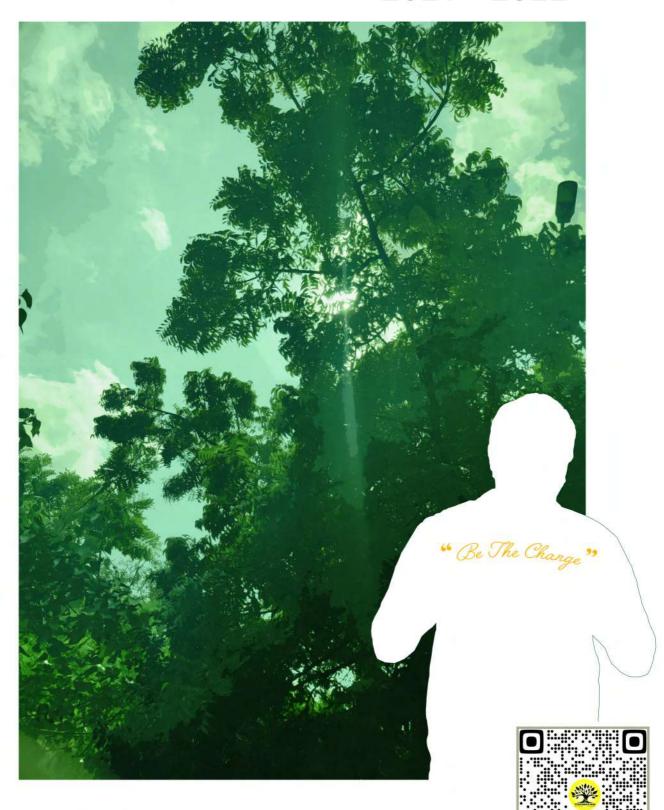


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### Vision

To uphold virtues and create a better society

### Mission

To create awareness on various social issues and to work towards a clean and green environment to enhance societal well-being

### Foreword



Abhirami Arunachalam Co-Founder/President

Thuvakkam at our roots believe that to really change the world, we have to help people change the way they see things. We need to inspire them to be a part in creating those changes. That is how the dream for a better society takes its first step into the practical world.

Over these past 8 years, we have had a beautiful journey filled with many life changing milestones. What started out as a small droplet has created a ripple of change across various geographical locations in southern parts of India. Started out with small plantation events at Chennai and working towards environment and its sustainability, Thuvakkam has now grown over the years and spread its wings working over various domains such as poverty eradication, healthcare, clean energy, humanity and education.

Touching the lives of many people in this process, Thuvakkam has been able to create sustainable changes that have paved the way towards a better environment, community and society as a whole. Bagging the first place in the eNgo Challenge under the Environment, Agriculture & Green Tech category for one of our signature Urban forestry projects this year has been an addition boost of morale to keep going a further step ahead.

What you are to see in this report are the glimpses of acts of change that we have been able to create and to inspire others to become the change that they wish to see in the society. Filled with peace and gratitude for all the support and motivation we have received till date, on behalf of the entrie team of Thuvakkam I extend our heartfelt thank you. Hoping to see you all continue your journey with us on creating a better society for everyone.



Krishna Kumar Suresh Founder/CEO

"Be the Change that you want to See", has been Thuvakkam's inspiration ever since our beginnings.

Thuvakkam set out with nothing but a dream to impact our immediate society through poverty eradication, sustainable environment, and education. Now, when stepping into our 9th year of creating change, we stand proud and tall, having come a long way since our inception. As I look back at the year gone by, I am filled with the sense of satisfaction and pride for my team which has built a platform that has reached more people than any year gone by. We are now with a presence outside Tamil Nadu and continue to grow where the society needs us more!

In these last 8 years of our journey, Thuvakkam has witnessed the important challenges that humanity is up against. And in those moments, it has showcased the amazing power people have as a collective force to bring a greater change across the world. With over 900+ change activities organized both on-field and virtually, our entire team has been able to engage more than 23,500+ volunteers who have clocked more than 1,05,000+ hours to impact the lives of 5,00,000+ people.

As we continue on our journey to a stronger community, we are honored that you have chosen to join us as a partner, supporter, volunteer, and friend.

Our success stories that you will find in the report, speak for themselves and I would like to add that each and every member of the team has worked selflessly during the last year and remain committed to the cause and my special thanks to them for being with us. I invite you to learn more about our work and Join with us in making an impact and building our society together.

## Thuvakkam through the years



Thuvakkam began in the year 2014, as an enthusiastic group of college students came together with the core intent of doing good in the society. The name "Thuvakkam" has its root in the Tamil language, and translates to "A Beginning". This represents the core driving force of the organization, where they wish to be the beginning of the change they wish to see in the society. Thuvakkam NGO continues to operate with the same passion with the goal of creating positive change in the society.

The first few years of operations were the formative years of Thuvakkam. As the NGO grew and branched out with more and more innovative and stand out events, the identity of the organization took shape. Realizing the goal of a better society for all needs a holistic approach, Thuvakkam thereby doesn't limit itself to just one sphere of action. There are 3 domains that Thuvakkam works in: Environment, Education, and Humanity.

Under these three domains, Thuvakkam has numerous flagship events. "Urban Forestry" and "Clean and Color" are some of Thuvakkam's Environment initiatives that have a large impact on the society. And the Education initiatives of "Sponsor for Success" and "Karka Kasadara" have touched the lives of countless children. Any and all other

goodwill projects of Relief work, awareness initiatives and fundraisers are carried out under the banner of "Humanity".

For all of the activities that Thuvakkam organizes and for every project that Thuvakkam undertakes, the team of Thuvakkam performs the due diligence before, during and after the event. This involves following protocols or guidelines, engaging with the local governing bodies, contacting volunteers, collaborating with organizations and working with companies. Through its years of dedicated operations, Thuvakkam has formed good relations with numerous government and private entities all over India, generating good will and comradery with their members. This has been beneficial for all involved, especially the people. Collaboration has strengthened the growth of the organization and helped it touch the lives of a lot more people.

Thuvakkam's strength continues to be its volunteers, seen in its growth to be a grassroots level organization. In the 8th year of operations, Thuvakkam continues to take strides to create a better society for all.



### Domains of Thuvakkam



### **Environment**



 ${f T}$ huvakkam's environment events are focused on combating Climate change and improving green cover. One of the flagship initiatives is the creation and maintenance of Urban forests, wherein a patch of land is chosen, prepared, and planted with indigenous Miyawaki methodologies. species using Thuvakkam ensures the forest becomes selfsufficient by maintaining it for a period of two years. Nutrition gardens are also setup at schools with kitchen and medicinal plants to be used in mid-day meals. Thuvakkam also carries out "Clean and Color" activities where public spaces are revamped with a fresh coat of paint, artwork and murals.

### Education



Education is the greatest tool that can change the society for the better. Thuvakkam's "Karka Kasadara" programme is a custom syllabus that is taught to children of government and government-aided schools which covers a wide variety of practical topics for students in high school. This includes subjects like "Computer literacy", "Arasiyal Pazhaghu", "Mann thavaram soru", "Naan yaar?", etc. Thuvakkam also helps raise funds for those willing to pursue education, but are unable to do so due to financial constraints. Through "Sponsor for success", Thuvakkam helps and monitors students to enable them achieve their dreams.

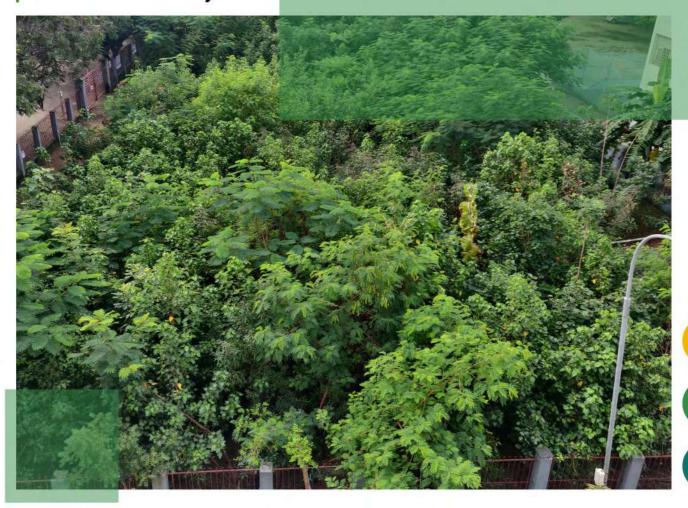
### Humanity



Through re-kindling the humanity present inherently in every person, a stronger and better society can be formed. Thuvakkam's humanity initiatives such as Relief works, Modern Thandora - public awareness, and Kural are focused on triggering progressive thoughts in the people. Organized as the need arises, Thuvakkam helps coordinate efforts where needed, be it Cyclone, floods, or Covid relief work. And through "Kural", the online positive journalism platform, Thuvakkam showcases stories of positivity that is curated completely by volunteers and published online as social media posts and blogs.



### **Urban Forestry**

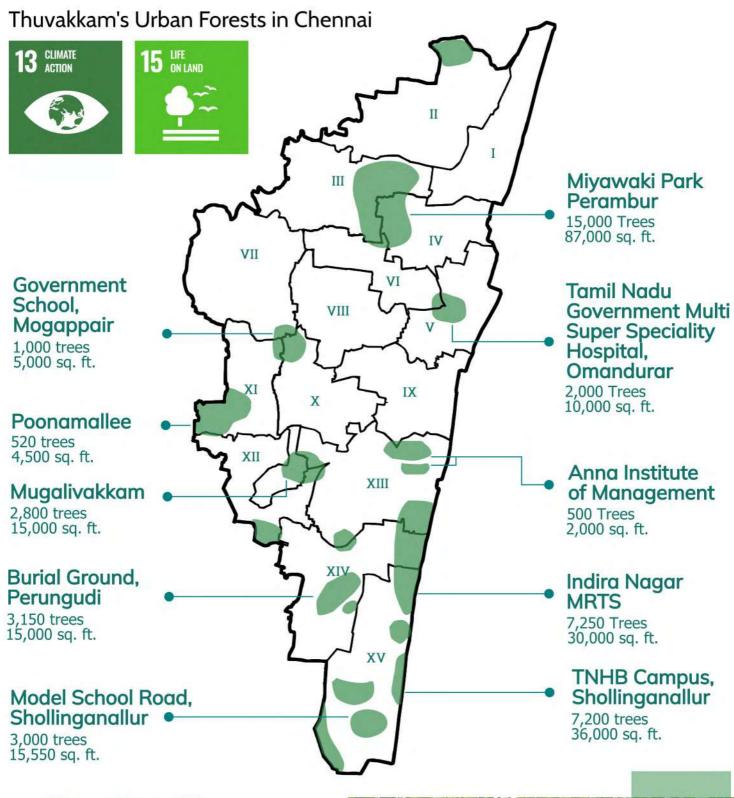


In the concrete jungle that has become the cityscape, Thuvakkam's Urban Forestry aims to inject a bit of greenery into the ecosystem. Following the methodologies of the Miyawaki Method, Thuvakkam planted the first sapling the first Miyawaki forest in 2018. This was the beginning of the forestry project, which has grown to over 32 forests all over Tamilnadu. Thuvakkam takes care of the forests for a period of 2 years after the plantation, ensuring survivability of the saplings. In this period, Thuvakkam engages volunteers in frequent maintenance activities, include deweeding, spraying panchakavya, and the replacement of any lost sapling.

Through the Miyawaki technique, it is possible to create 30 times denser forests in small spaces, with 10 times faster growth rate. Thuvakkam has adapted this technique to work in the Indian ecosystem, choosing indigenous species that are suited for the local weather conditions. Thuvakkam follows scientific methods throughout the entire process, from the soil testing until the care.

By the end of 2 years, the plants in the forest will become self-sustained, negating the need for continued care. Thuvakkam's largest forest spans an area of 2.3 acres, and houses over 60 different species. Thuvakkam's forests have gained the attention of local and national agencies for their environment and climate change impacts.













32 Forests in Tamilnadu 86,415 trees

> 5,59,630 sq. ft (12.85 acres)



### Schoolorts

**New Initiative** 

Thuvakkam's "Schoolorts" project is aimed at improving the outlook of government and government aided schools. Due to the Covid mandated lockdowns, the schools bore a dilapidated look, lacking maintenance in that period. As the students gradually started to return to their classrooms, the dreary walls were sure to stifle any imagination in these Through "Schoolorts", minds. Thuvakkam revamped the school walls with paint and artwork.

Engaging volunteers and corporate partners, Thuvakkam began refurbishing the walls with a base coat of paint. Upon this blank canvas, volunteers drew artwork that would kindle the minds of the students. This included moral slogans, portraits of great leaders and visionaries, caricatures, cartoon characters, inspiring thoughts and beautiful landscapes. This was in a way a welcome back to school gift for the students.



1,51,253 sq. ft. painted in 2021-22

3.15.853 sq. ft. painted in total







### Green Space Maintenance

**New Initiative** 



Open Space Reservation (OSR) lands are earmarked by the government to be areas of recreation such as playgrounds and parks. Thuvakkam undertakes the maintenance of such areas in collaboration with different entities. Currently, a 15.6 acre of land is being maintained by Thuvakkam in the notable SIPCOT Industrial park. After surveying the land, Thuvakkam identified the species that are present and suitable for an open area. Using gardening tools and equipment, the area is being pruned of unnecessary growth such as weeds and bushes. Periodic watering of the plants is also being carried out to for the greenery. And to prevent grazing of existing plants in the area, fences have also been constructed in the medians and within the perimeter of the area.

With Thuvakkam's knowledge of plants and tree care, any piece of land can be converted into pockets of greenery. With access to the public, these places can be transformed into recreational areas with pathways, basic facilities and additional infrastructure such as benches and restrooms.













### Green School

**New Initiative** 





**G**reen School is a combination of two initiatives of Thuvakkam, those being Nutrition Garden and Clean and Color. government Implemented in schools. Thuvakkam plants and maintains gardens composed of kitchen use and medicinal plants. These include, vegetables, fruits, herbs, and medicinal use plants like neem, white-chaste tree, etc. Thuvakkam also maintains these gardens with the help of school staff, as well as replacing any plants that have completed their life-cycle or lost due to weather conditions. The produce from these gardens will be used in the school kitchen to prepare the children's mid-day meals.



Accompanying these gardens are artwork that are informative in terms of the plants. Identifying flora and fauna that have been planted, or are indigenous to the Indian ecosystem. This will engage the students and trigger an interest in gardening. Thuvakkam organizes periodic maintenance activities with the volunteers and the school children to familiarize them with plant care and impart the importance of plants in everyone's lives.





### Karka Kasadara

Education is the most impactful tool that can change the society for the better. The education of a single child can alter the life of themselves, their families, and the society and nation overall. But not all education is the same, and not all children get the same opportunities. Thuvakkam's goal of holistic progress towards a better society starts from the classroom, impact the young minds. The Karka Kasadara programme is an initiative that follows practical pedagogies to ensure the students understand the value of their education. With topics like "Naan Yaar?" (Who "Arasiyal literacy, Computer Pazhaghu" (Practical politics), thaavaram soru" (Plants and produce), Thuvakkam imparts ideas that will help them in their day-to-day lives and in their career goals.

Thuvakkam also works with organizations to develop syllabi that is suited to their educational goals and topics, thereby ensuring the students receive the appropriate education that can help them succeed. Thuvakkam's teachers and volunteers are trained in the subjects that they will teach, engaging the students in activities as well as classes. These activities at the beginning of the class will be tied to the subject of the day, and also foster collaboration and teamwork amongst the children, teaching valuable social skills.



There will also be periodic assessments in the form of oral and written tests, as well as homework to ensure they understand the topic. The students will also be able to share their ideas, work on their reading and speaking skills in discussions. By talking about topics the kids will gain valuable life skills that will help them understand the society that they are a part of. This is especially valuable for those who are returning to the classrooms after the Covid lockdown. Unlike a regular class, Karka Kasadara is about triggering the joy of learning in students.







### Sponsor for Success

Not all children can afford education due to their circumstances. Children struggle to get quality education that will define their career and could support themselves and their families. Thuvakkam realized that very early and started this initiative to support students who aren't able to afford their education.

Bright young minds that require financial support to carry on their education are selected and vetted by the Thuvakkam team and supported. These children range from high school students all the way to graduates. Thuvakkam ensures their financial background and family structure (single parent household, first literate in the family, etc.) before fundraising. Special preference is given to girl children for funding their education. These funds are raised from volunteers, who can view the profile of the Thuvakkam's on (www.thuvakkam.org/sfsscholarship). If a donor chooses to fund the education of a particular student, Thuvakkam will send them periodic updates on the student's milestones such as graduation or test results as a sign of gratitude and the positive change that they have made.

The aim of the sponsor for success is not only to fulfil their financial needs. Thuvakkam conducts scholars' meetings with students every month. In the meeting, we discuss with students about their academic growth, struggles in their education with solutions to overcome it. This forms a bond with their peers and builds a network for their future. Thuvakkam also offer career students, guidance to the thereby guaranteeing a stable future independency for their life.



www.thuvakkam.org/sfsscholarship/





29 students sponsored in 2021-22

62 students supported in total













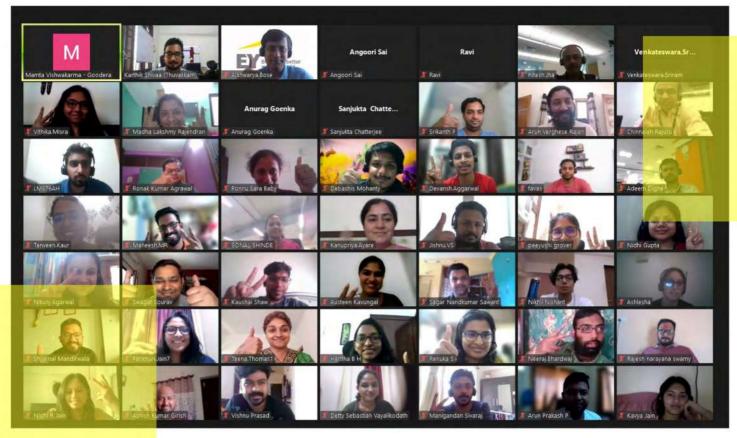


### Thuvakkam Virtual









The Covid pandemic impacted a multitude of lives in different ways. Starting from the livelihoods of the daily wage workers, to large industries, Thuvakkam, as a Non Government Organization continued its relief efforts, but also ramped up its online presence. Virtual volunteering has allowed organizations and volunteers to team up and make geographical contributions transcending boundaries.

Virtual volunteering ensured volunteers stay safe at home while not compromising on their acts of goodwill. The desire to make a change, an internet connection and a laptop or mobile phone sufficed the minimum requirements and ensured successful completion of tasks assigned to volunteers. The focus in virtual volunteering revolves around DIY "Do it Yourself". From activities in domains of content gardening designing, the essence of driving a change remains substantial. The Positive Journalism initiative "Kural - The Voice of Truth" launched by Thuvakkam is an online platform that is curated entirely by volunteers. social media posts, Through blogs, informative sessions, Read and reveal and more, Thuvakkam engages volunteers within the comforts of their home, suited to their skills.



72 online events in 2021-22

187 online events in total





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### Care and Relief efforts

Be it Natural disasters or Pandemic, people from different walks of life can help or need help. In times of difficulties, there is a need to consolidate efforts and provide timely support to the affected. Thuvakkam drafts out action plans depending on the requirements of the situation. Through establishing communication with the people who need help, Thuvakkam identifies how to alleviate their struggles best. With donation drives, food drives, and provision supply, the people in dire need of support at their most vulnerable times and helped to stay afloat in any crisis.





6,362 people benefited in 2021-22

13,897 people benefited in total





For the past few years, Thuvakkam has been constantly extending its supporting hand in aiding people who are affected by natural disasters. Notably, Thuvakkam has coordinated efforts during the 2015 Chennai Floods, the 2018 Gaja Cyclone, and the COVID-19 pandemic and the unprecedented rain and floods in December 2021. The relief kits assembled by Thuvakkam contain basic provisions, pulses, rice, sanitary products and groceries. All to help provide for families who may be suffering due to the crisis.

### Help for Humanity

**New Initiative** 



advancement of technology, medicine has helped countless lives. The impact of life saving medicine, vaccines, and treatments cannot be measured in just monetary value. The lives that are alleviated through medicine will forever be changed, and can change society. Thuvakkam's humanitarian causes are centered around reaching the people directly, and fulfilling most pressing need. In Thuvakkam saw a rise in requests for medical aid. This being in the form of treatment costs, medical bills, support for medicines, etc. Especially during the Covid pandemic, Thuvakkam helped the people by identifying and redirecting calls for the availability of hospital beds. There were also requests for the supply of oxygen tanks that Thuvakkam coordinated with suppliers and identified localized filling stations.

But this was not enough, as the cost and variety of requests grew with time. Thuvakkam launched the "Help Humanity" initiative in 2021 to provide aid for Through medical requests. fundraising, patients and their families will be able to support their different medical costs. Be it medicines, treatment, surgery, or even post-operation care. All funds raised will be handed over directly to the requestors.

On a larger scale, Thuvakkam also helps uplift and upgrade medical centers in remote parts of the country. Rural and semi-urban suburbs lack critical care centers and rely of smaller medical clinics. Thuvakkam procures materials and equipments such as beds, chairs, pans, single-use accessories and more as required.

Health is a basic need for life, and Help for Humanity ensures its accessibility for all.





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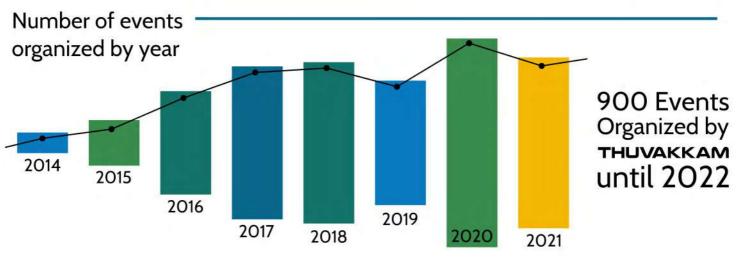


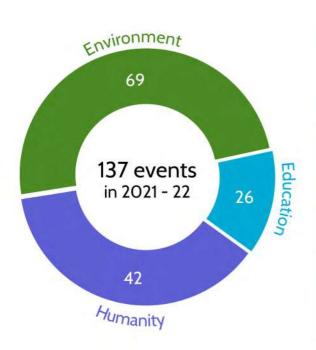
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Thuvakkam organizes, coordinates and hosts a variety of events in all three domains of Environment, Education, and Humanity. Plantation activities, maintenance events, Meet and greet with nature, clean and color, relief kits distribution, zero hunger drives, karka kasadara classes and much more are part of the on field event roster. Similarly, Thuvakkam has engaged volunteers virtually in informative sessions, upskilling, virtual eco tours, do-it-yourself activities and much more.

Year on year, Thuvakkam has founded new initiatives and events that can help and engage more people.













**V**olunteering at Thuvakkam involves being associated with the organization on a grassroot level to eradicate the problems present in the society. During the past year, undertook both virtual and Thuvakkam offline volunteering initiatives. Covering the domains of Environment, Education, and Humanity, Thuvakkam volunteers have made significant contributions to their projects including Urban forestry, Kitchen gardening, Relief efforts, and Green school among others. Volunteers also contributed from the comfort of their home or office in Virtual volunteering activities. In the form of fundraisers, blogs, DIYs, read and reveal book sessions, debates and discussions, the volunteers took the time to create change from wherever they are. Thuvakkam also identifies and appreciates volunteers in its monthly newsletter, as well as during the events, thereby encouraging their passion and humanity.

The spirit of volunteering is the guiding force of Thuvakkam, as with each passing year the support and enthusiasm shown by volunteers at Thuvakkam events have grown manifold.





23,500+ volunteers engaged in 2014 - 2022 for 1,05,000

volunteering hours



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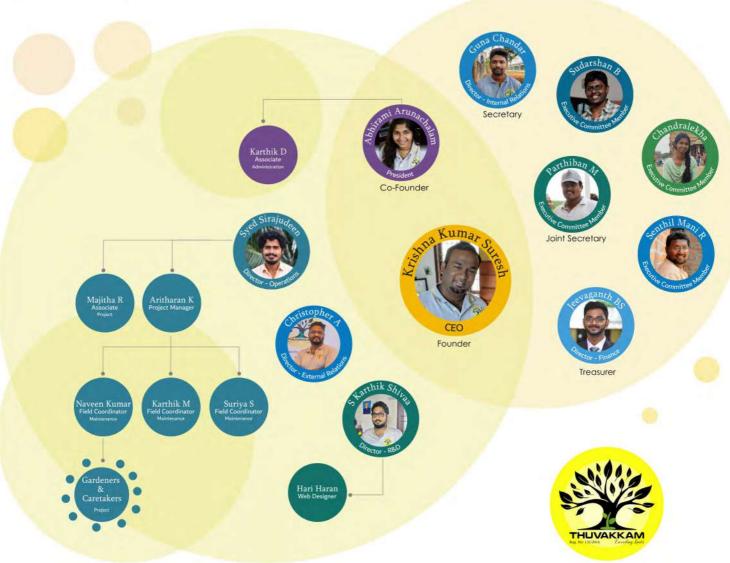




**8** years ago Thuvakkam started as a volunteering organization and it undertook environmental initiatives. Through word of mouth and support received from peers and mentors, Thuvakkam grew into a structural organization in the span of four years and started undertaking CSR activities from 2018. The spade works done in the earlier years acted as guide and established the organization into a full time working structure.

Each team member in the organization comes with their own set of skills and experience that has aided Thuvakkam in the path it is on. Creating a better society for all is no easy task, but with the right people and aa like mind, the journey has made good progress. Thuvakkam has created 32 Miyawaki Urban Forests in Tamil Nadu planting over 70,000 trees in an area of 12 acres. Thuvakkam has sponsored education for 200 kids through "Sponsor For Success" and has reached a total of 2,000 students through Karka Kasadara initiatives. Over the years under humanity initiative Thuvakkam has coordinated relief efforts for the people affected by different crises. Tribal communities were provided with electricity and prominent festivals like pongal were celebrated with them. Thuvakkam has done mimes and street plays on pertinent topics for social awareness such as corruption, environment, women empowerment and others.

### Thuvakkam's Organization Chart



**D**riven by the passion to serve for this society ,there comes a situation that requires amalgamated minds of different sets of individuals working towards the same goal for greater good and harmony. It is easy to say "United we stand but divided we fall". The core of understanding the importance of teamwork doesn't lie in unison alone. It involves a multitude of other aspects that include vulnerability, strength and willingness present in oneself and others that goes through the test of time. The essence of enjoying the fruits of teamwork is in the hands of every individual in an organization whereby each individual grows accept, acknowledge, accommodate and acclimatize to the differences present in each member while honing responsibilities in the work structure.

Thuvakkam as an organization understands, accepts, acknowledges and accommodates the differences that make everyone's efforts realized. Every individual has a different take on societal well-being. Thuvakkam is committed to fulfill its duties while taking into account the ideas and intents of each individual in every possible way. Thuvakkam would like to see itself far into the future where its efforts as a team would create a space for more members in the organization with a broadened outlook to accommodate the interests, passion of every individual.



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### Partnering with Thuvakkam







































































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And many more...



In Thuvakkam's journey of creating a better society, there has been a growing network of like minded partners who have joined hands with the organization. Partners from different spheres and different domains. All with the common goal of doing good for the people.

Thuvakkam has worked with different corporates on all three domains Environment, Education and Humanity. Creating Urban Forests, teaching Karka Kasadara classes at schools, packaging Relief Kits during calamities for the people and much more. Thuvakkam periodically submits progress reports and completion reports as needed. This is helped both Thuvakkam and the partner make notable progress with the work.

Thuvakkam has also received support from different schools and colleges for volunteers and interns. The team at Thuvakkam has helped coordinate and train them for gaining real world experience. All of these have been made possible with Government bodies and agencies from different districts and their associated commissioners and Thuvakkam is thankful for all the partners who work with the organization and look forward to future associations.



https://thuvakkam.org/partner/

### Thuvakkam Online

From its initial days, Thuvakkam has engaged volunteers through what means available. And one of the powerful tools utilized for this purpose has been social media. Thuvakkam has been active on all social media platforms, for campaigns and awareness.

Thuvakkam posts daily about ongoing initiatives, nostalgic moments, awareness media, informative videos, and event updates. Onfield live interactions with volunteers during activities are also shared from the field. These updates are just a portion of the social media content. Thuvakkam also organizes interviews, podcasts, discussions, online quizzes to keep the conversation going. Keeping up with trends, Thuvakkam also shares posters and videos that are relevant at that moment.

Thuvakkam's growing network aids in garnering support for the events in the form of volunteers, donors for fundraises, and partners for implementation of projects. Each participant is an integral part of creating a better society for all.

1,341 followers linkedin.com/company/thuvakkam



### Thuvakkam Newsletter

In order to keep the supporters updated on the positive change they are creating, Thuvakkam sends out a monthly newsletter. The newsletter showcases a spotlight event of thuvakkam, special moments of the month, and notes of gratitude to the supporters and a standout volunteer.

\*The newsletter, social media handles and Thuvakkam website are the only official news sources of Thuvakkam.



10,846 followers

facebook.com/thuvakkam



1,604 followers

instagram.com/thuvakkam



303 followers

twitter.com/thuvakkam





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### Thuvakkam in the News

The events and activities that are carried out by Thuvakkam have always been towards the goal of creating a better society. For this cause, Thuvakkam comes up with unique and eye catching ideas such as "Backie-Walkie", "Paintathon", "Plogging", "Street play", and more. Thuvakkam's efforts have been covered by different organizations and media over the years. This has helped spread awareness about the social issues handled by Thuvakkam.

Notably, Thuvakkam's Urban Forestry initiative has been a flagship project that has garnered much attention. Multiple organizations, government bodies have reached out to Thuvakkam for consultation and implementation of the same.













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### Transforming public spaces with Tamil Nadu's



Thuvakkam, a Chennal-based NGO that works on education, environment and humanity initiatives for children in government schools, has been toped in to paint the walls of Jaigopal Garodia School. Nanganailur, and Nishi School. Alandur. Bays Krishna Kumar, CEO, Thuvakkam, "We choose messages that will be suitable for schoolchildren. We have got many requests now and will be working on some more school walls too."

### கேரள துயர் துடைக்கும் 'துவக்கம்' Newstm

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### Chennai Community Grow 25 Miyawaki Forests Across Tamil Nadu, Raise 65,000 Trees

Krishnakumar S from Chennai founded NGO Thuvakkam to increase green cover in the city and the surrounding districts. They now have a total of 1,800 volunteers

Japanese botanist Akira Miyawaki envisaged the concept of Miyawaki forests in the 1980s. The technique involves growing a dense forest in a small area with shrubs, trees and canopies. The densely planted vegetation grows exponentially in months rather than years,

# CHEMNAI THE MARE HINDU Miyawaki needs help from resident-volunteers

The success of certain ongoing projects in Chennai underlines this fact



Every day from 6.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m., Mohan Sundaram and his wife Deepa Lakshmi go for a spin on their Royal Enfield Bullet, an impersonal passenger – a kit of garden tools – in tow. They range over Mogappair and Nolambur checking on the "green babies", as they would like to call newly-planted saplings.

Along with his team of volunteers, 'Green' Mohan (as he is known in

### Thuvakkam's Accolades





 ${f T}$ huvakkam's efforts to create a better society have increased year on year. As a Non Government Organization, the focus has been on alleviating the lives of as many people as possible. This can be through direct actions, such as Zero Hunger Drives or Fundraisers. Or through activities focused on combatting climate change, such as afforestations and nutrition gardens. These actions have been noticed and recognized by different entities, on a national and international scale. Be it the flood relief efforts that Thuvakkam has made, or the honouring of Mr. Krishna Kumar Suresh (Founder) as a United Volunteer.

These recognitions act as the wind beneath the wings of Thuvakkam, invigorating the organization to soar higher and reach even more people and help them.



### Notable Recognitions

Young Change-maker of the year 2019
United Nations Volunteer Awards

e-NGO Challenge Award 2021 Environment & Sustainability

Or Kalam social activist award 2017 World youth federation

Green feather best project award 2017 Cognizant Outreach

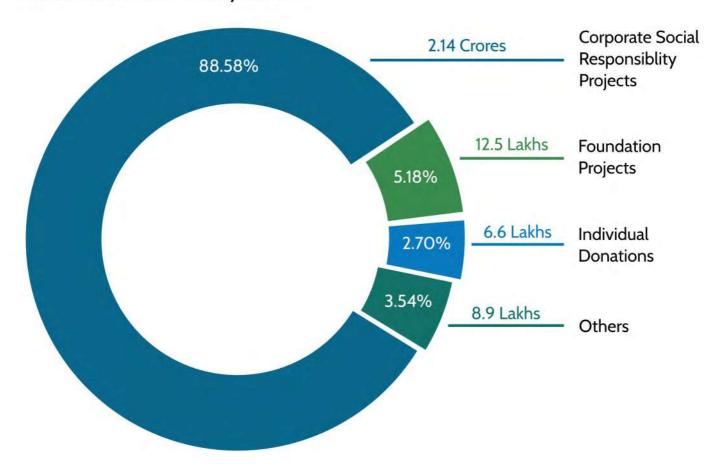
CSR - Employee volunteering partner 2020 Larsen & Toubro



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### Thuvakkam's Finances 2021-22

### Thuvakkam's income by source







<sup>\*</sup>excluding the maintenance and implementation cost of ongoing projects

As a Non-government organization, Thuvakkam maintains utmost standards when it comes to maintaining records and financial statements. All of Thuvakkam project executions and expenditures are detailed and substantiated with bills and invoices for the products and services used. Thuvakkam is audited every year and uploads the financials on the website for transparency of operation. Supporters are welcome to access all records available on Thuvakkam's website.

Thuvakkam also submits update, progress, and utilization reports to partners during a project. This will help track milestones and project execution in an efficient manner.

Thuvakkam Welfare Association (Register number: 131/2014) registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1975 is audited yearly by Radhika & Anand Associates



# Thuvakkam's utilization of funds by domain



1.89 Crores

Environment

16.9 Lakhs 28.2 Lakhs **Education Humanity** 



Thuvakkam is a GuideStar India Gold certified NGO, awarded for its financial records and transperancy

Thuvakkam's annual financial reports and certifications are available on the website at

### https://thuvakkam.org/transparency/

Thuvakkam organizes events and activities utilizing the funds provided by partners and donors. Periodic progress and utilization reports are generated by Thuvakkam to be shared with the partners for the entire timeline of the project. All three domains of Environment, Education and Humanity are active with a multitude of events organized physically and virtually throughout the year.

Thuvakkam is registered on NGO Darpan, the national NGO roster of India, and has obtained CSR Number and certification.

Thuvakkam has obtained 12A/80G certification from the Income Tax department of India, any donations ensuring made to the organization are upto 50% tax exempt



### Contacting Thuvakkam



I huvakkam organizes and coordinates events in 3 major domains: Education, Environment and Humanity. Increased activity, innovation and participation had been the goals of Thuvakkam year 2021. for the organization has met these goals surpassed them with large scale events, new unique collaborations, and initiatives. With a commitment to accelerate biodiversity Thuvakkam has implemented growth, projects to increase green cover in the urban areas, help individuals with disaster recovery and renovate the deformed infrastructural canvas of the society. Equally focused on education, Thuvakkam has restarted physical classes, funded the education of children, and works on improving the infrastructure of schools and communities.

Thuvakkam welcomes feedbacks and collaboration from individuals as well as organizations as the mission of creating a better society cannot be achieved in singularity, but needs to be worked on in unity.

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