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Letter from our Board of Director



Krishna Kumar Suresh

Founder

Dear Friends,

I am happy to present the "Be the Change" December Issue , thank you for making November yet another remarkable month for Thuvakkam! Our dedicated staff, members & volunteers have done an incredible job at expanding our outreach while strengthening our programs and services.

We have once again been happy to see the increase of total volunteering hours after this COVID-19 pandemic by 2,279 hours in the month of November.

Chennaiyil Vanam at Sholinganallur, Mass Native Tree Plantation at Siruseri & Social Afforestation Program at Tuticorin are the few highlight projects of the month.Totally we have organized 13 events which includes 7 on field events & 6 virtual events, where more than 297 volunteers engaged with 2279 volunteering hours.

By working more closely together with the new partners, 'Chennai Willingdon Corporate Foundation' & 'International Association for Human Values' ensures that our efforts are aligned to have the maximum impact and striving to build and improve sustainable practices in our work and I would like to thank all of our supporters, donors, partners, staff and volunteers for their contributions. In particular, I thank Ms Abhirami Arunachalam and Mr Sirajudeen who did so much to consolidate our planning and have been able to campaign more vigorously and credibly than ever before.

This December, we also launched a project "Treecember"- Give a tree; In this initiative, Thuvakkam under your name will plant, nurture your trees and let you know the exact location of where your trees are planted and their picture. Give a tree, Get a Tree Certificate & regular update about the growth!

We are looking forward to much more in upcoming days! Happy reading!

Change Happenings

Nov 01
Environment - Greenery - Chennaiyil Vanam - Land Preparation

Event Location - Shollinganallur

Nov 05
Environment - Greenery - Best Out of Waste Online Workshop

Event Location - Online

Nov 08
Environment - Greenery - Chennaiyil Vanam - Plantation

Event Location - Shollinganallur

Nov 10
Environment - Greenery Mega Tree Plantation Drive

Event Location - Siruseri

Nov 13
Environment - Greenery - Urban Forestry Land Preparation

Event Location - Shollinganallur

Nov 13
Article release: Here's how you can still burst firecrackers

Event Location - Online

Nov 20
Environment - Greenery - Urban Forestry Land Preparation

Event Location - Thoothukudi

Nov 21
Environment - Greenery - Tree Plantation Drive

Event Location - CTTE College

Nov 23
Humanity - Article release: See the innovation of growing Plants from Firecrackers

Event Location - Online

Nov27
Humanity - Awareness - Ooru Kadha Ulaga Kadha - Podcast

Event Location - Online

Nov 27
Environment - Greenery - Rain Water Harvesting Online Session

Event Location - Online

Nov 29
Environment - Greenery Chennaiyil Vanam Plantation and Maintenace

Event Location - Shollinganallur

Nov 29
Environment - Greenery - Best out of Waste Session Online Workshop

Event Location - Online

Change Created - November 2020

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

— Margaret Mead

Environmental change events: 10	Humanitarian change events: 3	Number of Virtual events: 6
Number of On-field events: 7	Total number of events: 13	Total hours of events: 177
Total no of volunteers engaged: 287	Total volunteering hours clocked: 2279	Total number of people benefitted: 1975
Total no of plants planted: 6440	Total no of plants nurtured: 2800	Total number of impacted lives: 7995

Spotlight of the Month



Thuvakkam's journey with the Greater Chennai Corporation continues in the ongoing "Chennayil Vanam" project. With the first event executed to massive success at Mugalivakkam, Thuvakkam set its sights on the next phase of Greenifying the city. Laying down the ground work in the month of October, Thuvakkam started setting up an urban forest at Shollinganallur.

Spanning 15000 sq. ft., the area was inspected and prepped for a Miyawaki Afforestation effort. This technique was created by Akira Miyawaki, and has been adopted by Thuvakkam for the Indian ecology. The plants chosen include indigenous varieties, such as Pongan, Neermarudhu, Naval, Sarakondrai, Vengai, and much more.

The first weekend of November saw members and volunteers gathered together for the inauguration of the event. 40+ volunteers engaged in co-operation with the Greater Chennai Corporation to plant 350 plant saplings for the day. This was followed up with a maintenance activity, before another batch of 2000 plants were planted. Every activity followed Standard Operating Procedures established for preventing the spread of coronavirus.

The month-long activities produced fruitful results and memorable moments. Volunteers were overjoyed in being able to get out of their homes to do some good for the society. People from different age groups, friends, relatives and all those in between took this opportunity and used it to the fullest. A mother-son duo captured the attention of everyone present with their unbridled enthusiasm. And every volunteer left the event, maybe tired in their body, but refreshed in their mind and soul.

All of this was made possible with the efforts of Chennai Willingdon Corporate Foundation and the Greater Chennai Corporation. Thuvakkam completed another Chennayil Vanam project at Mogappair, in parallel with the efforts at Shollinganallur. With more events in store, Thuvakkam has taken another step forward in creating a better society.

Total number of events: 4	Total number of people benefitted: 765	Total number of change impacted: 3060
Total no of plants planted & nurtured: 2800	Total no of volunteers engaged: 84	Total volunteering hours clocked: 370

Change movements captured!



Wall of Praise

"The roots of all goodness lie in the soil of appreciation for goodness."

~ Dalai Lama

"Hari Haran"

Following a lot of discussions and requires the thuvakkam.org website has been revamped with necessary features like event details and signup sheets. Well done!

-Karthik Shivaa

"David Derel"

You did a fantastic job throughout the Native Tree plantation at Siruseri and helped our entire team reach its goal. Thank you for setting such a fantastic example!

-Abhirami

"Anuradha and Akshay"

Thank you so much for volunteering and supporting continuously in our Shollinganalur Miyawaki project! Volunteers like you genuinely change the world, and we are forever grateful

-Parthiban

Every month this wall of praise will host up all the thanks notes that we get. You can send your thank you notes to Director - Operations by mail **externalrelation@thuvakkam.org** (or) **WhatsApp - 9444888937** (or) **DM on discord - for members.**

Let us together count our blessings and be thankful for all that we have.



PRIYADHARSHAN
“Volunteer of the Month-November”



SUDHARSAN
“Coordinator of the Month-November”

FB Change Impacts

Chennaiyil Vanam - Shollinganallur plantation - 3,050 people reached

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