

# TNF-ABC Project - Namakkal District

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Educating one underprivileged is more meritorious than establishing thousands of food banks and building thousands of temples

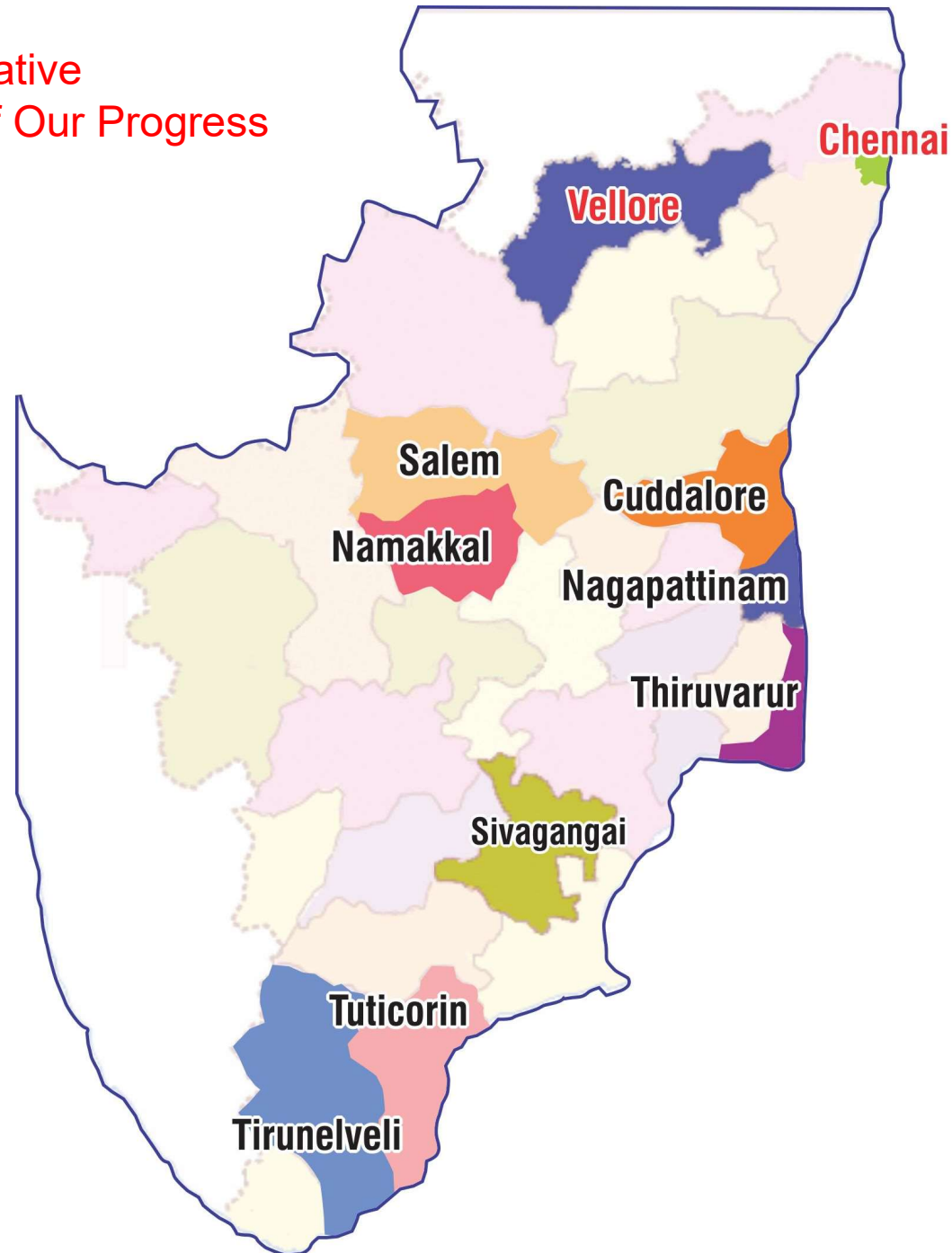
– Tamil Poet Mahakavi Bharathiyar

## TNF- ABC Project: Overview

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- Focus is on educating the poorest of the poor
- Government schools are our priority as that is the where the underprivileged seek education
- > 10 Million children are enrolled in 36,000 government schools across 30,000 villages in Tamil Nadu
- TNF signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Tamil Nadu in 2010 to work inside the government schools
- Piloted the concept in 2011 and 2012 in Sivagangai District and expanded to Vellore (2013), Cuddalore (2014) Namakkal, Nagapattinam, Thiruvarur (2015), Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi (2016), Salem and Chennai (2017)
- Goal is to enrich and empower underprivileged students by providing resources, programs, and tools currently not provided by the government
- Objective is to build a unique, sustainable and cost effective statewide initiative that can be replicated in all 32 districts
- Focus is on the entire student population, ranging from academically challenged to highly ambitious students
- About 25,000 underprivileged rural students have benefitted from the ABC Initiative since 2011

TNF-ABC Initiative  
A Foot Print of Our Progress  
Since 2011...



# TNF-ABC Project - Namakkal District

## The Beginning...

- TNF's Michigan Chapter and Tamil Sangam Michigan jointly organized a charity event ("*Panchathandiram*" comedy drama by Dr. Venkatesan and group) on December 14, 2014
- The event raised about \$50,000 which included support for TNF-ABC projects in other districts like Thoothukudi
- \$31,000 was dedicated to initiate the ABC project in Namakkal district

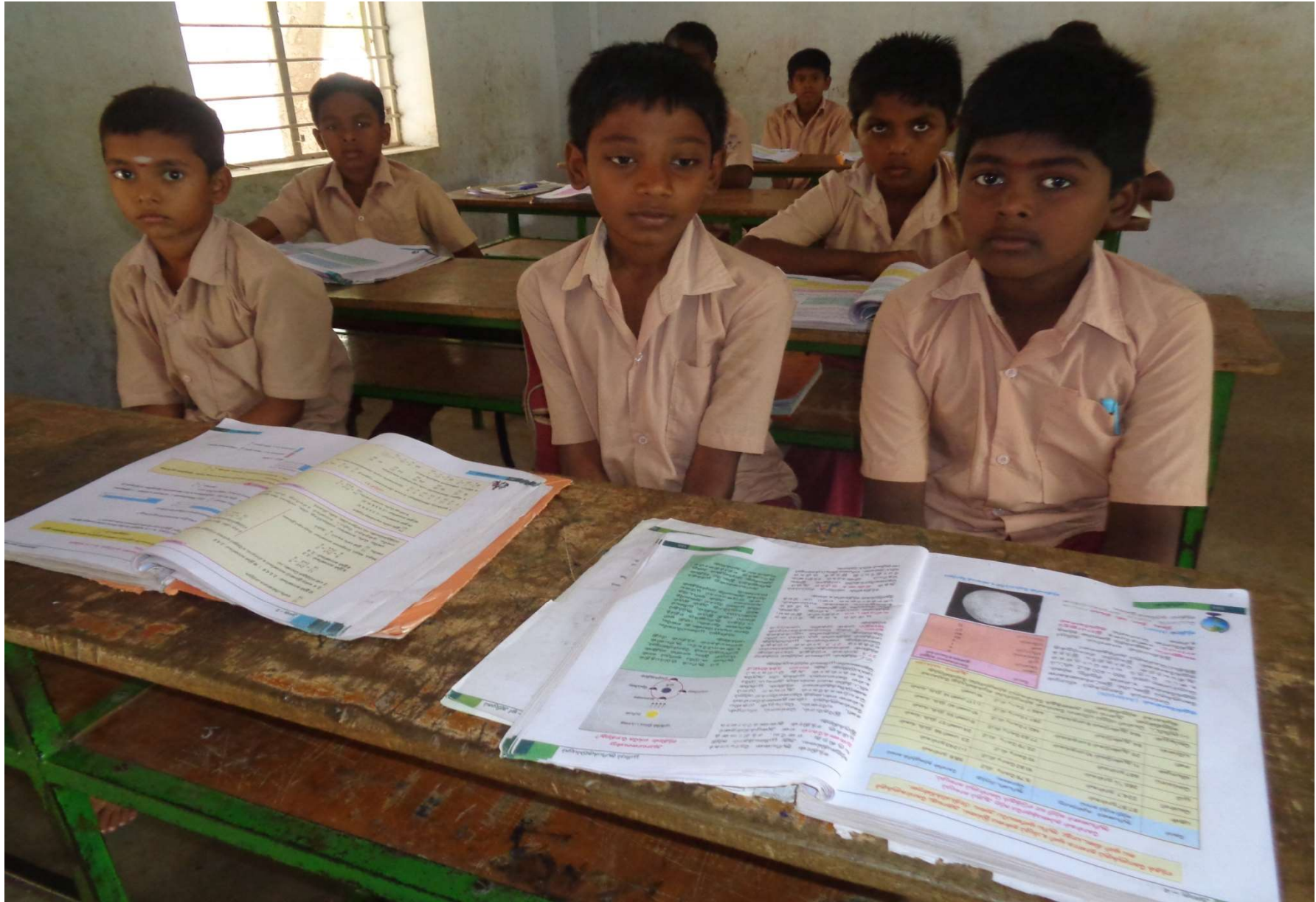


# Some of the Beneficiaries of TNF-ABC Project in Namakkal District





# ABC Project students @ Kalapanayaganpatti





## ABC Project students @ Mullukurichi Boys School





## Namakkal *District* ABC Project- Highlights (February 2015 to October 2017)

- Project inaugurated on February 6, 2015 .
- 4 of the 6 adopted schools are government residential **tribal** schools and all schools were identified by the Chief Education Officer.
- Students (**251** in 2014 -15 school year, **636** in 2015 – 16 , **504** in 2016 -17 and **384** in 2017 - 2018) identified as academically challenged through teacher input and baseline tests were empowered through ABC classes.
- Student academic baseline data completed in July 2015, July 2016 , July 2017 and in-between assessments were made in September 2016 and December 2016.
- 37% of students in 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> classes were significantly below their grade level proficiency during 2016 school year.
- By the end of the academic year 30% of TNF Students **achieved** grade level proficiency and were streamlined to regular classes.
- **478** in 2015 – 16 and **340** in 2016 – 17, tenth-class students were enriched with two full days of soft skills training.



**Mr. Gopidass, Chief Education Officer, Namakkal District,  
inaugurating the project on February 6, 2015**



## TNF-ABC Schools in Namakkal District

### (Four of the Six Adopted Schools are Government Tribal Residential Schools in Kolli Malai Area)

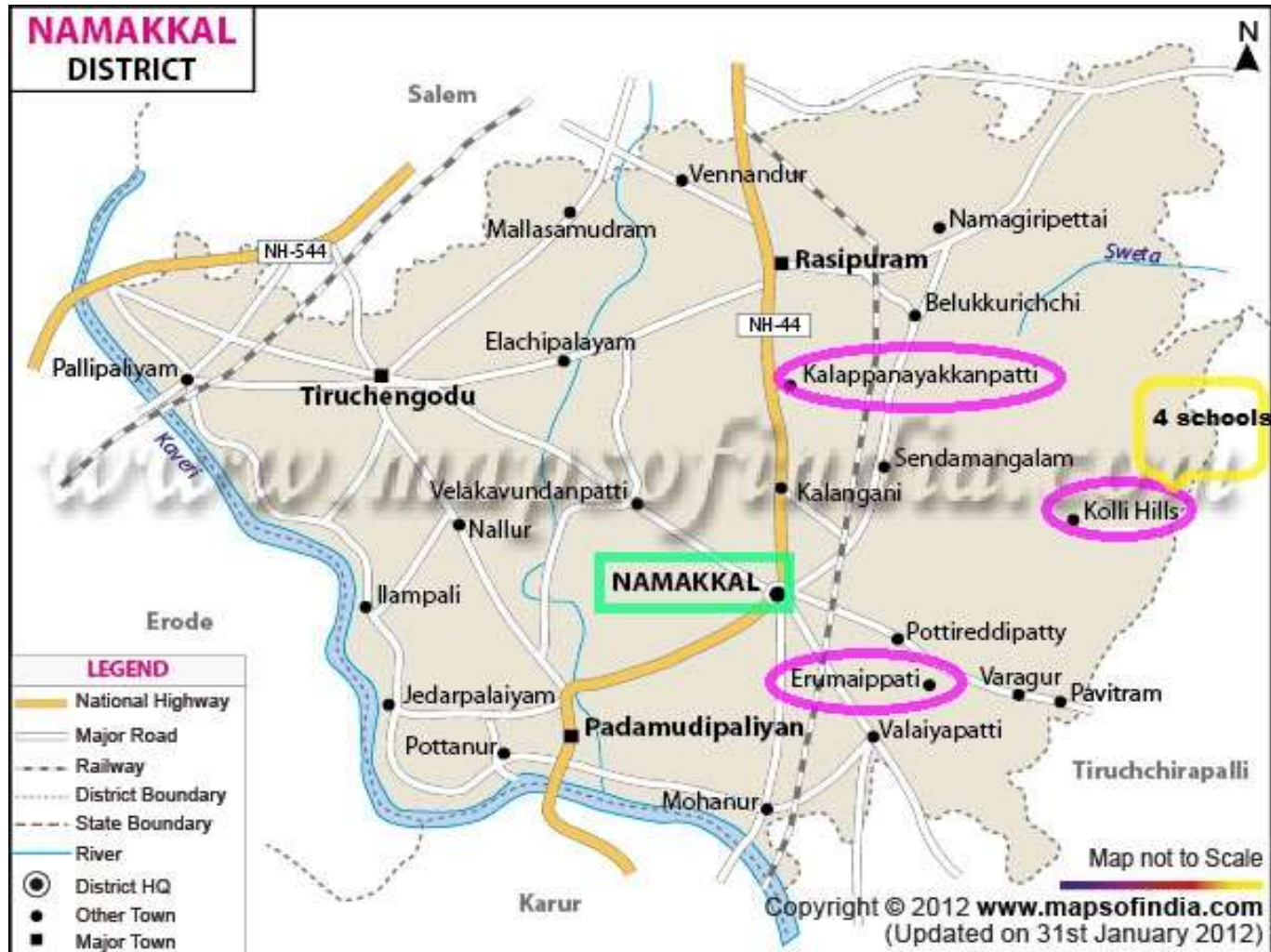
	Name of the School	TNF Teachers Name
1	Government Tribal Residential Hr.Sec.School, <a href="#">Vazhavanthi Nadu, Kolli Hills</a>	Ms.R.Sukanya, M.Sc,B.Ed & Ms. P.Geetha, M.Sc,B.Ed
2	Government Tribal Residential Hr.Sec.School, <a href="#">Sengarai, Kolli Hills</a>	Mr. D.Manikandan,M.Sc, B.Ed & Mr. A.Kali, M.Sc,B.Ed
3	Government Tribal Residential (Boys) Hr.Sec.School, <a href="#">Mullukkurichi</a>	Ms. S. Indra, D. TED & Ms. K.Venktachalam, M.A. (M.Ed.,)
4	Government Tribal Residential (Girls) High School, <a href="#">Mullukkurichi</a>	Ms. C.Priya, B.Sc, B.Ed, & Ms. S.Saraswathi, B.Sc.,
5	Government (Boys) Hr.Sec.School. <a href="#">Kalappanayakkanpatty</a>	Ms. R.Poongodi M.Sc,B.Ed & Ms. <a href="#">S.SukanyaM.Sc</a> , B.Ed
6	Government (Boys) Hr.Sec.School, <a href="#">Erumaipatti</a>	Ms. <a href="#">S.SathyaB.Sc</a> , B.Ed



70 hair pin bends to reach Kolli Hills



# Location of TNF-ABC Schools





# Michigan Tamil Sangam Dr. M. Subramanian visit tp GTR Hr.Sec.School, Kolli Hills





# Tamil Nadu Foundation, Chairman, Mr. S. Rajarethinam, visits ABC School at Kolli Hills



# Key Components of TNF-ABC Initiative

- **A – Achieving Grade Level Proficiency**
  - Focus is on “academically challenged” students from 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> grades
  - On average, one-third of the students in governments schools are far below their grade level in basic reading and writing skills
  - Due to compulsory pass until 9<sup>th</sup> grade, many students reach 10<sup>th</sup> grade without basic skills. They are overwhelmed by the pressure to pass in 10<sup>th</sup> public exam and are vert likely to become **school dropouts**
- **B – Boosting the Morale**
  - For **all** students (below average to high achievers) in adopted schools
- **C – Championing for Higher Aspirations**
  - For students in 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades
  - Focus on preparing well for public exams, college tours, orientation to college education, career guidance, scholarships

# TNF- ABC Project: Key Components

## A – Achieving Grade Level Proficiency

- 30 to 50% of students are performing significantly below their grade level
  - a consequence of ‘compulsory pass’ until 9<sup>th</sup> grade under “Education for All”, a Government of India scheme
- Education gap between villages and cities
- Regular teachers’ focus is on completing the syllabus and not on the below average students
- Very few teachers live in the villages
- TNF-ABC TEACHERS and TNF-ABC CLASS focus on uplifting these students who need the most help



# THE TIMES OF INDIA

TNN | Nov 29, 2016, 03.08 AM IST



**Tamil Nadu's rural education fares poorly, only 21% kids can read basic texts**

With several bustling colleges in its cities, Tamil Nadu may be perceived as a one-stop destination for higher education, but according to the Annual Survey of Education Report (ASER) 2005 to 2014 the quality of education at the grassroots has deteriorated sharply.

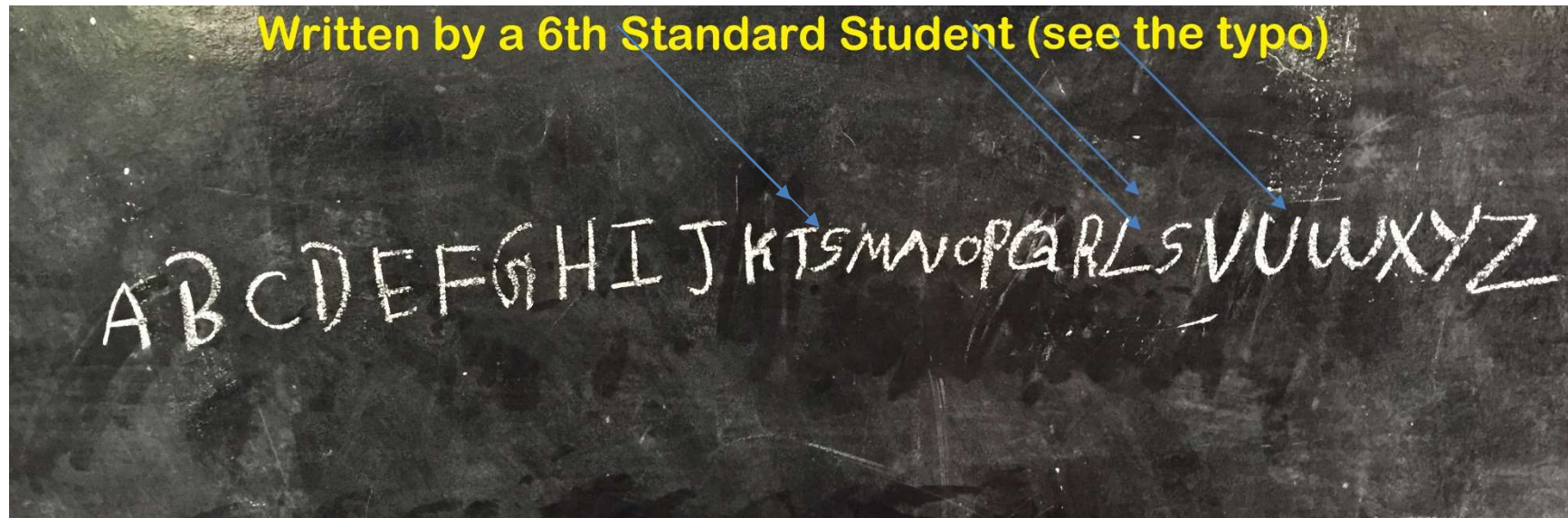
The ability of children between Class 1 and Class 8 in rural Tamil Nadu to read Class 1 and Class 2 level texts has come down over the last decade. An average of 21% children aged between seven and 14 could read Class 1 level texts and 30% could read Class 2 level texts (see graphic). When it came to mathematical competence, about 25% were able to subtract two-digit numbers with borrowing, 15% could perform division of a three-digit number by a single digit.

Mr. Annadurai Murugesan, President of Michigan Tamil Sangam  
visiting an adopted school in Namakkal district in August 2015





# Writing Skills of a **Sixth Grader** in One of Our Adopted Schools



“I visited the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class and asked how many knew all the English alphabets. Most students did not raise their hand. I asked one student to write the alphabets on the black board. I felt like crying when he finished writing. These students are very challenged in academics and self confidence.”

- Annadurai Murugesan, President, Michigan Tamil Sangam, reflecting on his visit to Kalappanayakkanpatti Government School in Namakkal District



# Testing Reading Skills



## TNF - ABC PROJECT, NAMAKKAL

### Students Progress Record

		BASE LINE TEST JULY 16						
S.No.	Name of the School	Grade					No. of Students identified for TNF classes	Total no.of Students who took the test
		A	B	C	D	E		
1	G.T.R GIRLS HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, MULLUKKURICHI	-	-	-	71	29	100	240
2	G.T.R. BOYS HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, MULLUKKURICHI	-	-	-	76	18	94	251
3	GOVT HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, KALAPANAYAKANPATTY	-	-	-	45	30	75	218
4	GOVT HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, ERUMMAPATTY	-	-	-	17	19	36	206
5	G.T.R. HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, SENGARI	-	-	-	24	53	77	205
6	G.T.R.HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, VAZHUVANTHI NADU	-	-	-	57	65	122	239
	TOTAL	-	-	-	290	214	504	1359

Note: Grade A - Excellent B - V. Good C - Good D - Satisfactory E - Needs Improvement

37% of the students (see next slide 504 out of 1359 students) in the six adopted schools performed significantly below their grade level proficiency and those (504) students are being uplifted through the ABC projects

# Quarterly Assessment – Sept.2016

S.No.	Name of the School	Grade							No. of Students identified for TNF classes	Total no.of Students who took the test
		A	B	C	D	E	AB	TC		
1	G.T.R GIRLS HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, MULLUKKURICHI	-	1	19	65	15	-	-	100	240
2	G.T.R. BOYS HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, MULLUKKURICHI	-	-	60	28	1	4	1	94	251
3	GOVT HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, KALAPANAYAKANPATTY	-	2	18	47	7	1	-	75	218
4	GOVT HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, ERUMMAPATTY	-	-	2	26	8	-	-	36	206
5	G.T.R. HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, SENGARI	-	-	40	34	1	2	-	77	205
6	G.T.R.HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, VAZHUVANTHI NADU	-	-	9	110	2	-	1	122	239
	TOTAL	-	3	148	310	34	7	2	504	1359

Note: Grade A - Excellent B - V. Good C - Good D - Satisfactory E - Needs Improvement

Note the progress in overall grades in this slide compared to the previous slide.



## Dr. Subramanian in Teachers Review



# Executive Director (projects)@ review



# TNF ABC Teachers





# Final Assessment for the year 2016 - 17

## January 2017

S.No.	Name of the School	Grade					AB	TC	No. of Student identified for TNF classes	Total no.of Students who took the test
		A	B	C	D	E				
1	G.T.R GIRLS HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, MULLUKKURICHI	-	-	9	73	16	2	-	100	240
2	G.T.R. BOYS HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, MULLUKKURICHI	-	-	56	27	1	9	1	94	251
3	GOVT HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, KALAPANAYAKANPATTY	-	1	10	42	18	2	2	75	218
4	GOVT HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, ERUMMAPATTY	-	-	-	15	21	-	-	36	206
5	G.T.R. HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, SENGARI	-	11	54	8	1	3	-	77	205
6	G.T.R.HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, VAZHUVANTHI NADU	-	-	14	92	12	2	2	122	239
	TOTAL	-	12	143	257	69	18	5	504	1359

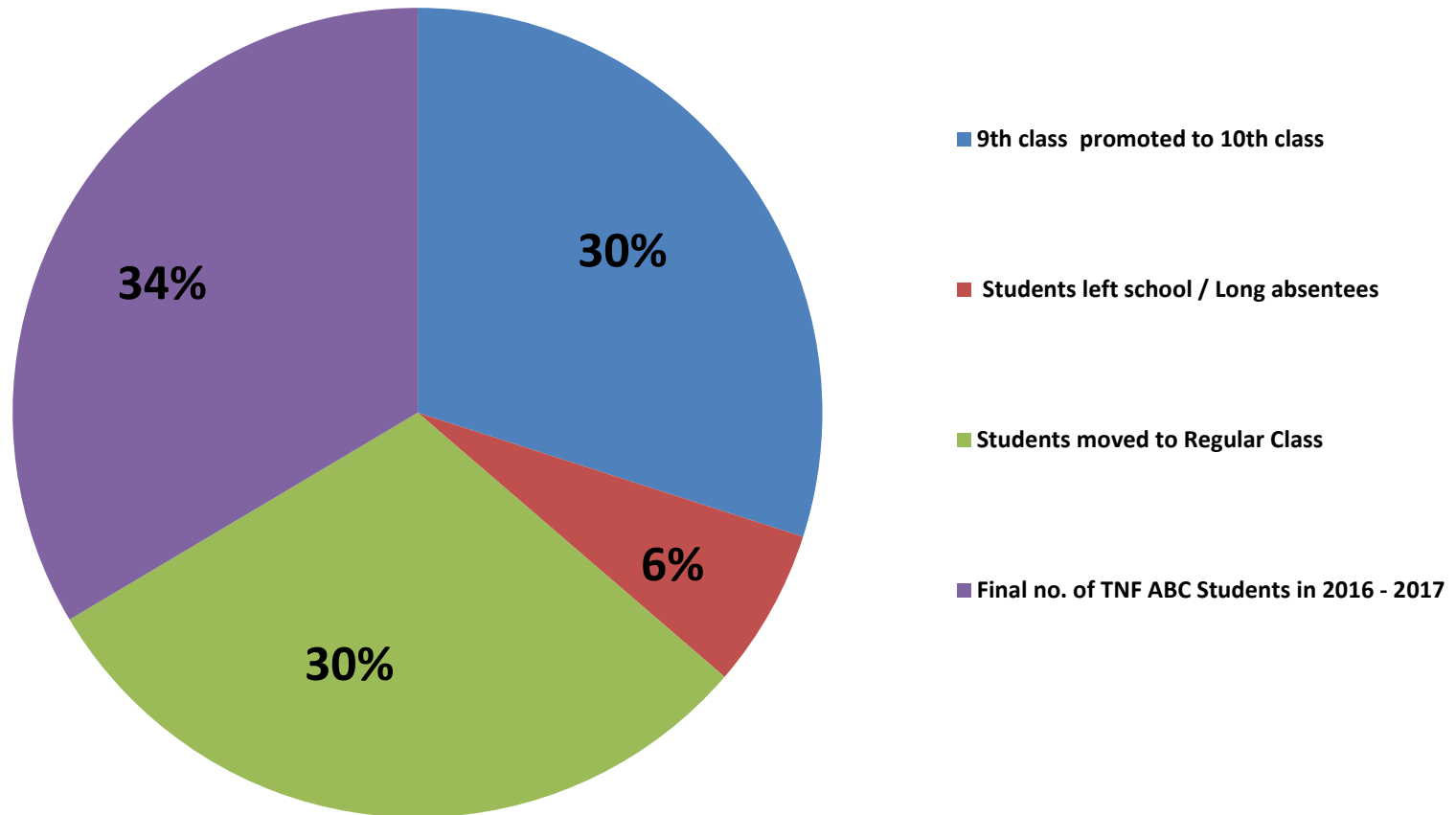
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\* 30% (152) students from the six schools were streamlined to regular class, while this reflects the progress made, it also emphasizes the need for the majority of the students to continue getting special attention to catch up to their grade level.

\* 151 students of class 9, who attended the ABC class during the year moved to class 10

\* 13.6% of the students (69 out of 504 students) attending the ABC class continued to be in grade 'E'

## STUDENTS ABSTRACT 2016 - 17



### Students Abstract 2016 - 17

S.No.	Name of the School	Last Year TNF Students 6th to 9th	9th STD promoted to 10th STD	Some Students got TC / Long Absent	Some Students moved to Regular Class	Remaining TNF Students 2016 - 2017
1	G.T.R GIRLS HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, MULLUKKURICHI	100	30	5	31	34
2	G.T.R. BOYS HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, MULLUKKURICHI	94	26	15	19	34
3	GOVT HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, KALAPANAYAKANPATTY	75	29	2	20	24
4	GOVT HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, ERUMMAPATTY	36	6	2	6	22
5	G.T.R. HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, SENGARI	77	27	3	25	22
6	G.T.R.HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, VAZHAVANTHI NADU	122	33	5	51	33
	<b>Total</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>169</b>



# Mullukurichi School

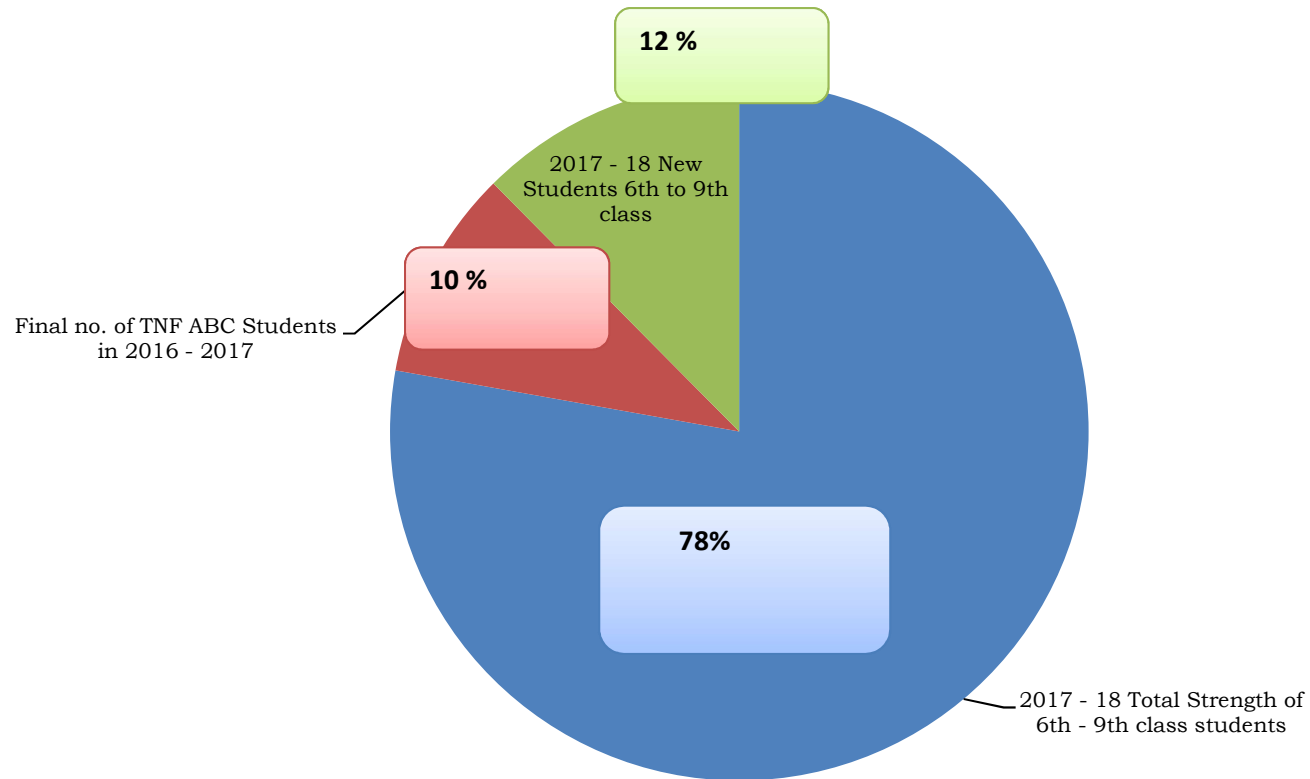


# 2017 -18 School Year - Baseline July 2017

S.No.	Name of the School	Grade					No. of Students identified for TNF classes	Total no.of Students who took the test
		A	B	C	D	E		
1	G.T.R GIRLS HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, MULLUKKURICHI	-	-	-	50	17	67	234
2	G.T.R. BOYS HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, MULLUKKURICHI	-	-	-	50	30	80	232
3	GOVT HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, KALAPANAYAKANPATTY	-	-	-	55	12	67	218
4	GOVT HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, ERUMMAPATTY	-	-	-	11	29	40	198
5	G.T.R. HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, SENGARI	-	-	-	25	43	68	206
6	G.T.R.HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, VAZHUVANTHI NADU	-	-	-	50	12	62	257
	TOTAL	-	-	-	241	143	384	1345

Most of the students scored grades “D” and “E” as they had moved to the higher class in the new school year. 63 students are from 6<sup>th</sup> class, new to the school and ABC classes.

# STUDENTS ABSTRACT 2017 - 18





### Students Abstract 2017 -18

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name of the School</b>	<b>2017 - 18 Total Strength of 6th - 9th class students</b>	<b>Final no. of TNF ABC Students in 2016 - 2017</b>	<b>2017 - 18 New Students 6th to 9th class</b>
1	G.T.R GIRLS HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, MULLUKKURICHI	234	34	33
2	G.T.R. BOYS HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, MULLUKKURICHI	232	34	46
3	GOVT HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, KALAPANAYAKANPATTY	218	24	43
4	GOVT HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, ERUMMAPATTY	198	22	18
5	G.T.R. HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, SENGARI	206	22	46
6	G.T.R.HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, VAZHAVANTHI NADU	257	33	29
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1345</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>215</b>

கல்வியில் பின்தங்கியுள்ள

## 3,000 மாணவர்களை தத்தெடுத்திருக்கும் அமெரிக்கத் தமிழர்களின் தமிழ்நாடு அறக்கட்டளை

குள.சண்முகசுந்தரம்

சென்னை

தமிழகத்தில் பின்தங்கிய கமார் 3,000 மாணவர்களை தத்து எடுத்து அவர்களின் அடிப்படைக் கல்வியை மேம்படுத்திக் கொண்டிருக்கிறது அமெரிக்கா வாழ் தமிழர்களால் நிர்வகிக்கப்படும் தமிழ்நாடு அறக்கட்டளை.

அமெரிக்கா வாழ் தமிழர்களில் 4 குடும்பங்கள் கைகொடுத்து 1974-ல் அமெரிக்காவில் 'தமிழ்நாடு அறக்கட்டளை'யை உருவாக்கினார்கள். தொடக்கத்தில் இது அங்கத்தினர்கள் தங்களுக்குள் நிதி திரட்டி தமிழகத்தில் தங்களது சொந்த ஊரில் ஏழைகளின் படிப்பு, பள்ளிக் கட்டிடங்கள் உள்ளிட்ட சேவைகளுக்கு உதவினார்கள். இதைத் தொடர்ந்து 1984-ல் சென்னையிலும் 'தமிழ்நாடு அறக்கட்டளை' தொடங்கப்பட்டது. அமெரிக்கா தமிழர்களால் அனுப்பப்படும் நிதியானது இதன் வழியாக உரிய திட்டங்களுக்குச் செலவிடப்பட்டது.

இப்போது அமெரிக்காவில் உள்ள தமிழ்நாடு அறக்கட்டளையில் கமார் 800 பேர் ஆயுட்கால

உறுப்பினர்கள்.

மூலம் அனுப்பப்படும் நிதியைக் கொண்டு கல்வி, மருத்துவம், பெண்கள் முன்னேற்றம் உள்ளிட்ட தளங்களில் கைமாறு கருதாத சேவையை ஓசையின்றி செய்து கொண்டிருக்கிறது சென்னை தமிழ்நாடு அறக்கட்டளை.

இதகுறித்து 'தி இந்து'யின் பேசிய அறக்கட்டளையின் செயல் இயக்குநர் வசுமதி பென்னி, "40 ஆண்டுகளாக அறக்கட்டளை செயல்பட்டாலும் கடந்த 6 ஆண்டுகளாகத்தான் முறைப்படுத்தப்பட்ட வழியில் சேவை செய்ய ஆரம்பித்திருக்கிறோம்.

பின்தங்கிய பகுதிகளில் படிக்கும் மாணவர்கள் தங்களது பெயரைக்கூட சரிவர எழுதத் தெரியாத நிலையில் 9-ம் வகுப்பு வரை வந்துவிடுகிறார்கள். இவர்கள் தான் எங்களின் இலக்கு. கடந்த 6 ஆண்டுகளில் நாகை, திருவாரூர், நாமக்கல், கிஷ்கிங்கை, கடலூர், வேலூர் ஆகிய 6 மாவட்டங்களில் 6 முதல் 9-ம் வகுப்பு வரை படிக்கும் கல்வியில் பின் தங்கிய கமார் 3,000 மாணவர்களை தத்தெடுத்திருக்கிறோம்.

இதன்படி மாவட்டத்துக்கு 5 முதல்

இவர்கள்

39 பள்ளிகளைச் சேர்ந்த மாணவர்களுக்கு பள்ளி நேரத்திலேயே தனிப்பயிற்சி கொடுக்கிறோம். இதற்காக ஒவ்வொரு பள்ளிக்கும் தனித் தனி ஆசிரியர்களை நாம் பணியமர்த்தி இருக்கிறோம்.

6 பள்ளிகள் வீதம் 39 பள்ளிகளைச் சேர்ந்த மாணவர்களுக்கு பள்ளி நேரத்திலேயே தனிப்பயிற்சி கொடுக்கிறோம். இதற்காக ஒவ்வொரு பள்ளிக்கும் தனித் தனி ஆசிரியர்களை நாம் பணியமர்த்தி இருக்கிறோம். மாணவர்களை தமிழ், ஆங்கிலம், கணிதப் பாடங்களில் மேம்படுத்துவதுதான் இவர்களது பணி. நல்ல வரவேற்பு இருப்பதால் இந்த ஆண்டு நெல்லை, தூத்துக்குடி மாவட்டங்களிலும் தலா 6 பள்ளிகளுக்கு எங்களது சேவையை விரிவுபடுத்த இருக்கிறோம்" என்றார்.

தொடர்ந்து பேசிய வசுமதி, "10 மற்றும் 12-ம் வகுப்பு மாணவர்களுக்கு தேர்வுகளை எதிர்

கொள்வது குறித்த தன்னம்பிக்கை பயிற்சி, பள்ளிகளுக்கான அடிப்படை கட்டுமானங்கள் போன்றவற்றை ஏற்படுத்தி தந்திருக்கிறோம். சீர்காழியில் 'அன்பாலயம்' என்ற மனநலம் குன்றிய மற்றும் மாற்றாத திறன் குழந்தைகள் இல்லத்துக்கு சொந்தமாக இடம் வாங்கி ரூ.60 லட்சம் செலவில் கட்டிடங்களைக் கட்டித் தந்திருக்கிறோம்.

அமெரிக்கா வாழ் தமிழர்களின் குழந்தைகள் விடுமுறைக்காக சொந்த ஊர்களுக்கு வரும்போது, அவர்களை இங்குள்ள பள்ளிகளுக்கு அழைத்துச் சென்று மாணவர்களோடு கலந்துரையாட வைக்கிறோம். இதன் மூலம் இரு தரப்புக் குழந்தைகளும் தங்களது கல்வி முறைமையும் கலாச்சாரத்தையும் பரஸ்பரம் பரிமாறிக் கொள்ள ஒரு தளத்தை நாங்கள் உருவாக்கித் தருகிறோம்" என்று சொன்னார்.

வெள்ள பாதிப்புகளின் போது நிவாரண உதவிகளையும் வழங்கி இருக்கும் தமிழ்நாடு அறக்கட்டளை, வெள்ளத்தால் சேதமடைந்த சென்னை அசோகநகர் நாலகத்தை ரூ.30 லட்சம் செலவில் புதுப்பித்துக் கொண்டிருப்பது கூடுதல் தகவல்.

# TNF- ABC Project: Key Components

## B – Boosting the Morale

- Self confidence
- Communication skills
- Time Management
- Motivation
- Memory capacity
- Goal setting
- Self-discipline
- Human relations
- Hard work and smart work



# **Soft Skills Training in Namakkal**

## **TNF-ABC Schools – 23<sup>rd</sup> January – 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017**



## Soft Skills Training for 10<sup>th</sup> Class Students

- 220 students from Mullukurichi and Erumaipatti Government schools benefitted from 2-days soft skills training held from February 3-6, 2015 for the 2014-15 school year.
- 258 students from Mullukurichi (120 students) Kalapanayakkanpatti (83) and Sengarai (55) schools were enriched with soft skills training in October 2015 for 2015-16 school year.
- 340 students from Mullukurichi (168 students) Kalapanayakkanpatti (55), Sengarai (52), Vazhavanthinadu (65) schools were enriched with soft skills training in January 2017 for 2016 – 17 school year.
- Soft skills training for 2017-18 school year has been scheduled between second and third week of November 2017 in all the six adopted schools.

# Mullukurichi, Girls (a component of the soft skills training)





# Student Feedback

M.Sripriya of class 10, GTR Hr.Sec.School says, “The two days training gave us lot of insight on identifying our own skills, setting goals. Also gave space to express our goals and learned how to reach our goals. Thanks to TNF”.



C.Malliga, Class 10, GTR Hr.Sec.School, Mullukurichi,  
“I learnt how to achieve our goals , how to score High marks in the public examination and what are the career options available and the basic criteria for those courses. This will help us to decide on what group to take in plus one.”



# Soft skills training





# Student Feedback on Soft Skills Training

“This training gave me lot of information on Attitude, Skills and Knowledge.

Also enlightened us on the career options which is useful to choose our career.” said Gautham of class 10, GTR Hr. Sec.School, Kalapanayaganpatti



# TNF- ABC Project: Key Components

## C - Championing for Higher Aspirations

- College visits
- Career guidance
- Mentoring
- College application process support
- Scholarships
- Internships
- Job placement
- Becoming role models for other students in their school/village



# Dr. Subramanian of TNF and Michigan Tamil Sangam motivating the rural students at the inaugural program





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# Namakkal ABC Project – Looking Ahead!

- Setting up Namakkal as TNF Internship Center for U.S. - born Tamil youth willing to volunteer through TNF's Service and Education Internships
  - A student from Massachusetts and a student from New Jersey spent a few days in Namakkal ABC schools in 2015 ,2016 and 2017 as part of our pilot study
- College orientation tours for ABC school students in partnership with PGP educational group and providing college scholarships for underprivileged top rank students
- Focusing on spoken English, summer camps and the use of village libraries

# Internship

## Srikrishna Suresh interacting with students





# Internship Sujit Ramesh kumar interacting with students



# Internship students

- Srikrishna Suresh
- Abinivesh Hemakumar
- Kasthuri Manivannan
- Velan Manivannan
- Pranav Premchand
- Vishok Gunasekar
- Sujit Ramesh Kumar
- Brahadesh Sivakumar

## How Can I Get Involved and Support?

- Visit the ABC schools (in Namakkal district or any of the other districts including Chennai) during your next visit to Tamil Nadu
- Enable your children to do summer internship or volunteer in our ABC schools and consider volunteering as a family. For more details: <http://tnfusa.org/internships/>
- Spread the word about the ABC initiative with your circle of family and friends
- Support your local TNF Chapter's activities



# How Can I Get Involved and Support?

We invite you to donate generously. Any amount is most *welcome*, appreciated and is tax deductible in the U.S. or in India based on the currency in which you donate. A few suggestions for your consideration:

- Sponsor a student - help a village student to graduate from high school and not become a school drop out (only \$100/student)
- Co-sponsor a soft-skills training session OR college tour and career guidance session for 100 students (\$250 for one school)
- Co-sponsor a soft-skills training session AND college tour and career guidance session for 100 students (\$500 for one school)
- Co-sponsor all 3 components of the ABC education initiative for one school (\$1,000)

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Valvil Ori (one of seven great philanthropists) is from Kollimalai area



# How to Donate or Get More Information?

- Online donations – through Paypal or credit card:

<http://tnfusa.org/donate/>

- Choose the Project/Chapter you are donating to option, then use the drop down arrow to select the ABC project of your choice

- Mail checks in favor of Tamil Nadu Foundation to M. Bhaskaran, 1709 Kenyon Drive, Naperville, IL 60565 and in the memo write the name of the project you are donating to

- For more information on Namakkal district ABC project:

Dr. M. Subramanian, [michigantnf@gmail.com](mailto:michigantnf@gmail.com),

(248) 737-5708

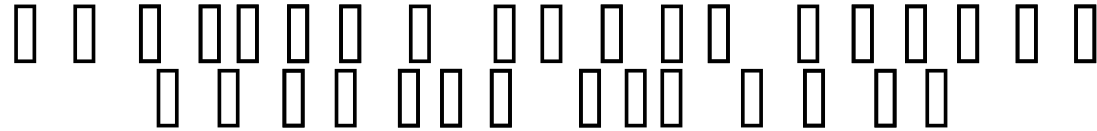
- For donating Indian currency, stocks, and for all other details on the TNF-ABC initiative:

Somalay Somasundaram, [tnf.philly@gmail.com](mailto:tnf.philly@gmail.com)

(610) 444-2628

<http://tnfusa.org/project/abc-project/>





The only gift is giving to the poor;  
All else is exchange  
- Ancient Tamil Epic Thirukkural

GIVE to some one who is poor  
GIVE to some one whom you do not know  
GIVE without expecting anything in return

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