class! Training for quarter-1 was given by Project Director Gowri, trainers Senthil, Shankar, Ashok and Sridhar. These NGO have been running regular classes and the WnT English classes are generating a lot of excitement among children.

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SKILL FEST



Skill Fest is a process of measuring children's learning outcomes in our group of committed volunteers from Chennai came forward to visit villages and conduct 'skill fests' for children to measure their progress and celebrate their achievements. Slowly, colleges and institutions started signing up for this volunteer effort and today, nearly 25 colleges are part of this large-scale initiative.

So far 650 volunteers and college students have come forward to visit villages and conduct events for children. These volunteers have conducted skill fests in 866 villages so far! It has been heartwarming people of all age groups, students, and corporate volunteers, coming forward with so much enthusiasm to encourage children's efforts to read and speak English. Non-threatening fun manner, parents and elders also participate in this celebration of their children's achievements.

Teacher's Day was celebrated with a lot of gusto at both the Eureka Schools. The children engaged their teachers in song and dance performances, mimicry and fun games. The teachers were very touched by this wonderful gesture of acknowledgement from their students for their years of hard work and dedication. Apart from fun and games, September was filled with assessments. One-on-one assessments for language reading and speaking, written assessments for all subjects and practical skill fests in Math and Science were conducted. Kindergarten children had an activity fest where they were engaged in hands-on activities to assess their understanding of concepts.

Eureka's Young Scholar Workshop

This academic year AID INDIA identified around 350 children from stds 6-8 who have been attending the Eureka SuperKidz centre in their respective villages and have already achieved the focus skills for this academic year as well as 8th to 10th std children who have studied at the Eureka Schools in Koovathur and Vembakkam to be a part of the Young Scholars Program. The goal of this program is to teach these children advanced skills and at the same time identify their interests in non academic skills and capacity build them through a series of workshops.

The first workshop was held in 2 locations this month one in Vembakkam and one in Chennai within a span of 3 weeks. The sessions introduced were Robotics, Speed Math, Art and Craft, Origami, Fire less Cooking by comprehending the tasks written in Tamil followed by treasure hunt where the children will have to decipher clues given in the form of puzzles in Tamil. At the end of the workshops the children were also given small assignments to be completed



before the next workshop. Apart from the workshops that will be held every quarter during their academic break, these children will also have regular weekly sessions to enhance their academic skills through local Eureka Resource persons. The 9th and 10th std children also had a financial literacy session conducted by employees from the National Stock Exchange in Chennai. The next workshop is scheduled to be held in December this year.