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FROM THE MANAGEMENT

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we bring Quarter 4 to a close, I'm incredibly proud of the milestones we've achieved together. This time has been one of reflection, recalibration, and remarkable impact — thanks to the passion and commitment of everyone on the Thuvakkam journey. A standout moment this quarter was our 3-day conference, which served as a powerful platform for learning, collaboration, and aligning our strategic goals for the year ahead. It was inspiring to witness the collective energy and dedication of our teams as we shared ideas, reviewed progress, and set clear directions for 2025.

Quarter 4 was a testament to Thuvakkam's unwavering commitment to creating meaningful on-ground impact across diverse sectors. From the inauguration of the Kalporuki Kanmai Waterbody, marking a significant stride in ecological restoration, to hosting a transformative five-day Rural Camp that offered immersive learning experiences for students, every initiative contributed to building a more resilient and aware community. The launch of the Bee Apiary Project further promoted biodiversity and sustainable livelihoods, while the introduction of a new Education Module empowered young minds with knowledge and responsibility. Strengthening healthcare access, Thuvakkam facilitated the distribution of critical medical equipment to underserved communities. In celebration of our vibrant volunteer network, the Volunteer Summit honored and energized changemakers, and through the Delhi Artwork Event, we harnessed creativity as a powerful tool for social change on a national platform. Together, these initiatives reflect our holistic approach toward environmental, educational, and community-driven transformation.

We also took bold steps toward strengthening our organizational structure. Authority was decentralized, teams were realigned to improve operational flow, and we proudly introduced a next-level leadership team: Mrs. Rajeswari, Senior Associate – HR || Mrs. Uma Mageshwari, Compliance Officer – Finance || Mr. Aritharan, Associate Director – Projects || Mrs. Suchitra Narayankutty, Manager – Partnership || Ms. Jeba Rupavathi, Senior Associate – Communications || Mr. Jeevanantham, Senior Associate – Community Development

Our administrative efforts included refining internal policies, improving documentation systems, and enhancing digital tools — ensuring greater efficiency and better support for our teams, volunteers, and partners. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all those promoted as Associates and Executive Associates. We also rolled out salary hikes and announced new benefits and health insurance for our experienced employees — reaffirming our commitment to care, recognition, and growth.

Each of these accomplishments is a reflection of the unity, dedication, and shared purpose that drives us forward.
To every staff member, volunteer, and supporter — thank you for making 2024 a year of meaningful change. Let's walk into 2025 with stronger systems, deeper bonds, and an unwavering mission to build cities of responsible citizens.

Warm Regards,

Parthiban Munusamy

DIRECTOR- ADMINISTRATION, THUVAKKAM



Happenings:

Thuvakkam's testament towards our domains



BELOW: THE PROGRESS OF CREATING THE BUTTERFLY FOREST- IN TIMELINE

Thuvakkam exceeds to expand across boundaries not just geographically but also thematically address various key issues and its sustainability.



Urban Forest Development in Pananthope Colony with RRD



Perambur, Chennai: Thuvakkam in collaboration with RRD Go Creative with the support of Southern Railways is creating an Urban Forest at PT Colony in Ayanavaram, Chennai.

The forest is created at a size of 5200+ sq ft housing 1160+ indigenous saplings across 60 species.

We cleared the shrubs from the land, and made it suitable for land preparation, prepared the same by adding Farm yard manure suitable for plantation.

With 55 dedicated volunteers, we planted 700 saplings, taking a significant step toward restoring greenery and promoting sustainability. The event featured an inspiring inauguration, insightful discussions on environmental conservation.

Thuvakkam and Kaleesuwari Foundations to collaborate for a BlueZone project!

Chennai- Thuvakkam signs MoU with Kaleesuwari foundations today for rejuvenating water body in the district of Ramanathapuram!

Mr. Syed Sirajudeen, Executive Director- Thuvakkam and Mr. Santhosh M, Associate- Partnership, Thuvakkam represented us in the MoU signing cermony with the Kaleesuwari Foundation team- Mr. S.Manikandan, Ph.D

We feel immense delight with the Partnership to foster our strong interventions in the Aspirational district notifies in India!



Treecmeber- an Afforestation Campaign



Chennai: Treecember- an ambitious initiative by Thuvakkam aimed at planting 500,000 trees by June 5, 2025. As we face the escalating climate crisis, it is crucial for individuals and organizations to take action. Through Treecember, you can play a vital role in combating climate change and enhancing biodiversity in our communities.

Through our Give a Tree Initiative, donors can contribute to the campaign for just Rs. 350 for two tree saplings. The donor's contribution will cover the planting and maintenance of these trees for two years until they become self-sustainable.

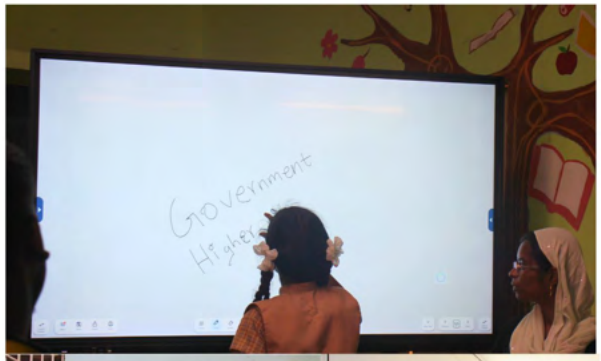
If you would like to contribute for the cause, kindly visit: thuvakkam.org/treecember-4/ and make you donations!

Smart Class development with the partnership of Applied Data Finance

Chennai- Thuvakkam successfully inaugurated the School Infrastructure Development Project partnered with Applied Data Finance at Government Higher Secondary School, Tiruvenchery, on February 28, 2025. The event witnessed the participation of 45 attendees, including Thuvakkam employees, the ADF team, school students, and management.

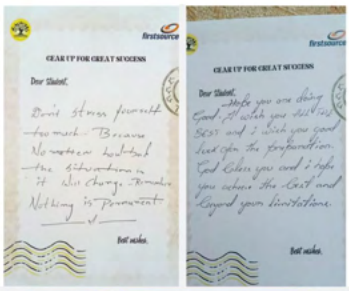
The event began with a warm welcome and an overview of the project by Ms. Majitha Begum. Mr. Senthil Prakash unveiled the project board, marking the successful implementation of the initiative. The team then visited Grade 7, where a smart board was installed and digitally inaugurated. Students were introduced to its key features, enhancing their learning experience.

The event concluded with an honoring ceremony, where Ms. Majitha and Mr. Anthony, Assistant Headmaster, recognized the contributions of the clients. Thuvakkam remains committed to enhancing educational infrastructure and empowering students through technology-driven learning.





Treecmeber- an Afforestation Campaign




Hyderabad- On March 19th, Thuvakkam successfully organized the "Gear Up for Great Success" event at ZPHS Kondapur, Hyderabad, in support of volunteers from Firstsource. This initiative aimed to boost the confidence of 110 tenth-grade students by providing exam kits and an interactive session on overcoming exam fear.

We also distributed personalized "All the Best" cards along with the exam kits as a mark of motivation for the students.

This event was a collective effort to ensure that students feel motivated and well-equipped for their upcoming board exams. Special thanks to our dedicated volunteers and partners for making this initiative a grand success

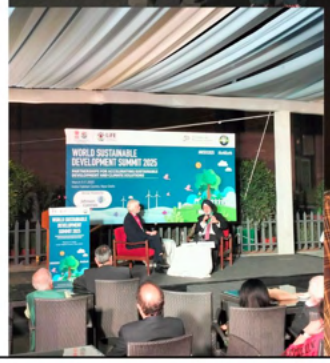
Thuvakkam attended the WSDS organized by TERI

New Delhi- Thuvakkam Delhi NCR was honored to participate in the Cultural Evening, Dinner & Networking at The Hub during the World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) 2025, organized by TERI - The Energy and Resources Institute

The event brought together global environmental leaders, including Prof. Jim Skea, Chair of the IPCC, who shared valuable insights on climate action and sustainability.

Engaging in discussions on climate change mitigation and sustainable development policies, we had the opportunity to connect with experts like Dr. Ram Boojh (Mobius Foundation), Mr. Ritesh Kumar Baranwal (Bureau of Indian Standards, Govt. of India), and Mr. Shrawan Kumar (We Naturalists) to explore meaningful collaborations. The evening was also a celebration of India's rich cultural heritage, with vibrant performances of Dandiya and Bhangra, fostering a spirit of unity and shared commitment to sustainability.







Inauguration of Kalporuki Kanmai by Hon. Govt Delegates











Kadaladi, Ramanthapuram- Thuvakkam is proud to announce the inauguration of the restored Kalporuki Kanmai, a 31.5+ acre water body in the Kadaladi Block, Ramanathapuram, as part of the Project BlueZone interventions.

We were honored to have Mr. RS Rajakannapan, Honourable Minister for Milk & Dairy Development, and Mr. Simranjeet Singh Kahlon, District Collector for Ramanathapuram, inaugurated the revitalized Kalporuki Kanmai in the Orivayal panchayat in Kadaladi block.

Our Management team, including Founder/President Mr. Krishna Kumar Suresh, Executive Director Mr. Syed Sirajudeen, and Associate Director for Programs & Volunteer Relations Mr. Aritharan Kubendran, welcomed the officials and presented souvenirs.

770+ Medical Equipment distribution for 24 HSCs in Ramanathapuram











Ramanthapuram- Thuvakkam, in collaboration with Five-Star Business Finance Limited, distributed 770+ essential medical equipments to 2 Primary Health Centers (PHCs) and 24 Health Sub-Centers across five blocks of Ramanathapuram District on March 5, 2025. This large-scale initiative, part of Thuvakkam's Health Care Project, aims to strengthen the healthcare infrastructure and improve patient care in community regions.

The distribution event was inaugurated at Thiru Uthirakosamangai PHC by the Hon. District Collector of Ramanathapuram Mr. Simaranjeeth Singh Kahlon IAS, alongside the District Health Officer of Ramanathapuram Dr. K. V. Arjunkumar MBBS, DPH, Mr. Sivaramakrishnan Lakshmanan, CSR Manager of Five Star Business Finance Ltd and the dedicated Thuvakkam team- Dinesh Babu Sakthivel, General Secretary, Mr. Balamurugan S, Associate- Community Development, Mr. Jeevanantham P, Senior Associate- Community Development, Mr. Jose Dhiliphan J, Associate- Community Development.

Thuvakkam presented at the TN Climate Summit 3.0 in Chennai

Chennai- Thuvakkam had the opportunity to be a part of the Tamil Nadu Climate Summit 3.0 at Chennai Trade Centre, a remarkable platform dedicated to climate action and sustainability. The summit was officially launched by Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. MK Stalin along with the Environment Minister, Forest Minister, and other esteemed officials.

Thuvakkam had our stall present for the two days event showcasing our environmental initiatives presented by our amazing team Ms. Suchitra Narayankutty (Manager - Partnerships) and Mr. Jaylogeshwar (Associate - Branding & Marketing) and also had meaningful connections with esteemed delegated who visited our stalls.



Launch of Thuvakkam Module- Fundamentals of Project Design



Chennai- Thuvakkam is excited to share that we have launched our very first kind of a Training Module for the aspirants in the field of Social Work at the Thuvakkam Volunteer Summit 2024, held on 4th Jan '25 at MSSW, Chennai. Launched by our Executive Director- Mr. Syed Sirajudeen, the Thuvakkam Training Module would be a bootcamp where we have tailor made the curriculum to align with today's requirement in the field such as CSR, ESG and the other mandated skills required.



Maiden Volunteering Event in NCR!



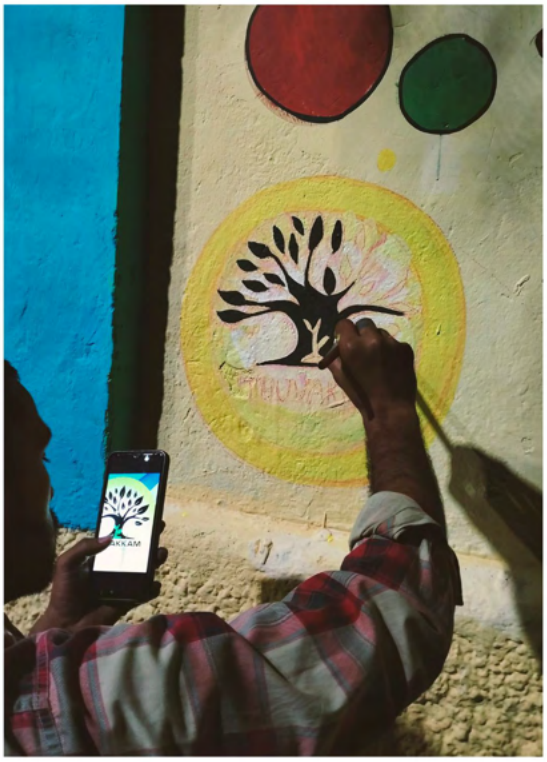


Noida, Uttar Pradesh- A vibrant Creative Art Event was held at Composite Upper Primary School Nawada Rasulpur, Sector-62 Noida, where 20 passionate volunteers transformed a 700 sq. ft. wall into a colorful educational mural. The initiative aimed to foster creativity, learning, and a sense of belonging among students.

The event featured a grand inauguration, interactive painting sessions, and thoughtful discussions on the role of art in education. Volunteers worked together to create meaningful illustrations that symbolized knowledge, dreams, and imagination.

The newly painted wall now serves as an inspiring backdrop for students, reinforcing the importance of artistic expression in holistic development. The collaboration and dedication of the volunteers left a lasting impact on the school community.

This successful event highlighted how creativity can enrich education and build stronger, more engaging learning spaces.









Organizing Rural Camp in Telangana





Hyderabad- Thuvakkam, in collaboration with St. Pious X Degree & PG College for Women, Nacharam, conducted a dynamic 5-day Rural Camp in the villages of Hayathabad and Maddur, blending education, environment, and empowerment. The camp commenced with a lamp-lighting ceremony led by local dignitaries, setting the tone for an impactful journey. Throughout the week, 55 NSS volunteers brought energy and dedication to a range of transformative initiatives:

- **Community Engagement:** Volunteers conducted door-to-door surveys and social mapping exercises to understand and address local challenges. Their efforts fostered strong bonds with the villagers and gathered crucial insights for future development work.
- **Awareness & Education:** Skits, mime plays, and street theater performances delivered powerful messages on health, hygiene, plastic pollution, and sustainability, engaging over 150 villagers and school children.
- **Environmental Action:** A massive plastic cleanup drive in Hytabad removed over 300 kgs of waste, and volunteers nurtured 1,000 saplings in Thuvakkam's Miyawaki forest, promoting long-term ecological well-being.
- **Creative Impact:** Across both villages, volunteers painted over 2,500 sq. ft. of compound walls with vibrant murals themed on education, environment, and humanity, transforming school spaces into inspiring environments.
- **Student Empowerment:** Engaging sessions on CPR, cyber safety, nutrition, and mental wellness empowered school students with essential life skills. A motivational interaction with 10th-grade students left a lasting impact.

The camp concluded with a heartfelt Valedictory Ceremony, attended by Panchayat officials, education officers, and community leaders, celebrating the collective efforts of the volunteers. Certificates were awarded, and appreciation poured in from all corners, especially from children who pledged to uphold cleanliness and sustainability.












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Squaring off the Sethupakkam Lake



Sethupakkam, Thiruvallur- Thuvakkam, in partnership with Cognizant, is successfully executing the restoration of the Sethupakkam Agram MI Tank in Sethupakkam, Elapuram Block, Thiruvallur District.

Covering a total area of 21 acres, the project involved extensive work, including shrub clearing, sludge removal of 5,000 cubic meters, dewatering, and desilting of 50,000 cubic meters.

Additionally, we are strengthening the bund and have undertaken island formation to enhance the tank's ecological balance. This initiative marks a significant step toward water conservation and sustainable environmental management.

Urban Forest development in Hyathabad, Ranga Reddy dist.

Ranga Reddy- Thuvakkam in Hyderabad, in collaboration with our CSR partner Firstsource has successfully planting 1,000+ saplings in Hayathabadvillage, Ranga Reddy district in Telengana!

During the Inaugural Plantation event, 60+ volunteers from Firstsource and ZPHS Hayathabad joined forces to plant 350+ saplings. Meanwhile, dedicated laborers are continuing the plantation with watering, stick placement, and fencing to ensure sapling safety.











Lighting up Schools by sustainable means- Project Greenegize







Thuvakkam in collaboration with Light & Wonder has executed our second Project Greenegize at 3 more schools in the state of Tamil Nadu.

We have installed 9kW capacity of Solar panels in total for the Govt Schools of Thiruvancheri, Paduvancheri in Chennai and the Govt School in Kadalaadi block in Ramanthapuram with 3kW capacity in each.

Frequent power outages creates a major issue in the learning environment, poses a major problem for students. In addition to this, the project ensures a sustainable and a greener solution for the need of power supply, which makes these schools self-sufficient.

The Inauguration of the schools for Thiruvanchery and Paduvanchery in Chennai was held on 26 Feb 2025 with Mr. Anand CA, one of Thuvakkam's Advisors who graced the event!

Project Greenergize and Expansion

Chennai- With the success of Project Greenegize across the state of Tamil Nadu with its implementation in 6 schools- Thuvakkam partnered with Xoriant for another Greenegize project with an upscale in the capacity. The project entailed us in the installation of 6kW panel capacity in 3 schools across 3 states in India - Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Karnataka!



Water, Water- Everywhere!

With the success of the execution of the Kalporuki Kanmai- Thuvakkam has ventured our excellence in rejuvenation of water bodies across the district of Ramanthapuram working on three other Minor Irrigation tanks simultaneously.







Kadaladi- Ramanathapuram- After the success of the restoration of the Kalporuki Kanmai, Thuvakkam has joined hands with Northern Arc for the restoration of 3 Minor Irrigation tanks in Ramanthapuram.

The Anchathambal Kanmai, Vellambal Kanmai and the A. Usuilangulam Kanmai- spread across 73.4 acres in total.

Thuvakkam is jungle clearing Prosopis Juliflora- the invasive species responsible for the depletion of the Ground water table in the district.

We are desilting the waterbody and strengthening the bunds. The intervention from the project will be creating 136,000 cu m volume of storing facility to store 13.69 crores liters of water!



Before | After



Anchathambal Kanmai- after shrub clearance and desilting works under progress



Velambal Kanmai- after shrub clearance with the pond nearby enclosed by embankment



A. Usilangulam Kanmai- after shrub clearance with the with desilting under progress

Project Bee Apiary





Olakkur, Villupuram- Thuvakkam is thrilled to partner yet again with Light and Wonder, for an Apiculture project in the Olakkur block of Villupuram district. The opening ceremony constituted with the project with a Training session sensitise the farmers about Apiculture Development in the farming lands under the Apiculture Development Project, which was presided by Mr. KK Murugan- Director of Extension Education- TNAU. We held four sessions as a part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of KVK's Torch Relay Training Program on Beekeeping by Dr. A. Kalyanasundaram- SMS (Entomology), ICAR KVK, Villupuram, Dr. S.Ganapathy- SMS (PBG), ICAR KVK, Villupuram, Dr. K.Senthamizh- SMS (NEMO.), ICAR KVK, Villupuram, Dr. E.Jamuna- SMS (AGM), ICAR KVK, Villupuram and Dr. V. Vijaya Geetha- SMS (SST), ICAR KVK, Villupuram. This training aims to provide farmers with comprehensive training and practical demonstrations on beekeeping and clarifying their misunderstandings with the technical assistance of KVK scientists regarding Bee Apiary.

Vermi Compost Distribution

Kadaladi, Ramanathapuram- Thuvakkam is organizing Vermicompost distribution at the Orivayal Panachayat in Kadaladi Block, Ramnanathapuram under our ICEDP project.

Our team has identified 50 farmers for whom the Vermicompost kit to be distributed through the Community Based Organizations formed such as the Farmers Interest Groups and the Self Help Groups

The Vermicompost kit shall have a setup which nurtures earthworms in turning organic compound into manure. This sustainable practice will help the farmers who need support for manure in their farm, fostering organic agricultural practices for the farmers of the region.







Featured- The Forest inside the City

Thuvakkam's special article on the impact assessed on our Urban Forest in Vyasarpadi

Once a barren and neglected tract of land near Vyasarpadi Jeeva Station in Perambur, Chennai, the 1.8-acre Open Space Reserve (OSR) had long been dismissed as a wasteland. Overrun by invasive weeds, burdened by water stagnation during monsoons, and casually used for livestock grazing, the site was more of a dumping ground than a community asset. But a bold, collective vision transformed it into a thriving urban forest an ecological success story rooted in collaboration and resilience.

Driven by the Greater Chennai Corporation's Chennai Climate Action Plan, which sought to increase the city's green cover from a meager 5% to a more sustainable target, the land was chosen for rejuvenation under Project Greenery. With AstraZeneca stepping in as a CSR partner through its Forest initiative and the Thuvakkam NGO leading the implementation, the project quickly took shape. The dense forest method, a technique for growing dense and biodiverse forests using native species, saw the planting of over 15,000 saplings from 60+ different native tree species, including neem, bamboo, copper, fig and arjuna, on 26 February 2022. The transformation is profound: the once-dilapidated site has been transformed into an 87,000 sq. ft forest ecosystem, with 34,000 sq. ft set aside for a community playground.







This initiative wasn't just about trees. It became a pioneer for an equal change. More than 1,060 volunteers, including students, public volunteers, corporate volunteers, and local residents, dedicated more than 32,000 hours to planting and nurturing forests... Eco-walks, awareness sessions, and hands-on participation turned the project into a beacon of civic pride and environmental education. Infrastructure was thoughtfully developed, including borewells, water storage Tank and accessible pathways. Despite facing serious challenges like theft, equipment damage, water shortages, and grazing by goats from nearby areas, the Maintenance team and especially the caretaker never faltered.

After two years of continuous maintenance, the impact has been immense. Over 62% of the trees have survived and thrived, resulting in significant increases in cation exchange capacity and organic matter, as well as sequestering around 7,349 metric tonnes of CO_2 [1]and removing 1,469 tonnes of PM10 pollutants from the air annually[2]. The area is now teeming with biodiversity, with over 35 species of birds, butterflies, insects and bees found, and native plants are also making a comeback, making this a sanctuary for flora and fauna. The Perambur Urban Forest stands as a testament to what is possible when civic vision, corporate responsibility and social action come together. It is a living example of ecological regeneration, climate resilience and urban transformation – proof that even the most neglected land can be reborn as a legacy of green hope.













Thuvakkam Volunteer Summit 2024

A conclave for the spirit of Volunteering



Chennai- Thuvakkam hosted the first-ever Volunteer Summit on Jan 4th at the iconic Madras School of Social Work, Chennai, marking International Volunteer Day. The event witnessed over 120 participants across Educational institutions, working professionals and individual volunteers who turned up for the grand event.

The event was packed with exiting stuff which kick started the year fresh! We had the opportunity to release our 'Thuvakkam: Decade of Volunteering' book on the same which was a collection of Thuvakkam's volunteering efforts down the lane for a decade!

We also released the 'Thuvakkam Module'- a course that is specifically designed for students and Social sector professionals who would are to upskill in the field. More interestingly, we held 2 power packed Energizer panel- which was designed only on the premises on the importance of Volunteering. We had Industry leaders who represented the panels and had a healthy conversation with the audience present.

We also gave the opportunity for organizations to be a part of the event by their presence through a stall where various organizations and clubs represented the same and interacted with various people who were a part of t










How you are in the Spotlight?

A Thuvakkam's Internal Conference



Chennai- Thuvakkam proudly hosted the three-day internal conference 'How You Are in the Spotlight – 2025', bringing together staff from across India for a powerful and engaging series of updates, discussions, and celebrations.

The conference kicked off with major announcements, including the amalgamation of 11 departments into 6 key divisions under a new strategic structure: Projects, Partnership, Communications, Community Development, Administration, & Finance.

Appraisals and promotions were also celebrated, recognizing the dedicated efforts of our team members with the proud announcement of Thuvakkam crossing ₹7 Crores in revenue for FY 2024–25.

The Annual updates of all departments were shared, while the vision and mission for the new amalgamated departments were also presented with the plan for the next financial year.

The conference concluded on a high note with a special session by Mr. Bharathi Tamizhan, Editor of The Hindu Tamil Online and Advisor to Thuvakkam, who shared insights and engaged with employees in an interactive conversation.









Pongal Celebations 2025

Celebrating the essence of equity of a festival in the village of Olakkur



Olakkur, Villupuram- Thuvakkam celebrated our Thuvakkam Pongal 2025 at the Andapattu Village in Villupuram District on 10th Jan 2025, with fun filled games along with the Community and the Farmers along with our CSR partner Light & Wonder, inaugurating the project board for our Bee Apiary Project.

As a highlight of the day, we also inaugurated our Treecember campaign, which aims at planting and maintaining 500,000 indigenous tree saplings by the June 5- World Environment Day 2025.




Volunteering: Making a Change Collaboratively

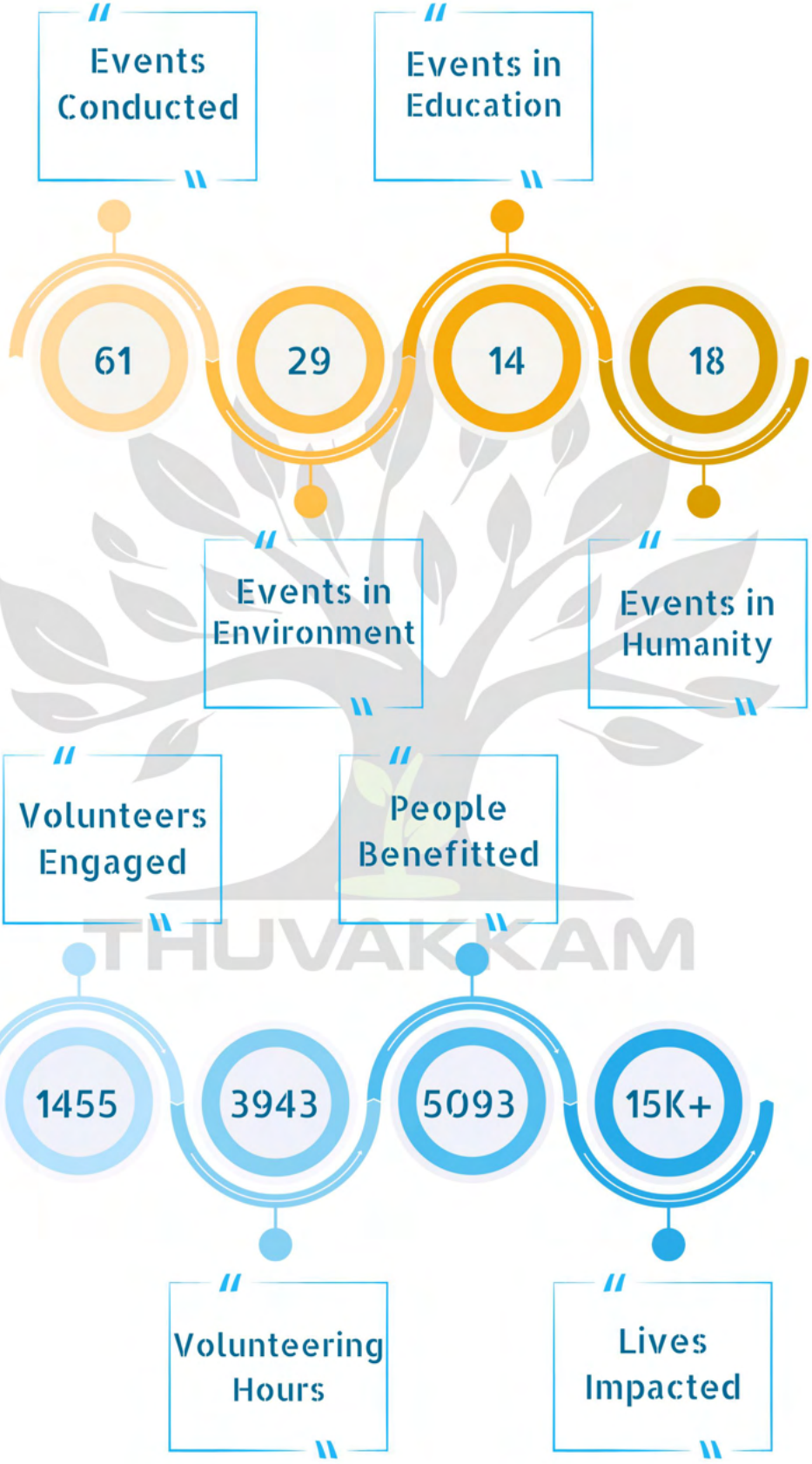


Thuvakkam provides various Volunteering opportunities including On field Volunteering, In House Volunteering and Online Volunteering

BELOW: LITTLE VOLUNTEER PLANTING AT THE URBAN FORESST- PT COLONY, AYANAVARAM, CHENNAI



VOLUNTEERING WALL



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VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH AWARD



MR. IYAPPAN VINAYAGAM
Volunteer of the Month-
January



MR. MOHAMED IRSATH
Volunteer of the Month-
February



MR. SATHYA SELVAN
Volunteer of the Month-
March

Beach Cleanup and Awareness







Chennai- On January 25, 2025, we gathered 18 passionate volunteers from Tag India for a meaningful morning at Panaiyur Beach! Together, we kicked off the event with an engaging orientation session focused on marine pollution awareness and the importance of our cleanup efforts.

We successfully collected 28 kg of waste, meticulously sorting it into dry and sanitary categories.

The day was further illuminated by Team AGAI Theatre of Voice skit, "Finding Treasure," which inspired us to reflect on the true purpose of our cleanup drive.

This initiative not only cleaned our beach but also fostered a sense of community and responsibility towards our environment.

Bringing Classrooms to Life with Colors and Creativity

Chennai- Thuvakkam organized a Creative Artwork event on February 22, 2025, at Government Higher Secondary School, Thiruvanchery, where 60+ volunteers came together with a shared mission—to create a vibrant and inspiring learning space for students.

With paintbrushes in hand and a vision in mind, the volunteers transformed dull classroom walls into engaging and colorful spaces. The artwork included educational themes, motivational quotes, and interactive visuals designed to make learning more enjoyable and stimulating for the students. Every stroke of paint reflected the dedication and passion of our volunteers, ensuring that the classrooms would become a source of joy and inspiration for years to come.















Valentine's Day Plantation- Treecember



Chennai- On 14th February 2025,- onset of the International Valentine's Day, love took root in the form of trees!. More than 60 passionate volunteers from Madras Christian College, Tambaram and from Cognizant along with Thuvakkam employees, members, fellows, and individual volunteers came together for the Valentine Plantation event which was held in our Urban Forest in Madambakkam.

Over 250 indigenous saplings were planted on the day of the event, marking our journey in the Treecember Campaign.
The plantation aimed at promoting the importance of building an ecosystem to be infused at the nuclear level of building a family. With college students solid in presence, we made sure that the campaign had its reach to a wider audience.

As a special mark on the event, Mr. Yadeendar- founder of AGAI Theatre of Voices held an interactive session with volunteers in expressing the need for the auric connection of humans with nature by the means of art form.






Partner Plantation- Women's Day Special with HCL Foundation



Kundrathur, Kancheepuram- On International Women's Day 2025, Thuvakkam organized Plantation Drives at PKV Mahanagar on the 8th and 15th of March 2025, where 26 dedicated volunteers came together to plant 360 saplings, symbolizing growth, sustainability, and empowerment.

The Urban Forest at PKV Maha Nagar, Kundrathur is being developed under the Harit initiative of HCL Foundation at a size of 1.1 acres.

This initiative was more than just about planting trees—it was a step toward a greener future, led by individuals committed to creating lasting environmental change. As each sapling took root, it stood as a testament to the strength and resilience of women who drive change in communities and beyond.

Through collective efforts, we continue to promote sustainability and climate action, ensuring a healthier planet for future generations. Small actions today will lead to a greener tomorrow.

Feeding the Paw Buddies!





Chennai- Thuvakkam's yet another initiative venturing us into the domain of Animal Welfare- Feeding the Paw Buddies.

The event turned campaign is a successful one where we are collecting funds through fund-raising from the public donors.

Since the inauguration of the event in January- a monthly event is held, where we have conducted 3 events- 1 in Valasarawakkam and 2 other at our Urban Forest in Madambakkam.

Across the quarter, we have fed over 100+ dogs in the localities.

Eco Awareness on the walk

Hyderabad- Thuvakkam conducted an Eco Awareness Session at Medikunta Lake, bringing together local volunteers to discuss the importance of water body conservation and tree care on 25 Jan '25.

The session sparked meaningful conversations, with community members showing great enthusiasm for organizing a plantation drive around the lake. Their commitment to protecting the environment reflects a shared vision for a greener, healthier future.







The final event for the FY2024-25!

Chennai- Thuvakkam successfully organized the Zero Hunger Drive on March 31, 2025, at Butterfly Forest, Taramani, to address food insecurity and drive social change. Volunteers engaged in a reflective activity on their role in community development, followed by the distribution of 50 food boxes to individuals in need.





YOUR SPACE.

Have you got a story to say with us? Get featured in our Newsletter!
send us your submissions to communication@thuvakkam.org

An ignition for Volunteering

Ms. Samsritha Murthy
Thuvakkam's Volunteer from Hyderabad



I was introduced to Thuvakkam through my college, St pious X degree & pg. college. Our institution has collaborated with Thuvakkam on various community and environmental initiatives. Over the course of these collaborations, I had the opportunity to participate in around 7 to 8 activities, which allowed me to contribute meaningfully to social and environmental causes. It was through Durga Prasad sir, that I came to know about the Thuvakkam NGO Organization. Thuvakkam commitment to environmental sustainability and community engagement left a strong impression on me. Participating in that activity sparked my own interest, and from that moment onward, I began to develop a genuine passion for Thuvakkam's mission and initiatives. It became more than just volunteering—it became a meaningful journey of contribution and personal growth. Recently, I attended a camp conducted by our college in collaboration with Thuvakkam. The camp lasted for seven days. Each day of the camp presented new challenges and learning experiences. We engaged in various activities, and every day brought a unique lesson. Mr. Durga Prasad frequently reminded us that no two days would be the same — and he was absolutely right. Each day was special and distinct in its own way. The activities we participated in helped nurture a sense of passion and empathy towards. Happy to Volunteer with Thuvakkam.

Connecting Through Volunteering

Mr. Mohamad Irsath
Thuvakkam's Enthusiastic Volunteer turned fellow



I was doing what most of us do—mindlessly scrolling through Instagram, half-bored, half-procrastinating—when I stumbled upon a post from Thuvakkam. One random click, that's all it took. I didn't realize then that I was stepping into something much bigger than a weekend activity.

Signing up felt spontaneous, but what followed was a whirlwind of connection, purpose, and genuine community. Thuvakkam didn't just hand me a volunteering badge—it handed me a sense of belonging, a space where passion meets action. From feeding stray dogs to participating in energizing plantation drives, every event left a lasting impact. One of the things that stood out to me was how the team always encouraged open expression. Whether it was during a volunteer meeting or while brainstorming on-site, I felt heard and valued – no hesitation, no judgment.

The community vibe was strong – we weren't just volunteers, we were a team of passionate individuals with a shared goal. I genuinely admire Thuvakkam's creative and heartfelt initiatives in both environment and education. Thank you to the team for building such an inclusive and action-driven space. It's not just about helping out – it's about growing, learning, and making change together.

Thanking Partners who collaborated with us in Q3 FY24-25

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Voice from our Patreons



We are looking for civil society participation and CSR contributions in the aspirational districts. We are thankful for this contribution of giving this amount and equipment to Ramanthapuram district

Mr. Simaranjeeth Singh Kahlon IAS
Hon' District Collector-
Ramanthapuram

on the Medical Equipment Distribution event in Ramanthapuram dist,



Thuvakkam also gave us trainings for Vermi Compost. Now we are switching from the synthetic fertilizers to Vermi compost which was given by Thuvakkam

Ms. Gangadevi
Farmer

on our Vermi Compost distribution intervention under ICEDP in Ramanthapuram dist,



Through the intervention of Bee Apiary project, we are able to get an additional yield of 30%- 40% due to cross-pollination. The project also entails us in additional income through the honey produced

Mr. Narayanan
Tamizhaga Vivasaya Padhugaapu Sangam

on our Project Bee Apiary in the district Olakkur village panchayat, Villiupuram dist.,

APPRECIATIONS

Applauding the Promotions witness in this quarter-for their excellence in work and the commitment towards the growth of the Organization



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MR. PRAVEEN KANTH
as
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SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Picture of the Quarter

Scenes from the Tree Plantation event from the Butterfly Forest- spotting a generational spectrum of Volunteers across the ages with their enthusiastic spirit of Volunteering
-March 2025



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