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ABOUT US

Started in 1999, MADURAI SEED is a grass-root level voluntary organization promoting socially economically disadvantaged children and young people through education. The drop-in centres and a range of skills and personality development activities give children and young people the opportunity to make progress educationally, personally and socially, and to work towards a vocational goal.

VISION

MADURAI SEED envisages a state at which, "All the Children and Young People Are Educated, Healthy, Mature, Responsible and Capable of Leading Our Future World"

MISSION

"To Provide a Supportive, Nurturing Environment for Socially, Economically Disadvantaged Children and Young People, to Discover and Develop Their Mental Abilities; Enrich Their Sense of Self-Esteem, and to Empower Them with Emotional Stability to Promote Personal and Social Responsibilities."

VALUES

- ***Learning from each other***
- ***Growing together***
- ***Sharing is caring***



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Greetings from Madurai Seed...

We are very happy to meet you all through this one-year update from April 2021 to March 2022. This year is a mixture of covid and post covid situations. The first 5 months of the year were covid second wave, lockdown, school, college closure, etc. We concentrated more on infra-structure development, activities for young people in a major level, we also found ways to get connected with children through supplementary nutrition program, worksheet distribution, weekly classes, online classes, etc.

The next 7 months were usual, we concentrated more on bridging the educational gap year and basic skills in children due to covid lockdowns. The activities were less comparing to previous years.

Personally, I was affected by Covid, suffered nearly a month, and then I was diagnosed with a tumour in the brain, which was surgically removed. I recovered now with some post operative complications. But life is not same as before. I bounced back to my regular works in Madurai Seed now.

I must thank members of Friends of Madurai Seed, Asha for Education, Friends, Supporters, and Volunteers. You have all given us much strength in these difficult times. Thank you.

Yours

Karthikbharathi A S



BENEFITED CHILDREN

In the year from April 2021 to March 2022, totally **266 children (Boys 138 + Girls 128)** have benefited from the evening education centres in Karumbalai.

Arangam	Boys	Girls	Total
Vandugal Arangam 6 to 9 years old	49	60	109
Vergal Arangam 10 to 13 years old	52	47	99
Kanavugal Arangam 14 to 17 years old	37	21	58
TOTAL	138	128	266

- **20 students** are writing **10th std** government public exam in 2022.
- **12 students** are writing **11th std** exam in 2022.
- **14 students** are writing **12th std** government public exam in 2022.
- **7** are the first persons in their family to finish up to **12th std**.
- **120 children** from were supported by KFR-FMS scholarship fund.
- **198 children** have participated in the savings



BENEFITED YOUNG PEOPLE

Studies	Male	Female	Total
UG-First Year	2	3	5
UG-Second Year	3	2	5
UG-Third Year	1	1	2
Post-Graduation	0	2	2
Teacher Training	0	2	2
Alumni	8	1	9
TOTAL	14	11	25

- **16 young people** are studying in various subjects in many colleges.
- They are studying subjects like Tamil, English, Maths, Microbiology, Business Administration, History, Commerce, Geography.
- Among 16 young people, **10 are girls**.
- Among 16, **8 are first graduates**.
- Among 16, **6 are from scheduled caste** (Dalit) background.
- **2 B.Ed** – Woman students Vindhiya, and Viji are finishing teacher training course. Both earned jobs in campus interview.
- Already **1 woman student**, Nandhini has finished B.Ed teacher training, she is doing post-graduation in Maths, and working part time in a nursery school.
- **2 people** are finishing under graduation. Both have shown interest to pursue higher studies.

- **Asha for Education, Boston** has supported the **Volunteer Stipend Program** for **16 young people** in Madurai Seed Narpanigal.
- **Friends of Madurai Seed** has supported the **Young People Educational Scholarship Program** for these 16 people.

Vizhuthugal: Alumni

- During the Covid pandemic time, some alumni had lost jobs. The job searching was affected for freshly college finished students. Madurai Seed has utilized and guided them.
- **9 young people from Alumni**, (8 boys + 1 girl) have contributed to evening classes and activities in a regular basis throughout the year. (Many of them found jobs now).
- **Totally** in the year 2021-2022, **25 young people** (college students + Alumni) have travelled with Madurai Seed as volunteers.



ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

- Vandugal Arangam, Kanavugal Arangam both centres are renovated and facilitated with **Audio-visual equipment**.
- **55 google meet classes** were conducted for the young people by the young people in the months of May, June, and July.
- **15 supplementary nutrition providing events** conducted in the months of May, June, July
- Provided **vegetables** to **50 families** in the month of June as lockdown relief.
- Provided **groceries** to **50 families** in the month of July as lockdown relief.
- **20 online classes** are conducted by **John Potts** to Elavarasi and Arun on teaching English.
- **8 personality development classes** were provided by Aarthi from People First consultancy.
- **Arumbugal Arangam**, a new premise was identified and renovated. It was meant for children below 6 years. At now, the place is utilized for activities and classes for other children.
- A little garden associated with the place is named “**Laura Amma Garden**”. **Narchool**, a wellness initiative for children, women, and elders was inaugurated in the place. Activities will be conducted from the coming year.
- **Illam Thedi Kalvi**, a government’s initiative to bridge the learning gaps was initiated. 5 of our volunteers were approved for this project.
- **Dr. Taj** is one of the famous obstetricians, one of the founders of Seed Education Centres in Karumbalai in 1999. Since her return to Madurai from Chennai, she has been in touch with us continuously. She took part in two of our events. She is involving in fulfilling the needs of children by getting support from her friends.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship for Children: Beneficiaries

Arangam	Boys	Girls	Total
Vandugal Arangam 6 to 9 years old	19	22	41
Vergal Arangam 10 to 13 years old	26	23	49
Kanavugal Arangam 14 to 17 years old	19	15	34
TOTAL	64	60	124



We thank Friends of Madurai Seed (FMS), Kantonsschule Freudenberg (KFR), John sir, Laura Amma, Donors, Supporters, and Friends.

Scholarship for Young People: Beneficiaries

Studies	Male	Female	Total
UG-First Year	02	05	07
UG-Second Year	02	03	05
UG-Third Year	01	01	02
Post-Graduation	00	02	02
Teacher Training	00	02	02
Total	05	13	18

THENKODU CHILDREN BANK

We haven't collected savings in the year 2020-2021 due to the covid lockdown and closure of centres. But for the year 2021-2022, we started collecting children's saving between October 2021 to March 2022. Children showed much interest to save. We were able to reach **Rs. 64, 733** in just 6 months. The savings will be distributed in July 2022.

Total children joined in the bank: 197

Total children paid Rs.100 subscription: 129

Total Amount Saved by Children: Rs. 54,012

Total Interest Given by Madurai Seed: Rs. 10,721

Individual highest savings

S. No	Name	Class	Amount
1	P.Birundha	V	7244
2	R.Alex Pandian	III	4344
3	S.Laganayagi	XII	4302

Arangam wise highest savings

S. No	Arangam	Amount
1	Vergal	28337
2	Vaandugal	18763
3	Kanavugal	17543





COVID – Second Wave

April and May 2021 were the Covid second wave which hit back all over India severely. The Tamilnadu state has imposed complete lockdown for two months from May. Schools aren't opened in the month of June. In Karumbalai, people got affected here and there in the second wave.

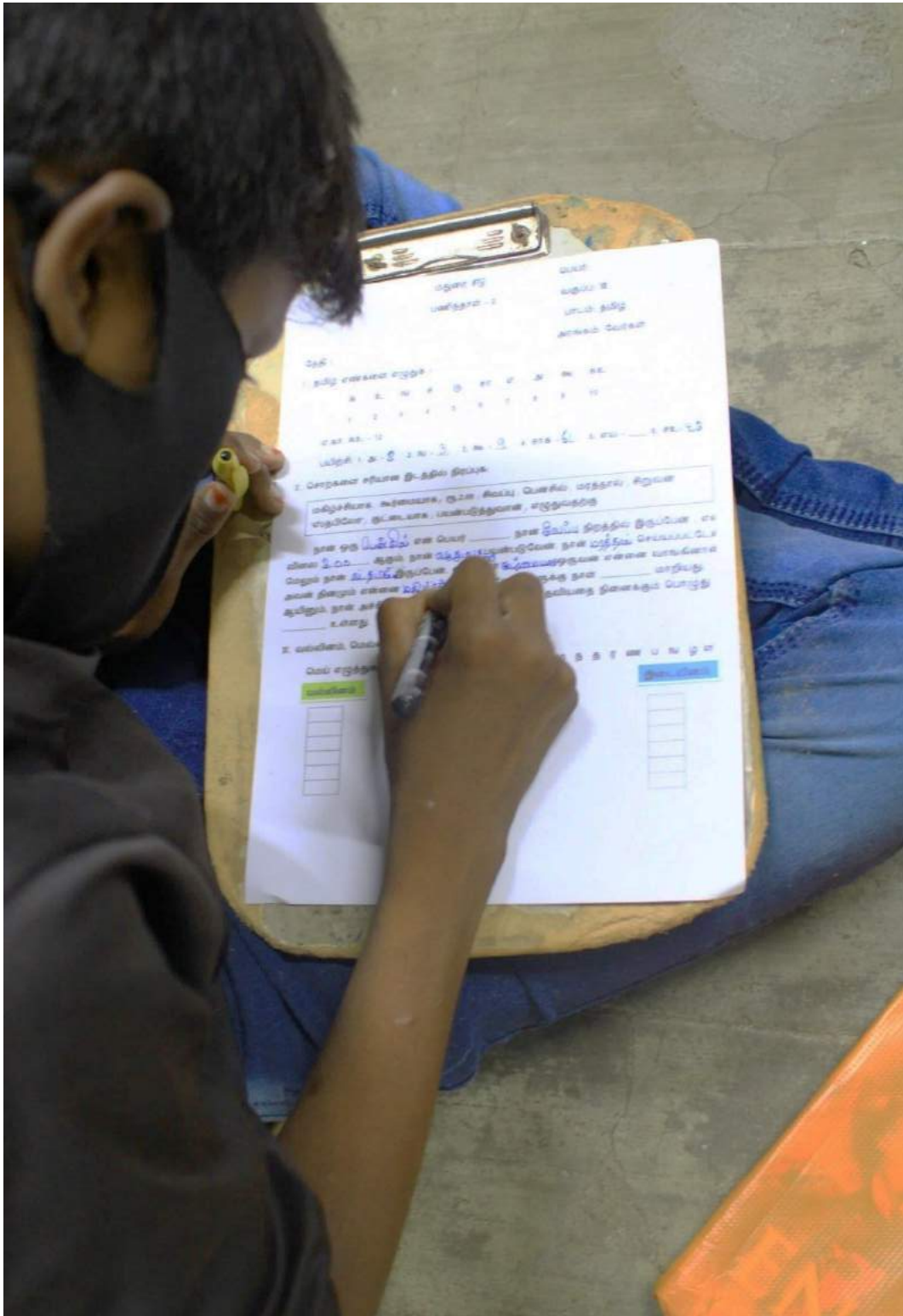
- Schools for 9,10,11,12th and colleges are opened in August only.
- Schools for 1st std to 8th std are opened in November only.

Madurai Seed education centres were closed once again for the benefit of children and young people completely from the mid of April to mid of August.

- In June and July worksheet classes and online classes were started for classes 1 to 8.
- Google meet classes were organized for young people for May, June, July.
- We provided supplementary nutrition for 15 days in May, June, and July.
- From September regular classes were resumed in Madurai Seed for all classes.

We provided lockdown relief to the construction workers, painters, and house maids.

Madurai Seed young people and their families were encouraged to get vaccinated.



Building a culture of learning



APRIL 2021

April is exam time for some students, and holiday time for some students. In Madurai Seed, summer activities usually starts in April itself. But, due to covid situations and lockdowns in the previous years, we continued our regular evening classes. We planned to execute the summer activities in May. But, Covid had other plans.

The second wave has emerged in India. States have started to impose lockdown and restrictions. We have managed to conduct evening classes and some activities throughout the month.

World Book Day: 02.04.2021

On world book day, we introduced about children's magazines in Tamil. We have subscriptions to some magazines like Thumbi and children supplements from newspapers. There were many children magazines in the 80s, 90s, and early 20s. Many publications have stopped children's prints due to lack of circulation, media, and internet presence. But those were the golden days. We introduced them with current magazines, and old magazines in our library. Children had the opportunity to look and read them.

State Election: 06.04.2021

Tamilnadu State Election was conducted. Our young people served as volunteers in polling booths. They distributed masks, sanitizers, helped to maintain social distance. They also helped the old age people and persons with challenges to poll their votes. 15 young people took part in this service.

Tamil New Year Meeting: 14.04.2021



A meeting and a book release function was organized by Cuckoo Children Movement at Gandhi Museum. Writer Jeyamohan spoke about cultivating the young minds without falling prey to social media and popular culture. It was great to listen to such kindling words on a new year day. He quoted “be active” in the fields of your interest and to read a lot to get insights. Young people from Madurai Seed took part in the program. It was great to see friends from various socio-cultural platforms. Our director Karthikbharathi has received one first copy of the book released there.

Ambedkar Movie Screening: 14.04.2021



It was Dr.B.R.Ambedkar’s birthday who sculpted our Indian constitution. His motto is “Educate, Agitate, and Organize”. The web-series on the great leader is screened. This show is based on the life of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar. After Bhim and his family are ill-treated due to the prevailing caste system, he studies hard to educate himself and eradicate discrimination. It was a great lesson for all children in Madurai Seed.

Karnan Movie Review: 15.04.2021



The film portrayed the resistance of the oppressed. The titular character Karnan, hailing from a conservative background, fighting for the rights of his people. The film received critical responses in Tamilnadu as a good film talked about caste discrimination. So, we decided the

screen the film for our young people and higher secondary students and discussed about the film. We also read Professor. T. Dharmaraj's critical essays about the film.

Provided Vegetables: 28.04.2021



We provided vegetables package for one week to 50 people, enough for a family of 4 members for one week. The beneficiaries were daily wage earners who lost jobs due to lockdown. There were 10 vegetables which would give minimum economic support in this difficult time.



AV Classroom Inaugural: A New look of Madurai Seed Hall: 28.04.2021



Shall we visit the hall? It is the one and only place where Madurai Seed conducts its various activities, camps, meetings, seminars, classes, exams, workshops, and many gatherings for children and young people. This land was provided by Karthik and later it

came into life with the magnanimous support of Laura Mam, John sir and FMS members. We named the hall as Vandugal Arangam for classes I to IV.

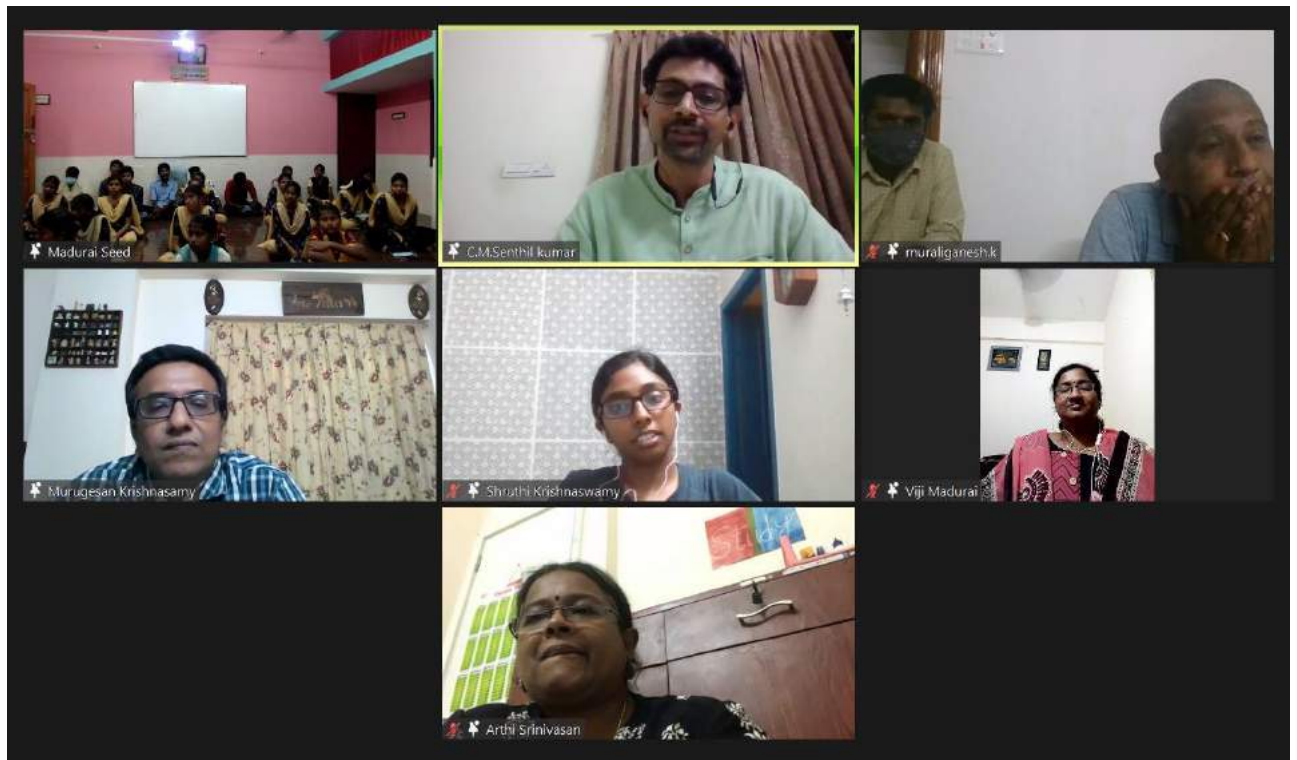
Recently, in a short time, excellent contributions have been made by *USTER technologies* (HQ in Switzerland) for the hall to be refurbished. An online learning environment has been created for Madurai Seed children. It was achieved with the efforts of Murugesan who always wishes to make everything possible and reachable for the children here.

As it was a pandemic time, and every child has to be involved in virtual learning, Madurai Seed was looking for a nice opportunity to provide the same for the Karumbalai children. *USTER* people's support paved a way for it through Murugesan. Hence we refurbished the Vandugal Arangam hall which has got its new look now..

Via Zoom, on 28th April, Muruges anna along with Mr. C.M. Senthil Kumar, the Manager, Mr. Murali Ganesh, Mr. Manoj from *USTER India* inaugurated the classroom fully modified with new online equipment like new projector, speakers, amplifiers, laptop, mic and a webcam. The floor and wall also got revamped. Vandugal Arangam is now been set up into a smart classroom for conducting online classes for children. This multipurpose hall will be utilized more efficiently for students enabling them to interact and learn from resource persons outside.

The guest speakers Vijayalakshmi, Arthi Mam and Shruthi motivated our young people with their wonderful talk. Everyone who appeared on screen encouraged Madurai Seed young people to utilize the online classroom in future.

We sincerely thanked Murugesan-Vijayalakshmi, and *USTER* personnel for their generous efforts and support.





One child, one teacher, one book, and one pen can change the world

MAY 2021

Due to the rise of Covid cases all over Tamilnadu and India, lock down is imposed by the government. So, we closed the centres for children and young people. We completely closed the centres from 01.05.2021 to 21.05.2021 for three weeks. Our founder director Karthik Bharathi also got affected by Covid at that time. He became okay after two weeks. We advised the children and young people to stay in homes and follow preventive measures.

Google Meet Classes for young people:

We used Google meet as a platform to learn from each other. A schedule had been made. Young people talked on different subject matters between themselves. The meets were guided by our trustee Elavarasi and director Karthikbharathi. Started from 22nd April, the classes went on for nearly two months continuously. The young people took part in it actively. They used books and internet to prepare the topics.

10 classes were conducted in **April 2021**.

Date	Topic	Facilitator
22.04.2021	Covid and Lockdown scenarios	Karthikbharathi
23.04.2021	Film Review: The Great Indian Kitchen	Elavarasi
24.04.2021	Dravidian- "Political Ideology"	Karthikbharathi
25.04.2021	Kalaingar Karunanithi – Political Leader	Karthikbharathi
26.04.2021	GK Quiz	Muthu Pandi
27.04.2021	English Class	Elavarasi
28.04.2021	My Blog and posts	Muruges
29.04.2021	Ki Ra – Tribute to the writer	Karthikbharathi
30.04.2021	English Class	Elavarasi
31.04.2021	Vaccines	Arunkumar

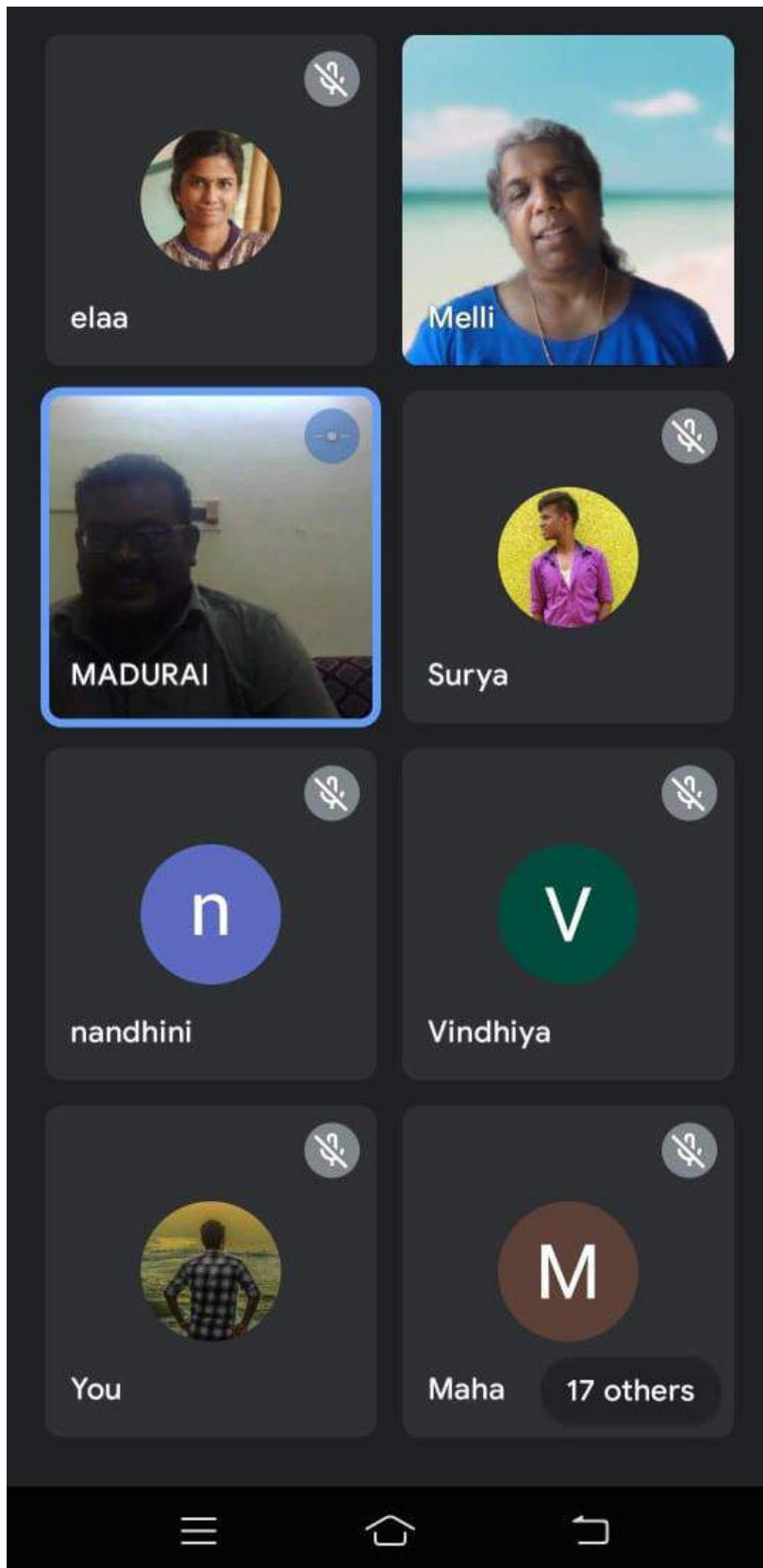
Supplementary Nutrition Program: 5 days



Nutrition is advocated very much in the covid time. People were advised to take fruits, soups, eggs, spices and legumes a lot. Children already missed the mid-day meal program in schools, the families miss their jobs due to lockdown. So, we decided to provide supplementary nutrition to children by cooking the meals ourselves. The young people made the beneficiary lists including our children, young people, and their family members. They also helped to purchase the groceries and cooking, and distribution. We provided nutritious foods to children for 5 days in the month of April. Including children, young people, parents, old age people in Karumbalai, totally 200 people benefited from it.

26.05.2021	Moringa Soup
27.05.2021	Boiled Chickpeas (Sundal)
28.05.2021	Fresh Vegetables to cook in their homes
29.05.2021	Tomato Rice
30.05.2021	Raw Eggs to cook in their homes





Distance never comes between us

JUNE

The covid situation was still the same. Schools and colleges weren't opened. Children who wrote 12th std and 10th std exams were waiting for results. Colleges haven't announced the admission processes. Children who wrote 10th exam, are waiting for 11th std admissions. Things were bit confusing regarding results, admissions, and certificates.

We continued the classes for young people and nutrition program. We concentrated some special things regarding children. We found a way to make them study and get connected with Madurai Seed.

- Google meet classes for young people
- Worksheet classes for children
- Online classes for children

Google Meet Classes for young people

The classes went on successfully. The interest and commitment from young people amazed us. They came forward to take classes in their respective departments and fields of interest. The young people were studying different subjects in colleges. So, they took topics from their college subjects and taught to other young people. They also discussed about education scenarios, and important news around India.



25 online sessions were conducted in June 2021

S.No	Date	Topic	Presenter
1	02.06.2021	Ilayaraja – Music	All volunteers
2	03.06.2021	English Class	Elavarasi
3	04.06.2021	Child Friendly Teacher	Viji Muruges
4	05.06.2021	English class	Elavarasi
5	06.06.2021	Cancellation of public exams	Group Discussion
6	07.06.2021	Home – Documentary Film	Group Discussion
7	08.06.2021	Coeducation or Seperation	Group Discussion
8	09.06.2021	Education in lockdown	Melli Annamalai
9	10.06.2021	Education in lockdown	Melli Annamalai
10	11.06.2021	English Class	Elavarasi
11	12.06.2021	My blog and posts	Karthikbharathi
12	14.06.2021	Banking	Murugesan
13	15.06.2021	Banking	Murugesan
14	16.06.2021	Lakshadweeps	Surya
15	18.06.2021	Competative Exams	Nandhini
16	19.06.2021	English class	Elavarasi
17	21.06.2021	Pandichi – Novel	Viji
18	22.06.2021	Self Improvement	Vindhiya
19	23.06.2021	Sports and Fitness	Srinath
20	24.06.2021	A to Z – Cricket	Sathish
21	25.06.2021	NCC	Nilavu
22	26.06.2021	Superstitions	Bhavani
23	28.06.2021	GK – Quiz	Muthupandi
24	29.06.2021	Eat Healthy	Mahalakshmi
25	30.06.2021	Agriculture	Kaleeshwari

Supplementary Nutrition Program: 5 days

Children and young people liked the nutrition program because it keeps them close and paves way to work together. They expected same kind of program in June too. We provided healthy meals for 5 days in this month. 200 people benefited from it.

16.06.2021	Boiled mung beans
17.06.2021	Vegetables to cook in homes
18.06.2021	Millet Porridge
19.06.2021	Peanut Energy Bar
20.06.2021	Mutton Bone Soup



Worksheets for children: 1st to 8th std



From the discussions on google meets about “Education scenarios in lockdown” with Melli Annamalai and Karthikbharathi, volunteers have decided to meet children. We found a way through worksheets to make them study. Volunteers made the list of students in each class from 1st std to 8th std. They have prepared simple worksheets from the textbooks which cover basic Tamil, English, and Math knowledge. The older children received science and social subjects too.

Volunteers provided worksheets to each student in their homes. Students will come to class after three days of receiving the worksheet. They will work on the worksheet at home. Some students filled and some may have doubts. Once again, the worksheet will be discussed in class.

4 such worksheets were prepared in this month. And 4 classes were conducted from 1st std to 8th std.

Online classes for children:

In the two-year covid time, many schools have started online classes using zoom, google meet, Microsoft tools, and WhatsApp. Many have at least one smart phone in their homes. Worksheets, test materials, and schedules for children from 9th to 12th std also distributed. They have submitted them through WhatsApp. We tried to conduct online classes using google meet for them.

8 online classes were conducted for 9th to 12th std.

Provided Grocery: 19.06.2022:



We provided grocery package for 50 families as a part of Covid intervention. The beneficiaries are daily wage earners like masons, painters, and house maids who lost jobs during lockdown. The package comprised of rice, masala items, cooking oil, lentils which will help them for two weeks (for a family of 4 members). We were happy in providing this minimum support to public in this difficult time.





Happiness is happy, healthy children

JULY

July was an unfortunate month. Our founder-director Karthikbharathi was diagnosed with a tumour in brain which was a shock to everyone. He was away for the operation and treatment for the whole month. He was never away for this kind of long time. But the volunteers took the leadership and made the programs more successful. The operation went successful. Thanks to all our friends and supporters.

Google Meet Classes for young people – 25 Classes

S. No	Date	Topic	Speaker
1	01.07.2021	Kabadi – Game	Mukesh
2	02.07.2021	Psychology of colours	Hemalatha
3	03.07.2021	Millets, traditional crops	Swetha
4	05.07.2021	Hills and tourism	Prem
5	06.07.2021	Handling social media	Vigneshwaran
6	07.07.2021	Simple math puzzles	Gopika
7	08.07.2021	Insects and environment	Pavithra
8	09.07.2021	Yoga	Srinath
9	10.07.2021	Women in sports	Aishwarya
10	12.07.2021	Film appreciation	Surya
11	13.07.2021	Dolphins	Sathish
12	14.07.2021	National Entrance Tests	Nandhini
13	15.07.2021	Modal verbs	Vindhiya
14	16.07.2021	Sankaraiya – Freedom fighter & Communist	Viji
15	17.07.2021	Famous Paintings	Bhavani
16	19.07.2021	General Knowledge	All volunteers
17	20.07.2021	Behind the screen – cinema techniques	Vigneshwaran
18	21.07.2021	Story of money	Kaleeshwari
19	22.07.2021	Share Market – Introduction	Mahalakshmi
20	23.07.2021	Mushroom, Silkworm cultivation	Hemalatha
21	24.07.2021	Passport and Visa	Prem
22	26.07.2021	TNPSC exams	Sathish
23	27.07.2021	GK Quiz	Muthupandi
24	28.07.2021	Relationship Puzzles	Gopika
25	29.07.2021	Self-Motivation	Vindhiya

Supplementary Nutrition Program



12.07.2021	Tamarind Rice, Sweet Pongal
13.07.2021	Sambar Rice
14.07.2021	Lemon Rice, Chickpeas
15.07.2021	Chicken Briyani
16.07.2021	Millet Porridge

Worksheets for children



Worksheets were provided to children once in four days. Then, they assemble in the centre to discuss the worksheets. The worksheets were based on their text books on five different subjects. For elementary children it was full of reading, writing, basic arithmetic exercises.

6 such worksheets were prepared and 6 classes were conducted in this month.

Online class

Online classes were conducted for children from 9th to 12th std. It was conducted via google meet. Assignments were sent through WhatsApp. Volunteers have corrected and sent them back.

10 such classes were conducted in this month.



Our children have to be educated in the values of freedom, equality, and democracy

AUGUST

The number of covid cases fall down significantly. The lockdown restrictions were lifted. Our director is back from the treatment and got involved in the activities. Life has become normal after the covid restrictions. We arranged some events where all children and young people could take part to encourage them before starting the regular classes.

Regular Classes:

Classes for 9th to 12th std were resumed in Madurai Seed. We followed wearing masks, using sanitizers, maintaining social distance at the centres. Different classrooms were allotted for each class to maintain less crowd.



School and College admissions:

The results were announced for 10th and 12th in July. So, we concentrated on admission works. Colleges have opened online application processes. Our volunteers took in charge for each student. They accompanied them in approaching colleges. All students who completed 10th std have joined in 11th std. 5 students joined in first year college. They also continuing as volunteers.

MSCF Election: 10.08.2021, 11.08.2021



The Madurai Seed Children Federation (MSCF) operates under the slogan "Childhood is our right, and we will work together for prosperity". By electing the leader for themselves, respecting democratic policies, developing leadership qualities, and believing in team work activities, MSCF election is held every year. With this aim, the MSCF children leaders works for the children. Its annual festival itself is the election -to elect its president. Yes, it starts with election campaign, voters list collection, candidates notice, election warm-up, and so on. The election duty volunteers work tirelessly to inform, and make children do their important duty.

The election for MSCF president and leaders for three centres was held on 12th August 2021 from 5 pm to 8pm. The election committee arranged for voter list, ballot paper, register papers, ink, masks, sanitizer, and snack. Two election booth was made. Children were allowed to enter one by one and after checking their voter card, they voted.



157 students enrolled as voters, among them 132 registered their vote. 8 volunteers counted voting on 12th of August. And published the winners list. A centre has two leaders one boy and one girl. Marshalin Nisha from XII std was elected as the MSCF President. They have very responsible duties like conveying the needs for their classrooms to volunteers, identifying issues and problems and bringing it to notice, maintaining discipline and regularity, participating and decorating all events with their presence on stage, honouring guests, Karthik wished and



honoured them with gifts.

MSYF Election: 12.08.2021

Madurai Seed Young People Federation election was conducted. Third year college students are eligible to compete in election. Last year it was the boy, so this year a girl is selected. Bhavani is elected as the president.

Arangam	Boy Representative	Girl Representative
Vandugal Arangam (I to IV)	Asvin - IV	Poornima -IV
Vergal Arangam (V to VIII)	Niranjan -VIII	Meenakshi – VIII
Kanavugal Arangam (IX to XII)	Santhosh – XII	LogaNayagi -XII
MSCF President	Marshalin Nisha (XII)	
MSYF President	Bhavani (B.Sc. Final Year)	



Independence Day: 15.08.2021

The celebration always begins at 7am. Our children and volunteers gathered in formal attires to pay tribute on this special day. As they have to go to schools after celebration, we allot only 15 minutes usually at Seed. But this year as there is no school, we planned to celebrate it with varieties of shows and events. Volunteers tidied the whole lane from office to Vandugal Arangam, informed children and collected, a wooden stage was made, guests were welcomed, parades were made ready, and the public stood exclaiming Oh! what was going on in this very early hour of 6.30am when children and volunteers started coming bathed and neatly dressed with flag pinned in shirts.

More snaps from Independence Day





Nearly 100 children assembled in the narrow street Karumbalai, it seemed covid virus could not enter in our premises since we follow all precaution steps to prevent it. All volunteers came in same colour dresses gifted by Madurai Seed. All got celebration mood., trustees Mansur and Elavarasi, alumnus O. Mani were welcomed by children. A special welcome was given to MSCF president Nisha by the leaders of vandugal, vergal and kanavugal arangam. Jeeva co-ordinated the event. Guest Nisha hoisted the tricolor flag, and children assembled in rows saluted and sang National anthem on this 75th Independence Day. She delivered a message that we all should be proud of being an Indian and we should love each other beyond caste, religion and race. This made the day meaningful.



hands to the guests on the stage.

Then, 12 classes one by one marched aisle the street. They carried different properties like balloons in green, white and red, flag, bouquets, silambatam stick, ribbons, doves, flowers, symbolizing peace, happiness, love, etc., On way in the parade, they waved



Each guest was given a dove and they flew doves up above the sky spreading peace in same time. Independence is not only for remembering the fighters but also to honour the people who service the society. Madurai Seed honoured a sanitation worker Rajendran with huge respect and love in heart.

After parade, photos were taken and breakfast idly, Pongal and vadai were provided for all children. It was planned and executed very well by Karthik and volunteers' team. Kudos to them.

Turning Point- Story Telling: 21.08.2021

Turning Point, a local book shop had organized an online story telling event for children via zoom. Many children from Madurai have taken part in it. It was a live zoom meet with story tellers in Bangalore and Mumbai. It was in English and Tamil. Children listened to the fun short stories and martial arts performed by young people from Chennai. Our children learned story telling art from the masters. Also, doodle making lesson was given by Pradip from Chennai. Every participant from Madurai Seed created their own doodle and sent their scanned copies to the team. It was a fun and productive evening for them.



Be someone's light

SEPTEMBER

Covid cases went down. Schools for 9th to 12th std and colleges for young people has resumed. Schools weren't opened for 1st std to 8th std. But the children received books from school. In Madurai Seed, our centres started to function as usual after the second wave. We opened classes for all children.

Regular classes for all children:

We have started classes for all children from 1st to 12th std in Madurai Seed. Regular schedules were made to accommodate all children and volunteers in classrooms. We gave importance to school text books and basic skills.

Teacher's Day: 05.09.2021



On 05.09.2021, Teacher's Day was celebrated at Madurai Seed. We started with the welcome drink Jigar Thanda, the signature cool drink of Madurai. We assembled to celebrate ourselves as teachers, since we are teaching every day at Madurai Seed, we talked about Madurai

Seed's old volunteers and teachers who emerged from Madurai Seed. We remembered teachers who inspired us among our supporters and friends. We shared greetings to each other. A teacher is someone who is learning constantly, so we didn't miss this opportunity to learn. We listened to the famous orator Bharathi Krishnakumar about the Tamil poet "Bharathiyar" on his thoughts, and poems on immortality. It was a one-hour journey through the poet's life and messages. Dinner was given to all volunteers and alumni who participated in the teacher's day celebration.

Short films for kids: 10.09.2021

Short films from the internet were screened in the AV classroom in Vandugal Arangam. After the renovation the screening quality and sound has improved a lot giving a great cinematic experience to kids. Animation films, Tamil and English films were curated and screened.

Bharathiyar Documentary: 11.09.2021

On the 150th birth anniversary of great Tamil poet and freedom fighter Bharathi, our children got chance to know about him through the documentary film. The film was an acclaimed one, traced the poet's childhood, role as a journalist, teacher, poet, freedom fighter, etc. It was full of visuals, interviews, and poems. Our children learned a lot about the poet's personality and his role in making the Tamil more modern.



Keep Training and Keep Learning



Scholarships for children: 19.09.2021, 21.09.2021



The joint educational scholarship of “Friends of Madurai Seed, KFR and Madurai seed” was provided for children from classes 1 to 6. This first phase scholarship award ceremony was held on 18th of October at 6.30pm in Vandugal arangam. The funds Rs. 65,000/- was equally distributed for 65 children. Trustees Elavarasi and Mansur and MSCF president Nisha distributed the scholarship. Co-ordinator Arunkumar welcomed everyone and gave his speech on Madurai Seed, its routine activities for children, about FMS, KFR



teachers, students and their support, importance of regularity in attendance.



Importantly he shared a slide show of government schemes in post office and banks for girl children and education. These information will help them to secure their children's future with some savings schemes. Vindhiya and Jeeva explained about the need of government schools and in what way it benefits children to continue studies like by providing laptops, cycle, mid-day meals. Karthik delivered vote of thanks to the supporters, volunteers and parents. Healthy snack was provided to all.



The joint educational scholarship of "Friends of Madurai Seed and KFR children Fund" was provided for children from classes 7 to 12. This second phase scholarship award ceremony was held on 21st of September at 6.30 pm in Vandugal arangam. Fund Rs. 65,000/- was distributed equally to 40 children. Also, a separate scholarship was given for 8 children from single parent families, and 2 children having poor health condition. The program begun with a small prayer. Volunteer Jeeva gave welcome speech. The importance of Thenkoodu saving account, and the procedure in choosing deserving children for scholarship were explained by volunteer Vindhiya. Vicky screened the videos that he created about the education centres, and the recent event on Independence Day. MSCF President Nisha(XII), Kanavugal arangam leader Santhosh(XII), Vergal arangam leader Meenakshi(VIII) and vandugal arangam leader Niranjana(V) facilitated the program along with Elavarasi. Volunteer Nandhini gave vote of thanks in the end.

Scholarships for young people: 29.09.2021



Friends of Madurai Seed – Scholarship was provided for 15 numbers of college going teacher volunteers of Madurai Seed. Among them, 11 are girl volunteers, 8 are first generation college goers, 5 are studying in first year and 4 are in second year and 2 are in third year of college studies. The scholarship event was held in 29th of October 2021. All volunteers and their parents took part in it. Most of the volunteers have been coming to Madurai Seed since their childhood. One of the alumni Vicky created a video from their student hood to till date as volunteers in



Madurai Seed. It was fun to watch their childhood photos in different activities held in here. Karthik wished them to continue studies and well settle in better jobs. Friends of Madurai Seed board in Zurich support every volunteer for their continuous volunteering for children. This scholarship was distributed after Karthik's thanks giving speech to the people behind FMS scholarship. The FMS members motivates every young people by supporting them till the end of their studies. The parents were told what their sons/daughters are learning from Madurai Seed through workshops and meetings with scholars and how it moulds their personality and highlight them differing from even their peer groups of society. Karthik asked them to make Madurai Seed proud in future by studying well and be a responsible youth.

Musical Evening: 30.09.2021



A classical yet stormy musical show was given by singers Jailakshmi, Gokilan, Kandhasamy, Ramar, and Ravi who are all music teachers in a popular school in Madurai. Their magnetic voice and rhythmic music pulled everyone to clap hands, snap fingers and tap legs.

The cold weather and their pleasant melody songs was the perfect pair in that evening. This was a happy treat for the volunteers, 9th to 12th children and their parents. Many of the parents are domestic workers, laborers, and going through difficult situation in this pandemic and so to refreshen and cheer them up, we organized this show along with the Scholarship distribution event. They enjoyed watching it as a live show.





We rise by lifting others

OCTOBER

It is a colourful month full of activities. Everyone became very busy in organizing the events. Also, it is the Diwali month. Many events were organized for children, young people, and parents. Madurai Seed spirit has once again revived after the Covid closures.

Celebrating womanhood: 10 days event: 06.10.2021 to 15.10.2021

Navarathi (Nine Nights) is a Hindu religious festival celebrating women goddesses. In Madurai Seed, we signify this week to learn from female personalities and from their motivating stories. Every year we have celebrated this as a women's empowerment week or celebrating womanhood week by giving it academic and cultural meaning.

Celebrating Womanhood 2021—“*Penmai Potruthum*” events at Madurai Seed were conducted for ten days from **06.10.2021 to 15.10.2021**. Women personalities came to Madurai Seed online and directly. The daily sessions went on for 2 hours with collective prayers, appreciation of women personalities, guest speeches, conversations on various topics, music, and nutritious snacks.



Guests and Speakers

S.No	Date	Guest of Honor	Guest Speaker
1	06.10.2021	Teacher.Mariammal	Devi
2	07.10.2021	Lakshmi	Dhanalakshmi
3	08.10.2021	Chinnamari	Malarkodi
4	09.10.2021	Kirsten	Renuka
5	10.10.2021	Velmani	Music Evening
6	11.10.2021	Melli Annamalai	Akiba
7	12.10.2021	Eveline	Vishnupriya
8	13.10.2021	Laura	Kalavathi
9	14.10.2021	Taj Rajappa	Rajalakshmi
10	15.10.2021	Viji Muruges	Valedictory Program



Women are the real architects of the society...

First Day: 06.10.2021

Guest of Honour: Teacher V. Mariammal



Her first visit to Madurai was in 2003. She was one of the guests at the opening ceremony of seed's Youth Forum. She got even closer after her retirement in 2006. She was the first person who extended helping hands when the Madurai Seed was re-established in 2007. She has

been our Trustee of Madurai since 2010. She is the mother of us all, the one who prays for us, the one who gives blessings to all, the one who initiates our every new effort. The bond that started as Karthik Bharathi's social teacher and school head mistress in the year 1989-1990 continues for 32 years.

The good work, love, kindness and friendship of Teacher Mariammal have given Madurai Seed many possibilities. On the first day of the event (06.10.2021) we are celebrating our teacher Mariammal in Madurai Seed's Penmai Potruthum. We wish her a long and prosperous life.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Devi Sathya



Devi is Karthik Bharathi's primary school, high school classmate, and multi-faceted personality. She came with the Meenakshi College choir to our Vanmugil Cultural Fest in 2001 and melted the audience with good vibes.

In 2006, she was one of the key note speakers in Teacher Mariammal's retirement felicitation program. With her husband Satya Manickam, she graced the 2009 Galileo Science Forum event. She grew up as a progressive woman with Marxist and Feminist ideologies. She was active in street theatre forums, and science forums.

She is the one who chosen to lead life that is different from others, despite the simple path in front of her. Her efforts and public initiatives are worth mentioning to others. Dr. Devi Satyamanikkam, Principal, Ramakrishna Chandra College of Education, inaugurated the event through online.

Program Details:



Madurai Seed Trustee, our teacher Mariammal was honoured on the first day of "Penmai Potruthum". Earlier Director Karthik Bharathi introduced teacher Mariammal and talked about what he had learned and received from her. Teacher blessed our children

and young people online. She asked our kids to work hard, develop good habits, and move forward in life.

Also our speaker, Principal of an College of Education, Dr.Devi, joined us at today's event online. She told many stories from her life to children and young people.

When one hears the names of scientific inventors, the names of men are mostly known. Only a couple of female inventors are known to the outside world. But there are a lot of female achievers by itself. The question of why it is not known made everyone think.

Woman does not have to tie the knot and go straight. We now have all the educational opportunities that our parents did not have. She asked us to use the opportunity, read a lot, and move to higher positions.

Women need to grow with personality. But even in this age it is not an easy thing. We should not be tired of that. We have to create opportunities ourselves. She said that one should work with dreams and self-confidence, and fly above no matter what the environment. We have to interact with the community without stopping at the book study.

She told stories about her school, college, career, family, and community development works. Dr.Devi who has taken a big leap is a great role model for our children and youth. They would have been inspired by her speech.



Felicitation to teacher Mariammal on the first day

Second Day: 07.10.2021

Guest of Honour:



Lakshmi Akka is Karthik Bharathi's student in the Adult Literacy Program, popularly called as "Arivoli" in the 90s. She was older than Karthik, but still calls him as "Sir" with respect. She learnt to read and write after her marriage in her mid-years.

She also advocated importance of learning to write and read among other people, and facilitated a learning centre in her home, she inspired Karthik Bharathi in his teen years, and she is one of the reasons for him to stay in social service platforms. She encouraged Karthik's each effort and was a sincere obedient model student for others. With the help of her, Karthik was able to build a small library for adult learners.

She is now selling sugarcane juice in the street, earning a respectable life. She still remembers the "Adult Literacy" program days. She gratefully told that she was then able to read and write because of Karthik. For her great role as an inspiration in Karthik's life, she was honoured and given respect.

Guest Speaker:



Dhanalakshmi is Karthik Bharathi's primary and high school classmate, who is a government school teacher now. During their school years, there was no electricity at her home. But she understood 'Education is a way out of poverty'.

The girls went to school with the moms in the morning and evening in those years out of fear from the social evils. Adolescents needed parental support and financial assistance in such a slum environment. How hard it was to get to shore without a mother and father in such years.

Dhanalakshmi, the personality grew up without any background. Dhanalakshmi thrived through education. Teacher Dhanalakshmi, who stands on her own two feet with a keen interest in learning and self-searching.

Program Details:



Lakshmi Akka was honored at today's event. Karthik Bharti spoke about how Lakshmi Akka had a positive impact on her life and why her story should be told. She who was very resilient, recalled her enlightened memories with gratitude that Karthik Bharati had taught her to

read and write. The events of many years ago flooded the memory. The event started as a worthwhile evening to learn why the past is important, why we should praise the people who were with us in the past, gratitude, mutual respect, and so on. In the next event, Mr. Dhana Lakshmi, who studied from Karumbalai and is currently working as a government teacher, joined as a commentator.

Talking to children and youth on a variety of platforms such as dreaming big, qualifying ourselves to make that dream come true, having strong positive thoughts.

She shared memories of going to school, the twists and turns of life, how she overcame all obstacles and climbed out of the obstacles. She kept a fire burning within herself, protected it from being extinguished, and has now lit it up like a torch.

Third Day: 08.10.2021

Guest of Honour:



Chinna Mariammal is Karthik Bharathi's age. She did not continue her studies after 10th class. She asked Karthik to come with her for Dr.Taj's social service programs. Uruthunai, was a trust, run by Dr. Taj Amma and her daughter Shama. They did various services for women, children, and elderly people. They conducted weekly eye care camps, medical camps, children's camp, free education centres in the evening. Karthik and Chinna Mariammal was part of their staff team.

She now works as a nurse assistant at a private hospital. Marriage life wasn't happy for Chinna Mariammal. She is the person who has lived a life in the past that is beneficial for others, she lives with self-confidence and perseverance.

A life full of hardships and struggles throughout Tamil Nadu is the life of social field workers. For a small sum of money, there are those who do social work for life. Sister Chinna Mariammal has a special place in the memoirs of Karthik. Chinna Mariammal is one among those who dreamed of raising a Karumbalai full of educated people. Chinnamariammal has a lot to tell children about life.

Guest Speaker:



Malarkkodi, a classmate of Karthik Bharathi. They are the last generation to sit under a streetlight and study in school. Malar, who has an unquenchable thirst for learning, grew up in a single parent environment from an early age.

She dropped out of college, graduated from distance education and is currently working in the Madurai Collectorate as a civil servant in Group 2 grade.

The list of personalities who have come to East Street goes on and on. Arivoli Akka Tamilchelvi (SM Nagar, Karumbalai) is followed by Malarkodi, Thanaletsumi, Saranyadevi and Amutha. The life journey of Malar Kodi is a lesson for our children and youth.

Program Details:



Born and raised in Karumbalai and currently working in the Madurai Collector's Office in Group 2 category, Malarkodi participated as speaker. By continued education, the goal of permanent government service has

been achieved by breaking down all barriers.

The one who was the best student in 11th and 12th class did not get the desired subject in the desired college. The college was hampered by a sudden marriage. She has completed her under graduation in history through distance education and has been trying hard to pass the exams.

She repeatedly taught children and young people the mantra "We can". As important as it is to have big dreams, it is just as important to realize the realities and twists of life. She advised us not to get discouraged when something is not available or to endure hardships. The mantra during that time is "This too will pass".

She stressed the need for girls' education. Encouraged them to prepare for government jobs.

Fourth Day: 09.10.2021

Guest of Honour:



In the series of gratitude, and admiration, a special honour was paid to Kristen Akka, who was a key factor in the beginning of the establishment of Madurai Seed. We had asked her permission for meeting her online. As there was no possibility of virtual meet, we

brought a child wearing a realistic mask of Kirsten Akka, our young people honoured her with garland and flowers. Karthik ended up talking about fond memories of her personality, role, motivation and friendship with Seed. Though we could not see her on this day, it was a nice opportunity for our young people to know about such a woman personality.



Guest Speaker: The special guest nutritionist Mrs. Renuka interacted with the young people. She combined her own life experiences, education and presented about the importance of food and nutrition with visuals. She highlighted that food is not only the main need of the body

but also it is the main link of the family.

We understood that it is our duty to give it due time, respect and importance.

Children and parents enjoyed the talk. They may have taken concern from that day in choosing and preparing delicious and nutritious food.

Fifth Day: 10.10.2021



The event was arranged for the general public under the yellowish sky in the evening. As they have listened to songs only through television or radios, they are new to melody, vocalists, and musical instruments and no wonder it gave them

a real experience in listening to songs.



The show took place on the stage made along the street. Madurai Seed youth and their parents enjoyed the flood of music. As it was Navarathri season, decorated ornate statues of the three goddesses were placed

on the stage for public view. The musical show went on for more than one hour.

Velmani Akka, known by each and everyone at Madurai Seed for her delicious cooking. Her nourishing hands have provided tasty food for children and young people during many events organized at Madurai Seed. More than 20 years, she has been delivering varieties of dishes for the taste buds. She was honoured on the fifth day of celebrating womanhood.

Sixth Day: 11.10.2021



Dr. Melliyal Annamalai works for Oracle and volunteers in Asha for Education in Boston, one of the two partner organizations that support Madurai Seed. She has made it possible for hundreds of college going young people to benefit through stipends for volunteering in Madurai Seed. We met such an ambitious woman who lives with thoughts and actions about the well-being of girl children. In a zoom meet, we honoured her after a brief introduction about her by Karthik. Melli akka stressed the need for girls to continue their education, to pursue their dreams. It was nice to listen to her encouraging motivational words for our girls. We thanked her at the end of the meet.



Following her, we had a cheerful evening with our guest Prof. Mrs. Akiba Honey, the head of English department in NMR college, social worker, and also a radio jockey. A versatile woman personality, she visited Madurai Seed and interacted in her RJ style. Parents and children listened her with great interest. She shared her life instances. It was with full of twists and turns but she succeeded in life through education. Despite the economic crisis, Akiba faced other challenges like early marriage. Akiba repeatedly outlined in her speech that women are brave, dreamy and responsible for our lives. Through her confident words, she motivated girls to live a better and independent life. That one hour flew like one second to us.

Seventh Day: 12.10.2021



Supporting and guiding countless number of social activists, a grandma to our children, primary supporter who introduced Laura amma to Madurai Seed and has a strong bond for more than 21 years with us, Dr.

Eveline Masilamani was honored on this 7th day.

Eveline amma is an Anthropologist. She has an unquenchable passion for the Tamil Language, art, culture and literature. Her books on Tamil deities are textbooks in universities. She is a Tamil literary translator and worked as a Tamil teacher in a Swiss University. As we could not catch her online, we had read the certificate of honour to her by presenting it to a girl wearing Eveline amma's photo printed as a mask. Hope we will meet our Eveline amma in Madurai as soon as this pandemic time ends.



An architect Ms. VishnuPriya is known by people for her documentary "Meel" on waste management and ecology in a plastic environment. She is nominated for the award "Young Environmentalist".

Her visit and sharing of life experiences that shed light on unspoken things about plastic, waste and environment. Through this interaction children could develop new perspective on faecal waste and toilet waste management. She highlighted how Ecosan toilet model in many of the places are in practice. Compared to the past, now every house in Karumbalai has a toilet facility.

But there are no proper sanitation and water connection. The children living in this condition got lots of information about Ecosan and waste management through her. Change does not happen overnight, but it will happen one day. She sowed the seeds of Eco-friendly change in the minds of young people. We honoured such a young, and energetic woman for her steps towards Change.



Learning begins with listening ...

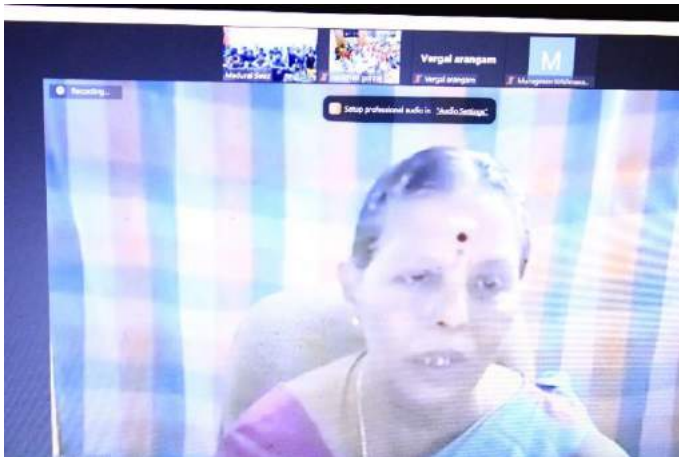


Eighth Day: 13.10.2021



In a series of honouring women personalities of Madurai Seed, we took great pleasure in welcoming our beloved Laura amma through a zoom meet. Dr. Laura Villiger cheered the young people up by appearing on screen with her husband Prof. John Potts. It was

wonderful to see the couple who gave all their time for the good cause of children, young people here. After a brief introduction about her vital role in the development of Madurai Seed, she was asked to say few words. She strongly stated that the volunteers, students and children are the biggest inspiration for her.. John sir said “Hi” to all the parents and told them the importance of sending their children to Seed regularly to get educated. We honoured a young girl wearing Laura Amma’s photo printed as mask. Also, we took selfies with her.



Following them, Prof. Mrs. Kalavathy interacted with us. She worked for 35 years as a professor of Tamil in Arupukotai college of Arts and Science. Through this zoom meet, we could realize that throughout her teaching career, she continued to tell that mutual

understanding would support the community.

All children listened to her interesting stories behind Navarathri and Golu and noted that these festivals are also for children and the festive season intertwines economy and employment together. We honoured her with a shawl and small present.

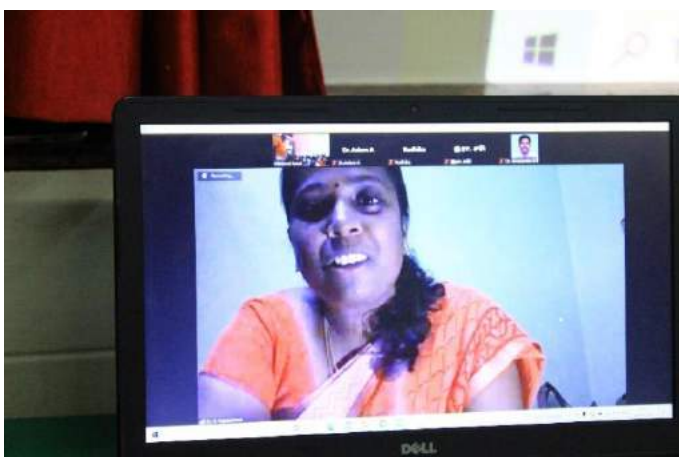
Nineth Day: 14-10-2021



It was a precious day for all of us.. The children and young people got an opportunity to meet “DR. TAJ amma”, who was behind the initiation of Seed education centres and the sole reason for the beginning of such a change in Karumbalai. Our long-held desire

was happened with the help of Muruges anna and Shama akka. Taj amma aged 87 years young and active woman who has been serving this society through her various child welfare, medicine, education and geriatrics programs.

In a Zoom meet, she spoke to our young people about her old and treasured memories. She recalled her past times at evening centres that were jointly carried out with Karthik. She sent her best wishes for the present Seeds to blossom, travel and spread its roots to give back to the community where they lived and worked. On behalf of Madurai Seed, Muruges anna met and honored Dr. Taj amma in Chennai.



Prof. Mrs. Rajalakshmi is a professor of Botany in NGM college in Pollachi. The next 45 minutes was spent with her via zoom. Karthik shared how he was inspired by her sword-like speech and brought her to this event. With her bold nature, she has succeeded by

breaking obstacles in her life.

She shared about her journey in education, and work as a woman. She highlighted that if we lost our way towards reaching our goal, it is necessary to cling to the one which suits our personality. She advised the parents to let their girl children to continue studies till they find their dream comes true. Remembering her mother, she spoke of her role in shaping her personality. The evening was exciting and nice, as our volunteers came with their parents and got their blessings.



Madurai Seed's history is starting from her, Dr.Taj



Tenth Day, 15.10.2021:



A well-known friend and well-wisher of Madurai Seed, Mrs. Viji Muruges appeared on screen on this valedictory day. With great interest in teaching in Madurai Seed, she has given reading sessions for children, English learning workshop and classes for young people with

her husband.

With a brief introduction of Karthik about her unbreakable bond with MS children and young people since 2013, the live session started. Also, a short video created by Jeeva was screened to recall the days of her becoming one of the family members of Madurai Seed. Fondly, we call her Viji anni. She spoke thanking and appreciating the young people for their volunteering and also added that they themselves stand as an icon of inspiration to her.



She was honoured virtually. This event was dedicated by our alumni who are the supporting roots of Seed. They took part in the event with their cutie pie babies. This auspicious “Vijaya Dhasami” day which is considered as an important day of initiating education for children. It is a tradition. The

children of Alumni begun their education journey at Madurai Seed by writing the first letter in Tamil “அ” on rice and a clean slate. Normally, children do this before their first day at school, but because of the covid lockdown Karthik organised it at Madurai Seed instead. The children’s magazine Thumbi was presented to everyone.

Mobile videos workshop: 27.10.2021



Kaleidoscope has organized a workshop “film making using mobiles”. The resource person was Amudhan, a documentary film maker who launches Madurai International Short Film and Documentary Film festival every year since. 4 young people from Madurai Seed has taken part in the workshop. The workshop dealt with various shooting and editing apps with good quality and modes. The participants took various montages using the Apps and tried to edit them with titles and subtitles. The resource person has screened some of his films shot in mobile and other short films shot on mobile phones. It was a good learning opportunity.

Nanmaran Condolence: 29.10.2021



Nanmaran was a former member of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, elected two times in a row, served as MLA for 10 years in Madurai East Constituency. He is a Marxist leader. He is known for his simplicity and honesty. He is an icon of Madurai. On his demise due to old age, we organized a condolence meeting in Madurai Seed. He came as a guest to Madurai Seed in two different occasions. In one Vasantham Summer Camp, he came to talk about Karl Marx. And again on children’s day event he came and shared his life experiences. He is very fond of children. He is a children song writer also. He sang his songs for children. He is an inspiration. We talked about his life, showed his photographs and videos, read special articles about him published in newspapers. In this way we paid tribute to the comrade.

Vizhuthugal Diwali – Alumni Meet – 31.10.2021



Preparation work started one week earlier to the program. The program date was fixed as 31.10.2021, Sunday. People in charge were appointed to invite former students via phone and WhatsApp, to collect things, to purchase things, the location was fixed, the program agenda evolved gradually.



During the festivities our study centres become clean and beautiful. But, our office gets cluttered during big events. People pick up items, look for stationery, leave things. Diwali gifts, festive items, and children's toys were piled up in the office.

Alumni started arriving around 4 p.m. The reception was wonderful with flowers. The meeting was under a guava tree. Individual photos were taken against the backdrop of an old door frame. The tea party began. Mutual health inquiries and chats made the time pass very quick.

Men, women, and kids were separated at 5 p.m. The children were then separated from their parents for some time.





They went to have joyful time with games. They were greeted by the big Mickey Mouse. An exciting hour for the kids with balls, swing, toy tent, colouring, rhymes. At the end, all the children were presented with piggybanks. In a different area, Karthik Bharathi facilitated a discussion on simple lifestyle, the need to avoid materialistic greediness, saving schemes, medical and life insurance schemes. The alumni added their points to the discussion. After him Arun, Ramki, Surya, O. Mani shared their humorous and memorable incidents while studying here. Participants were given a book written by Nammazhvar, a cloth bag, and Diwali sweets.



In another centre, Renuka, a nutritional enthusiast and a mom shared her insights about nutrition and food habits. She talked about essential nutrition for children from simple, home-made, fresh ingredients. Mothers asked their questions and got clarified. Renuka took the seminar through pictures and experiences. Participants were given a pot and seeds.





The kids were handed over to their parents. We all gathered at Vandugal Arangam, where videos created by Vicky and Arun were screened. The videos comprised of Diwali and Alumni meet photos between the years 2007 to 2020. Everyone floated down memory lane.

They were immersed in photos while talking and smiling.

When everyone came out for the Diwali celebration, a large Diwali banner stood blocking the street. The children were separated by class. In front of every class is a desk with Diyas. Each alumnus went to a class and lighted the lamp with them. The light of the lamps adorned the street. A child representing each class came to the stage and we lighted Diwali sparklers. Diwali was born to us on that day itself.



Students from “Priyakalalaya Natyalaya” gave an amazing Bharathanatyam performance. Three children stole the attention of all. The cheers of the people would have been a great inspiration to the little artists. It was the first time in Karumbalai that

people were able to witness a classical dance like Bharathanatyam in their street. A dance performance by Madurai Seed Youth was also colourful.

We usually have one senior alumni or volunteer in our Diwali program. Unexpectedly senior member Solomon Raja (1999) attended. He also made a donation to the festival. The program was attended by 20 alumni and 140 children. Four alumni came with their wives and kids. Great fun for everyone. Dinner was provided to alumni and young people, and the children were provided with Diwali special Murukku and Athirasam. With applause and Diwali greetings, everyone said goodbye.



There is no wrong way to make pretty things



NOVEMBER

Schools were reopened for classes 1st std to 8th std. We concentrated more on classes except a few programs. Art workshop and Children's Day are the highlight events in this month. We got rise in number of children due to the school opening.

Schools reopened: 01.11.2021

Schools reopened for all classes from 1st std to 8th std. After two years they are going for regular schools. We gave chocolates to the school going children in the entrances of Karumbalai. In the evenings, we welcomed children to our education centres.



Diwali: 04.11.2022



Children and young people came in new attires to start the Diwali day with a prayer. From 8 am to 11 am, they spent at Madurai Seed sharing Diwali snacks like murukku, adhirasam and Gulab jamun with their friends. There was lights of love and new hope on the faces of

children when they fired crackers, and jumped over joy. Madurai Seed gifted all of them with sweet boxes and crackers. Also, volunteers instructed them how to be careful while firing crackers and advised them to be safe while celebrating Diwali.

Jai Bheem Review: 06.11.2021



“Jai Bhim” – is a movie about a brave activist lawyer fights for justice when a poor tribal man falsely accused of robbery, goes missing from the police custody. This

powerful film was screened for young people and students from 8th to 12th classes to make them understand how the oppressed in the society are illtreated just because of their birth in the primitive community. Also, the film tells the true story of a lawyer who has fought for many disadvantaged people to get justice. The young people shared who inspired them, hierarchy in the society and ways to overcome caste discrimination, and five important lessons they learned from the movie. The review of the film was narrowed down from general to specific perspectives of girls and boys.

Kaliman Art Workshop – 3 days-Story trail - Madurai Seed



Kumarshah and Patricia from Clay Movement talked to the children of the Vandugal, Vergal, and Kanavugal separately on 9th, 10th, & 11th of November 2021. Drawing and colouring along with stories made the event very successful. For children of all ages, Kumar has known how

to get along with them. Kumar is a traveller, story teller, and an artist.



The first day at the Vandugal Arangam was very lively. The curiosity of the children, the chitchats, mischief, and the excitement of the kids were truly amazing. Smiling, laughing, giggling children looked very beautiful. They talked moved freely with the resource person. Children asked Kumar to

tell a ghost story. Kumar started to tell with actions, and ended that the story is a dream during his sleep. A boy in the middle is scared and said "Anna, tell us another story". Another girl added "this is not a scary story there are no ghosts". The conversations developed very interestingly.



Next the children were involved in story making. Kumar created a story along with children which involves a lion, a grandma, a snake, and a washing machine. Then papers, pens, and crayons were distributed among children. The characters of the story were drawn and painted. The day

ended colourfully as the joy and interest in drawing is more important than how neatly one draws.



The second day was for Vergal Arangam. The ghost story told on the first day came in a different form here, and the children enjoyed the climax of the story very much. Kumar is known to capture the minds of children through stories. Stories bring adults closer to

children. They sat in a circle and developed a story involving animals. Each person contributed a line for the story. They split the paper into four parts and drew the four scenes in the story. Kumar and Patricia assisted children in drawing, encouraged those who said we don't know how to draw. Everyone came with nice drawings. Pictures were taken.



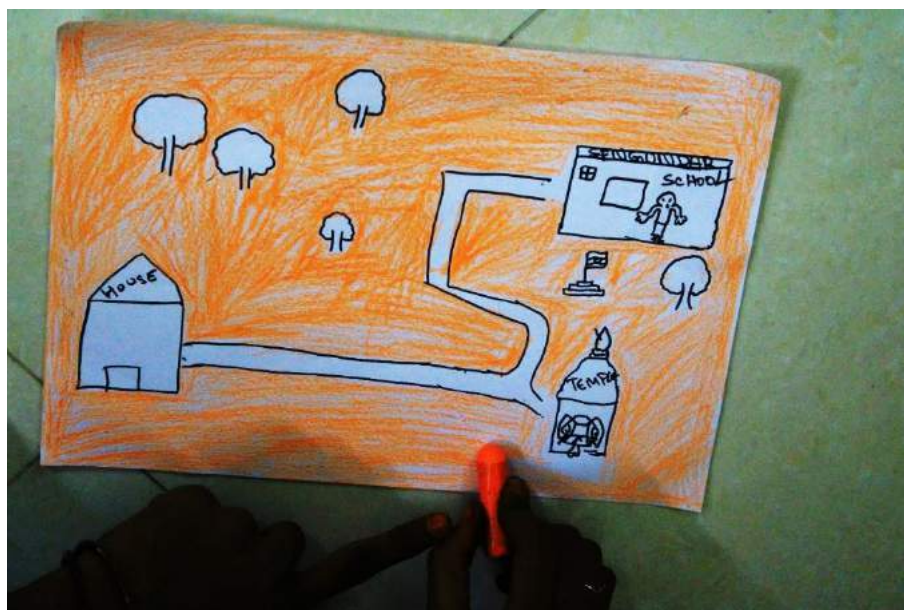
Third day was for Kanavugal Arangam who are adolescents. They also listened to stories but not ghost, animal, or fantasy story. It was the story of people, roads, nature and lands. It was the story of Kumarshah as a traveller. His talk was about what travelling

teaches, how travelling fills the mind, how we can travel, and how vast the world around us is.

Together with Kumar, Karthik Bharathi added about holistic education, how to look at the community, how to find learning in everything, how to link our studies in practical world, etc. Kumar Shah gave interesting answers to the children's questions. He told about his road trip in bicycle through many states of India which was very motivating. Then they drew a road map, marked important places and coloured them in. Both stories and drawings both are very enjoyable for children. The resource persons linked the two in a joyful, creative manner. The children's spirit was highly activated. This event was the first event, after the schools were opened after pandemic lockdown. It marked a special place in all of our hearts. Thanks to Kumarshah and Patricia



Creativity is inventing, experimenting, breaking rules, taking risks, and having fun.



Children's Day: 14.11.2021



“Time for some splashing fun cheers and jolly time for everyone because it's Children's Day”

The Children's Day celebration, which began at 10 a.m. lasted until 2.30 p.m.

The day was dedicated for children. It was organized mainly to cherish their childhood. The program begun with songs. Games conducted for all classes. Before they get tired, snack and tea was provided.



The main event was yet to start. Yes, how the day gets fulfilled without the wishes of friends. Many came online and wished our children on this day. Valarmathi Muthaiah greeted them and sent her message that every child is unique. Rambo Kumar sent his short film as a message for children and wished them. Indhumathi and Loku Ramasamy sent greeting videos.



Ravi, an artist sent his lovely paintings for the children with his best wishes, Also, Suresh and Tilakrajan, teachers spoke to our children via zoom meet and wished them with children's day quotes and stories. Karthik read an article published by Cuckoo about Jawaharlal Nehru and ended the day with sweets and gifts for children. They made the day memorable.

Rajan Touring Talkies: 28.11.2021



For the second time this year on 28.11.2021 the Yathartha Rajan Memorial Touring Talkies screening was held at Madurai Seed Wands Arena.

They were attended by Ravikumar and Rambichai of the Yathartha organization.



Films like Red Balloon and Satyajit Ray's "Do" were screened. A ticket counter was set up for the theatrical experience and tickets were issued for 1 rupee. After the completion of a film, a break was given and candies, corn, potatoes, etc. were given at a price of Rs.



The children watched the pictures with great excitement, laughter, talk, curiosity and surprise.

A small discussion took place as soon as the pictures were finished.

Yadartha Rajan Their works are admirable and memorable. As Rajan's grandfather, Madurai has always been in the minds of children.



We are proud to host the annual Touring Talkies event in his memory. Thanks to Mr. Ravikumar and Mr. Rambichai.



One step towards a dream...

DECEMBER

This was the month of celebration and new efforts.

We are into many new things like Illam Thedi Kalvi, new premise, and activities. We strengthened organizational and individual relationships in many programs.

Erode Dr. Jeeva Memorial Awards: 12.12.2021



Jeevanandam, a doctor from Erode, spoke to the soul of the public at the end of his service and dedication. Many of the initiatives he made through Gandhian-communist collaborative thinking today have had unintended consequences in various fields and in various fields. To commemorate Dr. Jeeva, a memorial service for Jeeva will be held on December 12 in Erode. This year's Green Awards are given to journalist Sams, musician DM Krishna and young activist Vishnupriya. The event will be graced by personalities including grandson Krishnammal

Jegannathan, social activist Mehta Bhatkar, writer Jayamohan, Justice Chandru and Comrade VP Gunasekaran. Our young people attended the event, heard inspirational speeches of them. Our director Karthikbharathi was honoured and received the book on "Dr.Jeeva" published at the event. Later, our young people took a trip to Periyar E.V.Ramasamy's birth place and museum. Periyar was one of the social reformers and sculptor of modern Tamilnadu.

Margazhi Makkal Isai – Neelam: 18.12.2021



Director Pa. Ranjith's Neelam Cultural Centre conducted a folk music festival in Madurai. Young people and children witnessed the event. The festival highlighted traditional music and songs. There were themes of

love, social reform, caste discrimination, poverty, communism, love for Tamil language, etc. It was a new experience for all to innovate by starting with the first song of the show, the Oppari song sung for mourning events. Following this, satirical drums of Madurai musicians, rap songs, Themmanku songs, folk songs, North Chennai's traditional music of Ghana and hip hop rocked the stage.

Illam Thedi Kalvi: 20.12.2021



Communication between schools and students has been cut off as schools have been closed. To reduce the learning gap, the Government of Tamil Nadu has launched a home-based education program targeting children in grades from 1 to 8. It was announced that volunteers who want to volunteer in Illam Thedi Kalvi can register their names. They will be monitored by the nearby school. Our volunteers have registered in the program. But, only 6 of them were given chances. On 20th December the program was officially inaugurated by the teachers, headmistress, parents, and children of nearby school at Madurai Seed venues.

Christmas: 25.12.2021



The sparkle in Children's eyes with wonder and delight, shined brighter than the Christmas lights. A holly jolly Christmas celebration in Madurai Seed rejoiced everyone. Christmas began with a rally towards the children's houses with stars,

singing "Jingle bells" all the way. Celebration continued for another 2 hrs with stories of Jesus birth, a short skit by Kanavugal Arangam students, quotes, messages and carols for Christmas.

Children loved dancing with Santa, his gifts surprised them. Children wore red cap cut the cake and shared.



Margazhi Thiruvizha - First Event Arumbugal – Inauguration

29.12.2021



The teacher Mariammal, Murugesan-Viji couple, Friends of Madurai Seed, Uster, Madurai Seed Trustees and many others have made this possible through the joint work, optimism, generosity and sacrifice. Such a dream has been sown and gradually rooted little by little, the building has been continuously maintained for the last six months, repaired, maintained, basic amenities done, with ecstasy, overcame the economic crisis and is now blossoming into buds.



The centre for children below 6 years has emerged as a "Arumbugal means Buds". The center was dedicated to the children on the birthday of the beloved Laura Amma on 29.12.2021. Dr. Taj Amma, always referred to as the starting point of the Seed centres, was with us on this day and it was a blessing for us. Regardless of old age, Dr.Taj took part in this new beginning. The event came to life in the presence of parents, former volunteers their family and kids and present young people.



Every single one of the decorations, play things, and educational items made everyone saying “wow”. Learning cards, swings, sand, musical instruments, colours, plant vines, palm leaves, snacks, decorative lights, flower arrangements, pottery, earthen elephant, earthen horse are all for them. We blossomed in their joy.

Although the guests other than Taj Amma could not attend, children wore the masks of Laura Amma, teacher Mariammal, Prof. Prabhakar, Viji Muruges, Cuckoo Sivaraj as their representatives and started the event by lighting the lamps.

The blessing from Taj Amma, who carried so many the new borns in her hands was truly a blessing in our new initiative. It will keep the buds nurture into blossoms.

Karthik Bharthi who dreams for everyone was the man behind this These are all his brain and hands. It was his determination and hard work that created the possibilities for a new venue for Madurai Seed.

The centre seeks more ideas, physical work, and economic opportunities to operate more effectively. We will travel. Currently evening classes for children are conducted here.



Margazhi Thiruvizha - Second Event

Narchool – Inauguration



Renuka has shared Mother Teresa's quote on her Facebook page, "Not all of us can do great things, but we can all do small things with great love." It is good to be constantly doing something that feeds our curiosity and contentment, big or small. If the act benefits not only us but others as well, it is a great deed.

Renuka has long wanted to start her career in the field of child nutrition and health counselling for women and the elderly.

Renuka, the daughter-in-law of Madurai, had previously done the assignments given to her on two occasions. In Penmai Potruthum event and Diwali alumni meet, she talked about food, nutrition, and home remedies. Her educational background of food and nutrition has helped her a lot.

His dream has evolved into Narchool means "good environment." In the first phase, she will be involved with Madurai Seed in programs including health care and nutrition for children, women, and elderly. She is also interested in developing home garden concept.

Narchool, a new initiative was inaugurated by Dr. Taj among the greenery in the Laura Amma Garden. Renuka explained about the needs to start this initiative. Nutrition, health care, and gardening activities will be conducted under the banner Narchool.



Margazhi Thiruvizha - Third Event

Kolam Competition for Parents

On 30.12.2021, **60 parents** took part in the Kolam competition. They drew beautiful Kolams in the entrance of their houses. Madurai Seed young people went in around the streets and evaluated them in the criteria of size, colours, and innovation. The participants were given gifts later on.





Together we build a family

JANUARY

The new year 2022 has started well, the year started with fresh air keeping behind the Covid days and related conflicts. Children had some holidays related to new year, Pongal, and republic day. We used them to conduct programs. Other days were filled with regular classes.

New Year: Let's hear from elders: 01.01.2022

Every year on New Year's Day special invitees is welcomed and we hear their New Year message. We will start the new year with new learning. This year's special guest was a special person, **VOCV.Chidambaram** he is the grand child of famous freedom fighter **V.O.Chidambaram**. VOC is a Tamil scholar, advocate, who started Swadesi Steam Navigation Company against the British, labour union leader, and a pioneer in many fields. 2022 is the 150th birth anniversary of VOC.



Mr. Chidambaram, who left the Indian Air Force for a long time and has been the Chief Executive Officer of several private companies, now runs a factory in Madurai. He is maintaining the legacy of this grandfather, and protecting the family values, without

expecting any rewards and benefits from Government.

Freedom fighter VOC was introduced by his grandson, he explained the multi-faces of VOC as a Tamil scholar, Navy businessmen, Swadeshi Movement leader, labour union leader, advocate, writer, translator, etc. He was famous all over India in his time. He supported women's education and freedom, he is against caste discrimination, he is a great public speaker, a kind of rational and reformist.



Our guest VOC VC had a lot of virtues to learn from him. Simplicity first. He didn't talk emotionally and superficially. He took the help of history, books, and data. It is important that VOC should be discussed

in researched in the fields of Tamil literature platforms. His presence in Madurai Seed was as simple as that of a mentor.



He has been raising awareness among students not only about this grandfather VOC but also about the environment. He also imparted knowledge on plastic avoidance, recycling, electronic

waste reduction, tree planting and climate change. He expressed his interest to come on another occasion to talk about environment.

Our supporter and friend Ariaravelan gave his contact. So thanks to Ariaravelan and VOC V Chidambaram for your valuable presence on the new year day.

National Youth Day: 12.01.2022

The young people in Madurai Seed were admired for their social service. Everyone gathered in a circle, and shared about their future plans and wishes. They shared about their wishes for higher education, job, salary, marriage, and family commitments. The session was facilitated by our trustee Elavarasi. She also added comments, and guidance regarding their plans.

Pongal: 14.01.2022



Madurai Seed festivals bring everyone together, create fun, make them work together and create opportunities for learning. Unlike Deepavali, Pongal is not a major festival in urban areas like Karumbalai. Pongal cooking is not

customary in many homes. Pongal rangoli, two sugar canes, and roof flower is the typical Pongal here. It is no exaggeration to say that the government's free Pongal packages have spread the celebration mood of Pongal festival.





Festivals at Madurai Seed are not like another year. Innovation and search are mixed and refined. “Mother Tamil”, She became the main concept of Pongal celebrations this year. We have planned the unique Pongal connecting all children, young

people, and parents.



Prize giving, folk music, Mother Tamil procession, Mixed vegetable rice cooking are the highlights. The idol of “Mother Tamil” visited the homes of all young people. The large banner proclaiming "Equality" has the images of Buddha, Thiruvalluvar, Jesus, Marx,

Ayothidas, Gandhi, Periyar, Ambedkar and other social figures. A gift package with sugar cane, pumpkin slice, palm sugar ball, coconut, a plate, cloth bag, Tamil calendar reflected sustainable living, nature and Tamil culture.



Folk singer Madhichiyam Bala, two thavil artists, and female artiste sang praises to Tamil Thai. First, we had cooked sweet Pongal and prayed to sun god before the office, worshiped with vegetables and started the preparations for the procession. Singing Mother Tamil

greetings, the boys carried the idol on their shoulders.

We went to the homes of the volunteers. The parents got a light from Mother Tamil to their Diyas, and took it home. On a good day, the Tamil Mother entered their house as gods. They treated those who with snacks and soft drinks. They gave rice, pulses, vegetables and spices for lunch cooking. Thus, we visited 17 houses in East Street, Middle Street, West Street and SM Nagar. On the way, the parents of the children of Madurai Seed also took Aarti to Tamilnadu and gave vegetables and groceries for lunch.



Pongal gift items on a tricycle kept getting empty as time went on. Another cart was full of vegetable and grocery items. Occasional folk songs, dance, and subsequent Thavil beats seemed to maintain the celebratory mood. After the procession was over, we started cooking. Delicious nutritious meal mixed with all kinds of

vegetables, rice, and masala. The children ate lunch at Madurai Seed, some of them took it to home. Items collected from the people were cooked back to themselves.

The celebration united everyone and highlighted our culture. Everyone had work to do. Had the mind to contribute. The celebration is complete when everyone take part, give, receive, work together for its success. Pongal was one of such festivals. Thanks to all parents.



Community is strength



Republic Day: 26.01.2022



The 73rd Republic Day of India was celebrated at the Madurai Seed Office in honour of the Constitution which gave equal law and rights to all citizens. Bhavani, President of Madurai Seed Youth Federation (MSYF), hoisted the National Flag and delivered the republic day message “We will safeguard the country's uniqueness of diversity, unity in diversity, scientific temper, respect for constitution. Everyone was given a sweet.



Sports Meet: 29.01.2022 & 22.01.2022



As the children don't have enough space in Karumbalai and nearby places to play freely, the meet was conducted in nearby ESIC road, slightly broad road with very less vehicle movements. The aisle of trees provided perfect shade from the hot weather. Usually the road will be quiet, but today it was filled with children's cheer and chats. Children were divided into four teams. Outdoor Individual games like athletics, fun games, group games like cricket, Kho kho, Kabadi were conducted for children from 6 years to 16 years. The level of enjoyment and competition were understood by their tanned skin and sweat. Snacks were provided in between. Kudos to the volunteers who turned the sports meet into a successful event.





Dream...Plan...Do...Achieve

FEBRUARY

The annual exams and school year end was nearby, so we concentrated more on classes. Activities in this month were less. Model exams were conducted for 10th, 11th, and 12th std students.

Institution Day: 01.02.2022



Madurai Seed steps in its 23rd year envisioning young people's and children's development by nurturing them through education and personality development programs. With the support

of Madurai Seed there are many first-generation graduates, engineers and teachers emerging from this indigent background. Teacher volunteers, and children from all classes marked the occasion by giving a brief talk about the role of Madurai Seed for their progress. Karthikbharathi shared about past years' achievement, strengthening factors, supporting great hearts, like-minded and inspiring people of Madurai Seed and thanked everyone. Cultural activities, picturesque of supporters & friends and video screenings of recent events occupied the whole evening of the Institution Day celebrations.

National Science Day: 28.02.2022



The Galileo Science club of Madurai Seed celebrated National Science Day to mark the discovery of the Raman effect by the scientist Sir. C.V. Raman. Santhosh from 12th std gave a presentation on Robotics and made a DIY mini robot moving by self. Other students were given things needed to build that Robot model and in groups they made it working. Riddles related to science was by Meenakshi from 8th std. Bhavana from 11th std talked about the importance of the day. Sathish from 10th std recited a poem on science in which he sang rhythmically about recent developments in Science, ISRO and scientists. Experiments were demonstrated by 12th and 10th students to explain fundamental concepts in science. Also, they presented working models of dam, solar energy production, hydroelectric power production, windmill, small rocket and satellite models. The whole event kindled the scientific temper. After long months, they took this opportunity and involved enthusiastically in making science projects.



Aspire to inspire...

MARCH

Like February, we emphasised more on classes because of upcoming annual exams. Few programs were conducted at the start and end of this month. We have successfully completed another finance year.

Women's Day: 08.03.2022



Every girl volunteer was honoured and appreciated for their care and love towards children. Each girl volunteer shared about how they face challenges at home and shatter the stereotypic beliefs and finish colleges to go for higher studies. They clearly marked that anything is possible for a woman when she is determined and stubborn in achieving her goal. A dinner treat was given to them in a hotel. They had fun and laughter together cherishing the day of Womanhood.

Music Evening: 31.03.2022



The music evening was organized on the last day of finance year to appreciate the volunteers, and children who showed high attendance percentage. It was like a rejuvenation for every one at the end of the finance year. Thamarai, a college student and her friends who played key board, and cajon drum made the evening blissful with their songs and music.

Young People Development Programs



John sir class: Our beloved FMS President and ELT professional John Potts has taken online classes for Elavarasi and Arun on topics like CLIL lesson plans, Grammar lesson plans, language analysis, concept questions, classroom language etc.

The classes were conducted via Zoom link, they were very informative and useful, helped in developing the teaching skills. Every Friday of the week, John sir helped them to make lesson plans for improving speaking skills of children, also he focused on developing their academic subject knowledge in depth. His course provided them additional support for teaching from simple to complex grammar topics in textbooks. Ways of utilizing available multiple resource books and online sites were discussed by him. Home works and correction on the spot by him were very helpful in finding new strategies in teaching process. The best thing about the classes was it gave them a comfortable and interactive learning to teach children and young people effectively.



TNPSC class: Competitive exam classes for young people have been going from December 2021. Many young people aspired for government jobs. The government also announcing

notifications regarding Group 2 and Group 4 jobs. So, we started to prepare the young people. The classes are going 5 days a week – 1 hour a day. They prepare on a particular topic and write mock tests in the weekend. Coaching books were bought from famous coaching centres. A WhatsApp group was made to share study materials and tests. The classes continued from December 2021 to March 2022 in this year and still going. Young people showed much interest and enthusiasm.

What is within me is with me



People First, a Chennai based consultancy has started to take potential development classes for Madurai Seed young people. People First, Mr Arul Dev, and Arthi mam are not new to Madurai Seed family. They have conducted a two days' workshop and two online sessions in the past years. The motto of this class is "Sowing seeds for transformation". So far, two classes were taken by our beloved Arthi mam, who is an educational therapist. 15 young people are attending this course.

Arthi mam, guided the young people through a breathing exercise (watching the natural breath). She explained about the "Insight Cards" and explained about each category. She is a very good teacher who can make the participants to talk, explore, and find answers within themselves. She introduced about the book "Into great depth of your being" written by Mr Arul Dev.



The participants were made to think deeper about the words like "Balance, symmetry, movement, perseverance, solution" etc. She made connotations with subjects like Maths, Biology, and Physical Education to explain the core ideas. There is a saying "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step". Here we have taken two steps. We are sure the classes will give our young people a great confidence and other tools to lead a constructive life. 08 such sessions were conducted from August 2021 to November 2021.



OUR PARTNERS

Friends of Madurai Seed is an organization founded in Zurich in August 2008 with the aim of supporting *Madurai Seed*. The committee is made up both of people who know South India and *Madurai Seed* from personal experience and others who are passionately interested in daily life and problems there. *Friends of Madurai Seed* has the goal of helping to provide essential financial support for *Madurai Seed* on a regular basis. *Friends of Madurai Seed* supports *Madurai Seed* through guaranteed annual funding for education centres, skills and personality development programs, scholarships for children and young people. *Friends of Madurai Seed* also gives moral support to *Madurai Seed* and acts as a consultation partner regarding important planning decisions, English classes and teacher training. www.friendsofmaduraiseed.org. Thanks to **Laura Villiger** and **John Potts**.



Asha Boston Chapter is a chapter of Asha for Education, a non-profit organization. They are a completely volunteer driven organization. Asha Boston Chapter works towards promoting the education of underprivileged children in India by providing financial assistance and support to the NGOs focused on education projects. Asha Boston provides monthly running expenses for Madurai Seed such as rents, telephone, electricity for education centres, and monthly stipend for volunteers. **Melli Annamalai** is the project steward. She is a great motivator. She has been in contact with us always and interested a lot in our children and young people's progress especially girls. <https://ashanet.org/project/?pid=809>.



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JOIN WITH US

As a donor, you can help Madurai Seed's dream projects come true or help the current programs to run continuously in the future. You can also support a child's school expenses or youth to get graduated.

As a volunteer, you can teach classes for children and young people in the areas of your interest and expertise. You can teach English, art and crafts, or any skill or knowledge that you would like to share.

As a friend, you can always be in touch with us, appreciate, and keep us motivated.

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CONCLUSION

Through Madurai Seed's interventions, we all are making differences in the lives of disadvantaged children and young people in whatever little means possible by us. In Covid days, we were able to cope up with same energy and innovative ideas to keep in touch with our children and young people. In this year, we have invested more days in bringing back the enthusiasm in education, learning, and schooling. We emphasised more on academic success of children. We have conducted big events where parents also could take part.

We have achieved a new premise in Karumbalai. We are dreaming more activities based on the place. We will continue to incorporate new ideas in our working style. We look forward to the coming year filled with success stories of young people, their educational and vocational success will be the proof for your works.

Thanks for all your continued support in providing resources, learning opportunities, economic support, and moral support to the children, young people, as well as the organization. Thanks a lot.







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