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Reach Out

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Dear well wishers and friends of Shriram Foundation

We are happy to launch our own newsletter 'Reach Out' to link up with you more effectively, updating you on the events, progress and happenings in all of our projects every quarter.

Last quarter was marked by happy endings and new beginnings. Most of the children from our Shriram Children's Home were reunited with their relatives and were brought under our sponsorship scheme to continue their education. You can read more about it in the section update of this newsletter.

Our schools reopened to a good start with admission requests hitting an all time high. Administration systems and academic reform processes were set in place with new leaders assuming charge as Directors of the schools.

Shriram-IGNOU Community college expansion with new classrooms and proposals for new courses gave the initiative a new fillip. Job placement was our hallmark and many aspiring students came in from far and wide for the new sessions.

We have new programmes in the anvil for candidates interested in teaching, and willing to work in our schools- embarking on a new career in education to assume leadership roles in the future, spearheading reforms in schools to provide child friendly, meaningful education.

Your wishes form the winning magic potion for the success of our programs. We hope your support and encouragement comes in abundance this year too, as in the past.

*Board of Trustees
Shriram Foundation*

New Developments

Shriram-IGNOU Community college signed Memorandum of Understanding with Oakland Community College. This MoU encompasses sharing of knowledge for students as well as for the faculty members.

Shriram IGNOU Community College of Shriram Foundation is Registered with Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi to offer Certificate and Diploma courses and Associate Degree Programmes. To know more about Shriram-IGNOU Community College [click here](#)

De-institutionalization of Shriram Children's Home- Families were united with their children from the Home. These children will be supported by the institution through sponsorships. Other than this nearly 7 single parents moved to stay with their kids in Thiruneermalai locality. They were advised that children can stay with them and continue to get support for education and for other requirements which they cannot meet out due to lack of resources. After successfully carrying out this programme, the strength of Shriram Children's Home is 16 girls, 2 boys and 2 residential staff. To know more about Shriram Children's Home [click here](#)

Highlights

Shriram Vocational training Centre took up a job of stitching uniforms for 600 students of Shriram Matriculation school, Thiruneermalai. Nearly 8 ladies who are trained tailors were provided initial training by experts to handle this. The team took two months to complete this task. The unit is also planning to establish a Self Help Group. This will be a gateway for more ladies to work and market their products.



Shriram-IGNOU Community College students finished their Associate degree programme in "Sports Education" and started working in Shriram Matriculation School, Thiruneermalai as teachers.

In Sri Sri Vidya Mandir (SSVM), Anakoil, Students and Teachers co-created a Tamil Newsletter on 29th June, 2012. The purpose of the newsletter is to report events happening in the school and around the communities students come from.

10th results: All 21 students who had appeared for the 10th standard examination passed with flying colours. 10 students out of 21 scored over 80%.

In VSR, Reddivaripalli, students took responsibility of cleaning and maintaining the school. Students took the responsibility of cleaning the whole ground and now they maintain the cleanliness and hygiene by cleaning it every day whenever they get time or see something lying on the ground.



Teacher Training

Tarshi (an NGO working on Reproductive and Sexual Health Issues) conducted a 3-day workshop on comprehensive sexuality education for school teachers.

StoryTrails conducted a one day workshop on Story telling as a technique in classroom for primary and pri-primary teachers.

Volunteer Speaks

I came to the Shriram Children's Home in Thiruneermalai, Chennai in April-May 2012 for 3 weeks to volunteer, especially helping with the IT and English skills. Having stayed at the Home, I was impressed with the varied things that the Shriram Foundation was involved in, taking in holistic approach, start from providing Montessori education to children from young age to providing them with paid jobs.

Naina Patel, Care Trust

Naina Patel is an IT consultant, living and working in the UK for an international IT company. To volunteer [click here](#)



Students' corner



Clay Modelling classes were conducted for children in VSR, Reddivaripalli. Such sessions not only give a boost to their creativity but also help in building muscle strength and coordination of fingers.

Shriram Foundation was established in 1993 as the charitable arm of the Shriram Group, a pioneer in financial and investment services, to work for the underprivileged focusing on Education, Orphan and destitute care.

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