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Letter from our Board of Director



Abhirami Arunachalam

Co-Founder / Director - Operations

Dear readers,

Wishing you all a very happy and prosperous new year!

Our January month newsletter covers the last and final month happenings of Thuvakkam in the year 2020. As the year ends, the entire Thuvakkam team had gathered together one last time this year to create a massive environmental change and social impact at Tamil Nadu Government Multi Super Speciality Hospital at Omandurar, Chennai for the in the Chennaiyil Vanam - Urban forestry plantation project which was done with the support of the GCC.

Following the mega native tree plantation at Siruseri, with the support of 'International Association for Human Value' an another round of 13500 trees saplings were planted at MIPL. Solar lamps were given out to create a sustainable living for the tribal families situated at Janakipuram who are daily wagers for a living with the help of the MSSW, CNSI and SunKing as our partners.

With more than 400+ people engaged in the entire December month, the happiest moment at Thuvakkam was when we were able to provide employment opportunities for more than 10+ daily wagers families including both men and women for creating a betterment in society. Overall, the month was filled with many smiles and change creating impacts leading to one of the most memorable years.

Even amidst COVID-19 this year, Thuvakkam was able to stand strong and help those in need and reach the unreachable only with the support of our partners, supporters and volunteers. The roots and pillars of the Thuvakkam are YOU! With deep gratitude, I thank each and everyone of you, you and you! THANK YOU!

With the new year comes, new beginnings and we are going to bring out a few exciting changes, new projects and much more important news for you in the next issues about our next FY21-22 plan. To know about them keep following our official sources and the newsletter!

Happy reading! attitude

Change Happenings



Change Created - December 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



Spotlight of the Month



Chennaiyil Vanam at Tamil Nadu Government Multi Super Speciality Hospital After a series of successful collaborations with the Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) towards creating “Chennaiyil Vanam” - Miyawaki Urban forests at different locations like Mugalivakkam and Sholinganallur at Chennai, Thuvakkam once again partnered with the GCC, this time along with the Tamil Nadu Government Multi Super Speciality Hospital (TNGMSSH), Omandur, Anna Salai to create a 10,000 Sq. ft forest inside their premises.

Continuing with the process of creating oxygen factories in the city, Thuvakkam with the help of TNGMSSH identified a 10,000 sq. ft barren land in the hospital campus and started off the preparatory works with the support of the GCC during the 2nd week of December. A total of 2000 tree saplings consisting of 25+ native plant species were planned to be planted in the site including Vembu, Sorgham, Atthi, Naval and so on.

Inauguration of the plantation was held on 19th December 2020, Saturday morning in the presence of prominent people such as Dr.J.Radhakrishnan IAS - Health Secretary, Govt of Tamilnadu; Dr.Vimala - Director, TNGMSSH; G.Prakash IAS - Commissioner, GCC; P.Akash IAS - RDC(North), GCC; Dr.Ananda Kumar - Nodal Officer, TNGMSSH; and Padmashri Vivek, actor.

Post the inauguration and starting of the plantation by the chief guests, over 100+ volunteers and members together started off the plantation drive and planted nearly 500 saplings on the same day. The remaining saplings were planted and forest was set-up in the subsequent days.

Thuvakkam believes strongly that creating such a dense green forest in the heart of the city will help develop a wonderful biodiversity amidst the concrete jungle. Soon, one will be able to witness a variety of birds and butterflies making these spots as their new home. Also, as the forest is inside hospital premises, it would also act as a mental refreshment to the patients visiting the hospital.

Doctors, Nurses, Zonal officers, House Keeping staffs, Security guards, Gardeners and also Corporation workers contributed their part by actively planting saplings in the forest. In total, the project was quite impactful witnessing participation from people from all walks of life. We hope this would create more awareness about urban afforestation and inspire more people to do their part in greenifying the city.

Total number of people benefitted

400

Total number of change impacted

1600

Total no of plants planted

2000

Total no of volunteers engaged

70

Total volunteering hours clocked

350

Change movements captured!



Wall of Praise

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

~ Dalai Lama

“Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC)”

For all the trust and belief that you have given to our team, it was really overwhelming and we really want to express our gratitude to you for your trust and also for your confidence in us. Thank you for your motivational support!

-External Relations

“David Derel”

You and your dedication are valuable to our team. Thus, we would like to say a big “Thank you” for everything you have done so far for us. Kudos!

-Programs

“Thuvakkam Members”

As we have come close to the end of 2020, we thank you all for everything you have done to make this a successful and terrific year! Looking forward to continuous support in the new year!

-Internal Relations

“Bewin Samuel”

Bewin's commitment, eager to learn attitude, sense of curiosity & capacity to adapt is & will be his most important success ingredient! You have been a great intern!

-Operations

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.



“CHANGE ACTIVIST”

BEWIN SAMUEL
**“Volunteer of the
Month-December”**



“CHANGE CRUSADER”

DAVID DEREL
**“Coordinator of the
Month-December”**



FB Change Impacts

Chennaiyil Vanam - TNGMSSH plantation
- 4,645 people reached



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