

Summer of celebration

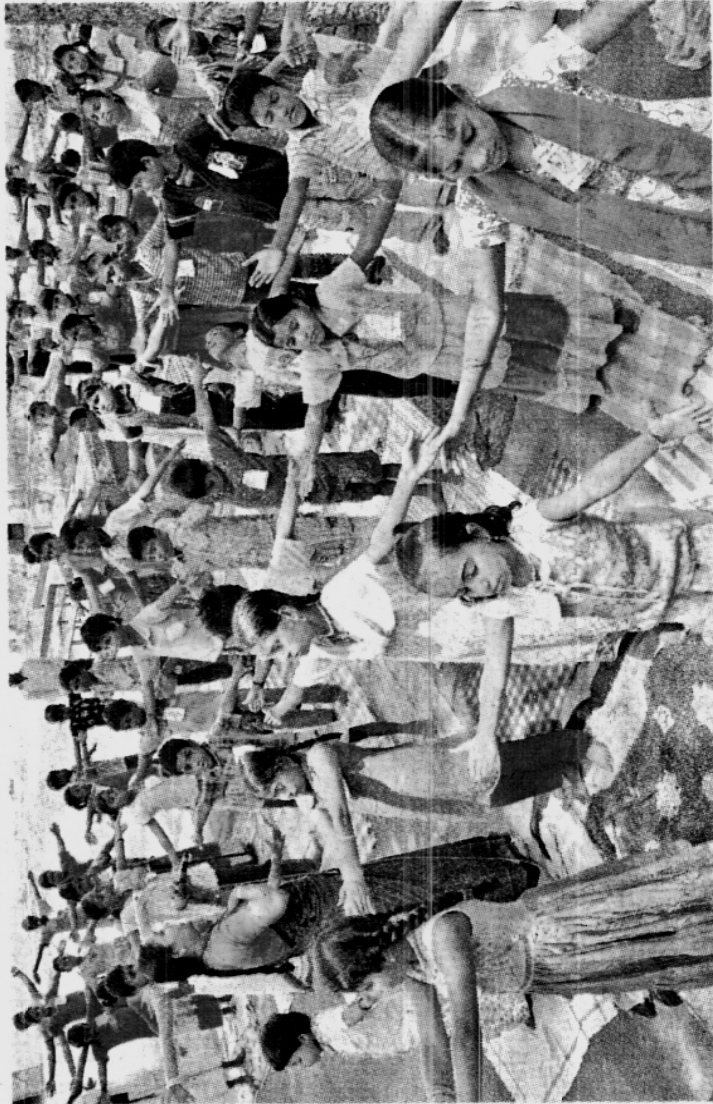
It was an experience the children would not forget in a hurry.

D. KARTHIKEYAN

To provide a meaningful summer holiday to the underprivileged children, Madurai Seed, a non-governmental organisation, working among children from the neighbourhood slums, has been conducting summer camp every year.

For the fifth time, Madurai Seed conducted this year's Vasantham camp at Anupanadi Corporation High School. About 120 children in the age group of five to 18, belonging to the areas of Karumbalai, P.T. Colony, Indra Nagar, Sindhamani and Anupanadi participated in the six-day camp. Children were divided into six groups and each team comprised 20 members. The six groups were each named *Kudhoogalam*, *Aravaram*, *Urchagam*, *Kummalam*, *Aanatham* and *Kondattam* respectively.

The camp activities included flag hoisting, thought for the day and campus cleaning, besides cultural programmes, and other ac-



OVERWHELMING PARTICIPATION: *Teaming up together.* PHOTO: S. JAMES

tivities done creatively by the children themselves. Children did the flag-hoisting every day. Thought for the day for the six days was based on the topics of hard work, love, friendship, unity, culture and harmony. Children put together advertisements

partment of the American College, Raja, the director of Sorkam Trust, Jeyamkondan, a teacher of Kalaivani Vidhyalaya School, and the Librarian of Ultra College, Thirunavukarasu and Rajkumar, and Chithra Ganapathi delivered speeches on B.R. Ambedkar, Bharatiyar, Gandhi, Kamarajar, Periyar and Mother Teresa.

Professors of Madurai Temple of Consciousness Nirmala and Ramani conducted yoga classes for the six days and helped the children understand what self-esteem, mental peace, simple exercises and good personality were all about. Games with the core objective of recapturing childhood were conducted. Every evening, cultural programmes were staged. Themes like patriotism, old songs, folklore and festivals appealed to the children. All the participants were given certificates and gifts.

Feedback

"The camp helped us bring to light our talent and develop social responsibilities," said S. Thilagavathy, Std. XI, Karumbalai.

U. Ramya, Std. IX, Anupanadi, said Vasantham camp is beautiful, for its innovative games, new friends, and team spirit.

Vasantham camp is a good package. I liked the yoga class, delicious lunch and the evening sessions, said, Singa Prabu, Std. V, P.T. Colony.

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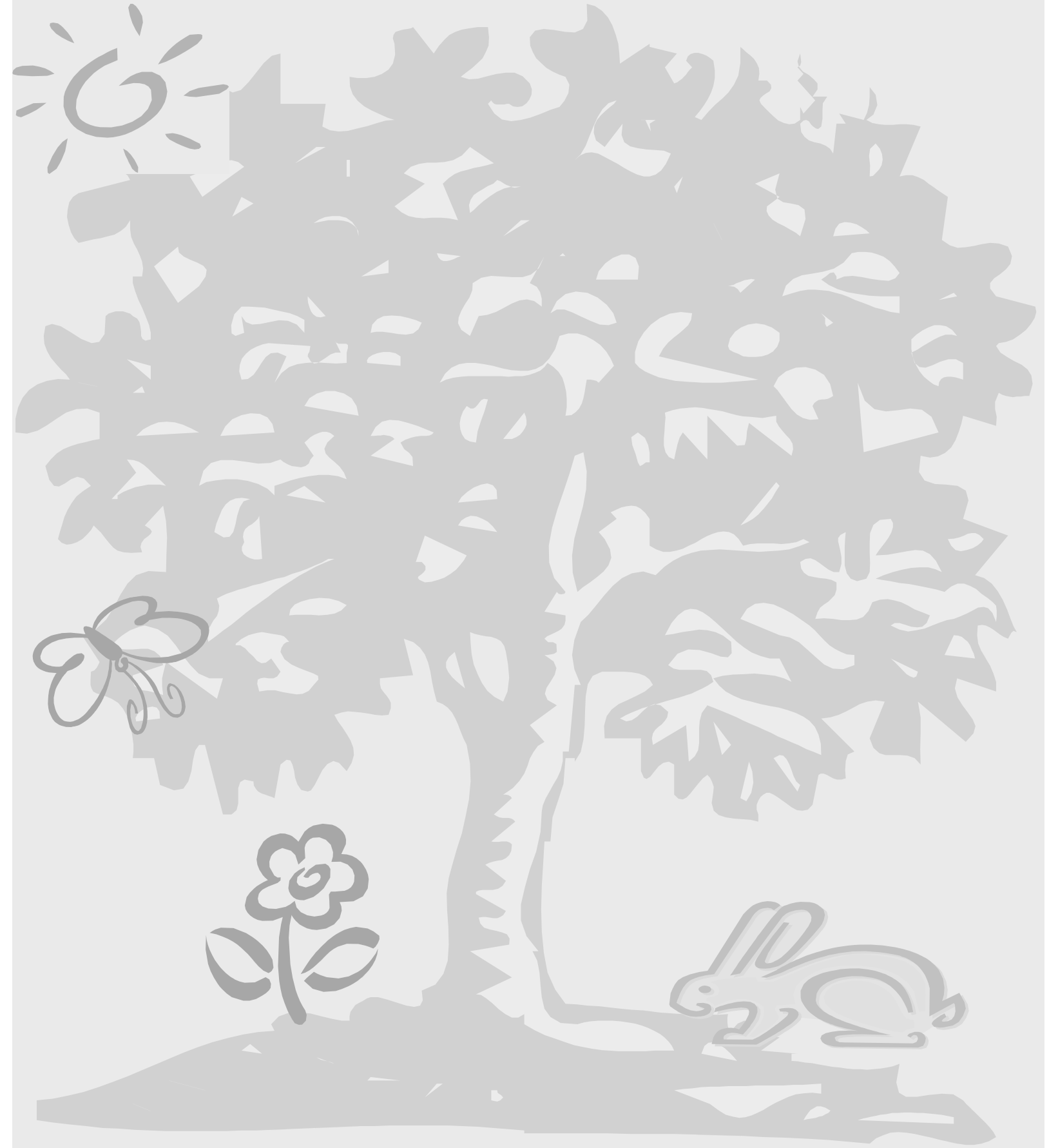
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மதுரை, மே 7:

சீடு நிறுவனம் சார்பில்... மதுரை அனுப் பானடி மாநகராட்சி உயர்நிலைப் பள்ளியில் சீடு நிறுவனம் சார்பில் கோடைக்காலப் பயிற்சி முகாம் நடைபெற்றது. இதையொட்டி, பல் வேறு அமர்வுகளாக இந்த நிகழ்ச்சி நடத்தப் பட்டது.

நிகழ்ச்சியில் புகழ்பெற்ற தலைவர்கள் குறித்து எவாஞ்சலின் மனோகரன், ராஜா, ஜெ யங்கொண்டான், திருநாவுக்கரசு, ராஜ்குமார் ஆகியோர் பேசினர். யோகம் மனவளக்கலை

குறித்து வேதாத்தி மகரிஷி மன்ற பேரா சிரியர்கள் நிர்மலா, ரமணி ஆகியோர் பயிற்சி அளித்த னர். நிறைவு விழா வில் அனுப்பானடி மாநகராட்சி பள்ளி தலைமையா சிரியை பிரேமா வெற்றி பெற் றவர்களுக்குப் பரிசு, சான்றிதழ் வழங்கி னார்.

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MADURAI SEED VASANTHAM CAMP-2011

From 1999 onward, MADURAI SEED has been supporting the welfare of children and young people of the underprivileged areas.

MADURAI SEED conducted Vasantham Summer Camp for children at Anupanadi Corporation High School from 1, May 2011 to 6, May 2011.

120 children from 5 to 18 year olds have participated in the camp. 20 young people gave commitment as volunteers. The participants were provided with lunch, tea and snacks, prizes, and certificates. A.S.Karthik Bharathi carried out this camp as Camp Director.

Thought for the day for the six days is based on the topics like hard work, love, friendship, unity, culture, harmony.

Input sessions were conducted in order to know about the eminent leaders like Bharathi, Gandhi, Kamarajar, Periyar, Ambedkar, and Mother Theresa. Prof. Evangeline Manoharan from Tamil Department of the American College, Mr. Raja the director of Sorkam Trust, Mr.Jeyam Kondan the teacher of Kalaivani Vidhyalaya School, the Librarian of Ultra College Mr. ThirunavuKarasu, Orator Mr.RajKumar and Orator Mrs.Chithra Ganapathi gave seminars on the above leaders respectively. Professors in Madurai Temple of Consciousness Mrs.Nirmala & Mrs.Ramani conduct yoga classes and art of mental health for the six days.

Activities like Revealing Talents, Children as Sculptures, Healthy Evening Snacks, No Discrimination by Color, Fashion show, and Camp activities demonstration were kindled the creativity and talents in them.

Everyday games are conducted with the core objective of recapturing the childhood aspects. They practice and sing songs having social morals. Furthermore, every day cultural programs were staged having the themes like Patriotism, Antique Songs, Folklore, Festival and Children.

In the Valedictory program Mrs. N.R. Prema, the Head Mistress of Anupanadi Corporation High School distributed prizes and certificates to children.

Madurai Seed's trustees A.S. Karthik Bharathi and M.Mansurali, coordinators O.Mohan and C.Arunkumar facilitated this summer camp for children.

Puduyugam		Wall of Fame	
Name	Year Joined in MADURAI SEED	Year Finished College	What they are doing now?
K.Anbarasan	2001	MSW- 2009	Working in project for HIV patients in Virudhunagar
R.Karthik	2001	PG- Tourism- 2010	Working in a private company
M.Periyasamy	2002	BE- 2010	Working in a private company. Preparing for competitive exams
M.Vijay	2007	BE- 2010	Working in HCL Systems
S.Sulthan	2001	ITI- 2010	Working in Saudi Arabia
M.Pethuraj	2001	ITI- 2010	Working in Dubai
O.Manikandan	2000	BE- 2010	Studying software testing course in Chennai
P.Saranya	2005	B.Sc, B.Ed	Teaching in private school, preparing for competitive exams
M.Amutha	2007	B.Sc, B.Ed	Studying PG in English.
V.Elavarasi	2010	M.Sc, B.Ed	Preparing for competitive exams
P.Muniyasamy	1999	B.A, B.Ed	Studying PG in English by distance education mode. Preparing for competitive exams
M.Sureshraj	1999	BA- 2011	Working in a private company
M.Sivagurunathan	2006	BA- 2011	Working in a private company
M.Soundar	2010	BA- 2011	Working in a private company
R.Baskarraja	1999	B.Sc- 2011	Studying PG in Tourism

During 2007-11, among our senior members Prakash got government job and Chellapandi, Senthil Kumar, Ramkumar, Selvaganesh, Kavitha, Rajarajan, got jobs in police department. Every year, typically 25 children finished Xth std, 25 children finished 12th std. and went for high secondary school, college, and technical schools.

Puduyugam

Dear Readers

Dear Readers,

MADURAI SEED is stepping forward towards its 13th year. We have compiled and forth you the experience got from the children and young people in the various occasions after the duel registration of MADURAI SEED. There are lots of problems and hurdles which have to be met out by the economically and socially deprived children and young people to complete their schooling and college education. In this toiling journey, MADURAI SEED really wanted to comfort them by offering opportunities and atmosphere for a joyful learning and encourage them with guidance and helps. Having this as our objective, MADURAI SEED is being successful and yet to be succeed more.

It is a pleasant thing to hear that the dropped out students from schools and colleges have successfully completed their graduation. Some of them are, P.Manimegalai (Post Graduation), Arun (Graduation in Law), Alagu Meena, Mohan, Marimuthu, Baskar (All are graduates).

MADURAI SEED further has being helped young people by giving awareness about government policies and offers. And about the engineering studies, which in turn will surely make fully aware families. This amalgam of experiences will definitely kindle the other children and young people, who are reading this to great heights.

There is no doubt that this PUDUYUGAM will surely help you to grasp the good outlook and thoughts of MADURAI SEED supporters, children and young people.

Thanks to the generous hearts who has been being benevolent to uplift the lives of the children and young people.

With Love,

A.S.Karthikbharathi



Experiences and Feedbacks in this book were written by the children in Tamil. Those have been translated into English by
C.Arunkumar
C.Karpagajothi

I Like ...

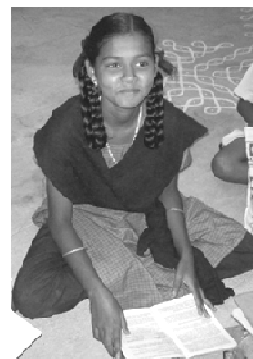


"I came to SEED Vandugal Arangam through my friends. I love the atmosphere and I like all "Anna and Akka" in SEED very much. I will come to this place even after going to higher studies. I like Vandugal Arangam so much. They teach me dance, songs, sports and many more. We'll definitely use these skills. We're all also doing our home works in our Vandugal Arangam. So, it makes our school studies also, so easy...."

D. Vinthiya

* Vinthiya is currently studying VIIth std in Madurai Seed's Vergal Arangam

Mile stones of My Life ...

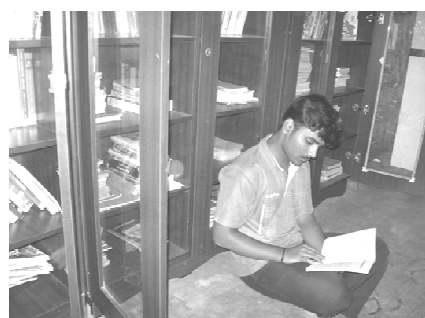


I studied up to seventh standard in another school. Then, there was a situation to transfer to O.C.P.M Girls Higher Secondary School. I first arrived to the new school with lots of tension and fear. After some days I came to SEED with the situation of disability of getting high marks in the new atmosphere. Eighth standard is the best class of our Vergal Arangam. It helps for the day to day school works, English speaking practice and Tamil Speaking practice SEED helped me to overcome my school fear. Now, I like the school very much. There is also an improvement in my rank.

A.Sumathi

* Sumathi is currently studying XIth std in Madurai Seed's Kanavugal Arangam

An Apt Platform!



I'm coming to SEED about eight years. The encouraging atmosphere of SEED made me a Book reader. The library with our SEED has been named as Senthamizh Library. With in these eight years, I've read nearly 100 books. My favorite choice is like "Vandargal Vendrargal", wow! 2000", "yen? Yetharku? Yeppadi?", and science magazines. Senthamizh library seems to be an apt platform to exhibit our speaking skill and writing skills, my most favorite activity in SEED is to meet genius people and interacting with them.

P.Pandia Rajan

* Pandiyarajan is currently doing is under graduation in English



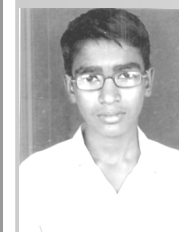
WALL OF FAME

Greetings and Wishes

MADURAI SEED hearty wishes children who secured great marks in government common exams.



High Marks in 10th std among Karumbalai Children

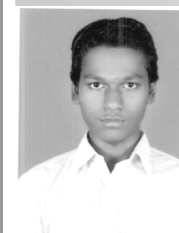


Name: **S.Jagadeeswaran**
School: Nehru Vidhyalaya Hr.sec. School
Marks: **470/500**
Now: Studying 11th std in Balamandiram Hr.Sec. School



Name: **M.Divya**
School: Nirmala Girls Hr.Sec. School
Marks: **468/500**
Now: Studying 11th std in the same school

High Marks in 12th std among Karumbalai Children



Name: **P.Dhileep Kumar**
School: Chetana Matric Hr.Sec School
Marks: **1108/1200**
Now: Studying Engineering (EEE) in Velammal Engineering College



Name: **P.Maheswari**
School: Kakkai Padinear Corp. Girls Hr.Sec. School
Marks: **1064/1200**
Now: Studying Engineering (ECE) in Karaikudi Alagappa Chetiyar Engineering College

Teacher V.Mariamammal Endowment Prize Winners 2010-11

P.Dhileep Kumar – XII
P.Maheswari – XII
S.Jagadeeswaran – X
Jai Sreenath – X
Sumathi – IX

WHAT DO OTHERS THINK ABOUT US?

“I have no doubt that the works of MADURAI SEED will make a positive change in the society. It was absolutely proven while seeing these seeds!”

Kathir, Human Rights Activist, Madurai

“Young people are the great assets of India. I am happy that Seed is involving to make that kind of young people”

E.Annamalai, Tamil Scholar, USA

“See... Here the dream of Bharathiyar came true by bringing up the young nation”

Mathesh, Sakthi Vidhya Schools, Dindigul

“Great Service through the supporting of Body, Mind, and Intellect”

Dr. Pradeep, Scientist, USA

“This was phenomenal. You all are such wonderful people. Continue the good work”

Gillian Conly, USA

“India + Switzerland meet, two peaceful countries. It was a wonderful experience to be here, thank you”

Nico Luthi, Student, Switzerland

“I’m happy to be a part of MADURAI SEED family. I wish and pray for its growth. I also consider it is my duty to appreciate the service rendered by this organization”

Prof. Zakera, Madurai

“It is really a very good organization. God bless you all”

Mr.Purna Chandra Rao, Secretary, NICE program, Andra Pradesh

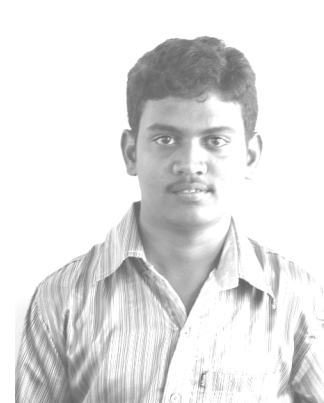
“Great, There are many things to learn from MADURAI SEED. Really enjoyed everything”

Nikhil Jadav, Asha Volunteer, Mumbai

“Awesome performance by the kids, very inspiring”

Mr.Bhaskar, Asha Volunteer, Chennai

Now, I’ve grown like a big tree



My Parents live with my grand parent’s family. There are 3 daughters and 2 sons for my grand parents. All are married and except one daughter all are living together. The maximum education level among this generation is only up to ninth standard. From this four families, there are nine people for this new generation. Two of them have dropped out from school due to lack of interest. Among the remaining, 2 Young People are Post Graduates and one is an Under Graduate. Now, my younger brother, my cousin and I have attained a valuable status and be came high valued people from the illiterate family. All these are possible only because of the valuable guidance and support of Madurai SEED. My brother (Thamarai Selvan) and I are doing “MA in Social Works” in American College. Muthu Priya (My cousin) is doing B.Sc.,(Mathematics) in Lady Doak College. SEED has shaped our leadership skills. I have got the chance to study “social studies” through SEED and at present, I’m the financial Trustee of Madurai SEED. It’s a pleasure and honor to me. I’ve fallen like a SEED in “Madurai SEED” and now, have grown like a big tree.

K.Anbarasan, MSW

* Anbarasan has finished his MSW degree and now working for an AIDS project in Virudhunagar.

SEED is part of my life



Today, I’m studying B.E. (EEE) second year in an Engineering college. My elder brother, Mohan is studying B.A Second year in American College. My younger brother has just finished IX STD this year. All these are possible only through SEED. Both my mother and father are illiterate. Though, we have come from very poor economic background, we remain now as people with filled with self confidence. My house is too small and not a proper place to study. Thedalgal Arangam seems to be an apt place for my studies. For the past five years, I use SEED’s Thedalgal Arangam for my night studies. I’ve scored only 86% in x std and 71% in XII std. My family situation and poor economic condition didn’t permit me to join a college. I was so depressed. But, SEED took care of me and gave me proper helps. “To become an Engineer” is my childhood dream. SEED is giving scholarship money for the last eight years continuously. SEED also helped me to get bank loan. Not only for myself, but also for my elder brother, who has failed in VIII std and dropped out from school in XI std. Then, he finished XIIth std through SEED. Again, there were two year drop out. Now, again he is studying in the American college with the aid of SEED. My younger brother got SEED’s guidance in eighth std continuing his studies with the aid of Madurai SEED....

O.Manikandan, BE

(Manikandan has finished his BE degree now studying software testing course in Chennai.)

I want to become a civil Engineer



My father is a sweeper. My mother is a Maid servant. All in my family are illiterate. And they are very poor. I'm the first person in my family completing the higher secondary education (XII std). SEED has helped me a lot for that, SEED has improved my academic level as well as my leadership qualities and other soft skills. After XII std., I want to become a civil Engineer. This is my goal.

M. Magudapathi

(Magudapathi is in his pre final year of civil engineering degree program)

Teacher training for English teaching



First of all, I've enjoyed this class thoroughly. It was such a nice experience we had a huge number of group discussions, and debates and games and so on. We came to know more about the general principles and class room management. In our school, teaching methodology is totally different. It would be nice to have similar teaching in our regular class room. Thanks a lot for giving me a chance to take part in this teacher training.

C. Karpagajothi

(Karpaga jothi is in her final year BA degree program)

Better outlet



I'm a B.A.English second Year Student. SEED is a centre, which gives more insight on art. Madurai SEED works on the motto that every children and Young People should know any form of performing art or fine art. SEED has enhanced me with singing, dancing, mimicry, etc. The chances I got through "Vanmugil Cultural Club" give me limitless joy and pleasure.

P. MuniyaSamy

(Muniyasamy has finished his BA and B.Ed degree program and studying MA by correspondently)

Going to spend ...



Saving with Thenkoodu is such a happiest thing. SEED Thenkoodu Bank teaches us the responsibility and importance of savings. My mother and father are very happy about my saving habit in SEED last year, I've saved Rs.300/- it helped me to pay my school fees. This year, I've saved Rs.394/-. I'll spend this money for my sister's marriage gift.

N. Karpaga Selvi

(Karpagaselvi is now studying XIIth std in Madurai Seed's Kanavugal Arangam.)

The Pole Star in My Life



Karthik Anna's guidance talk in March month was very useful for me and 12th std students. It was very helpful to our uneducated parents. They understand the importance of education. Before, I got confusion about selecting my area of higher education. Some students don't know about whether their families allow them to study further. Parents are also in depression about the family situation. But, all of them are get their answers for their questions and confusions. Parents take swear to let their children study further. Before parents are thinking about women children don't need higher education. But at the end, they knew about the importance of educating the women community. Karthik Anna talked about departments in colleges, details of colleges in Madurai, details of professional education. Other volunteers were also there to clear doubts. Being the session about my future life, this was very useful to me personally and all of us. - **P. Maheswari**

(Maheswari is now studying Engineering in Karaikudi Alagappa Chetiyar Engineering College)

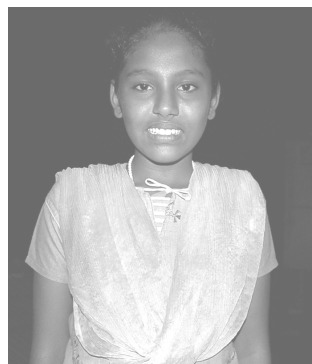
English for Empowerment



There are workshops conducted for Thedalgai Arangam young people which enhancing our knowledge in various areas, talents, leadership skills, and personality. 10 days English Language Learning workshop was conducted in CM Center, Aanaiyur. Excellent teachers like Dr. Vidhya, Mrs. Kalpana, and Ms. Kajal taught the classes in an interesting way comprises of many activities, group discussions, games. Knowledge in English is very important now days.

So, this workshop was very useful to all of us as many of us are studying in college. Then, Yoga & Meditation training was carried out by Mrs. Vimala and Mrs. Ramani. The beneficiaries told that these sessions are very valuable for their mind health. Dr. Laura Villiger and John Potts took English workshop at the North Gate Hotel. As we are teachers in the education centers of Madurai Seed, it was very useful to teach the children with books and using the library with our class. Last but not least, the 5 day camp at the Thedalgai Arangam gave the young people some spark in their mind to achieve in life. Many resource persons from variety of areas gave inspiration to achieve in life like them. Finally, these all workshops took part in shaping me as a mature, responsible young man. **S. Murugapandi**

(Murugapandi has finished his BA degree, currently studying post graduation in Sociology.)

MSCF Makes Me as a Good Citizen

I have been being the FCMRP member for the past three years. In the representation of the MSCF, four members will be elected for Madurai FCMRP. I 'm one in that crew. It is our duty to represent our children role in through participations in all components of society like family, schools, government bodies. I'm one among the thousands of members in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry states. I'm very much proud of that. Thus, MSCF and FCMRP taught me child rights and team attitude. I submit my hearty wishes to FCMRP, to continue its duties like the past years.

V.Jensirani

(Jensirani is now studying 10th std)

Lively & Lovely Experiences

During 2010-11, I had a chance to visit Ruby Food Products Factory and Theekkathir News paper press and see how the news paper getting printed and how cool drinks production. MADURAI SEED makes opportunities to visit places to get education as well as entertainment. When we go to field visits, we get knowledge about the place and the practical experience. I see news papers daily, but when I go to the press and directly see the printing of news papers. It is the nice learning experience. When I went to the food factory, I saw the production of Mango essence and milk foods. The staff in the factory explained the process. Meenakshi Amman temple is very near to Karumbalai. But, I don't get chance to visit the temple fully and appreciate the beauty and talent behind that. But, after came to MADURAI SEED, I visited every places in the temple and know its history. Factually, all of MADURAI SEED's exposure visits were wonderful. We visited Kutladambatti (Ecology Trip), Athisayam (Jolly Trip), Thanjavur (Educational Trip), and Kadamba Vanam (Heritage Trip). It would be a dream only for me to go to places like these without MADURAI SEED.

D.Vigneswaran

(Vignesh is now studying 9th std)

Yoga Treatment

Yoga, Meditation, Exercises using hand, leg, and eyes, Kayagalpa were very useful to all of us. As we are studying young people it gave us concentration, self dignity, improving memory power, peace in mind, positive thinking, kind in words, and healthiness in body. Lots of young people throughout the world have pressure in mind. It leads to all other major problems. But, Yoga treats the pressure. I was very happy in getting this training. I'll be practice yoga after this camp surely. Lots of thanks to all facilitated this nice camp for us. Thank you.

K.Thilagavathi

(Thilagam is now studying 12th std)

Library is a boon

Senthamizh Library is a boon to college young people. I am very pleased that there are thousands of books are for me, as I can't lend or buy books. I am a literature student, so it is useful for me to have a plenty of literature and language books. The language books of Oxford Publications are valuable for communicative and writing skills in English. The literary functions I went by the library are useful and inspired me.

C.KarpagaJothi, BA

Vital role in making

I have been a member of FCMRP (Forum of Children Movements for Right to Participation). It gives trainings on personality developments, communication skills, and team work. It enhanced my skills. Responsibilities like district member, Zonal representative gave chances to meet many friends from various districts of Tamil Nadu. I understand about the various organizations of society like family, schools, and government bodies through participation right. FCMRP places a vital role in making me as a good citizen and child right activist.

S.Muthuganesh

(Muthuganesh is currently studying Xth std in Madurai Seed's Kanavugal Arangam)

Promoting saving habit

For the last two years I am saving in Thenkoodu Children Bank and also I got first prize for savings. My parents encouraged me to save. In 2007-2008 I saved **Rs.811** and the interest given by Madurai Seed is **Rs.203**. In 2008-2009 I saved **Rs.1073** and the interest given by Madurai Seed is **Rs.215**. In 2009-2010, I saved **Rs.1841** and the interest given by Madurai Seed is **Rs.368**. Madurai Seed gave lots of prizes to children for promoting saving habit. I bought school bag and paid my school fees by the saving. I will also get the first prize for coming years too.

K.Ananth

(Ananth is now studying IXth std in Madurai Seed's Kanavugal Arangam)

MADURAI SEED – The Mile Stone in the Academic History of Karumbalai

I am **Sundhari**; want to share my experiences with MADURAI SEED. I will remember the supports of MADURAI SEED throughout my life time.

My son Thanga Velayutham dropped out from school in 9th std. MADURAI SEED encouraged him to study privately. Now he is in a good job.

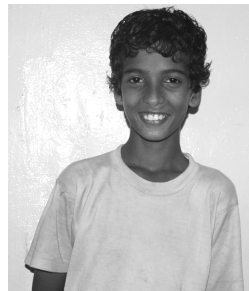
My daughter Thanga Lakshmi also studied in MADURAI SEED. She got 1036 marks out of 1200 in 12th std. She is the first woman got this much of marks in the history of Karumbalai. MADURAI SEED guides us in encouraging children to study a lot.

Thus MADURAI SEED is the boon for not only my family but for all Karumbalai. I wish the organization to grow more and support Karumbalai more.

Stories of Hope...



I'm Bhavani. I'm 9 years old and I'm in 4th std. I have two younger sisters. My father works in a paper company. My mother cares us in home. I like MADURAI SEED, because I have many friends, brothers, and sisters here and I learn lot of things like drawing, dancing, speaking etc. My wish for the future is to become an IAS officer. Thank you.



I'm Ramakrishnan. I'm 13 years old and I'm in 7th std. I have a younger brother and young sister. My father works as scavenger. My mother works as house maid. I come to MADURAI SEED because; we learnt many new things and games. MADURAI SEED also conducts camps, tours, trainings frequently. My house has only one room. I cannot study well in my home. So I come to MADURAI SEED. The difference between school and MADURAI SEED is, MADURAI SEED gave an equal participation to all children. I didn't perform well in Maths, but after come to MADURAI SEED I love Maths. In school I don't have a library. Here I had. I was very shy before, but now I can talk without stage fear.



I am Sharmila. I'm 14 years old and studying in 9th std. I have only one elder brother. My father is a daily-wager. My mother is a home-maker. I need MADURAI SEED because it seems to be the great platform to show my skills. MADURAI SEED differs from the school through its extra-curricular activities. Whereas the school is never used to conduct games, camps, and tours and even tried to teach innovatively, MADURAI SEED teaches us to dance, sing, speak, conducts games, conducts camps, tours, and distributes prizes. I'm in need of MADURAI SEED for education and great thoughts of nice resource persons and the friends circle. I want to become an IAS officer. I learnt my rights and responsibilities in MADURAI SEED.



My Name is Kittu Valavan. I am 15 years old. I am studying 10th std. I have 2 elder sisters, and a younger brother. My father works as a watch man. My mother works as a daily wager. I come to MADURAI SEED because I have good atmosphere to study. Volunteers encourage us in learning. The difference between school and MADURAI SEED is Volunteers in MADURAI SEED concentrate on each and every student. All students involves in various extracurricular activities in MADURAI SEED. We really need MADURAI SEED because it broadens our knowledge about the world through seminar, trainings, workshops, field visits. We really need MADURAI SEED to achieve greater things in life. My wish for the future is to become a good teacher. I prefer this job to provide free education for poor people like MADURAI SEED. Now, our center is functioning under street lights. If you see the history, many leaders studied under street lamps. We'll also become the good leaders in the future.

I Am a Super Star



I was very shy before and afraid of speaking before a small group. While I am in the theatre camp, I was trained to speak without stage fear. As a big chance I was given to play a main role in the drama "Stars of the Future". I did well in that role. We played the drama in my school. Then all students in my school became my fans. Then we staged in the street. At first I am afraid. But, I did my job well. My parents and family members are very proud about me. Truly, the theatre workshop helped me to find skills embedded on me. Now, I am admired by all people. I am very happy.

Joel

(Joel is now in VIIth std)

Inspiration for Aspiration. . .



Seminars happened in MADURAI SEED in the year 2010-11 were very useful and interesting. I enjoyed watching films, comedies but when Karthik Anna spoke about films it was new experience to me and my perspective on watching films was totally changed from that time. He talked about politics in films, and unnecessary expenses they spent for taking films. Maths was a bitter subject to me. Muniyasamy Anna, a friend of our volunteer Sounthar took classes on doing Maths easily. It kindled my interest in Maths.

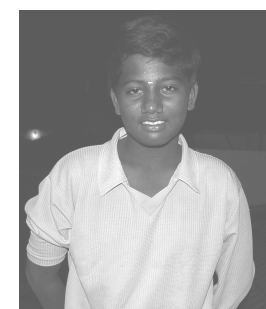
He also gave some riddles. We were eager in solving those problems. Not only Maths, he revealed some ideas to evoke interest in all subjects. Thanks to MADURAI SEED for arranged this useful seminar. Also Professor Zakera talked about soft skills. I was very inspired by her. Being a woman, she achieved the great level. She talked about personality development and interview skills. These all seminars gave knowledge about range of subjects.

Thanks to MADURAI SEED for all of these.

-P.Gayathri

(Gayathri is now doing B.Com Degree)

The bank firmly set for our tender hands



"Thenkoodu" is the bank which gives the joy and comfort of saving and spending the money. The daily savings of the children will be entered in the passbook. In year end, the savings were returned to the children also children who secured first three places will be selected and given gifts. The amount will be returned to the parents with gift money also which reduces the burden of parent. I got first prize in savings this year and this shows me my self-responsibility. I'll surely get the first prize in the upcoming year too by saving a higher amount.

D.Suresh Kannan. (Suresh Kannan is now studying Xth std.)

My Boost up- My MADURAI SEED



I'm Muniyasamy. My father works as a scavenger. I'm a first graduate. Now, I have got two degrees. I have started studying in Madurai Seed as a sixth standard student. And now I became a teacher. Madurai Seed made me as a responsible young man regardless of my socio economic disadvantages. When I was here, it gave me many opportunities to show my performing art skills and humor. It wiped away my inferiority complex. Madurai Seed's Scholarships, saving scheme, camps, celebrations, workshops were made my school and college life wonderful. I am very grateful to Madurai Seed as it made a great base to my future life.

The Turning Point of My Life



I'm Amutha. I have been a member in Madurai Seed for the past 4 years. I am the third girl among 4 girl children in my family. I have finished my UG in English, and B.Ed. Now I am a teacher. These all happen by Madurai Seed's support to my education. I had 4 years experience in teaching to Madurai Seed's children. This gave me many experiences and interest to become a teacher. When I'm in Seed, I had met many resource persons, achievers, and teachers. Those gave me an inspiration. By Madurai Seed's stipend program I have managed to afford fees, books and my educational expenses. Thanks to Seed.

(Amutha has finished her BA, B.Ed degree and currently doing post graduation studies in English)

My First Experience as an Actor



I had a chance to act as Hanuman, Ravana, and a drunkard husband in the drama Modern Ramayana which was created in the theatre workshop. Anbarasan Anna trained us in voice modulation, dialogue delivering, acting, and make up. The camp was conducted in peaceful environment at Gandhi Museum with delicious lunch, and snacks provided by MADURAI SEED. We staged the drama 5 times. I think maximum 1000 people enjoyed it. Anbu Anna's training gave me confidence to speak before a big audience. His effort is extraordinary. I am very happy while acting in a drama.

Ajith Kumar

(Ajith Kumar is now in VIth std)

Success Story



Among us 13, ten are finishing college degree as the first generation degree holders. 3 are finishing degree as the second person in the family. But, all of us don't have any well educated background and our economical background is also very poor. MADURAI SEED have supported us a lot in Higher Secondary education, college education and other higher degrees. Among us, Baskar finished graduation in Tourism, Manikandan finished Engineering, Muniyasamy, Elavarasi,

Amutha and Saranya finished teacher training. We are going to join in well jobs and continue to be

responsible citizens of the society. There is no exaggeration that Madurai Seed is behind in our success. "The seminars, workshops, trainings, celebrations, camps we have participated taught us lively experiences and responsibilities and molded our skills. We will be very grateful to MADURAI SEED ever and give our commitments to the underprivileged society"



By: Final Year College Students

MADURAI SEED "a treasure in my life"



I am **Ramki** studying 11th std. My father passed away in an accident when I was in 10th std. I am very afraid of my future education. At that time MADURAI SEED gave proper guidance and helps. I got 404 marks in 10th std. Then MADURAI SEED help me to get 11th admission in Thiagarajar Model School and paid my fees. I wish to study further and to get a good job.

MADURAI SEED is helpful to my education and I'll reach great heights

definitely. MADURAI SEED also supports me and other children in making

the holidays as useful, assisting in school studies, guiding in problems at adolescent stage, and enhancing helping tendency. After I settle in my life, I would like to help other needy children to continue education.

Thank you.

(Ramki is now studying XIIth std in Madurai Seed's Kanavugal Arangam)

Various Seminars During Vasantham Camp 2011



Reflection of Joy

