

ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

OF

VOICE TRUST

Voice for the Oppressed through Integrated Community Emancipation
A Voluntary Organization for Eco-Enviro-Economic empowerments since 1985



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ORGANISATION PROFILE

VOICE (Voice for the Oppressed through Integrated Community Emancipation) Trust was registered under the Indian Trust Act as a non-profit Voluntary Organization or otherwise called these days as NGO (Non Governmental Organization). VOICE Trust is a secular Social Service Organization.

The Registration Number is 380/85. Date of Registration is 12.07.1985.

- ✓ The First Amendment Deed was registered on : 26.12.1995.
- ✓ The Second Amendment Deed was registered on : 10.05.1999.
- ✓ The Third Amendment Deed was registered on : 17.11.2001.
- ✓ The Fourth Amendment Deed was registered on : 26.07.2005.

(The Fourth Amendment Deed was signed by the Donor + the first 3 Trustees and the present 5 Trustees with witness by Mr. A. Gregory, Founder of VOICE Trust).

VOICE Trust is governed by a Board of Trustees. Now, the all Women Board Members are:

Mrs. A. Jecintha, D.C.D.,	-	Managing Trustee
Mrs. Jancy Quintal, B.A.,	-	Financial Trustee
Ms. I. Mary Rita, M.A., M.Ed.,	-	Wholetime Trustee
Mrs. R. Meenakshi, B.A., B.Ed.,	-	Trustee
Mrs. R. Kavitha, Capart Trainee	-	Trustee

The first Registered Office was at Kumbakonam in Thanjavur District under jurisdiction of Registrar's Office at Madurai. The Present Registered Office is at Tiruchy under the jurisdiction of the Registrar's Office at Tiruchy, (Vide Amendment Deed of 26.07.2005).

From 1986, VOICE Trust is approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act. The FCRA Number is 075960042. The FC-3 Returns are submitted to the Home Ministry every year. This Registration continues to be active.

From 2002, VOICE Trust is approved by the Income Tax Department under the 12AA and 80G Acts for Social Works including the Development Programmes with the Disabled. The Pan Number is AAATV3191M. The 80G renewal was provided from 12.03.2008 to 31.03.2010. Now it is permanent approval under Finance Act 2 of 2009.

The Income Tax Department has also given TAN (Tax Deduction Account Number) Certification with effect from 03.03.2008. TAN Number is CHEV08861G.

Advisory Board:

Mr. R. Renganathan
Mrs. J. Subatra
Mr. S. Noor Mohamed
Mrs. S. Kausalya
Mr. N. Gopalakrishnan

Auditors:

Mr.S.Dasarathan,B.Com., F.C.A.,
Regd No. 14650
Chartered Accountant,
No.145 / 74 C, Srinivasa Complex,
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Bankers:

Axis Bank, Mambalasalai, Srirangam
State Bank of India, Tiruvanaikovil
Allahabad Bank, Tiruchirappalli – 5
ICICI Bank, Srirangam
Indian Overseas Bank, Siruganur.

Legal Advisors:

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VOICE Trust continues social action in 33st year for ECO-Enviro-Social-Economic-Educational and other empowerment for the well-being of all the people without any discrimination of creed, caste gender, language, region.

Directly working in 384 villages of Tiruchirapalli – Perambalur – Thanjavur Districts. Outreach Programmes are in parts of Ariyalur – Nagapattinam – Karur and Ramnad Districts. Also networking through IVI in all 32 Districts in Tamil Nadu and the Union Territory of Puducherry (Pondicherry). But, more than area coverage discover of people's talents for joint action for empowered life is emphasized.



The Vision:

Nature Centric



The Mission:

*Facilitating nature centric interventions
for Eco-Enviro-Economic Wellbeing*

GOALS:

- ⊙ Enhancement of ecological biodiversity for empowerment of Farming Communities including marginal farmers and landless agricultural laborers and for consumption of poison-free food and other organic products by all in the society for a healthy life.
- ⊙ Natural Resource Management for environmental protection for pure air, good water and salubrious life through ecological bio-diversity and trees of all kinds.
- ⊙ Economic development of the marginalized and the disadvantaged people without any discrimination of creed – caste – gender – language – region etc.,
- ⊙ Basic Health Care for Women, Children, Aged and other vulnerable sections preferably more with preventive measures and medical interventions that are nature centric.
- ⊙ Rights of Children (especially the Orphans, Working Children and Girl Children) with focus on 4 basic Rights of United Nations CRC of 1989 (to Life, Protection, Development, Participation) and also Right to Education.
- ⊙ Empowerment of Disabled Children, Disabled Adults and Mentally ill Persons for inclusion of Differently Aabled Persons with Rights Perspectives under the slogan “ Disabled Rights are Human Rights”.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

- ☒ To increase awareness among the people about the need to lead a nature centric life not only for economic empowerment but also for preserving ecological bio-diversity and for protecting the environment for the good of the present and future generations.
- ☒ To facilitate formation of People’s Organizations such as Women Self Help Groups (SHGs), Farmer’s Forums, Youth Associations, Children’s Clubs, Disabled People’s Organizations, Human Rights Groups, and unorganized Worker’s Associations, for rights and for responsibilities.
- ☒ To enable all-round empowerment of all the people irrespective of caste, creed, language, race or region, especially the disadvantaged, the displaced and the other weaker sections including the Women, the Children, the Aged, the Disabled and the Terminally ill persons including the AIDS Patients through self help initiatives, cooperative action for economic development, complementarily with the other living species for a life of synergy and social justice for sustainable development of all like gender justice through women’s rights, child rights with special focus on working children, livelihood rights for the landless laborers and other unorganized sectors, security rights for the working class and rights for the disadvantaged including Rights of the Disabled People and Rights of the Rural Adolescents for capacity building for life orientation and employability for developments of poverty stricken households especially in rural areas and urban slum and semi urban slum localities where people struggle for survival in sub-human living conditions.
- ☒ To increase participation of the general public in community development activities especially in Panchayati Raj Movement through election of women and men in the 3 tier system.
- ☒ To enhance relief and rehabilitation programs with Government, INGOs, other stakeholders in disaster affected areas like Tsunami, Cyclone, Flood and other natural emergencies.

N.B: To Continue Collaborations with Government Departments for strengthening the empowerment processes with Farming Communities for poison-free food, Disabled Persons and Vulnerable Sections such as Women, Children and the Aged as well as Environment Protection Programs through School Students for eco friendly life, pollution-free environment and for economic sustainability.

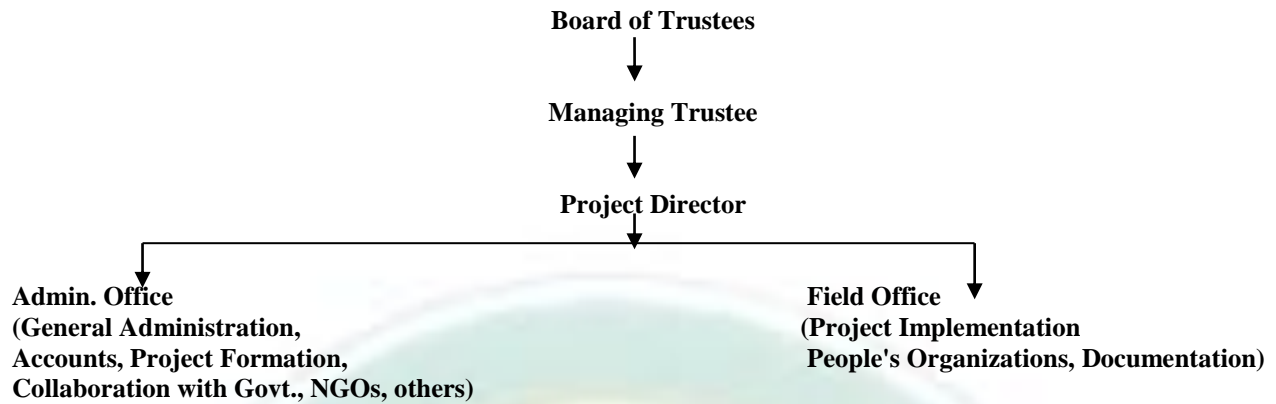
FOCUS ACTIVITIES OF VOICE TRUST ARE:

- ❖ Integrated Farming for poison free food production, ecological biodiversity, economic sustainability, empowerment of farming people and healthy life for all in collaboration with agriculturists, Government , NGOs, Civil Society Organizations and other stakeholders.
- ❖ Students Environment Groups(National Green Corps/ Eco Clubs) in Schools of Trichy District for clean and green life, pollution free air and water, recycling for reusing, green cover through tree planting in Schools, at home and in villages. (Our Earth-Our Future).
- ❖ Empowerment of Differently Abled Persons (Physically Disabled / Mentally Challenged) through CBR and if need be Institutional approaches clubbed with inclusive education, home based therapy, medical treatment, aids and appliances, income generating enterprises and rights initiatives in collaboration with Government and NGOs. (Rights of physically challenged, mentally retarded / mentally ill) by Disabled People's Organizations: Campaign, Advocacy and Lobbying.
- ❖ Integrated Development of Children in need and at risk under Joy to Children Program of AEM – VOICE and Technical Education of Rural Adolescents under Support to Children in AEM.
- ❖ **Special Note:** Since, AEM has expressed inability to continue supports from 2017; VOICE Trust approaches agencies and individuals for continuing Children Home and Youth Skills Programs.
- ❖ People's Organizations under Self Help Groups mode (SHGs of Women, Farmers, Agri Workers, Unorganized Laborers and Differently Abled Persons including Physically Disabled and Mentally Challenged People) for personality developments, family improvements, community development, economic achievement, social gradation and rights action for integrated empowerments of all disadvantaged people without any discrimination. Focus is on Rights and Responsibilities.
- ❖ Emancipation of affected and afflicted widows, destitute people, displaced persons, aged people and terminally ill persons (HIV / AIDS) through relevant interventions in collaboration with Government Departments, Non – Governmental Organizations and Civil Society Organizations.

COLLABORATION WITH NETWORKS

- Sustainable Agriculture:LEISA Tamil Nadu, Kudumbam, AMEF, IOFM
- Natural Resources:TNEC (Tamil Nadu Environment Council)
- Human Rights:HRF, AREDS, Panchayati Raj, People's Watch,
- Women Collectives / Child Rights:(Rights of Vulnerable Groups),
- Biodiversity / Environment :NEAC (MOEF) & RRA – PEACE Trust,
- Eco Farming Enterprises: IVI (Iyarkai Velaan Inaiyam - A Forum for Eco Farming).

EARLIER, IT WAS TOP DOWN LIKE THE FOLLOWING:



Now, the Organization is considered participatory with involvement of all stakeholders



Following are those with key responsibilities:

- ❖ Overall management on behalf of Board of Trustees - Mrs.A.Jecintha, Managing Trustees
- ❖ Field level coordination on behalf of Board of Trustees - Mrs.R.Kavitha, Trustee
- ❖ Administrator (past projects follow-up & new projects) - Mrs.Janet Preethi
- ❖ Project Director (environment projects and IVI) - Mr.A.Gregory
- ❖ Deputy Project Director (office, field, disaster relief) - Mr.A.Arun Rajesh
- ❖ Agriculture Projects and Extension Services - Mr.A.P.Pushparaj
- ❖ Development Programs with Differently Abled Persons- Mrs.R. Victoriya

16 Full-time Staff, 199 Part-time Workers, 69 Teacher Coordinators, 309 Volunteers, and 287 Care Givers in different programs involve in various activities of VOICE Trust.

ACTIVITIES OF VOICE TRUST FROM 1985 TO 2018

1985: Registration of VOICE Trust as a non-profit Social Service & Social Action Voluntary Organization (NGO– Non Governmental Organization) for involving in economic – social - educational schemes for the integrated empowerment of the economically - socially - educationally disadvantaged people irrespective of creed, caste, gender, language, race, region or any other discrimination whatsoever.

1986: Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) approval obtained from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India. Continues to be valid for the past 30 years. We submit Reports to Home Ministry yearly.

1987: Rural Development Programmers launched in Murungai Village near Kattuputhur in Thottiam Union of Trichy District with focus on Emancipation of Widows, Education of Children, Youth Animation, Women Development and Drinking Water Schemes with grant assistance from MISEREOR, Germany

1988: Self Employment Schemes for youth in Kumbakonam area with help from SCLF Switzerland.

1989 to 1994: White Saree System which exploited Widows in Murungai and surrounding Villages was fought fiercely by Mrs. A. Jecintha, now the Managing Trustee of VOICE Trust. She organized first the women and then men and achieved wearing of colour sarees by widows to stop stigma of doom..

On November 14 1994, organized a Child Rights Rally by 5000 Children in Town Hall, Trichy addressed by Nobel Laureate Kailash Satyarthi, IPS Thilagavathy and J. Paul Baskar of Peace Trust.

1995: Skills Trainings for Self Employment were started in and around Siruganur in Mannachanallur Union of Trichy District with help of MISEREOR in Human Resource Development Training Centre inaugurated by Most. Rev. Dr. Peter Remigius, then Bishop of Kumbakonam. Embroidery works in Greeting Cards, Hand Weaving, Tailoring, Poultry Farming and Ecological Agriculture practices were the trades. People's Organizations were formed for functioning as the instruments for the integrated development of all the disadvantaged people.

1996: Sustainable Agriculture with LEISA (Low External Input Sustainable Agriculture) Network

1997: FFS in Cotton with AME (Agriculture, Man Ecology) Department of Agriculture, Central IPM Centre.

1998: Bio Control Lab for Trichogramma Egg Parasitoids with help from Royal Netherlands Embassy.

- Livelihood Rights of Landless Agricultural Labourers with Norwegian Human Rights Foundation (NHRF)
- Nature Centric Food and Naturopathy Herbals with RSWR (Right Sharing of World Resources), USA .
- Income Generation Schemes for Rural Women with 1% Fund for Development C/o. FAO, Rome . Women Development with MDDJ, Nuremberg, Germany.
- Students Environment Groups in Schools with Dept. of Environment, Govt. of Tamil Nadu.
- Empowerment of Disabled Children with SKN (Stitching Kinderpostzegels Nederland), Holland.

1999: Development Programmes with the Disabled (DPD) with ADD India, Vidya Sagar, Mobility India, District Rehabilitation Office, TMSSS – Kolping Centre, Hindu Mission Hospital, Disability Forum.

TOT (Training of Trainers) in Integrated Farming Systems for Sustainable Livelihood with IGSSS (Indo Global Social Service Society). Completed in 2003-'04. 105 Trainers trained in Tamil Nadu & Puducherry

2000: Eco Farming Enterprises in collaboration with WILDEGANZEN, Netherland, Holland.

Rural Health with James, Dougherty Foundation, USA/Friends of the Third World.

Integrated Pest Management through Cotton FFS with FAO Cotton IPM Programme.

National Environment Awareness Campaign of MoEF with CPR Foundation.

2001: Vocational Training in Organic Farming with Central Social Welfare Board, Govt. of India and Tamil Nadu Social Welfare Board for 25 Rural Women for 6 months.

2002: Ertram Rural Community College with MCRDCE (Madras Centre for Research and Development of Community Education) for Agriculture and Rural Artisanry Courses.

Prize for Women's Creativity in rural life with WWSF (Women's World Summit Foundation), Switzerland

2003: Action for Women in Organic Farming through The Swallows in Denmark.

Natural Farming for 300 Women in Agriculture with MANOSUNIDAS, Spain in 15 Villages

Organic Cotton Production Centre with Emmaus International through VCDS and Emmaus Asia Section.

2004: Tsunami Relief with IGSSS and GAA (German Agro Action) for 5850 Tsunami Survivors.

Integrated Development of Mentally ill Persons with ADD India and Basic Needs, and DMHP, Trichy Dt

2005: Programs of ERCC with Stichting Benevolentia / Porticus through MCRDCE Diploma Courses under approval from TNOU (Tamil Nadu Open University) Study supports for 55 Tsunami Students.

Repairs of flood affected motors by ERCC Students with CARE India in Nagai District.

Food distribution for flood victims with KUDUMBAM. Flood Relief Programs with help from SEVAI.

Women SHGs with Mahalir Thittam (Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women).

2006: Permanent Shelter Project at Madavamedu under Tsunami Response Program with CARE India.

Joy to CHILDREN Program with AEM (les Amis des Enfants du Monde), France – Friendship Childrens Home (FCH) and Technical Education of Rural Adolescents (TERA) with AEM.

NEAC (National Environment Awareness Campaign) with PEACE Trust, RRA of MoEF.

Study among Cotton Farmers about BT Cotton with Kudumbam and DSS.

2007: Noise Free Trichy (Action against Noise Pollution) with Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board.

Talents Empowerment of the Disabled with District Rehabilitation Office.

Students Environment Groups in 290 Schools in Tiruchy District (Competitions / Eco Camp) with DOE.

Reaching out Organic Rice, Organic Vegetables and Organic Fruits through VOICE Trust .

Right to Information Act and other Rights Initiatives with HRF, DLU, PW – TN.

2008: Completion of 190 Permanent Shelters in Madavamedu in Nagai District with CARE INDIA.

Technical Education for Rural Adolescents under Support to Children in AEM.

both TNOU and Eco – Enviro.

Rehabilitation of Disabled People (241 Disabled Children, 324 Disabled Adults and 287 Mentally Ill Persons) with special focus on empowerment of Disabled Women with Abilis Foundation, Mobility India.

Environmental Protection Program through Students Environment Groups (National Green Corps).

National Environment Awareness Campaign on Climate Change with MOEF and PEACE Trust.

Trainings for Self Help Groups by NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development)

Furthering activities of People's Organizations (140 SHGs of Women, 25 Men Groups and 24 DPOs – Disabled People's Organizations) not only for micro credit but more for integrated empowerments of all.

2009: Selection of VOICE Trust as one of the 100 finalists for DM2009 in World Bank Head Quarters in Washington

D.C., USA. Mrs. A. Jecintha, Managing Trustee and Mr. A. Gregory, Project Director, participated in the event in

November 2009 and presented a project proposal of Multiple Cropping for Climate Mitigation.



DM2009 Finalist Announcement - 4097

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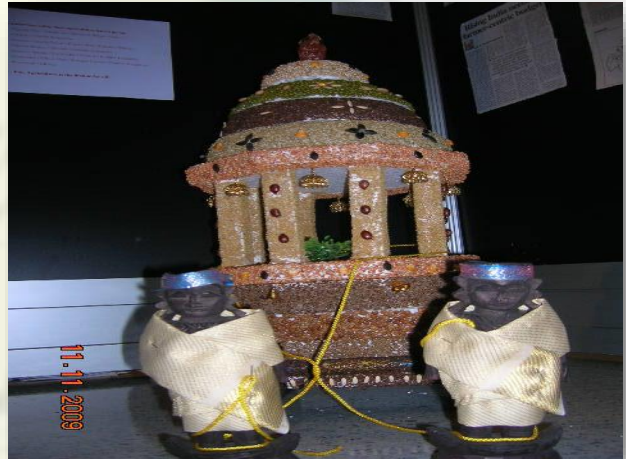
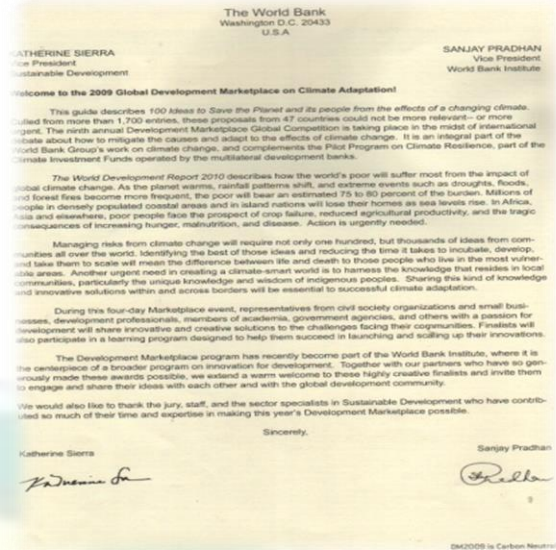
July 31, 2009

Proposal Number: 4097

Proposal Title: Multiple Cropping by 420 Farming Women for eco-enviro-economic sustainability in agriculture

Dear Jecinta,

Congratulations! We are pleased to inform you that your proposal was selected as a finalist for the 2009 Global Development Marketplace (DM2009). Only 100 of the 1,755 proposals submitted for this year's competition were selected as finalists following a highly competitive and rigorous assessment process involving nearly 200 assessors. A full list of the finalists can be found on our website at www.developmentmarketplace.org



Fr. Russel Raj, Mr. Sunder and Family, Mr. Ravi Venkatesh, Dr. Radhakrishnan and Family, Mr. Sampath and Family, Mr. Johnson and Fr. Arul Xavier guided VOICE Team in Washington D.C., New Jersey and New York. VOICE Team also visited London in UK with guidance from Fr. Maira Francis. In Paris, with guidance from MEP Fathers and especially Fr. A. Soosai. In Montrouge with guidance from AEM Team. In Lourdes in France with help from Secours Catholic. In Rome in Italy with guidance from OMD Fathers. Mr. John Peter Benedict and family from Washington and Dr. Joseph Santiago extended support to VOICE Team.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES DURING 2009 – 2010

While attending Climate Change Conference by VOICE Team in Washington, a co- participant spoke about Global Giving for continuing our social works. This message was welcomed by all in VOICE Trust.

Process for collaboration with Global Giving; Washington D.C was started. Following project began:

Naturopathy Health Awareness Program organized for people of Siruganur and neighboring villages in July 2009 in collaboration with NIN (National Institute of Naturopathy) Pune.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES DURING 2010-2011:

- ✓ Empowerment of Differently Abled Persons through Guide Scheme (வழிகாட்டும் திட்டம்) in Mannachanallur Block with District Differently Abled Welfare Office
- ✓ Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Conservation and Greening Project (TBGP) in Collaboration with Forest Department/ M.R Palayam Forest Extension Division.
- ✓ Selected as a Collaborator of Global Giving and a New Project titled as “Biodiverse Agri Training to City Youth” (Project #: 6265) was started

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES DURING 2011-2012:

- ✓ Identification of 1250 mentally ill Persons in Mannachanallur, Lalgudi and Srirangam Taluks of Trichy District and Initiatives for return to normalcy of mentally ill Persons in collaboration with DMHP (District Mental Health Program).
- ✓ Through Global Giving Project # 6265 every year 1500 youth were extended trainings in Biodiverse Agriculture.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES DURING 2012-2013:

- ✓ 21 Children in Friendship Home under Joy to Children Program of AEM.
- ✓ Community Based Rehabilitation of 1983 Disabled Women and Mentally ill Persons.
- ✓ Integrated Farming in collaboration with Kudumbam, EMMAUS, IVI and Global Giving.
- ✓ National Green Crops in 50 schools of Lalgudi Educational District (2000 students).
- ✓ Coordination for 290 Students Environment Groups in Trichy district (11600 students).
- ✓ Intensified TBGP (Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Conservation and Greening Project) in many parts of Trichy District in collaboration with Forest Department.
- ✓ Right to Education in collaboration with SSA (Sharva Shiksha Abiyan) as master trainer for furthering School Management Committee.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES DURING 2013-2014:

- ✓ 21 Children in Friendship Home under Joy to Children Program of AEM.
- ✓ Community Based Rehabilitation of 1983 Disabled Women and Mentally ill Persons.
- ✓ Integrated Farming in collaboration with Kudumbam, EMMAUS, IVI and Global Giving.
- ✓ National Green Crops in 50 schools of Lalgudi Educational District (2000 students).
- ✓ Coordination for 290 Students Environment Groups in Trichy district (11600 students).
- ✓ 159 People’s Organizations (Women SHGs, Men groups and Disabled People’s Association).
- ✓ Tree Plantations in Agriculture lands under TBGP in Collaboration with Forest Department.
- ✓ Human Rights for the affected with HRF, People’s Watch, DLU (Disability Legislation Unit).
- ✓ Purchase of cows for Friendship Children’s Home with help from SALVATORIAANSE, Belgium

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES DURING 2014-2015:

- ✓ 21 Children in Friendship Home under Joy to Children Program of AEM.
- ✓ Community Based Rehabilitation of 1983 Disabled Women and Mentally ill Persons.
- ✓ Integrated Farming in collaboration with Kudumbam, EMMAUS, IVI and Global Giving.
- ✓ National Green Corps in 50 schools of Lalgudi Educational District (2000 students).
- ✓ Coordination for 290 Students Environment Groups in Trichy district (11600 students).
- ✓ 159 People's Organizations (Women SHGs, Men groups and Disabled People's Association).
- ✓ English class in Friendship Children's Home through Volunteers of ANN Foundation, USA.
- ✓ Block Disability Mitigation and Rehabilitation Facilitating Agency Mannachanallur / Thottiyam

ACTIVITIES DURING 2015-2016

- ✓ 21 Children in Friendship Home under "Joy To Children" Program of AEM-VOICE
- ✓ Community Based Rehabilitation of 3413 Differently Abled Persons and 787 Mentally ill.
- ✓ National Green Corps with 2000 children in 50 schools of Lalgudi Educational District.
- ✓ Coordinating 250 NGC (10000 students) 359 Eco-Clubs (14360 students) in Trichy .
- ✓ 159 People's Organizations (Self Help Groups of Women, Men, Differently Abled.
- ✓ Tree planting in farmers fields in Trichy District under TBGP with Forest Department.
- ✓ English classes for disadvantaged children in collaboration with ANNFoundation.
- ✓ Human Rights for the affected and afflicted with HRF, People's Watch, DLU – TN.
- ✓ Ecology and Environment in collaboration with Kudumbam, IVI, Peace Trust,
- ✓ Master Trainer for School Management Committee under SSA in Trichy District.
- ✓ Environment Protection Forum in collaboration with TCC, NGOs and CSOs.

ACTIVITIES DURING 2016 - 2017

- ✓ Friendship Children's Home (FCH) for 21 orphans / semi orphans with AEM, France
- ✓ Chennai – Cuddalore Flood Relief and rehabilitation programs with Global Giving, USA.
- ✓ Surviving rainfed agriculture in Mannachanallur Block with MANOS UNIDAS, Spain
- ✓ Preparation and distribution of cloth bags with Department of Environment.
- ✓ Providing of Rs 2, 00, 000/- cash awards to 15 schools in Trichy District.
- ✓ Environment competitions for 609 NGC / Eco Club Schools and Eco Camp to Pachamalai.
- ✓ Normalcy to 120 Mentally ill Persons with help from SALVATORIAANSE, Belgium.
- ✓ Country Chicken Rearing with help from MELANIA Foundation, Netherland.
- ✓ National Environment Awareness Campaign with ME&F and PEACE Trust.
- ✓ Training of CDFs in Mannachanallur - Thottiyam Blocks (TNSRLM) + 5 more Blocks(TNCDW).
- ✓ Tree plantation in farm fields Forest Department and TBGB.
- ✓ Field placement programs with Bishop Heber, Holy Cross, Rover, Imayam Agriculture Institutes.
- ✓ Collaboration with DDAWO for Empowerments of Differently Abled Persons.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES DURING 2017 – 2018 ALONG WITH REGULAR SCHEMES AS IN THE PREVIOUS YEARS

- ✓ Visit of 34 French Volunteers in July – Aug 2016 to support Friendship Children's Home of AEM.
- ✓ Educational assistances in Chennai – Cuddalore Flood areas with Global Giving, USA.
- ✓ 12 new villages in Surviving rainfed agriculture in Mannachanallur with MANOS UNIDAS, Spain.
- ✓ National Green Corps / Eco Clubs in 609 schools with Dept. of Environment, Govt. of TN.
- ✓ Cash grants for tree growing farmers - TBGB - Forest Dept. (பசுமையாக்கல் திட்டம்).
- ✓ Livelihood supports for mentally ill Persons with SALVATORIAANSE Relief Action, Belgium.
- ✓ Reaping returns from country chicken projects supported by MELANIA FOUNDATION.
- ✓ Schemes for eco agri garden in FCH with Voyager Autrement -Fondation Vacances Bleues.
- ✓ Special schemes for eco agri garden with TOTAL – SA through Volunteers / AIBENE, France.
- ✓ DDAWO, DMHP for Disabled and Mentally ill and TNCDW , TNSRLM for the disadvantaged.
- ✓ English class in Friendship Children's Home through Volunteers of ANN Foundation, USA.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES DURING 2018 – 2019:

- ✓ Scholarships for Children of Friendship Home with assistance form AEM benefiting 5 Children
- ✓ Cow care taker schemes for Friendship Children's Home by AEM(with cows given by SALVATORIAANSE)
- ✓ Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation for Ockhi Cyclone, Kerala Floods, Gaja Cyclone with Global Giving
- ✓ Revival of Physiotherapy for Disabled Children and inclusion of Visually Impaired Children/Adults
- ✓ Skills Trainings under PMKVY in Gardener, Organic Grower, Retail Sales Associates by Mr. Shakul
- ✓ Nature Camping, Enviro Competitions, Message on Wheels against plastics with Dept. of Environment

ECO-FARMING FOR POISON-FREE FOOD, POLLUTION FREE-ENVIRONMENT ,POVERTY-FREE SOCIETY

- ✓ Agriculture interventions from 1995 with help from Misereor. Trainings by LEISA, AME, DOA, CIPMC
- ✓ Bio Control Lab for Trichogramma Egg Parasitoids with help from Royal Netherlands Embassy. In 1998
- ✓ TOT for 105 Groups from Tamil Nadu/Puducherry from 1999 to 2004 with help from IGSSS
- ✓ Organic Farming interventions with help from RSWR. Starting of Nature Product Center at Mambalasalai
- ✓ Minor Millet production by Women Groups for Nutrition Mix with help of SWALLOWS in Denmark
- ✓ From 2000, IPM(Integrated Pest Management) in Cotton in 16 villages under FAO Cotton IPM India Program
- ✓ Vocational Training in Organic Farming with Central Social Welfare Board, Govt.of India and TNSWB(2001)
- ✓ In 2003 Organic Cotton Production center with Emmaus International, VCDS and Emmaus Asia Section
- ✓ Nature Farming by 300 Women in Agriculture in 15 villages with MANOS UNIDAS(2003-2007)
- ✓ In 2009 Selection of VOICE Trust as one of 100 finalists for DM2009 in World Bank Head Quarters in USA
- ✓ Multiple Cropping against climate change in Manchanalur Block with Manos Unidas from 2015 to 2019
- ✓ In 2013 Organic Farming Certification from Government. Inspected regularly. Current renewal found below





SURVIVING RAINFED AGRICULTURE IN MANNACHANALLUR BLOCK
BY MULTIPLE CROPPING AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE
UNDER MANOS UNIDAS -VOICE TRUST COLLABORATION



First project was from 2004 for strengthening 300 Women in Agriculture in 15 villages between Tiruvanaikoil and Tirukatupalli along River Cauvery. Main crops-paddy and banana. Women Groups continue making of bio-inputs for strengthening organic agriculture.

Above project started from October 2015 to cover 720 small farmers in 36 Village Panchayats.

*Year I - 1) Edumalai 2) Thaluthalappatti 3) Valaiyur 4) Inam Samayapuram (Manikkapuram) 5) Irungalur 6) Tirupattur 7) Konalai (Kalpalayam) 8) Vazlaiyur 9) M.R.Palayam (Sanamangalam) 10) Siruganur (C.R.Palayam) 11) Kanniyakudi (94 Kariyamanikkam) 12) Perahambi.

*Year II - 1) Sridevimangalam 2) Ayakudi 3) Thathamangalam (Akkaraipatti) 4) Ayyampalayam 5) Madavaperumalkovil (Kumarakudi) 6) Koothur (Palur) 7) Vengangudi (Inam Kalpalayam) 8) Palaiyur (Sriperumpudur) 9) Alagiyamanavalam 10) Sirugudi (Melaseedevimangalam) 11) Sirupathur 12) Tiruvellarai.

*Year III - 1) Tiruppanjeeli 2) Theerampalayam 3) Venkangudi 4) Omandur 5) Poonampalayam 6) Hamlet Korungupettai of Kovathakudi 7) Thiruvasi 8) Hamlet Keelapatti of Sirugudi 9) Hamlet Sirugambur of No.2 Kariyamanikkam 10) Hamlet Sunaipugalnallur of Melpathu 11) Hamlet Athani of Pitchandarkovil 12) Kiliyanallur

During April 2018 and March 2019, 240 more small farmers were trained in multiple cropping to combat climate change. Organic seeds distributed. Preparation of bio-inputs (organic manure and bio-pest repellents) demonstrated. Containers distributed for making of bio-inputs by 240 small farmers. Bio-farming methods printed as handout for use by farming families in 12 villages. Integrated Pest Management practices introduced with help of CIPMC of Government of India. Follow-up strategies worked out with NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development).

In spite of the fact that there was very little rain that too for a few minutes on 4 rainy days all through the past year, VOICE Team encouraged the target farmers of year III to go in for greens and less water taking vegetables for the firm decision of year I and year II farmers of Manos supported project not to sell agriculture lands but to strengthen farming communities by cultivation of multiple crops to counter the challenges of global warming resulting climate change problems.

Following request of all 720 farmers of past 3 years of Manos agriculture project implemented by VOICE Trust, the evaluation processes got postponed to April-June period. The annual meeting of farmers will take place in July 2019 and improved guide books will be distributed with wishes from Manos Unidas and VOICE Trust for strengthening rainfed agriculture in Manachanalur Block.



PROGRESSIVE COLLABORATIONS WITH CIPMC(Central Integrated Pest Management Centre)

IPM(Integrated Pest Management) was first taken up by VOICE Trust in 1996 in cotton crops when Mr. N. Krishnasamy was Director of Regional Office of CIPMC under the Directorate of PPQ&S, DAC&FW, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Government of India at Trichy. Later on, IPM was taken up in other crops and assistance was received for Bio-Control Lab at Siruganur.

Chilli IPM in and around

During 2018-2019 period, Dr.S.Gnanasambandan, Assistant Director (WS),CIPMC, Trichy chose VOICE Trust for release of bio control agents in paddy and also other crops. FFS(Farmer Field School) programs were conducted in VOICE Trust work locations. Field Day Functions were held in Kanniyakudi village on 13 January 2018 and in Thaluthalapatti village on 24 January 2018 and special addresses were made by Dr.S.Gnanasambandan and Mrs. Amutha from CIPMC and also by Mr. R. Mohan, Assistant Director of Agriculture, Government of Tamil Nadu for Manachanallur.

Mr. L.R.Shanmugasundaram and Mr.V.Balakrishnan, B.Sc Agri Graduates, were deputed by VOICE Trust for the SLTP (Season Long Training Program) organized by CIPMC in Pollachi. Mrs. Uma Mahaeshwari and Mr. Gokul Ram from CIPMC extended help and cooperation. Mr. N. Krishnasamy former Director of CIPMC guided the Trainees through special guest lectures. VOICE Team has appealed to CIPMC for continued supports for benefit of farmers in our area.





**SUSTAINABLE INCOMES FOR 3945 YOUNG ORGANIC FARMERS
IN COLLABORATION WITH GLOBAL GIVING, WASHINGTON, USA
THROUGH FRIENDS IN INDIA, USA, EUROPE & WORLD OVER**



After getting selected in October 2010 Open Challenge organized by Global Giving, VOICE Trust started Biodiverse Agri Trainings for 1500 youth every year. It was a revelation that many young boys and girls as well as some technically qualified youth showed interest in agriculture. So, VOICE Trust facilitated nature centric farming techniques like seed efficiency testing, micro water resource system, spaced planting with more intercrops and multiple-mixed cropping, preparation of organic manure-bio pest repellents, post harvest management, value added products.

But, the trained youth wanted financial supports for starting fulltime involvements in agriculture. So, the name of Project Number 6265 got changed as above. Request has been made for supporting 3945 young organic farmers. It will be a revolution in the field of agriculture in India if youth can join their elderly family members for working for achieving greater sustainability in farming. A good start has been made. To work harder to go forward. Seek help and cooperation from all.



DISASTER RELIEF-REHABILITATION PROGRAMS WITH GLOBAL GIVING

CHENNAI FLOODS-

Local Collaborator “Kalai Pattarai” assisted with finance for providing of notebooks for children of Chennai Flood families. More educational supports are needed. Women groups want tailoring machines. Youth interested in cultural actions need musical instruments.



Cuddalore Floods:

Local Collaborator “HESAT” assisted with finance for providing of notebooks for children affected by floods in Cuddalore and neighboring Districts. Flood affected people require more educational supports, herbal gardening and value added products by women groups.


Flood Relief-Recovery-Livelihood-Empowerment Programme
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Ockhi Cyclone

Local collaborator "WEEDS" assisted with finance for providing cooking utensils and vessels for families affected by ockhi cyclone. Their loss is huge. They continue to suffer. They want special supports to restart income generation schemes including honey keeping.



Kerala Floods

120 flood affected people in Kumuli of Idukki district and Nedumudi of Alapuzha district in Kerala were provided with emergency relief supplies including clothes, rice, grocery, cleaning materials. The second group of supports was for Chengannur and Changanacherry in Kotayam District. Many want housing and livelihood supports.



Gaja Cyclone

First help was for Periyathikottai people near Peravoor in Thanjavur District. Next assistance was for Alandhapadi in Thiruthuraiipoondi Block of Thiruvarur District together with Apex Pon Vidyashram School from Chennai and also "Kalvi Katanam" following request for educational supports from Assistant Project Officer of "Mahalir Thitam" in Thiruvarur District. Huge needs are there for reviving life of millions of Gaja cyclone affected people in 8 districts of Tamil Nadu



NEW PROGRAMS FOR DIFFERENTLY ABLED PERSONS

Some in VOICE Trust were associated with the observance of the first World Disabled Day in 1983. In 1998, the all-round Empowerments of Disabled Children were started with help from SKN. During 2000, DPD Section (Development Programs with Disabled) was started for Disabled Adults and CBR (Community Based Rehabilitations) activities were done in collaboration with District Disabled Rehabilitation Office, ADD India, Vidya Sagar, Mobiltiy India, Spastics Society – Trichy, TMSSS - Kolping, NGOs, Hindu Mission Hospital and District Disability Forum .

In 2004, Programs with the Mentally ill Persons were started with help from ADD India and District Mental Health Programme of Government. From 2015, schemes for return to normalcy by 120 Mentally ill Persons were implemented with help from Salvatorian Relief Action.

In 2009, VOICE Trust was selected for the Guide Scheme for Mannachanallur Block and 40 part-time workers (all Disabled Persons) involved in the linkage programs with the Government.

From 2013, BDMRFA Schemes were given to VOICE Trust for Mannachanallur and Thottiam Blocks covering 61 Village Panchayats . Trainings for the Community Development Facilitators, need assessment camps and Schemes for the integrated empowerments of the Differently Abled Persons were taken up. VOICE Trust was asked to conduct CDF Trainings in 5 more Blocks.

From 2015, a special program for 120 mentally-ill persons was implemented with help from Salvatorian Relief Action. Besides regular treatments for them to bring them back to normalcy, self reliance schemes also given to them.

World Disabled Day was organized in Samayapuram together with..

A new program called “Wheeli Sanjay” is proposed through Global Giving
New schemes planned with MOBILITY INDIA ..





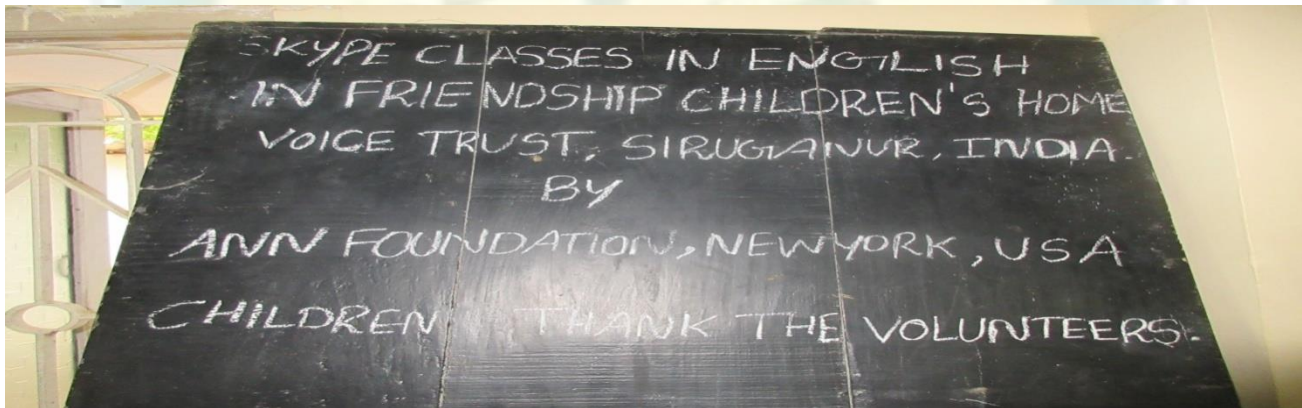
LITERACY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMS



ENGLISH CLASSES FOR THE DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN IN COLLABORATION WITH ANN FOUNDATION, USA

Efficiency in languages is important for Children as they begin to enter into educational field. Even in mother tongue, there is need for systematic learning. It is much more important to become efficient in English language which has become the link for many in the world. In the beginning of 2014, VOICE Trust approached Mrs. Ann Moidheen, Founder of ANN Foundation, New York, USA, she came forward to help disadvantaged Children to learn English through Skype classes with help of Volunteers in India and Abroad. She also donated 2 Desktops and VOICE Team arranged for internet connectivity. 18 children from resource poor families participated in the evening classes from October 2014 to May 2015. Presently 24 parentless and at risk children of Friendship Children's Home run by VOICE Trust in Siruganur Village are participating.

Every evening, Volunteers from India and abroad give Skype classes for improving English. They interact with children both in Tamil and English and conduct exams for strengthening them to read and write well. VOICE Trust appreciates their generosity by spending their time and energy for the benefit of over 24 disadvantaged children. VOICE Trust thanks Mrs. Ann and others in ANN Foundation for this great help from 2014. Great appreciation to ANN Foundation for new plans to improve the present project and also to go in for expansion to benefit more rural children around Siruganur and also to resource poor urban children especially those struggling in life in slums.



PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS FOR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Some in VOICE Team are the pioneers in organizing people through awareness program from 1977 to come together, to share the problems, to analyse the root causes, to work out solutions and to implement social actions programs for the integrated empowerments of the economically-socially-educationally disadvantaged people without any discrimination. When, Self-Help Groups(SHG) were formed by NGOs, often the focus was on micro-credit. VOICE Team considered it more important to enable people to come together for achieving their rights and also for fulfilling their responsibilities for common good including ecological and environmental enhancements.

True, many numbers of SHGs were formed, VOICE Trust started facilitating 159 People's Organizations in Manachanalur Block. After involvements in 7 Blocks under TNSRLM (Tamil Nadu State Rural livelihood Mission) , 1194 groups have been facilitated in 199 village Panchayats including groups for Differently Abled Persons, the Ageing People, the Transgender and other vulnerable groups suffering economically and socially. But a long way to go. They need trainings, formations and finances for efficient functioning of individuals and also groups.



SKILLS TRAININGS FOR TALENTS EMPOWERMENTS AND ALSO FOR INCOMES

The first project in Siruganur area in 1994 was skills trainings for self employment. Trades like tailoring, greeting cards with embroidery works, hand weaving of towels and blankets were started. Eco Scientist Nammalwar started organic manure and bio-pest repellent trainings.

Following skills trainings under PMKVY with IDA organized by Mr. M. Shakul Hameed

- ✓ Gardener for 90 Women from villages around Siruganur
- ✓ Organic Grower for 90 Women with bio farming focus
- ✓ Retail Marketing expertise for 60 Women

People want VOICE Trust to establish training cum production units in the Human Resource Development Training Centre at Siruganur to enable thousands of unemployed and underemployed women and men including the Differently Abled Persons for coming together, for learning skills and making products for marketing and for regular income generation. Supports are requested.





FRIENDSHIP CHILDREN'S HOME FOR PARENTLESS /AT RISK CHILDREN
UNDER JOY TO CHILDREN PROGRAM OF AEM-VOICE COLLABORATION



The best place for a child is home. But, what happens if the child is without both parents? The incident that took place at midnight on 5 May 2005 made us to consider a home for orphans. For, the relatives of a girl baby hacked her four times to finish her. We explained that child is a gift to the family and also to the society. So, we approached AEM for help to start a Children Home for 15 parentless children. Friendship Children's Home was the name given because AEM is called as "Friends of the Children of the World" and also because we wanted to motivate parentless children to live in friendly relationship as brothers and sisters in a family.

Thanks to help from French people who donate to AEM, Friendship Children's Home is completing 13 years and starting 14th year from April 2019. Presently, there are 24 parentless and at risk children(10 Girls and 14 Boys) staying in Friendship Children's Home and studying in Government Schools(7 in Grade 1-5 classes, 12 in Grade 6-12 classes, 1 in ITI(Industrial Training Institute), 1 in Catering Institute, 1 in Lab Technician, 1 in Polytechnic and 1 in Apprenticeship). The number is expected to increase in June 2019 when the academic year starts.

AEM's 2019 Assessment Mission by Mrs. Florence VIEBAN and Mr. Jean Francois JOANNY took place from 29 March. Friendship Children's Home was visited on 30 March. Discussions on child rights took place. VOICE Team shared about organizing Child Rights rally on 14 November 1994 with the slogan "Child Rights are Human Rights". Signature of children taken in the board kept in Friendship Children's Home. Right to Life, Protection, Development, Participation explained. Integrated empowerments including higher education and employability skills assured. Thanks to AEM, special efforts are made for talents in music, dance, karate, yoga, sports.

In consultation with AEM from 2010, appeals for supports made to local friends and groups. Thanks to many individuals and some groups, more than one third of needs are expected to be met mostly by help in kind like rice, grocery, new clothes, note books, other utilities for needy children.

Friendship Children's Home got approval from District Collector in 2009. Inspected by Social Welfare Department in 2010. Registration in 2011 under JJ (Juvenile Justice) Act. Now, District Child Protection Unit is approached for inspection. Though, there are many new rules introduced, still, for the sake of the parentless and at risk children, we decide to abide.

Special thanks to AEM for considering Kitchen Repairs, Electrical Repairs and Floor Repairs. More infrastructure developments are there. Appeals are made for support and solidarity. Special requests are given o AEM for evening schools in 6 villages for 150 slow learning children, tree plantation by 60 children and their parents in 3 villages, Sunday school of agriculture for young boys and girls to learn bio-farming to help families and hopefully to take over after the elders so that agriculture continues to give food and regular employment as well as to protect environment. Also migration to urban areas will be discouraged avoiding division in family and stopping sub-human life of those who migrate with lack of food-health and hygiene.



AEM AND MANY HELP TO SAVE FCH GIRL POONGKAVI FROM SERIOUS ILL-HEALTH

Poongkavi is one of the total orphans in Friendship Children's Home. She got 404 marks out of 500 in Grade 10 Government Exams in 2015. Her grandmother - the main supporter died in early 2017 and this disturbed her results in Grade 12 Exams in 2017. However, we got admission for her in Namakkal College for 4 ½ years, Computer Engineering Course. In April 2018, she became sick and Doctors diagnosed less immunity syndrome. Thanks to AEM, VOICE and other common friends of FCH , special treatment started. Doctors advised her return to Trichy. So, we took her from Namakkal and got admission in July 2018 for Lab Technician Course at Holy Cross College. Since, Siruganur is 25 Kilometers from Trichy, we thought it better to arrange for her stay in another NGO at Trichy. Unfortunately, she got infected due to toilets used by aged people. On 14 January 2019, Administrator Preethi was informed of Poongkavi's serious health conditions. We admitted her in ABC Hospital because Doctor Saravanan who was treating her for improving immunity attends to patients there. On 15 January, scan report showed infection of both kidneys. Surgery was done on 16 January and stunts fixed in kidneys. Doctors informed that if we had delayed for 2 days it would have been near fatal. Thank God for saving her from that. When we informed this to AEM, we got immediate response permitting us to take advance from FCH amount. Mrs. Florence and many Friends of FCH gave donation upto INR 183028/-. Total hospitalization expenses upto January 22 came to INR 212000/- Expenses continue for treatment.



POONGAVI ON TREATMENT IN ABC HOSPITAL



POONGAVI AFTER SURGERY WITH FRIENDS

ECOLOGICAL AGRICULTURE GARDEN
IN FRIENDSHIP CHILDREN'S HOME, VOICE TRUST, SIRUGANUR, INDIA
SUPPORTED BY VOYAGER AUTERMENT & FONDATION VACANCES BLEUES

Ecological Agriculture Garden was started by the 17 French Volunteers who came in July 2016 and got inaugurated by Mrs. Florence VIEBAN of AIBENE on 11th August 2016 in the presence of 17 more French Volunteers who came in August.

Thanks to special helps from VOYAGER AUTERMENT and FONDATION VACANCES BLEUES, the Eco Agri Garden in Friendship Children's Home is beginning to develop slowly but steadily. Due to near drought situation from mid 2018 with very little rains 4 times and that too for only for a few minutes has led to severe drought in water table in and around Siruganur being rainfed cultivation area.

Seeds for short duration vegetables, new trees for replacing the dead ones, purchase of farm tools ,electricity charges for motor pumpset, bio-inputs and remuneration for agri workers are all partly met from supports from VOAGER AUTREMENT and FONDATION VACANCES BLEUES. Children of Friendship Home extend help during holidays for watering the plants. VOICE Trust manages the other works for the sake of bringing in sustainability for this important project for Children Home

Ecological Agriculture Garden
Friendship Children's Home
Siruganur, Trichy District, Tamil Nadu, India

Supported by : Fondation Vacances bleues, France Through : Voyager Autrement, France

Collaborated by: Mrs. Florence VIEBAN, AIBENE, France Implemented by : VOICE Trust, India

AIBÈNE

Thanks to AIBENE and the 34 French Volunteers who helped in July and August 2006 to start Eco Agri Garden and for the 23 French Volunteers of August 2017 to find ways to adapt to climate change.
Thanks also to AEM (les Amis des Enfants du Monde) Montrouge, France for helping VOICE Trust from 2006 to start Friendship children's Home, AEM's supports continue for past 12 years.



SUPPORTS FROM TOTAL SA UNDER CONVENTION <<YOU ACT. WE HELP !>> COO1847

for Eco-Enviro-Economic Sustainability for Ecological Agriculture Garden
in Friendship Children's Home of VOICE Trust a Siruganur, India

Mrs. Florence VIEBAN and Mr. Jean Francois JOANNY -2019 Assessment Mission Team from AEM(les Amis des Enfants du Monde) visited the Eco Agri Garden on 30 March 2019 they saw many trees and plants growing well and some lemon trees starting to give fruits. They noticed drying of chilli and learnt from Children about good yield of brinjal, tomato, ladies finger, greens of different types reaped from Eco Agri Garden that enhanced the nutritional standards of Children of Friendship Home.

Due to practically no rains from July 2018, the need for going in for a new borewell inside the Eco Agri Garden was addressed by sinking 420 feet depth borewell on 29 March 2019. Plenty of water and also good taste water has been achieved. The new borewell site was inspected by Mrs. Florence and Mr. Jean Francois.

As the trees and plants are growing and vegetables and greens are cultivated inside the Eco Agri Garden, wild pigs-peacocks-cattle come inside and destroy the crops. So, the need for weldmesh fencing with stone pillars was taken up. After the completion of this work in April 2019, efforts will be made to plant fruit trees and take steps for protecting them from monkeys. Because, the banana trees were spoiled by monkeys, special steps will be taken from July 2019 for reviving fruit species.

Ecological Agriculture Garden
Friendship Children's Home
Siruganur, Trichy District, Tamil Nadu, India.
Started in 2006 and continued with help from AEM
(les Amis des Enfants du Monde), Montrouge, France.

Supported by  TOTAL SA Implemented by  VOICE Trust

Thanks to all in TOTAL SA for support for Orphan and disadvantaged Children.
Thanks also to Mrs. Christiane GLICSMAN for presenting the application.
Thanks to 34 French Volunteers who came in July - August 2016 and their families associated with CCE UES Amont TOTAL for starting the Eco Agri Garden.
Thanks also to 23 French Volunteers who came in August 2017 for further supports.
Great thanks to Mrs. Florence VIEBAN of AIBENE for guiding the Volunteers in 2016 and 2017 and for introducing VOICE Trust and Friendship children's Home to many.





**TAMILNADU BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND GREENING PROJECT(TBGP WITH
M.R.PALAYAM FOREST EXTENSION DIVISION, FOREST DEPARTMENT
BY GROWING TREES IN AGRI LANDS FOR AGROFORESTRY & ECONOMIC GAINS**



VOICE Trust is privileged to be associated with Forest Department from 1998 by joining in the implementation of TAP(Tamilnadu Afforestation Project) with the then District Forest Officer Mrs. Rajeshwari. Students Environment Groups got assistance during the time of DFO Mita Bannerjee, DFO Mani, DFO Sathish, DFO Sujatha, ACF Murugan, FEO Sornappan, FEO Shivaji, FEO Kamalakannan, FEO Sampath Kumar and Range Officers of Trichy- Thuraiyur(Pachamalai).

From 2011, special schemes for increasing forest cover were taken up in collaboration with FEO. From 2013, TBGP was implemented by motivating farmers to grow trees in agri lands not only for economic gains but also for bio-pest control when the birds sit on the trees and pluck the pests in the crops. Soil fertility got improved with recycling of tree leaves for making organic manure.



NATIONAL GREEN CORPS(NGC) AND ECO CLUBS IN TRICHY DISTRICT WITH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

On 11.11.1998, the first Students Environment Group was begun by VOICE Trust in Kasi Chetty Corporation Middle School in Tiruvanaikoil in the presence of the then Director of Environment Dr. T. Sekar IFS. This scheme was extended to 90 more Schools and VOCIE Trust was nominated as the Environment Coordinator for Trichy District. VOICE Trust is entering into 21st year of action for continuing environment awareness and action programs. There are 250 NGC Schools and 359 Eco Clubs in Trichy District with 24360 Students guided by 609 Teacher Coordinators. VOICE Trust directly responsible for 69 NGC Schools and 159 Eco Clubs in Lalgudi Educational District. Every year, World Environment Day theme is explained by printing of brochure. Same attached.

World Environment Day – 2018

Observance by National Green Corps /Eco Clubs in Lalgudi Educational District with following theme



UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme) encourages partnership in caring for the environment inspiring, informing, and enabling nations and peoples to improve their quality of life without compromising that of future generations. India is hosting World Environment Day – 2018 to "Beat Plastic Pollution" to caution about piling up of plastic wastes that blocks water recharge in land besides paving ways for health hazards for humans, animals, water bodies, vegetation agro – eco system and to call for local and global response to avoid plastic usage and recycle plastic wastes for utilities.

Students and Teachers of National Green Corps / Eco Clubs of Lalgudi Educational District in Department of Environment, District Educational Office and VOICE Trust, the Environment Coordinator for Lalgudi Educational District in the following activities:

General : Personal Hygiene, cleanliness in and around schools, rain water harvesting, growth of trees and herbs, vegetable garden, waste recycling, renewable energy, observance of environment days, environment competitions, eco – camp and other go green activities.
R: Refuse unnatural, Reduce artificial, Recycle wastes, Reuse, Revive and Rejoice.

Special for 2018: Awareness Programs on plastic pollution, avoidance of plastic usage, segregation of plastic wastes for recycling, increasing usage of cloth bags and other biodegradable articles, organizing meetings, cultural to Beat Plastic Pollution:



Plastics have come to stay in form of bags, bottles, furniture, fittings, sanitary ware, and other utilities. The debate whether plastic goods are a boon or a bane continues. But, the piling of plastic wastes cause for pollution of environment in open land, farm fields, water bodies including the ocean. Humans are transferred with chemicals while carrying food stuffs and beverages in plastic products. Livestock and fishers consume the plastics and get into intestinal problem leading to mortality. As responsible citizen all of us are duty bound to refuse plastics, if found inevitable to reduce, to stop throwing away plastic after use and to start recycling used plastics to "Beat Plastic Pollution"

VOICE Trust was nominated in 1998 by Department of Environment, Government of Tamil Nadu, to organize Students Environment Groups in Trichy District. We are entering into 20th year from 2011. Responsible for National Green Corps in Lalgudi Educational District. Coordinating district level activities of 250 NGC / 359 Eco Clubs (24,360 Students/609 Teacher Coordinators) with focus on **R**: Refuse unnatural, Reduce if inevitable, Recycle, Reuse as bio inputs, Revive Traditionals, Rejoice in life

Supported by Department of Environment, Government of Tamil Nadu
 Chaired by District Collector, Tiruchirappalli District
 Coordinated by Chief Educational Officer, Trichy & District Educational Office, Lalgudi
 Guided by District Forest Office, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board
 Facilitated by VOICE Trust, NGC Coordinator, Lalgudi Educational District

Students and Teachers of National Green Corps and Eco Clubs of Lalgudi Educational District
to work for plastic free Homes, Schools, Villages, Towns, Cities, Countries and the World

உலக சுற்றுச்சூழல் நாள் (05.06.2018)

“பிளாஸ்டிக் மாசுவை முறியடிப்போம்” - 2018 ஆம் ஆண்டின் சுற்றுச்சூழல் நாள் மையக்கருத்து

நவீன வாழ்க்கைக்கு, பிளாஸ்டிக் பொருட்கள் வாரமாக முன்வைக்கப்பட்டுள்ளன. ஆனால், பிளாஸ்டிக் பொருட்கள் கழிவுகளாய் தூக்கியெறியப்படும்போது, சுற்றுச்சூழல் மாசுபடுகிறது. அரசும், மற்றொருமும், பிளாஸ்டிக் பயன்பாட்டை தவிர்க்க முயற்சிகள் மேற்கொண்டு வரும் நிலையில், தனி நபர் – பொதுமக்கள் கூட்டமைப்புகளும், கேடு விளைவிக்காத பொருட்களை பயன்படுத்த முயற்சிகள் மேற்கொள்வது மிக மிக அவசியம். தவிர்க்கக்கூடிய பிளாஸ்டிக் பொருட்களை கைவிடுவோம். சூழலை மாசுப்படுத்து துணிப்பை மற்றும் மறுசுழற்சி உட்படும் பொருட்களை கையில் எடுப்போம். மாசில்லா புது உலகை படைப்போம்.



மரம் மனிதனுக்கு கிடைத்த மகத்தான வரம் – உயிர் வளர்க்கும் தொழிற்சாலை – உள் சந்தியார்க்கு நீ கொடுக்கும் விலாசம்!

தேசிய பசுமைப் படை மற்றும் சுற்றுச்சூழல் மன்றம் வால்குடி கல்வி மாவட்டம்

11.11.1998 அன்று, முதல் சுற்றுச்சூழல் மன்றம், திருச்சி மாவட்டத்தில் தமிழ்நாடு அரசு சுற்றுச்சூழல் துறை உதவியுடன் வாய்ஸ் அறக்கட்டளையால் ஆரம்பிக்கப்பட்டது. சுற்றுச்சூழல் கல்வி வகுப்புகள் நடத்தப்பட்டன. பள்ளிக்குள், பள்ளியைச் சுற்றி, ஊருக்குள் சுற்றுச்சூழல் மேம்பாட்டுப்பணிகள் மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்டன. மரம் வளர்ப்பு, மூலிகை தோட்டம் போன்ற பணிகளும் நடைபெற்றன. 2018 – 2019 கல்வியாண்டில், வால்குடிகல்வி மாவட்டத்தில், 50 தேசிய பசுமைப்படை பள்ளிகள் மற்றும் 160 சுற்றுச்சூழல் மன்றம் பள்ளிகள் செயல்படுகின்றன. 8400 மாணவ மாணவிகளும், 210 பொறுப்பாசிரியர்களும் – பொறுப்பாசிரியைகளும், நம் புவி – நம் எதிர்காலம் என்ற பார்வையுடன், சுற்றுச்சூழல் போட்டிகள் நடத்தியும் இயற்கை சுற்றுலா சென்றும் வருகின்றனர். தன் சுத்தம் (personal hygiene) மறைநீர் சேகரிப்பு, இயற்கை விவசாயம், பிளாஸ்டிக் பயன்பாடு தவிர்ப்பு, மரபு சாரா ஆற்றல் மேம்பாடு போன்ற பணிகளிலும் ஈடுபாடு தொடர்கிறது. மறுசுழற்சி மறு பயன்பாடு என்ற வகையில் கழிவு மேலாண்மை மேற்கொள்ளப்படுகிறது. உலகஅளவில் சுற்றுச்சூழல் நாளை இந்தியா நடத்தும் 2018 ஆம் ஆண்டில், பிளாஸ்டிக் பயன்பாட்டை தவிர்ப்போம். மனிதர்கள், விலங்குகள், பறவைகள், மீன்கள், பூமியை மாசிலிருந்து காப்பாற்றுவோம்.

இணைந்து செயல்படுவோம்

தமிழ்நாடு அரசு சுற்றுச்சூழல் துறை, (Department of Environment, Government of Tamil Nadu)
 மாவட்ட ஆட்சி தலைவர் – திருச்சிராப்பள்ளி, வட்டாட்சியர் அலுவலகங்கள், திருச்சிராப்பள்ளி மாநகராட்சி
 பள்ளிக்கல்வித்துறை – திருச்சி மாவட்டம் & வால்குடி கல்வி மாவட்ட அலுவலகம், (CEO, DEO, BEO)
 மாவட்ட வன அலுவலகம், திருச்சி மாவட்டம், (District Forest Office / M.R. Palayam Forest Extension Division)
 தமிழ்நாடு மாசுக்கட்டுப்பாட்டு வாரியம் (Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board)
 வாய்ஸ் அறக்கட்டளை (VOICE Trust),



**SPECIAL PROGRAMS WITH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT,
SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT & FOREST DEPARTMENT**

Environment Competitions were conducted on 09.02.2019. 337 Students and 35 Teacher Coordinators from the NGC Schools from all over Tiruchirappalli District assembled in Bishop Heber Higher Secondary School. 18 Students got prizes in elocution, drawing and quiz. All Students were given Participation Certificates. Mr. M. Ramasamy District Educational Officer of Trichy Educational District appreciated the many steps taken by Department of Environment for encouraging School Students in environmental protection programs. Mr. S. Sampath Kumar, Forest Extension Officer of M.R.Palayam Extension Division distributed the prizes. Eco Tour was conducted for the winners and also for School Children for remote villages.



NATIONAL NATURE CAMPING PROGRAMME FOR STUDENTS OF 50 NATIONAL GREEN CORPS(NGC) IN LALGUDI EDUCATIONAL DISTRICT, TAMIL NADU



Supported by: Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Facilitated by: Department of Environment, Government of Tamil Nadu
Coordinated by: Chief Educational Office & Lalgudi Educational District Office.
Organized by: VOICE Trust, NGC Coordinator, Lalgudi Educational District



Out of 2760 Students from 69 NGC Schools in Lalgudi Educational District, 50 NGC Students were first selected for Nature Camp. On 07.03.2019, Biodiversity Walk in and around Schools. On 08.03.2019, sharings by NGC Students on flora/fauna and also tree species and birds in the area. On 09.03.2019, Nature Camp to Butterfly Park took place. 13 more Students and 12 Teacher Coordinators joined. Forest Department Officials guided the Students and Teacher Coordinators.



Following the promulgation of GO.NO.84 of 25.06.2018 by Government of Tamil Nadu, 14 plastic items including carry bags were banned with effect from 01.01.2019 and VOICE Trust was asked to organize "Message on Wheels" in Trichy District about the ill-effects of plastics. Assistant Commissioner of Trichy City Corporation inaugurated the program on 11.03.2019 in Chatram Bus Stand. Distribution of following brochure and cloth bags continued all over Trichy City surroundings and also in Lalgudi-Musiri-Manaparai-Trichy Educational Districts.

Tamil Nadu Government bans one time used plastics G.O. No.84 of 25.06.2018 to gift a plastic - free Tamil Nadu from 01.01.2019 for the future generations. Message on wheels by Department of Environment, Govt. of Tamil Nadu



Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu declared that non-biodegradable plastic products, mainly polythene covers affect the environment, impeding water flow resulting in stagnation. It also affects the flow of sewage. It prevents percolation of rain water into the soil, thus affecting the increase in underground water. When rainwater stagnates in strewn plastic waste, it results in breeding of mosquitoes causing dengue and malaria. Plastic wastes contributed towards flooding. It has also affected soil quality. Its burning also caused problems. Plastic products contributed to various forms of pollution - air, land and water. Cattle, Avians, Fishes / Ocean Animals feeding on such waste face danger of death. Perhaps, total no to plastics can be yes for all lifes.

Banned Items: 1. Plastic Sheets / Clings used for food wrapping, 2) Plastic sheets used for spreading for dining, 3. Plastic thermocol plates 4. Plastic coated paper plates. 5. Plastic coated paper cups 6. Plastic tea cups 7. Plastic tumblers 8. Thermocol cups 9. Water pouches / packets 10. Plastic straw 11. Plastic carry bags of all sizes and thickness 12. Plastic coated carry bags 13. Plastic flags 14. Non woven polypropylene Bags

Alternatives: 1. Plantain leaves, Areca nut plates 2. Aluminium foils 3. Paper rolls 4. Lotus leaves 5. Glass, metal tumblers 6. Bamboo, Wooden products 7. Paper straw 8. Cloth, Paper, Jute bags 9. Paper, Cloth flags 10. Ceramic wares 11. Edible Cutleries 12. Earthen Pots.

The word plastic comes from Greek word plastikos. Plastic is any synthetic polymer. Most industrial plastic is made from petrochemicals. Many of the additives in plastics are toxic and may leach into the environmental. The chemical structure of most plastics renders them resistant to many natural processes of degradation they are slow to degrade. Plastic is a material made to last forever, yet 33 percent of all plastic - water bottles, bags and straws - are used just once and thrown away. Plastic cannot biodegrade. Toxic chemicals leach out of plastic and are found in nearly all of us. Exposure to them is linked to cancers, birth defects, impaired immunity, endocrine disruption and other ailments.

World without plastic is fantastic
Poem by Stephen Katona

It would be fantastic,
If we stopped using plastic,
And eased the world's pain,
With a healthy food chain.
Turtles would no longer gag,
On a supermarket's bag,
Sea birds could have a meal,
Of food that was real.
Less chemicals in the sea,
Would be healthier
for you and me.



Plastics give a helpful hand,
but they are polluting our land!

Stop bagging the planet
say NO to plastic bags.

Say No To Single Use Plastic Bags



No Plastic Bags
Poem by Sophie Hatzismalis

Say no, no, no!
Plastic bags have to go
use your own from your home
say no, no, no!
Plastic ends up in the sea
killing sea creature families
say no, no, no!
Plastic bags don't break down
they will stay in the ground
say no, no, no!
Plastic bags just have to go!

In 2015, cloth bags distributed to students and public with help from DOE (Department of Environment), Government of Tamil Nadu. Now is the duty of National Green Corps / Eco Clubs to work for Plastic Free Tamil Nadu in collaboration with Department of Environment, School Education Department, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Forest Department and NGC Coordinators VOICE Trust (Lalgudi), HWET (Trichy - Manapparai) and VISU NGO (Musiri) Educational Districts.

From 2019, Department of Environment and Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board support district level plastic free programs. In Trichy District, Message on Wheels against ill effects of plastics carried forward by Trichy City Corporation, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Trichy and VOICE Trust.

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கற்றுச்சூழலுக்கு கேடு விளைவிக்காத இயற்கை பயன்பாட்டு பொருட்களை வரவேற்போம். நி-நிலம்-காற்று-அனைத்து உயிர்களுக்கு கேடு உண்டாக்கும் பிளாஸ்டிக்கை தவிப்போம்

பிளாஸ்டிக் மாசில்லா தமிழ்நாடு
Plastic Pollution Free Tamil Nadu

01.01.2019 முதல் பிளாஸ்டிக் பயன்பாடு தவிர்க்க அரசாணை எண்.84 E&F (EC-2)



செயலாக்கம் (மாநில அளவில்)
தமிழ்நாடு அரசு கற்றுச்சூழல் துறை
தமிழ்நாடு மாகாணப்பாடு வாரியம்
செயலாக்கம் (திருச்சி மாவட்ட அளவில்)
திருச்சிராப்பள்ளி மாநகராட்சி
மாவட்ட கற்றுச்சூழல் பொறியாளர், TNPCB, திருச்சி
என்பல் அறங்கட்டளை



பிளாஸ்டிக் என்பவை செயற்கை மூலக்கூறுகளால் உருவாக்கப்பட்டவை. கிரேக்க மொழியில் "பிளாஸ்டிக்கோஸ்" என அழைக்கப்படுகிறது. இது ஒரு பெட்ரோலியம் வகையை சார்ந்தது. பிளாஸ்டிக் பொருட்களை அனைவரும் பயன்படுத்தும் நிலை உருவாக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. காய்கறி, துணி, மின்னணு சாதனங்கள், மளிகை, தேனீர், உணவு போன்ற எண்ணற்ற முறையில் பிளாஸ்டிக்கின் பயன்பாடு உள்ளது. ஆனால், நன்மை அல்லது தீமை பற்றி சிந்திக்காமல் குறைந்த விலையில் கிடைப்பதாலும், வசதியாக இருப்பதாலும் பயன்படுத்துகின்றனர். பிளாஸ்டிக் பொருட்கள் எளிதில் மட்டும்தான் தன்மை அற்றவை. ஒரே ஒரு பிளாஸ்டிக் பையானது மட்டுவதற்கு பல ஆண்டுகளாகும். மண்ணுக்கும், நி-நில வளத்திற்கும் கெடுதல் புரிந்து, காற்றை மாசுபடுத்தி, சூற்றுச்சூழலை பாதிக்கிறது. மனிதர்களுக்கும், மற்ற உயிரினங்களுக்கும் தோல் நோய், ஒவ்வாமை, கேன்சர் நோய்களால் பிராயத்தை விளைவிக்கின்றன.

நெகிழ்ப் பொருட்களை எரிப்பதால் டையாக்சிசன் நச்சுப் புகை வெளியாகி, மூச்சுக் குழாய் பாதிப்பு, குடல் புண், செரிமானமின்மை, நரம்புத்தளர்ச்சி, ரத்த - சிறுநீர்ச் செயல் குறைபாடு, நோய் எதிர்ப்பு ஆற்றல் குறைவு போன்றவை ஏற்படக் கூடும் என ஆய்வுகள் கூறுகின்றன.

எளிதில் மட்காத, சிதையாத நெகிழ்ப் பொருட்களால் சாக்கடைகளில் அடைப்பு ஏற்பட்டு, கழிவுநீர் தேங்கி, தூர்நாற்றம் மற்றும் கொசுபெருக்கம் ஏற்பட்டு, நோய்கள் வருகின்றன. பிளாஸ்டிக் கழிவுகள் கால்வாய்களிலும் அடைத்துக் கொள்வதால், நீர் வழிகள் அடைபட்டு, மழைக் காலங்களில் வெள்ள அபாயம் ஏற்படுகின்றன. மனிதர் உண்டுவிட்டு கீழே போடும் நெகிழ்ப் பொட்டலங்களைத் தின்னும் விலங்குகளின் உணவுக் குழாய்கள் பாதிக்கப்பட்டு, அவைகள் இறக்க நேரிடுகின்றன. கடலில் எரியும் நெகிழ்ப் பொருள்கள், கடல்வாழ் உயிரினங்களுக்கும், வளப்பகுதியில் எறியப்படுவவை, வளவாழ் உயிரினங்களுக்கும் தீங்கு விளைவித்து, அழித்துவிடக் கூடியவை.

பிளாஸ்டிக் தவிர்க்கும் முயற்சிக்கு, தமிழ்நாடு அரசு கற்றுச்சூழல் துறை, வனத்துறை, தமிழ்நாடு மாகாணப்பாடு வாரியம் மற்றும் பன்னிக்கல்வி துறைப.உ இணைத்து, திருச்சி மாவட்டத்தில் தேயிற் பசுமையான (250 மணிநேரம்-10,000 மாணவியர்-மாணவியர்) மற்றும் கற்றுச்சூழல் மற்றும் (359 பணிகள்-14,360மாணவியர்-மாணவியர்) துணை நிற்க துவக்கி உள்ளனர். அனைத்து தரப்பு பொதுமக்களும் ஒத்துவரப்பட்டு நலக் வேண்டுகிறும் திருச்சிராப்பள்ளி மாநகராட்சி (மேற்குள்ளும்), பிளாஸ்டிக் இல்லா திருச்சி முயற்சிக்கு துணை நிற்றோம்.

MESSAGE ON WHEELS 2019



PLACEMENT PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS OF COLLEGES, RURAL CAMPS AND MEETINGS

From 1995, VOICE Trust is accepting Students from various Colleges for Placement Programs. The Students are exposed to documenting office related matters at Administrative Office and are also exposed to field related activities both in Human Resource Development Training Centre in Siruganur - 621105, Trichy District and also in Mannachanallur, Thottiyam, Lalgudi, Pullambadi, Thiruverumbur, Vaiyampatti, Uppliapuram Blocks(half of Trichy District). Though, the Students are willing to extend supports to VOICE Trust by offering voluntary services, still, VOICE Team is convinced that they should be assisted with correct perspectives in social works and with concrete field activities in social action programs. Following is the report for 2018-2019 period:

- ✓ A. Bakiyaman, MSW , Holy Cross College. Social Works Perspectives-April 2018
- ✓ 80 Students from Imayam College of Agriculture Technology on Organic Farming –May
- ✓ A. Divya, MSW, Holy Cross College.(03.07.2018-15.09.2018)
- ✓ V. Jacob Darwin, MSW, Bishop Heber College(05.07.2018-22.09.2018)
- ✓ G. Rajesh, MSW, Aringnar Anna Government Arts College(05.07.2018-10.09.2018)
- ✓ A. Mohanraj, MSW, Aringnar Anna Government Arts College(10.07.2018-15.09.2018)
- ✓ 45 Students from MAM Agricultural College, Thuraiyur with Dr. Guna-July
- ✓ Hafis Muhammed, MSW, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur
- ✓ Fathimath Mahita, MSW, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur
- ✓ C.S. Aakash Rohan, XLRI, Bangalore for Field Placement Program
- ✓ 9 Roever Agri College Students for field placement from 8 September
- ✓ 11 Imayam College Students at Sirumaruthur for Rural Camp
- ✓ 4 MSW Students from Andavan College led by Dr. A. Arun Prakash- 25 October
- ✓ M. Karuniya, St. Joseph Law College Bangalore - November –December 2018
- ✓ 6 students from JSA College of Agriculture & Technology – November 2018
- ✓ 8 Roever Agriculture College Students led by Prof. Shanthi-19-28 November 2018
- ✓ Prof. Rajalingam, MSW Dept. Jamal Mohammed College discuss field works-26 November
- ✓ K.L.Jebastina Berl, Bishop Heber College 04.12.2018 to 23.02.2019
- ✓ M. Lumi Kamal, MSW, Holy Cross College 11.12.2018 to 28.02.2019
- ✓ Naturopathy Health Camp by Jeyam Nursing Home at Edumalai on 27 January
- ✓ R.V.Ajay, MSW, Central University of Tamil Nadu from 24 January 2019
- ✓ Exposure for 34 NIT-T students led by Anuroop at FCH- 26 March
- ✓ Exposure for 45 NIT-T students led by Swetha at FCH – 27 March

OTHER INTERACTIVE INITIATIVES WITH COLLEGES, GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS

- ✓ S.M. Jayaseelan on Ruahsis-Life Orientation Skills for youth and others – April 2018
- ✓ Professor Dr. Jhancy, TNAU to VOICE organic farm in Siruganur-17 April 2018
- ✓ Children Camp for 120 Rural/Urban Children by Manitham organization in FCH-May
- ✓ Motivation for Blood donation by Abdul Ajeez – RHCT and Sathiya Solai- May 2018
- ✓ FCH Children for marriage of PSR Naveen's brother Ilamaran and Rohini- 25 May
- ✓ Review of Agriculture Projects by N. Krishnasamy, former CIPMC Director-May
- ✓ Childline Team with Children in FCH on Child Rights (Thiyagarajan/Shakul)- May
- ✓ VOICE Team participates in memorial function for Hesat NGO P.K.Samy-12 August
- ✓ Independence Day presided by Mrs. From Conserve Green Buildings Pvt Ltd.,
- ✓ SB.Thileeban and S. Gnanaraj from Periyar Maniammai College visit VOCIE-16 August
- ✓ Alpheus Banda, Agrimarks – Malawi visits VOICE Organic farms -17 August
- ✓ Visits by Aringar Anna College of Arts, Musiri led by Prof. Erhart Marcel- 4 September
- ✓ Visit by S. Sahul Ameen, Ponampatti Town Panchayat EO with DEW Chandra-4 September
- ✓ Mr. Adam Cross and Mr. Lee Chapman from Global Giving for training 10-15 September
- ✓ Mr. Krishnan Vaidhiyanathan from USA visits. Supporter of brochure for FCH
- ✓ Organic Certification Inspector L. Narayana Moorthi visits VOICE - 24 October
- ✓ S. Vijayakanth, CIPET visits for recruitment of trainees from VOICE work villages
- ✓ Troopy's Toss S. Nithyadharsini, P. Srinidhi, M.Thamaraikanan visit on 12 December
- ✓ Dr. A. Arun Kumar, Indian Dental Association discusses project -1 January 2019
- ✓ Visit by Peter and Andy Norman(parents of Andy) visit VOICE 19 January
- ✓ Republic Day presided by Mr. Karthik Pandiyan and Mrs, Gayathri, Kalvi Kattanam NGO
- ✓ Naturopathy Health Camp at Edumalai with Jayem Nursing Home ,Dr. Akil Sharmila BNYS

A SPECIAL PROGRAM ON 8TH MARCH 2019 TO FELICITATE WOMEN FARMERS



Nature walk conducted for school students

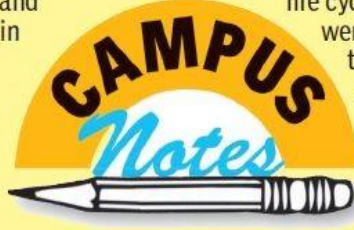
A nature walk was organised by Voice Trust for students from various schools in Lalgudi educational districts on March 7. A total of

50 students, who are part of the national green corps (NGC), took part in the event. Under the programme, students were made to identify flora, fauna, trees, plants, birds and waterbodies in and around school. Students were taken to butterfly park as part

of eco tour. Forest department officials welcomed the NGC students and took them for nature walk along the lush green paths inside the butterfly park. Films detailing life cycle of butterflies were played for them. The students were asked to release new species of butterflies. A Gregory, NGC



coordinator Voice Trust, said that NGC students were excited to release them.



பள்ளி மாணவ, மாணவிகளுக்கான

கற்றுச்சூழல் போட்டிகள்

திருச்சியில் நடந்தது

திருச்சி, பிப்.14- விழாவில் சிறப்புவிருந்தி
தமிழ்நாடு அரசு அலுவலர் சம்பந்தமுடைய கற்றுச்சூழல் துறை மற்றும் பள்ளிக்கல்வித்துறை திருச்சி கற்றுச்சூழல் பற்றி கருத்துரை
மாவட்ட முதன்மை கல்வி அலுவலரும் மற்றும் வாய்ஸ் அறக்கட்டளை இணைந்து நடைபெற்ற இயற்கையை நேசி போட்டி இயற்கையுடன் வாழ்வோம் என்ற தலைப் பில் தேசிய பசுமைப்படை சேர்ந்த 250 பள்ளிகளின் மாணவ, மாணவிகளுக்கான கற்றுச்சூழல் போட்டிகள் தெப்பக்குளம் பிஷ்ப்ஹீப்ரீட் மேல்நிலைப்பள்ளி கூட்ட அரங்கத்தில் நடைபெற்றது. இப்போட்டிகளை முதன்மை கல்வி அலுவலர் ராமகிருஷ்ணன் தலைமைதாங்கி தொடங்கி வைத்தார். பள்ளியின் தலைமையாசிரியர் குானசுகிரன் மற்றும் வாய்ஸ் அறக்கட்டளை நிறுவனர் மற்றும் வாய்ஸ் அறக்கட்டளை மாவட்ட பசுமைப்படை ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் கிரகோரி முன்னிலை வைத்தனர். மாணவ, மாணவிகளுக்கு பேச்சுப்போட்டி, வினாடிவினா, ஒலியப் போட்டிகள் நடைபெற்றன. போட்டியில் வெற்றி பெற்ற மாணவ, மாணவிகளுக்கு முதல் பரிசு ரூபாய் 2,000 மற்றும் இரண்டாம் பரிசாக ரூபாய் 1,000 மற்றும் மூன்றாம் பரிசாக ரூபாய் 500 பரிசாக வழங்கப்பட்டது. இப்போட்டியில் வெற்றி பெற்ற மாணவ, மாணவிகளுக்கு திருச்சிக்கல்வி மாவட்ட கல்வி அலுவலர் ராமசாமி பிசுக்கள் வழங்கினார். இவ்

**செய்திகளை
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Cloth bags, pamphlets distributed

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Intensifying the drive of Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board against single-use plastic bags, Voice Trust distributed cloth bags to the public at the Chathiram Bus Stand after taking the plastic bags in their possession on Monday.
Under the auspices of 'Message on Wheels' campaign of the Department of Environment, M. Gunasekar, Assistant Commissioner, Srirangam Zonal Office, joined A. Gregory, Project Director, Voice Trust, and National Green Corp coordinators in distributing cloth bags and informative pamphlets to the public.
The team subsequently covered Worajapur, Samidhi Veedhi at Tiruvankoil, Periyar Statue area at Srirangam, and the vicinity of the City Corporation's Zonal Office at Srirangam.
At the District Central Library, the R. Sivakumar, District Library Officer, distributed the pamphlets to the visitors.
The M.R.Palayam Forest Extension Division of the Forest Division, and the offices of Chief Educational Officer and District Education al Officers extended their support for the 'Message on Wheels' initiative.
Through roping in participation of National Green Corps and Eco Clubs in educational institutions, the campaign will be extended to all the 64 wards of the City Corporation and also in Manapparai, Musiri and Lalgudi educational districts by the respective environment coordinators, Mr. Gregory said.
Voice Trust was invited by Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB) earlier this year for the initiative to prepare an action-plan to enforce ban on 14 plastic items.
The 'Message on Wheels' campaign was finalised at a recent meeting convened by the District Environment Engineer, TNPCB, Tiruchi, M. Lakshmi, for follow-up actions.



Cloth bags being distributed to the public at Chathiram Bus Stand in Trichi on Monday.



வாய்ஸ் அறக்கட்டளை : மகனிர் விவசாயிகளுடன் மகனிர் தின கொண்டாட்டம், பங்கேற்பு - எம்.ஆர். பாளையம், வன விரிவாக்க மைய அலுவலர் ஸெ. சம்பத்தகுமார், அறக்கட்டளை வளாகம், சிறுகனூர், காலை 10.

விழிப்புணர்வு பிரசாரம்.



திருச்சி சுதந்திரப் பேரகத்து நிலையத்தில் தினமணி மையம் அறக்கட்டளை சாலை நடைபெற்ற செய்தி பெருக்கல் ஒழுப்பு குறித்த விழிப்புணர்வு பிரசாரத்தில் பெற்றுக்கொடுத்த துணிப் புகைகள் வழங்கித் தள்ளிச் சென்றது. தினமணி மையம், திருச்சி, உடல் வலியும், தடுக்கட்டளை திட்ட ஆணையரும், குமாரசேக. உடல் வலியும், தடுக்கட்டளை திட்ட இயக்குநர் ஆ. தினமணி உடல் பெட்டி.

VOICE Trust enters into 35th year of social action for empowering the economically-socially-educationally disadvantaged children, youth, men, women, farmers, differently abled persons and others in need for relief and rehabilitation without any discrimination by creed-caste-gender. In the beginning, awareness programs were organized. Later, trainings conducted. Now solidarity facilitations are extended for Friendship Children's Home for 32 parentless and at risk children together with AEM, Voyager Auterment, Fondation Vcances Bleues, Total SA, Ann Foundation and local supporters, for Students Environment Groups in 609 schools with Department of Environment, District Administration, School Education Department, Forest Department and Tamil Nadu Polltion Control Board, for integrated farming approaches in parts of Trichy with help from Manos Unidas, Department of Agriculture of Government of Tamil Nadu and CIPMC of Government of India and other Districts of Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Puducherry through IVI(Iyarkai Velaan Inayam)-a Forum for Eco-Farming, for TBGP(Tamilnadu Biodiversity and Greening Project) with M.R. Palayam Forest Extension Division for inclusion empowerments of 9222 differently abled persons in 7 Blocks of Trichy District with Women Development Corporation under TNSRLM(Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood Mission), for Normalcy for Mentally ill Persons with Salvatorian Relief Action, for employability skills trainings for unemployed youth and underemployed women and men with Melania Foundation, PMKVY and Department of Horticulture, for disaster relief-rehabilitation and for other empowerments with Global Giving and Friends of Earth world over and for People's Organizations(Self Help Groups of women, men and differently abled persons) in 199 Panchayats for Rights and Responsibilities.

True, VOICE Trust is depending upon supports from Government Departments, national-international Voluntary Organizations and philanthropic individuals for implementing above projects. We express our gratitude to all of them. We request them for continued supports for present projects as well as for future programs. Since, we realize that people have to take leadership to address their problems and find solutions for their integrated empowerments, we appeal for new helps for the formation and functioning of Children Clubs, Youth Associations, Women Organizations, Farmers Forum, Rights Groups of Differently Abled Persons and other people based-people managed-people benefiting organizations.Please join in social action initiatives for the disadvantaged by contributing to VOICE Trust both in cash and kind. VOICE Trust is a registered organization with Income Tax exemptions under 80G Act and FCRA approval from Government.

