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Letter from our Board of Director



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Dear readers,

Thuvakkam stepped into the New Year with a seed full of plans and ideas for the year 2021. As the Covid crisis seems to have taken its place in the society, the world has become accustomed to its presence. 2020 was a pivotal year for Thuvakkam as well, changing the way it approaches events and social service. The first month of the year brought some brand new changes to the organization.

Thuvakkam has officially relocated to a new office closer to its event locations, at Ramapuram. The new premises has been operational for a few weeks and has proven to be invaluable in coordinating events. Notably, Thuvakkam organized its Annual General body Meeting (AGM) for the year 2021 at the new office space. Following standard operating procedures, as always, Thuvakkam members, volunteers and a few guests gathered for an exchange of ideas. Read all about the topics discussed, the attendees, Thuvakkam's goals for the year and more in this edition of the newsletter.

Thuvakkam has also begun to ramp up its activities, organizing events more frequently both on and off the field. Plantation and maintenance activities, along with online seminars and sessions have found their place in Thuvakkam's monthly list of events. And January 2021 also saw Thuvakkam restarting some of its classic events. Namely, Thuvakkam's "Cleanup After Dark" initiative. This has been a favourite for both volunteers and members alike. Flip the pages for a look at how the event unfolded, and some numbers on Thuvakkam's efforts this past month.

All of these and more have been possible only with the support of volunteers and kind hearted souls like yourself. Thuvakkam's seed full of plans can be nurtured only with the hope and efforts of every single member, volunteer and supporter. And one day, with all the change these efforts create, it will grow into a tree in a better society.

Thank you for the continued support,

Annual General Body Meet (AGM) & New Office Update



The first month of the new decade has brought notable changes to Thuvakkam. As with any organization that grows, Thuvakkam has now grown enough to move into a newer, bigger office space. The new base of operations is located at Ramapuram, at a point easily accessible to Thuvakkam's multiple Miyawaki forests.

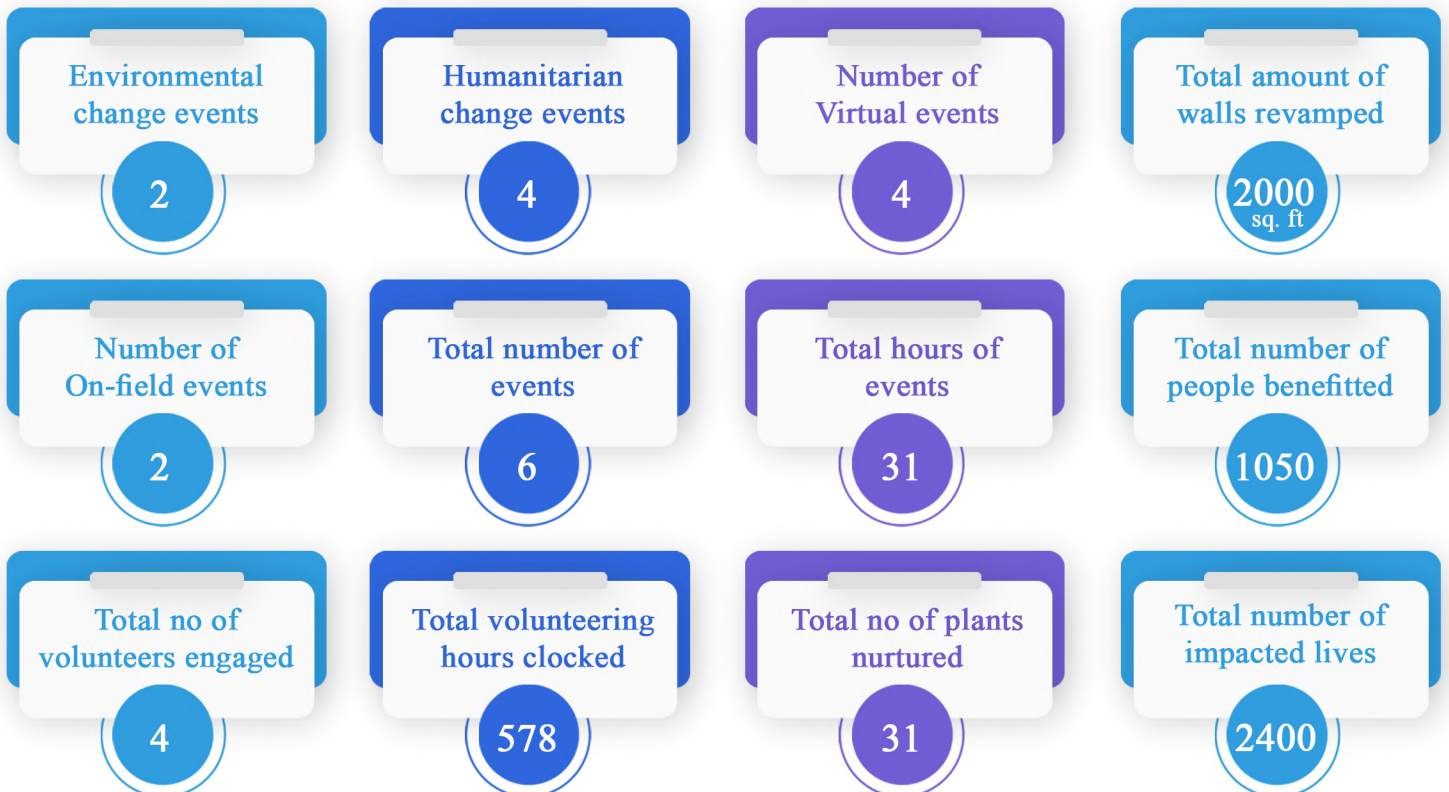
Once settled in, Thuvakkam organized its Annual General body Meeting (AGM) for the year on January 24, 2021. The AGM was conducted at the new premises, as a formal gathering of Thuvakkam's Board of Directors (BoD), Members and dedicated volunteers. Adhering to Thuvakkam's own SoP for Covid, visitors wore masks and used hand sanitizers before joining in the meeting. The AGM was commenced with an address from the CEO and Founder Krishna Kumar Suresh, who briefed on Thuvakkam's completed major projects. Highlighting Thuvakkam's willingness to adapt to a pandemic like situation, he appreciated the members and volunteers before calling the meeting to order.

The proceedings began with a member from each of Thuvakkam's six departments listing their team's contribution for the year 2020. Those who were unable to attend due to unavoidable circumstances were connected digitally during the meet. The briefs were followed by a summarized finance report regarding Thuvakkam's income/expenditures for the year 2020. With the recap of Thuvakkam's yesteryear events completed, each BoD was welcomed to present their department's Thuvakkam Vision 2021 to the gathering. Prior to the proceedings, Mr. Jeevaganth was officially instated as the Director of Finance.

Mr. Parthiban of the Department of Programs talked about the variety of events planned for the year. He was followed by Mr. Christopher (Director - External Relations), who talked about Thuvakkam's growing relationships with government and private entities alike. Mr. Guna (Director - Internal Relations) then talked about plans for Member & Volunteer engagement in the year, both on field and off the field. Following his presentation, Mr. Karthik (Director - R&D) talked about strengthening the identity of Thuvakkam through branding and merchandising. Subsequently, Ms. Abhirami (Director - Operations) talked about the changes in Thuvakkam's modus operandi, incorporating transparency and better documentation. Finally, Mr. Jeevaganth provided the estimated annual budget for the year, along with Thuvakkam's financial plans and goals.

The AGM provided a great way to set goals for the year 2021 and boost the Thuvakkam members' resolve in creating a better society.

Change Impacts - January 2021



Spotlight of the Month



12-hour CLEAN-A-THON drive Thuvakkam has always taken up the responsibility of reviving the neglected government and public buildings through its initiative of ‘Clean after dark’. As a part of this initiative, the public places are taken and revamped completely overnight, giving them a fresh coat of paint. In addition, the walls are painted with artworks and social awareness messages.

With this new normality sinking in and people adapting to the new lifestyle, Thuvakkam, came up with the “12-hour CLEAN-A-THON drive”, to kick off the on-field painting events to help those in need while at the same time following the COVID-19 safety measures and protocols.

When selection of places for the painting and artwork to be done, importance is always given to school buildings more as they impart knowledge to the upcoming generations sowing the seeds of change in the minds of students. At Thuvakkam, we truly believe it is highly essential for these students to learn in a surrounding that is clean and filled with creativity as it harbours the seeds of change.

By this, we took up the buildings at Government Institute for Intellectually Disabled situated at Tambaram Sanitorium, Chennai for the 12-hour clean-a-thon project. This school, in particular, is for education for special children making the project a much more significant and closer to heart than the rest. Their walls were cleaned, scrubbed and painted with beautiful artwork from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. The whole event was sponsored by CNSI Inc.

Overall 40+ volunteers took part in the entire event covering more than 3000 sq. ft of wall area with fresh coats of paints and art works. The end result made all the hard work of the entire team worth it. It was refreshing to see revamped buildings with attractive artworks and cartoons. Ms.Anandhi, AHM of this government middle school, felt that the students will love this changeover and enjoy each day of learning and she is excited to witness that when the children would be back to school after the lockdown.

Seeing the participation and involvement of the volunteers along with their families for events is what is even more motivating for us, the entire team at Thuvakkam! As this shows, Together we can always rise above anything!

Lastly, we would like to extend our gratitude towards the volunteers who made this event a grand success. It was great to see you all contribute towards changing society into a better place for which we are striving hard. We are intrigued to bring up more such events in the future to attain our mission.



Change movements captured!



Wall of Praise

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

~ Dalai Lama



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”

SIVARAMAN
**“Volunteer of the
Month-January”**




“CHANGE CRUSADER”

SIRAJUDEEN
**“Coordinator of the
Month-January”**

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