



### **THULIR TRUST**

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### **Annual Report 2018-2019**



## New School Campus

This was a very memorable year for Thulir!

Construction of six classrooms and an office building finished this year and an inauguration function for the new campus was held on January 23rd 2019.

Parents, children, visitors, funders and others were invited to the function. A large tree was drawn on one of the blackboards and all those who had contributed to Thulir in any way were invited to draw a leaf on the tree!



We had 53 children from 7 villages this year. Five students completed class five this year and left in June to pursue their sixth grade in other schools.

## Parents Meetings

Our first parents meeting this academic year was held in the beginning of the academic year and started with an informal interaction between the new and old parents about the school.

Parents spoke about the school and its philosophy. Bringing children to school has always been a problem for parents from the distant villages since we don't have a school van.



A group of parents from Dhadhampatti village took the initiative and got one of the parents to bring many of the children to school in his private car. The logistics are being handled entirely by the group of parents.

A second parents meeting was held on 21st September 2018. Parents responded positively to the influence the school had on their children.



A third parents meeting was held in April 2019. Parents discussed ways in which they could help with the running of the school. The importance of activities like singing and dancing was also discussed. Plans were made for the cultural festival on the 14th of April (see below).

### **Formation of parents teacher association**

Over the years, we have discussed the need to have a team of people comprising of both teachers and parents to handle issues that affect both the school and the family.

This year, the parents took the initiative to create a parent teacher association and form an executive committee.

It was decided that the executive committee would have two parents from each village and two teachers. The executive committee members have already started helping with some of the school work.

### **Foldscope**

The Foldscope is a low cost, simple microscope made up of a lens mounted on a sheet of paper folded in a particular way.



The Department of Biotechnology is trying out the Foldscopes on an experimental basis in a few schools in India. As part of this, our friend Dr. Varuni from IIMSc, Chennai, arrived in Thulir at the end of July with a dozen Foldscopes. We used them successfully to examine pollen, tiny creatures and blood cells.

### **Government recognition**

The process of getting the government approval for the new school is on. We have got the structural stability certificate, the fire safety certificate, health and sanitation certificate from the respective departments and the public building license from the tahsildhar.

The Block education officer (B.E.O) has inspected the school twice and given a positive report and forwarded our application to the D.E.O. We are waiting for the visits of the D.E.O and C.E.O and their approvals for the process to be completed.

### **Story Telling Workshop**

In October, a workshop for the teachers on using local stories as a resource for language and literacy across all subjects of the curriculum was conducted.

The teachers made two books based on the life and folklore of Sittilingi.

### **Participation in Marathons**

Sakthivel and 7 Thulir alumni students participated in the Bangalore marathon in July. 12 runners from Thulir participated in the Hyderabad marathon in August.

### **Marudam Craft Week**

Seventeen children and three adults attended the Craft Week at Marudam and stayed in Tiruvannamalai for the entire week.

They learnt a wide variety of crafts and exhibited them on their return.



### **Articles about Thulir**

Ms. Salai selvam, an educator, activist and a columnist in Tamil Hindu wrote a series of articles on alternative schools and learning spaces in Tamilnadu. Thulir was also featured in this series. >> [Link to the article](#)

Ms.Priti David wrote an article about the BT course in Thulir for People's Archive of Rural India. >> [Link to the article](#)

### **Pongal Festival in Thulir**

The Pongal festival was observed in Thulir this year too, and celebrated with the usual cooking of new rice, traditional dances and decoration of walls with murals by children and staff.



### **Visit from Helixx School**

About 20 children and 2 teachers from Helixx open school, Salem visited us in July. Helixx school caters to children with dyslexia and other learning disabilities.

### **Bengaluru Summer Camp**

Sakthivel took Sribal, Kadiravan, Raina, Chandru and Kumaresan to participate in the week long Warm and Free summer camp for children of diverse backgrounds at Spastic Society of Karnataka.



### **Network Meeting**

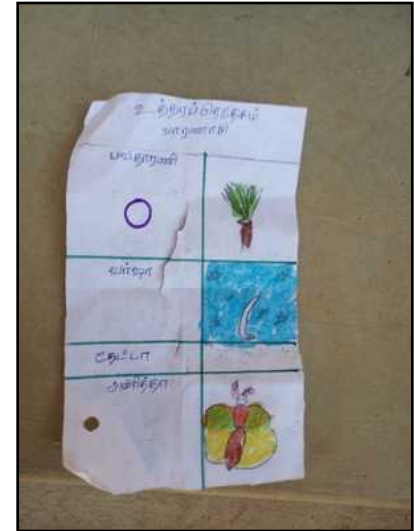
The 26th annual educational network meeting of individuals deeply engaging with questions in education was held in Thulir in February. Around 35 individuals from various schools and initiatives attended. The theme for this year's discussions was 'The creative process'.

### Dance workshop

Sri. Mohan from Tiruvannamalai conducted a dance workshop with the children this year. The highlight was the paraiyattam, where the dancers dance to music they create with traditional hide drums they carry. The eight and nine year olds performed this amazingly!



The older children formed three parties, complete with party manifestos, symbols, flags etc. The whole school was divided into five constituencies spread over five districts in various states.



### Mock election in Thulir

A mock election was held in Thulir this year (coinciding with the Lok Sabha elections), as a learning exercise to help children and teachers better understand the election process in our country.

Everything from pamphlets to ballot paper was handmade. Voting was held for the five constituencies, results were declared and a five-member parliament was formed, including electing a prime minister.

## April 14th – Cultural Festival - Fifteen years of Thulir!

A cultural festival was held on April 14th to mark Tamil New Year's Day as well as the 15th birthday of Thulir.

The parents were invited and participated in a variety of craft work in different classes.



This was followed by a performance where the children demonstrated the new dances they had learned. Parents and other visitors also joined in some of the dances.



We thank each and every one of you for being with us through all our efforts these fifteen years.

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The Thulir Team.

THULIR TRUST, THOTTAMOOLA, GUDALUR, THE NILGIRIS - 643 212					
CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS					
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT OF FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2019					
RECEIPTS		Rs.P.	PAYMENTS		Rs.P.
To Opening balance			By Staff exposure travel		5,138.00
To Cash in Hand	41,895.40		By Audit and professional fees		17,110.00
To Cash at Bank	58,166.84		By Fellowship		5,52,000.00
To Fixed Deposit	24,62,630.00	25,62,692.24	By Guest meals		1,00,309.00
To Savings Bank Interest		8,877.00	By Postage and telephone		7,372.00
To Interest on Fixed Deposit		2,58,322.00	By Students meals		67,598.00
To Contribution received		17,42,000.00	By Printing and stationery		1,860.00
To Donation Received		4,86,550.00	By Fuel / Vehicle maintenance		15,900.00
To Building fund Donations		20,31,670.54	By Salary		6,73,150.00
			By Honarium		42,500.00
			By Sports & Cultural		13,667.00
			By Library/Teaching materials		32,786.00
			By Electricity charges		2,365.00
			By Traveling expenses		47,920.00
			By Student exposure travel		24,104.00
			By Repairs and Maintenance		30,188.00
			By School Accessories		6,000.00
			By Organic farming		1,357.00
			By School Expenses		1,23,205.10
			By Admin charges		730.00
			By Bank charges		3,026.85
			By Staff welfare		2,78,880.00
			By School Maintenance		45,463.00
			By TDS Receivable		17,319.00
			By School building		25,22,164.93
			By Closing Balance		
			Cash in Hand	472.42	
			Cash at Bank	2,23,096.48	
			School Bank	38,100.00	
			Fixed Deposit	21,96,330.00	24,57,998.90
					70,90,111.78
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Per our report of even date  
For J.MATHEW & Co.,  
(ICAI Regn. No. 2028S)

JOHN MATHEW C. M.  
Chartered Accountant.  
Membership No. 025343

OOTACAMUND,  
Date: 29.06.2019

For THULIR TRUST  
Managing Trustee

## Support Us!

Donations can be transferred directly to Thulir's State Bank of India accounts.

### Indian donations :

Account no: 31799396966,

State Bank of India, Kottapatti Branch

[Kottapatti, Dharmapuri District, Tamil Nadu 636906 India]

IFSC code: SBIN0006244

Donations in India are tax exempt under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act.

*For donations from foreign countries, please mail us for details.*

Please visit our website <http://www.thulir.org> for more details of our programmes.

Regular updates of our activities are also made in the blog site <http://www.thulir.org/wp/blog/>

We welcome your comments; Please mail us at [thulir@gmail.com](mailto:thulir@gmail.com)

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CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS					
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2019					
LIABILITIES	SCH	Rs.p.	ASSETS	SCH	Rs.p.
CAPITAL FUND	I	92,80,388.99	FIXED ASSETS	V	83,42,351.54
BUILDING FUND	II	7,00,969.74	ADVANCES AND DEPOSITS		
BANK INTEREST FUND	III	5,48,214.05	Telephone -Deposit		500.00
GENERAL EDUCATION FUND	IV	3,02,825.66	TDS Receivable- Opening	14,229.00	
			Add: During the year	17,319.00	31,548.00
			FIXED DEPOSIT		
			Local Contribution	13,96,330.00	
			FCRA	8,00,000.00	21,96,330.00
			CLOSING BALANCE		
			Cash in Hand	472.42	
			Cash at Bank	2,61,196.48	2,61,668.90
		1,08,32,398.44			1,08,32,398.44

Notes: 1. Basis of Accounting - Cash  
2. Depreciation is provided under WDV method at the rates indicated.  
3. Building Fund donation is credited to fund account and not considered in Income and Expenditure Account.  
4. For Fixed asset additions, credit is given in capital fund for addition to asset account.

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