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### Preface

#### Dear readers,

Happy to reach you all with our November newsletter!

It is our collective and individual responsibility to preserve and tend to the world in which we all have a safe and eco-friendly environment. Change starts from within and it reflects collectively on the whole as a bigger change to the society and the environment. Thus, Thuvakkam always finds a way to create a change in society by engaging the people who share the same interest and care towards the environment.

Thuvakkam projects are vastly diversified in nature. Rather than concentrating only on the mainstream activities, Thuvakkam works on plans that are actually needed and sustainable for society and the environment. Every activity Thuvakkam takes up is taken based on our experience, knowledge and strengths. This makes the end results even better and helps us as well to keep evolving stronger with every activity that we do.

In the month of October, Thuvakkam celebrated its 6th EEGAI THIRUVIZHA - JOY OF GIVING making this month a more memorable one. This month alone we at Thuvakkam have conducted a total of 15 events which are a mixture of both in-field and virtual events. Two schools were transformed into green schools by setting up kitchen gardens, revamping of school walls in this EEGAI. Apart from this almost 40+ school kids were engaged in a Back to School session where they were given awareness on environmental issues.

Overall this month, 70 plants were planted and 250 plants were nurtured. Around 4000 sq. ft of walls at schools were revamped and painted with artworks. Roughly, 1100 people benefited and 3750 people were impacted this month through Thuvakkam's activities.

Happy reading! Regards,

- Thuvakkam Team

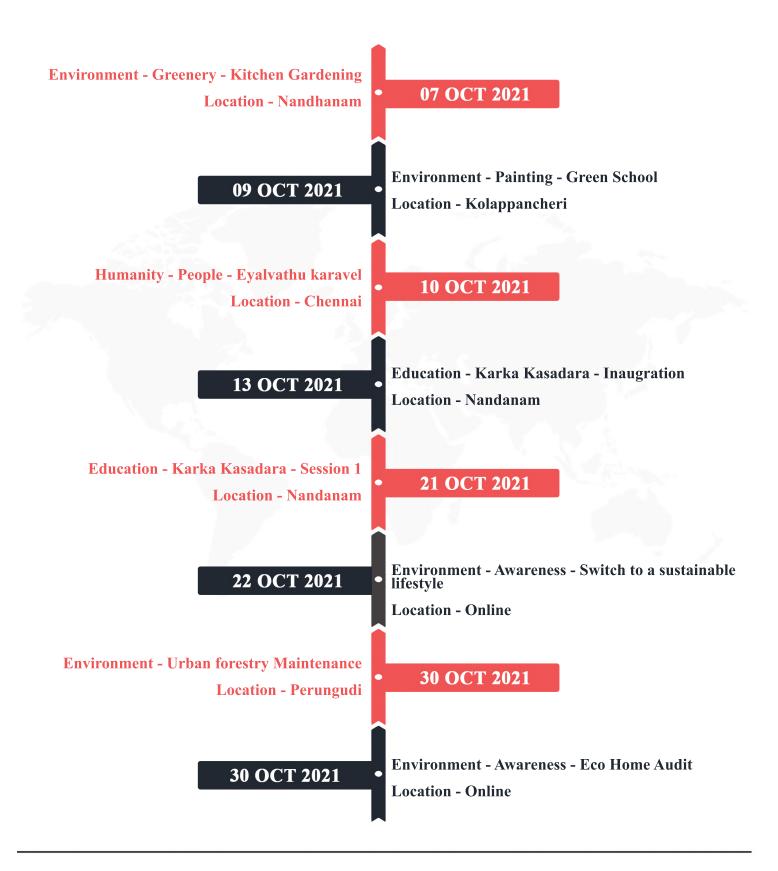
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### Change Happenings



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## Change Created - October 2021

"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



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### Spotlight of the Month



**Thuvakkam's 6th Eegai Thiruvizha** It is with much happiness that we at Thuvakkam state that our 6th Eegai Thiruvizha which was celebrated this October month was a grand success. The celebration was really special since it was our first grand Eegai Thiruvizha post the covid lockdown. Last year Eegai was completely held online due to the COVID lockdown imposition.

This year Eegai was filled with both online and field events. The overall theme revolved around creating a better future for the children in terms of environment and education as well. An education fundraiser for helping fund 9 students' education was started on the eve of Eegai Thiruvizha with a goal of raising ₹ 1.75 lakhs.

At the same time, two schools were taken up and revamped. Setting up of the kitchen gardens in their premises and artwork painting of school walls were carried out. This helped create awareness and to motivate students and the general public on the importance of a green environment. We also conducted back to school competitions to the government school kids where the children were engaged in real-time at activities like drawing, craft and essay writing as they had not been engaged in any competitions participation since lockdown. This helped create an opportunity for the kids to be more creative, have fun and encourage them as well.

In addition to these activities at school, Thuvakkam also conducted an on-field Zero hunger drive, online skill building sessions and social media events to give back to the society during the EEGAI. By the end of EEGAI, the entire team was able to raise a fund of ₹ 1.78 lakhs for the education of 9 students in 7 days with the help of various volunteers, supporters, partners and well-wishers. We take this time to thank each and every person who has helped make this possible!

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# Change Moments Captured!



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### Wall of Praise

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

~ Dalai Lama

#### **OPERATIONS**

A shout-out to all the people at the Operations team for their active participation in the Eegai Thiruvizha for showing dedication for many field events by working day & night to make the event a success

~ THUVAKKAM TEAM

#### **HCL FOUNDATION**

With the sponsorship of the HCL Foundation, Thuvakkam was able to successfully do development events in 2 different schools and we hope we strengthen our bond and collaborate with many development projects in the future.

~ THUVAKKAM TEAM

#### **MAJITHA**

Post this Covid successfully carried out the educational initiative and implemented it well. Congratulations on your good work.

~ SIRAJDEEN

#### **ARIDHARAN**

Kudos to Mr. Aridharan for helping to make the 14 Hours paintathon event end flawlessly.

~ CHRISTOPHER

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.

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"Volunteer of the Month-October"

"Coordinator of the Month- October"



