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Thulir Trust believes that children in rural areas will be able to excel in learning, if they are given suitable opportunities and access to good quality educational materials.

The Learning Centre in Sittilingi valley established by Thulir Trust has proved that this philosophy can be made into a reality. Read through this Annual Report which gives the details of our efforts during the last year.

A new Batch of Basic Technology course students joined this year. Following the method we follow of Learning out of the needs that arise in Thulir, the Batch were introduced to various skills through real life projects. Visitors to Thulir have been generously sharing their skills with the students.

Construction

The students learnt basics of construction by building a cycle shed in Thulir for parking their bicycles. They learnt how to make stabilized mud blocks and tested the strength of the bricks. They were taught how to build a masonry arch and also the theory behind it. After this short training, the students got a first hand experience in construction by building a part of the training workshop in Sittilingi.

Electrical Wiring

The students attended sessions on electrical wiring for single phase and three phase EB lines. With the confidence gained from the sessions, Elumalazai, Perumal, Sathivel and Kumar took up the challenge of powering a house in Thekkambattu village with solar energy. Later, Perumal and Ezhumalai got an opportunity to help in the installation of two micro- hydel power plants in Orissa. Participation in the above projects have given them confidence in their abilities and has motivated them to take up more challenges.



Learning Electronics

Sanjeev, who volunteers at Thulir, teaches basics of electronics to the students regularly. After attending the sessions, students have started working on using LEDs for lighting. Students tried out different designs and have successfully assembled LED light fixtures, torches and headlights for bicycles etc. After this, two students, Perumal and Vijayakumar helped in the workshop conducted by Thulir on LED torch making in the Rural Education Centre run by Rishi Valley School. After receiving an order for LED table lamps, they have designed a Bamboo LED table lamp. Currently students are in the process of creating a prototype of the circuit and the body of the lamp.



Handicrafts

Vinu, a student of Thulir learnt the art of making Bamboo key chains and has trained the students of Thulir. Just before Independence day, Team Asha from Bangalore requested 400 Bamboo key chains from Thulir for an event. Vinu stepped up to the challenge and guided the students in making the key chains in a short span of time.



Rajammal and Devagi whose parents were initially against them coming to Thulir went for an exchange program where they learnt the technique of making Organic soaps. Since then, they have been conducting regular sessions on soap making to different batches of students. They also gave training in soap making to a local SHG. Now, different groups of students make soaps every week.

Organic Farming

Thulir believes that the students should learn farming since it is an important part of their lives. Initially, the students were not very enthusiastic about farming. Perumal, a shy 10th standard drop out who would barely talk to people, when he first came to Thulir, attended a workshop on Organic farming. He came back very enthused and led the rest of the students in paddy cultivation in couple of test plots. In the harvest season, they reaped 5 kgs of paddy in a quarter cent land. They also planted vegetables using raised bed vegetable planting method. Now, alternative methods are used for growing vegetables on a regular basis in Thulir.

Events

The festival of Pongal was celebrated in January with the harvest of the test paddy field and colourful kolams.

The students conducted the Independence day and Sports day events out of their own initiative. The students went to great lengths to find a national flag. When they were could not procure one, the students stitched their own national flag and hoisted it with pride. The students organized both athletic and non-athletic events for the sports day. This way, all the children of Thulir got an opportunity to participate and the winners were given reading books as prizes.

Thulir students got an opportunity to show their abilities to their teachers and community when they helped Sittlingi High School children prepare exhibits for their science exhibition.

Evening Sessions with school children

Regular classes were held during evenings for school going children in the 5 to 13 age group. The sessions included were basic Maths; Tamil and English reading and writing; Songs, Arts and crafts; and Basic spoken English.





Marathon running:

The long distance running programme continues and now we have more participants. On Feb 14th , after 8 weeks of preparations, our seniors went to participate in the Auroville marathon. Siva who ran the half marathon [21 kms] came first in his category and Rajamma and Devagi, who both ran a 10 km event for the first time, came 1st and 2nd respectively in their category. All participants from Thulir managed to finish their run distances and this was a great boost to the running programme in Thulir.

In short, the year 2009-2010 has been extremely eventful and we are quite satisfied with the progress made.

In the organisation side too, there were some developments. Thulir Trust received Prior Permission to receive foreign funds. Fair Grounds in UK have extended their support to improve sports facilities available for the adivasi children of Sittilingi valley with a financial assistance of 500 pounds.

Receipts & Payments Statement of 2009-2010*

Receipts		Payments	
Opening Balance of funds	238561.49	Student Fellowships/Stipends	113100.00
Donations	1603300.00	Training Centre Grants	223500.00
Donations – Corpus Fund	100000.00	Arts, Crafts, Sports Day expenses	4601.00
Donations – Training Centre	127500.00	Salary of teachers/staff	109817.00
Donations – Nutrition Programme	15378.00	Course & Library materials	35428.00
Fair Grounds Grants	39253.50	Project Office Rent Expenses	30000.00
Bank Interest	6558.00	Administrative Expenses	35065.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	560.00	Nutrition Programme	95748.00
		Children Camps	11638.00
		Farming Training	11617.00
		Maintenance	20202.00
		Fixed Assets	65704.00
		Fixed Deposits	250000.00
		Closing Balance of funds	1124690.99
Total	2131110.99	Total	2131110.99

Balance Sheet as on 31.3.2010*

Liabilities		Assets	
Capital Fund	1365009.48	Fixed Assets	129302.98
Corpus Fund	113331.99	Advances and Deposits	250500.00
Fair Grounds Grants Fund	25797.50	Cash in Hand	34302.75
Bank Interest Fund	355.00	Cash at Bank	1090388.24
Total	1504493.97	Total	1504493.97

* Detailed audited statement of accounts is available on request.

* Auditors : J.Mathew & Co., Chartered Accountants, Udhagamandalam



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