

RESIDENTIAL SPECIAL TRAINING CENTER FOR NOMADIC TRIBE OF NARIKURAVAR COMMUNITY 'S CHILDREN, PAZHAMALAI NAGAR, SIVAGANGAI, TAMIL NADU

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June – 12 **RSTC (Residential Special Training Center for Nomadic Tribe of Narikuravar Community's Children - REOPENING**



As we approach the start of a new academic year, it is with great enthusiasm and anticipation that we announced the reopening of Residential Special Training Center on June, 12, 2024 after a period of summer vacation. We are excited to welcome our 130 students, 14 staffs, and families back to campus for a promising year of learning and growth.

This year, our focus will be on continuing to deliver high-quality education through a well-rounded curriculum that supports academic achievement and personal development. Our teaching staff has been working diligently to prepare engaging and effective lesson plans that cater to diverse learning needs.

June – 13 DISTRICT COORDINATOR OF SAMAGARA SHIKSHA - VISIT

The District Coordinator Ms. Anitha observed the well-maintained condition of the residential facilities, including dormitories, dining areas, and common spaces. Positive feedback on the safety measures and hygiene practices preparedness in the center.



June - 21 INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY WAS CELEBRATED

We are delighted to share the highlights of our International Yoga Day celebration held at RSTC. The event was a wonderful opportunity to promote wellness, mindfulness, and the practice of yoga among our students and staff.

It was a resounding success, fostering a greater appreciation for yoga and its benefits within our school community. We extend our gratitude to all participants and organizers for making the event a memorable and impactful experience.

June - 21 **A TREE PLANTING DRIVE**



We are thrilled to share the success of our recent Tree Plantation Drive held at RSTC. The event was a significant step in our ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability and community engagement.

The primary goals of the Tree Plantation Drive were to:

- 1. **Enhance Green Spaces:** Increase the number of trees on RSTC grounds to improve the environment and create a more pleasant learning atmosphere.
- 2. **Promote Environmental Awareness:** Educate students and the community about the importance of trees and their role in environmental sustainability.
- 3. **Foster Community Involvement:** Engage students, staff, and parents in a meaningful activity that supports the environment.



June-21 MAINSTREAMING THE CHILDREN



We mainstreamed 19 children who completed the grade 8 from RSTC into regular school. This initiative marks a significant milestone in our commitment to ensuring every child has the opportunity to receive quality education and be reintegrated into the mainstream schooling system.

Reading assessment test was conducted by Chief Education Officer Mr. Swaminathan for all the 19 children. This assessment was an integral part of the process for enrolling students into Class 9 and aimed to ensure that incoming students have the necessary reading skills for success in the higher grade.

June – 21 **LIONS CLUB SUPPORT**



Sivagangai Lions Clubs are known for their community service and support for educational initiatives. Donating notebooks and pens is a practical way to help students with their studies. It not only provides them with essential supplies but also shows that people care about their education and future.



June – 22 **DISTRICT COLLECTOR - INSPECTION**



The District Collector of Sivaganga Shri. Asha Ajith IAS visit was a significant opportunity to engage directly with the students, staffs and understand administrative challenges and provide support. She interacted with the children and assesses our facilities and programs, and offer insights into our ongoing efforts to enhance the quality of education.

She visited RSTC classrooms, kitchen, dining area, stock room and other campus areas and facilities. Students shared positive feedback about their learning experiences and expressed enthusiasm for their studies. Some students also provided suggestions for additional resources and support.

July 1
STORY TELLING SESSION



Storytelling session conducted at RSTC could have been a meaningful and engaging activity. Mr. Jarslo Vinod conducted a story telling session about the importance of education.



July - 05

A SPECIAL LEARNING ASSESSMENT

A special learning assessment was carried out for three mentally retarded students at the center by special teacher Geetha from the block resource center, sivagangai. a well-conducted learning assessment is crucial for providing special children with the tailored support they need to succeed and thrive in their educational environment.

July - 15

LEADER KAMARAJAR'S BIRTHDAY - CELEBRATED

Celebrated Kamarajar's birthday at RSTC can be a meaningful and educational event, especially for students who might benefit from learning about this life, a movie was screened about Kamarajar's life and it was powerful tool, providing students with a deeper appreciation of his contributions to the nation.

July - 18
MARTIAL ARTS - SILAMBAM WORKSHOP





Martial Arts Karate and Silambatam training was launched today under the leadership of Master Paramasivan at our Residential Special Training Center. There were 40 children selected (18 boys and 22 girls) who benefitted, and the training was conducted for about 3 months.



July - 25

FIRE SAFETY - DEMONSTRATION



We have conducted a demonstration program on educating students about fire prevention, emergency procedures, and basic firefighting skills in collaboration with Indane Gas Agency Sivagangai.

It is significantly contributed to creating a safer RSTC environment by equipping students and staff with essential knowledge and skills to handle fire emergencies.

July - 26

MEDICAL CAMP

Medical examination was carried out from the District Leprosy department. The group of doctors examines all the children who have symptoms of skin kind of allergies. There are 3 children identified and they are under the medical treatment.







August – 07

CHIEF EDUCATION OFFICER - INSPECTION



Chief Education Officer Inspected the Center. He observed the Martial Art training and gave guidance.

August – 09

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES – CELEBRATED



Celebrated World Indigenous Peoples Day at RSTC is a wonderful way to honor and recognize the rich cultural heritage, history, and contributions of Indigenous communities around the world. The students show cased their socio-cultural practices of nomadic tribe of Narikurvar community by traditional dance, song and Speech.



August – 15

INDEPENDENCE DAY WAS CELEBRATED





First ever and ever nomadic tribe of Narikuravar community's children attended and showed their talent at the Independence Day program at District Collector's Office. There were 40 children who have learned Silambam participated in the Independence Day program held at the district collector office. The players attracted everyone's attention by playing Silambam as professionals. The shield was presented by the District Collector and Superintendent of Police.

September – 05

TEACHER'S DAY

Teacher's Day was celebrated. All the children greeted their teachers for their immense effort and dedication.

September - 11

APO - INSPECTION





Samagara Shiksha APO inspected the center along with Block level officials. He observed the classes and examined the learning ability of the students. He has suggested for visual teaching for better learning process.



September – 14 MEDICAL CAMP – MEASLES



The primary objective of the measles prevention medical camp was to provide vaccinations to the children residing at the Residential Special Training Center and to educate them and their families about measles prevention and general health.

September - 28 **BHAGAT SINGH'S BIRTHDAY - CELEBRATED**



Bhagat Singh was an Indian freedom fighter and a key revolutionary in the Indian Liberation Movement. A photo exhibition conducted to introduce the freedom fighter for the RSTC children.



October - 02

GANDHI JAYANTI DAY WAS CELEBRATED



Organized a series of activities to honor and reflect on Gandhi's legacy of peace, non-violence, and truth. The event aimed to educate students about Gandhiji's contributions to India's independence movement and his enduring principles. Children created a clay posture of Gandhi Ji and presented it. The clay postures were displayed in and around the center.

October - 05

A MEDICAL CAMP - CONDUCTED



We have conducted a medical camp in collaboration with Arasanur Government Hospital to provide essential health services and education to students, staff, and their families. The initiative aimed to promote health awareness, offer preventive care, and address any immediate health concerns within the center community.



October - 15

DR. A.P.J. ABDUL KALAM - BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED



The birthday of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, the renowned scientist and former President of India, was celebrated with great enthusiasm and reverence at center. Dr. Kalam, often referred to as the "People's President" and the "Missile Man of India," is remembered for his significant contributions to Indian science and his inspirational leadership. The celebration aimed to honor his legacy and inspire students to follow his ideals of perseverance, innovation, and dedication.

October - 19

ARI EMBROIDERY - WORKSHOP



Conducted a workshop focused on Ari embroidery, a traditional Indian embroidery technique known for its intricate and decorative stitching. The training aimed to teach participants the art of Ari embroidery, enhance their skills, and promote the preservation of this cultural craft. There are 50 children benefited out the workshop and this program supported by District Social Welfare and Women Rights Department, Government of Tamil Nadu.



October – 23

AYUTHA POOJA - CELEBRATED



Celebrated Ayutha Pooja, a significant Hindu festival dedicated to honoring tools, equipment, and vehicles. The event, which is part of the larger Vijayadashami celebrations, was organized to foster cultural awareness, unity, and appreciation among students and staff.

November - 04

STORY BOOKS FROM TULIKA PUBLICATION



We are aimed at enriching the reading experience of students. The objective was to expand the library's collection with engaging and educational story books that cater to a wide range of interests and reading levels. There are 100 children's books received from Tulika Publication by Free Library Network Team.



November - 14

CHILDREN'S DAY - CELEBRATED





Celebrated Children's Day, a special occasion dedicated to honoring and celebrating the joy and potential of children. The event aimed to create a memorable experience for students, highlight their talents, and foster a sense of community within the center. A skit played by children with the theme of Child Rights.

December - 12

CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE - INSPECTION

Child Welfare Committee (CWC) inspection was conducted at RSTC. The inspection aimed to evaluate the center's adherence to child welfare regulations, ensure the safety and well-being of students, and review the implementation of child protection policies.







December – 28

ART AND CRAFT WORKSHOP



We have organized an engaging Art and Craft Workshop aimed at nurturing creativity and artistic skills among students. The workshop provided a platform for students to explore various art forms and crafts, fostering their imagination and hands-on abilities. The event was well-received and contributed significantly to the students' artistic development. Special invitee Mr. Prabakar from Nalandaway foundation has taken active part in the workshop.

January – 15 **THAI PONGAL FESTIVAL - CELEBRATED**



We have celebrated the culturally significant festival of Pongal with great enthusiasm and joy. Pongal, a major harvest festival celebrated primarily in Tamil Nadu, marks the end of the harvest season and is a time of gratitude, feasting, and cultural festivities. The celebration at our school was aimed at promoting cultural awareness and engaging students in traditional customs and practices.



January – 26 **REPUBLIC DAY - CELEBRATED**



Republic Day is a significant national event that celebrates the values of democracy and the principles enshrined in the Indian Constitution. The celebration at our school was aimed at instilling patriotism, national pride, and an understanding of the importance of the Republic Day.

February - 02

BOOK FAIR - PARTICIPATED

We attended an engaging and enriching Book Festival conducted by Sivagangai District Administration to celebrate literature and encourage a love of reading among students. The festival was a significant event that provided students with the opportunity to explore various genres of books, participate in literary activities, and interact with authors and illustrators. The event aimed to foster a reading culture and promote literacy skills among children.





February – 09

MEDICAL CAMP - DEWORMING TABLETS PROVIDED

We have conducted a crucial health initiative by distributing de-worming tablets to students. This program was part of a broader effort to improve students' health and well-being, aiming to address and prevent intestinal worm infections, which are common among children. The initiative was organized in collaboration with Health Department and was designed to ensure the health and comfort of our student.

March - 05

ANTI TRAFFICKING UNIT AGAINST CHILD AND WOMEN – CWC -AWARENESS CAMPAIGN





ACTU Police unit and Child Welfare Committee conducted an awareness campaign to educate students about the Child Helpline, a crucial resource for providing support and assistance to children in need. The campaign aimed to raise awareness about the hipline's services, how to access help, and the importance of reaching out in times of distress. This initiative was part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of our students.



March - 12

STATE CONSULTANT - SAMAGARA SHIKSHA VISITS

We welcomed Mr. Vanarajan, the State consultant for Samagara Shiksha for an official inspection. The purpose of the visit was to evaluate the RSTC's compliance with state regulations, assess the implementation of Residential Special Training center and review overall operational and educational standards. The inspection provided an opportunity for the center to demonstrate its achievements and address any areas for improvement.

March – 21 **LEPROSY MEDICAL CHECKUP - CAMP**





We have conducted a leprosy camp aimed at raising awareness about leprosy, providing free medical screenings, and offering support and treatment to children who may be affected by the disease. The camp was organized in collaboration with health department and aimed to address health concerns, educate the community, and provide necessary medical intervention. During the camp, three children were identified with leprosy, and immediate steps were taken to address their health needs.



March – **ANNUAL DAY – CELEBRATION**





The Annual Day at Residential Special Training Center is a cherished tradition that highlights the exceptional talents and achievements of our students. This year, our Annual Day programs have been a testament to the creativity, hard work, and dedication of our center community. Children more excited about receiving programs such as Academic Excellence Awards, Art and Science Exhibits, Cultural Presentations. We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who contributed and supported throughout this year to run the residential special training center for tribal Narikuravar Community Children smoothly and meaningfully.





April 7 and 8 **EDUCATIONAL NEED ASSESSMENT STUDY - CONDUCTED**





The purpose of this assessment is to identify the educational needs of tribal community children and to propose actionable recommendations for enhancing their learning experiences and outcomes. Also covers an evaluation of current educational facilities, resources, and challenges faced by children and the administration. It includes data gathered from surveys, interviews, and observations. This study conducted in collaboration with Naladaway foundation by approval of Namma School Foundation, Government of Tamil Nadu. (Detailed report available)

May – 10 **Xth RESULT – ACHIEVEMENT**

We are thrilled to share the exciting news of a historic milestone for our nomadic tribe of narikuravar community. For the first time, two of our talented tribal children have successfully passed their 10th grade examinations, namely, Dhanush 412/500 and Duraipandi 414/500. This achievement marks a significant moment in our community's educational journey and represents a beacon of hope and progress for future generations.





