



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT



Renovation Work

- Our 2nd full school renovation through **crowd sourcing through friends & family**: MMS Bandishola where we have worked for last couple of years.
- Quadrangle cemented for cleaner premises.
- New stage constructed.
- Toilets renovated.
- Leaking roofs repaired.
- Painted by Municipality
- Wall art by Cognizant volunteers.

Two new classrooms added at MMS Gandhipuram School

- Two additional classrooms were built at MMS Gandhipuram, funded by **Microland Foundation**.
- These classrooms now ensure that each grade has a dedicated room for learning.
- We thank Microland Foundation for their generous support.
- We thank **Talin Industries** for providing us the furniture for the 2 classrooms.



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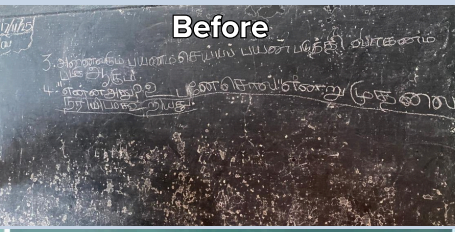
Distribution of Tablets

- We distributed 50 tablets to 13 rural schools to facilitate reading, sponsored by **Adhyan Charitable Trust** and **Soumya Sen**.
- The Google Read Along App ensures that kids can read without inhibition under the assistance of Diya, the reading bot, who not only corrects them but also rewards them by allocating stars.
- 65% of students showed a marked improvement in 6 months of usage.

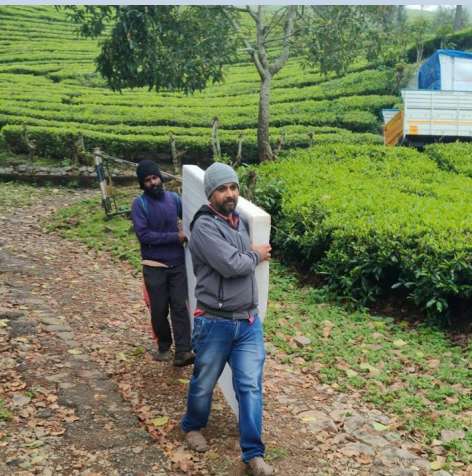


Distribution of Green Writing Boards

- It was while distributing the tabs that we realised that many schools didn't even have decent writing boards.
- 150 new green writing boards procured through **crowd sourcing on give.com** and fixed in around 40 schools including schools in the Gudalur block.
- A math teacher silently confided that her greatest trepidation while moving into the govt school system was writing on these cracked black boards



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EVENTS/PROGRAMS



Visit to PSG GRD Museum

- Around 150 children & care givers of the CMS foster home were taken to the PSG GRD Museum of Science & Technology, in Coimbatore.
- The students enjoyed learning through models and interactive exhibits.
- A treat from their favourite burger joint kept the excitement alive on their bus journey back.

Organised Daan Utsav first time in Coonoor

- Organised the Joy of Giving week that started with Gandhi Jayanthi, with various programs
- A street play by the Jagathala village at the town centre, honoured our unsung helpers, teaching curious onlookers about cleanliness.
- 4000 sandwiches were made by **Brindavan school, Ladies Circlers, Jain Sabha** and distributed
- St Antony's school wall was repainted by **Cognizant volunteers** with murals depicting acts of kindness & public awareness, supported by **Thoorigai**.
- Medicines, pre-loved clothes & books were donated by **BJS** & distributed to various institutions.
- Smileys were made by Govt school kids and chocolates were also exchanged.



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STEM and Sports

- Our school engagement in STEM, sports and digital literacy continued both in the Govt schools and CMS home.
- Helped in organizing science exhibitions and sports day in the respective schools.



Tink Her Hack 4.0

- Our first foray into college education was a resounding success
- Tink Her Hack, the world's largest Hackathon for women invaded **Providence College**, thanks to our collaboration with **Tinker Hub, Cochin**.
- After the initial apprehension, 35 teams including a few from the plains, presented their solutions with the help of local volunteer mentors, through models & Apps, winning attractive prizes.
- We look forward to Stage 2 where selected teams will compete for seed funding.

Learning Lab - Sponsored by Microland Foundation



- There was a consolidation of the activities of the Learning Lab at MMS Gandhipuram into a smooth flowing schedule despite the sudden new interventions brought about by the Education Dept.
- The digital, creative and reading corners continued with new interesting activities. The Karadi Path English learning program has greatly improved the confidence of the children while speaking English. We have also added a Math kit from Akshara Foundation for the evening classes to reinforce basics in Mathematics, which we found was greatly needed.
- A new Reading Metrics was added in the form of TARA Reading Assessment, in collaboration with IIT Bombay. The results show an improvement in performance for all grades in terms of WCPM & Phrasing, the biggest improvement was seen in Grade 6. We hope to introduce the same in Tamil as well next year.
- A Creative Carnival was organized to display the art and craft work performed during the year. Science Models were also exhibited. It was well received by the visitors and was even featured in the local TV news.
- We thank **Microland Foundation** for their invaluable support.

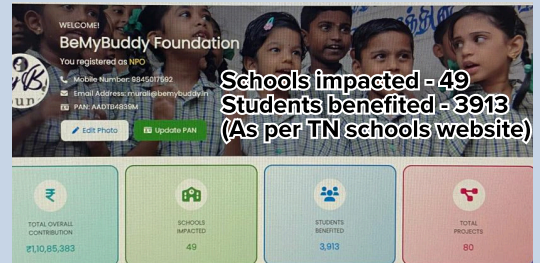


IMPACT & RECOGNITION



Words of appreciation from Government officials

- The **Nilgiris District Collector** dropped in at MMS Gandhipuram and had words of encouragement for the work we were doing. We thank you, Ma'am for visiting this school!
- The **District Superintendent of Police** graciously accepted our invitation to inspect our marching band at PUMS Bettati. Thank you Ma'am for inspiring our students!
- The **DEEO** was impressed by our tab distribution program. Thank you Sir!



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Recognised as Times Foundation Changemakers 2025

- We were honoured to participate at their Round Table on education, in Chennai - "Fueling Futures: The Power of Education & Skills"



School Impact & Reverse Migration

- As per the TN Education Dept's NSNOP website, we have impacted 49 schools and 3931 students in the last 2.5 years.
- The strength at MMS Gandhipuram the 1st school we renovated, has increased from 115 to 140. Reverse migration has started to take shape with children moving from pvt and aided schools. The pic above shows the new admissions from the Toda tribe

Coming Soon - An inclusive multi-activity space in Coonoor

Thank you - Team Donors & Supporters



Local Press Coverage

