

Eureka SuperKidz

Districts

Chennai
Krishnagiri
Sivagangai
Tirunelveli

Cuddalore
Pondicherry
Thanjavur
Trichy

Dharmapuri
Pudhukottai
Thiruvallur
Vellore

Kanchipuram
Ramanathapuram
Thiruvannamalai

Quality education for all children

The academic year got off to a great start with many new schools and tuition centers joining the Eureka fold. Please read on to find out more.

Training the Trainers

Every academic year begins with a TOT where the trainers are trained on the goals for the upcoming academic term. We strongly believe in the adage “All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy” and hence every year the first training is conducted in a hill station away from the summer heat and urban clutter.

This academic year’s training was conducted at Yelagiri. The calm and cool environment served as an excellent training venue and the trainers have gone back reenergized and equipped with newer skill sets. The 2 day training sessions were conducted in multiple formats and were very interactive. The games and English songs served as ice breakers and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Introduction of newer activities for Mental Math and English reading using phonics created a lot of excitement among the trainees and trainers as well. There were also group discussions on how the program can be taken to more schools and evening centers.



What's new?

Total scale – 2300 centers (20 children per center). We will share more details through the newsletter as they come in.

The materials were packaged into small cardboard boxes with attractive designs on them. The packaging was a huge hit and many schools signed up just looking at the **gift boxes**. The goals for this academic year are Basic Arithmetic operations, Mental Maths and Fraction operations in Maths. Tamil goals for the year would be to read short stories and comprehend them. English Reading for this year hopes to get children to read small sentences. The reading will be completely based on the phonetic approach.

Training of English using phonetics was a big challenge. It took us twice the amount of time to train the teachers since they had "unlearn" the sounds they already knew.

We are starting a new initiative this time called "**Young Teachers**" where 4-5 children will be mentored by a Young Teacher (a child from the class who already has achieved the skills). The Young Teachers will be taught advanced skills and exposed to many workshops. They will also receive **Eureka Young Teacher** certificates at the end of the academic year. We hope that this sets a strong foundation for the future in education.

We trained teachers at **Avvai Home** in Besant Nagar, Chennai and will be commencing the program in August



Other Happenings

'Ennum Ezhuthum' a campaign towards quality education, in summer ,was formally initiated by AID India, at the Eureka Super Teacher Awards held in May 2015.

The campaign started off in the 1st week of May in 9000 villages in 23 districts across Tamil Nadu. Around 98 district level partners comprising of 10,000 volunteers from Colleges, Corporates and NGOs were instrumental in spreading the campaign and ensuring that every child learns to read Tamil words and solve 2 digit addition problems, with the help of learning tools provided by us. Village volunteers who would facilitate classes were identified and trained by the district-level partners. Children were then evaluated initially to know their present learning levels and mapped on the Ennum Ezhuthum Skill chart. Children who already knew to read simple Tamil text and 2 digit addition were endorsed by giving **'I Can'** stickers for Tamil and Math. These **'Young Teachers'** would now help their peers who were lagging to achieve the goal through the activities and puzzles provided.

During the campaign, an audit was conducted to assess the efficacy and the impact of the campaign, by a group of research students from **Madras University and Symbiosis Institute of Management** and the results of their observations were presented. At the end of the month and half long campaign, children who have achieved the goal were given certificates along with the Volunteers.

In recognition of their massive efforts to successfully complete the campaign and achieve results, district-level partners were awarded mementos and they shared their experiences on the campaign at the formal closing ceremony in Chennai, presided by Dr.V.Vasanthi Devi, President AIDINDIA and former Vice Chancellor, Manonmaniam Sundernar University, along with Special guests Dr.Balaji Sampath, Secretary AID INDIA, Dr.Ravishankar, Jt Secretary AID INDIA and Mr. Sarvanamurthy



Volunteer Speak

Our volunteer coordinator Selva visited villages in Vaniyambadi block (2 remote villages on top of a small hill), Tiruvannamalai block, Anaicut block and KV Kuppam block... He shares "It takes 4 hours to travel one way from Chennai to reach these villages... but once I reach the village, the sheer passion the village volunteers show and the enthusiasm shown by the children to learn makes everything else look so tiny... Out of the 8 villages, I've visited in my limited time... one thing was very evident there are people at the field, in the villages thriving to shape up a better future for their children !."

Call out for Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers

- To visit the centers and observe classes.
- Conduct Evaluations
- Teach English Reading at the centers
- Prepare worksheets in Maths
- For setting up talks in your company
- Event volunteering

Please do get in touch with Selva aid.selva@gmail.com if interested in any of the above.

Thank You for Reading!