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Project focus

This project is a comprehensive restoration plan designed to convert the space into a sustainable, climate-resilient, and community-friendly green zone. The initiative will align with the goals of improving urban ecology, reducing pollution impact, and promoting public engagement in environmental conservation.

Location

28°30'30.3"N 77°16'59.1"E
Okhla Landfill,
Tughliqabad- New Delhi



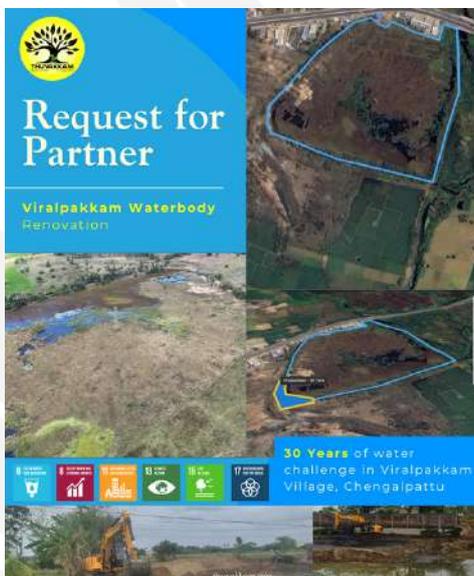
Contact us at er@thuvakkam.org for more details

Afforestation- New Delhi

Thuvakkam has ventured its pilot project in New Delhi for Afforestation aimed at improving urban ecology, reducing pollution impact, and promoting public engagement in environmental conservation.

Our Interventions shall include:

- Land Preparation
- Tree Plantation
- Infrastructure Development
- Saplings Maintenance
- Monitoring & Evaluation
- Community Engagement/ Volunteering



Project BlueZone- Chengalpattu

Thuvakkam requires partners to rejuvenate a Minor Irrigation tank in the district of Chengalpattu. We have identified potential Minor Irrigation tanks in Viralpakkam which shall be crucial for agricultural purposes.

Intervention shall include:

- Shrub Clearance
- Bund Strengthening
- Desilting
- Biodiversity Islands
- Palm Tree Plantations
- Community Engagement

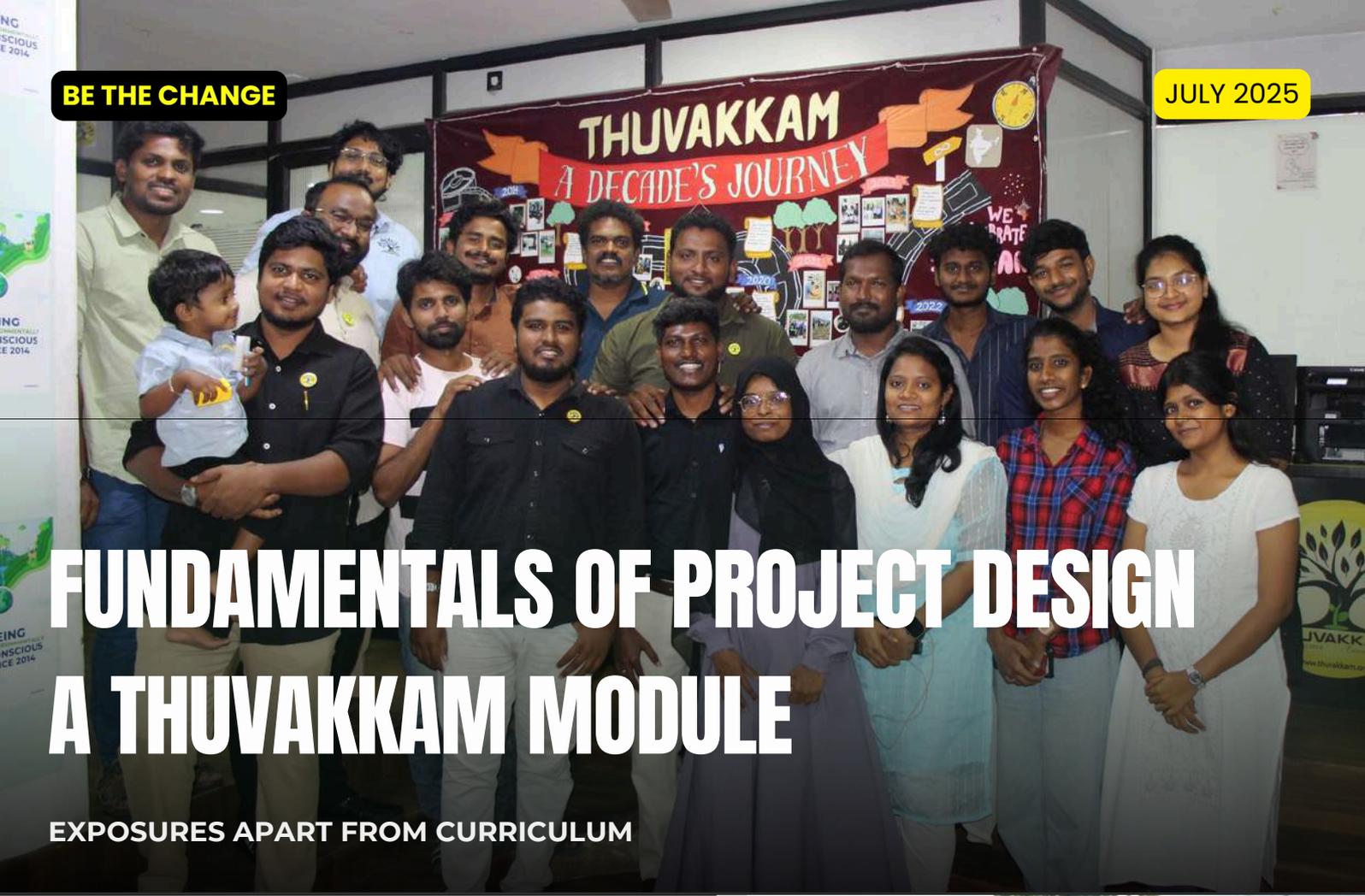


Urban Forest- Hyderabad

Thuvakkam requires partners to develop an Urban Forest in Chanda Nagar – Serilingampally, Hyderabad, which is currently underutilized and overrun with wild shrubs and minor debris.

- Your support creates visible, measurable transformation – from barren land to living forest.
- Aligns with CSR mandates on Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action.
- Direct Beneficiaries- 1000 Families.
- Contributes to SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities), SDG 13 (Climate Action), and SDG 15 (Life on Land).

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FUNDAMENTALS OF PROJECT DESIGN A THUVAKKAM MODULE

EXPOSURES APART FROM CURRICULUM

The Thuvakkam Module with its successful inception in the month of May 2025, we started off with theoretical pillars of foundations. Later by the course, we had the opportunity to take our students for an extensive field visit to one of Thuvakkam's focus area- Andapattu village in Olakkur block, Villupuram.

Students had a great field exposure where we planned for multiple activities related to Participatory Rural Appraisal.

With an initial transect walk around the village, students had the opportunity to have a talk with the beneficiaries of our Apiculture project. With the social and resource mapping done, some other PRA tools were demonstrated.

Apart from this, all the students had the chance to visit the Thuvakkam Headquarters in Chennai as an exposure visit where they had interactive discussions with all the teams and also the Board Members of Thuvakkam getting to know the origins of the organization.



URBAN FOREST CREATION- A MULTISTATE PARTNERSHIP WITH GENESYS

Hythabad- Thuvakkam in collaboration with Genesys is creating an Urban Forest in Hythabad- Ranga Reddy dist., Telangana with the support of Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority.

We are developing the Urban Forest at a size of 3,182 sq. ft housing 782 indigenous saplings across 20 species. Over 55 volunteers from Genesys and student volunteers presided for the Inaugural plantation.

The Urban forest is situated in the Thuvakkam Hythabad Urban Forest Complex in the district of Ranga Reddy Telangana.



URBAN FOREST IN THAZHAMBUR, OMR



Chengalpattu- Chengalpattu- Thuvakkam in collaboration with Genesys has yet again partnered for developing an urban forest in Thazhambur at a size of 18,150 sq. ft adding yet another Thuvakkam's Urban Forest along the OMR Corridor.

The forest will be housing 1,630 native saplings.

The inaugural plantation event was held on 31 July 2025 where 63 volunteers from Genesys planted 400 saplings on the day of the event.

The forest marks the third collaboration of Thuvakkam with Genesys, transforming barren spaces to Green cover across states.



CLIMATE ADAPTIVE FARMING- WORKSHOP

Ramanathapuram- Thuvakkam in Ramanathapuram arranged a visit for the Workshop on Climate Adaptive and Resilient Chilli Cultivation organized by the District Climate Change Mission, Ramanathapuram in KVK Ramnad.

We had 19 farmers from the A. Punnavasal panchayat for a knowledge sharing experience where the workshop had a great deal of getting known on various types of Avenues of farming adaptive to the changing climatic patterns rather than the conventional practice.

This exposure visit is a part of the ICEDP project. The ICEDP is funded by Global Environment Facility's UNDP- Small Grants Programme India, through the UNDP in India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, and monitored by TERI - The Energy and Resources Institute.



POSTER MAKING EVENT

Chennai - Onset of the International Plastic Bag free day, Thuvakkam conducted Poster making and paper bag making at Mangalapuram Middle School, Ambattur.

Over 45 students took part in the paper bag & poster making event, which was assisted by our Volunteers. Students found themselves engaging in the event, having a hands-on experience of the same. Students were also inducted on the hazardous use of plastics and the way it pollutes the environment. These kinds of activities would nurture the pillars of sustainability directly.

KARKA KASADARA '25 INAUGURATED!

Chennai- Thuvakkam has ignited our flagship Educational program Karka Kasadara on 15th June 2025 at the Avvai Nidhi Middle School in Tambaram, Chennai. We conducted sessions for students of Classes 6, 7, and 8 with the aim of building confidence, respectful communication, and peer bonding through a self-introduction circle game. The session began with a warm-up and context setting, where students were introduced to the importance of self-introduction.

Thuvakkam is conducting regular Karka Kasadara classes in the school every Friday! Interest Volunteers can be a part of the event. Contact us at program@thuvakkam.org



VERMICOMPOST DISTRIBUTION

Ramanathapuram- As step toward sustainable farming, Thuvakkam stepped in by distributing live earthworms to 30 farmers in Orivayal and A. Punavasal panchayats as a part of our ICEDP Project as a feed for their vermicompost kits received before.

The intervention is one of our 21 activities covered in the ICEDP project

Vermicomposting is more than just waste management. It enriches the soil with essential nutrients, increases water retention, improves crop yield, and reduces dependence on chemical fertilizers. For these farmers, it means better harvests, healthier produce, and reduced costs.

LICHENS SPOTTED IN OUR URBAN FOREST IN CHENNAI

Chennai- We have spotted the growth of Lichens at our Urban Forest in Kundrathur. The forest is developed with HCL Foundation under their Harit initiative with the support of the Kundrathur Municipality.

According to studies, lichens are natural bioindicators — their presence reflects clean air, low pollution, and a balanced ecosystem. These unique organisms, a symbiotic relationship between fungi and algae, are highly sensitive to air pollutants like sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxides.

The emergence of lichens in our forest tells us that- the pollution levels are drastically reduced, where in the ecosystem is stabilizing and maturing. This shows that Our native biodiversity efforts are showing real impact.



STEAM LAB RESTORATION WORKS ON THE SWING

Chengalpattu- It is usually the STEM Lab, but Thuvakkam has included an 'A' for Arts in the STEM Lab making it STEAM- as an inclusive education.

We have partnered with Northern Arc Foundation in developing a STEAM lab in the Panchayat Union Primary School in Kayar, Chengalpattu.

With the classroom identified for the STEAM Lab, preparatory works such as equipping the room with necessary equipments and amenities, we are painting the classroom and installing cupboards as per the school's requirement.

We are set to provide 240 equipments for the STEAM lab which would invoke the scientific temperament of the school students.

WATER BODY RESTORATION- ANDICHIKULAM

Ramanathapuram- Thuvakkam in collaboration with Kaleesuvari Foundations has joined forces in the revival of the Andichikulam Kanmai in Sikkal, Ramanathapuram under our Project BlueZone.

Ramanathapuram is one of the aspirational districts notified by the NITI Aayog with drought prone issues prevailing in the region, where the communities completely rely on storing surface water from the monsoons.

The Minor Irrigation tank which we are working spreads across 25 acres, which is being desilted for a volume of, 18000 cu.m thus creating a storage for 1.8 crore liters of water.

The Minor Irrigation tank in Andichikulam shall be used primarily for Agriculture and for other domestic purposes of the local community. The intervention is aimed at improving and increasing the catchment area for agriculture



STREET SMART, STREET CLEAN: VOICES FOR SWACHHATA

Chennai- Thuvakkam and Indian Oil Corporation conducted the Street Smart, Street Clean: Voices for Swachhata, marking the 10th year of the Swachh Bharath Mission. Multiple events were conducted including a Street Play, Creative Artwork and a Clean up drive on 11th July 2025 at Ezhil Nagar, Thoraipakkam, Chennai.

Over 129 Volunteers from NCC wing of Women's Christian College, DG Vaishnava College, Cognizant, Firstsource and the Public participated in the event.

The event was organized for creating awareness on proper waste disposal and the need for community consciousness and also an intro on the Solid Waste Management- it's need of the hour.

We also displayed three street plays on Community Awareness towards the need for proper disposal of waste and how to segregate them on the streets, with various concepts on the play.



CREATIVE ARTWORK WITH THE INDIAN AIRFORCE



Chennai- Thuvakkam in collaboration with the Indian Air Force conducted a Creative Artwork event in the IAF Avadi campus on 20th July 2025 marking our third collaboration for Creative Artwork on their campus. It was a delightful event where 194 volunteers turned up for the event, making a massive stride of the movement.

Volunteers from Cognizant, Firstsource, Temenos, Datamark, and officials from the Indian Air Force joined together as Volunteers.

The event set a cheerful atmosphere where our Volunteers revamped over 3000+ sq ft of walls with 50 mural arts in various themes creating an awareness in the community about various societal problems including Pollution, Climate Change, Women empowerment, Road traffic etc.,

BEACH CLEANUP AT NEELANGARAI

Chennai- Thuvakkam along with Ford Business Solutions - India hosted a beach clean-up event on 25th July 2025 as a part of their Global Finance Community Service Day 2025!

With volunteers inducted about the importance of beach clean up, solid waste management and tuned with a little icebreaker, we delved into cleaning the shores. With 120 volunteers participating in the event, we collected a whopping 300kg of waste from the shore, making the event more impactful.

We also had a human formation of FORD-marking their dedication in creating a greater impact in the society! Thank you team for this wonderful collaboration!



NURSERY SETUP EVENT



Chennai- Thuvakkam successfully organized a nursery setup event at Madambakkam Urban Forest in collaboration with Ford Business Solutions - India as a part of their Global Finance Community Service Day 2025!. This initiative aimed at contributing to urban greening efforts and creating a sustainable source for future plantation drives.

156 Employees from Ford participated in the event contributing 312 hours of Volunteering, where we have successfully prepared 320 seed bags.

These seed bags will be monitored over the next month, and we look forward to seeing them grow into saplings for future plantation efforts.

CELEBRATION OF CREATIVITY AND COMMUNITY

Chennai- Thuvakkam in collaboration with HCL Foundation under their Harit initiative conducted a Creative Artwork event in Sardar Patel Park in Kundrathur.

The Resident Welfare association of Metro Grand City joined hands with in supporting volunteers for the event. With over 65 volunteers, including elders and children, 500 sq. ft. of wall space was transformed into inspiring artwork promoting education and environmental awareness.



FUNTADAY IN THUVAKKAM



Chennai- The Thuvakkam Family had organised a Funtaday on 05 July 2025 at our Headquarters in Chennai.

The day was filled with joy as we organised a Pot luck lunch followed by a few engaging games with the whole family having fun together. It is a day to be cherished beyond our records.

READERS CLUB CHENNAI

Chennai- Thuvakkam’s Readers Club is one of the successful Volunteering event that we have established. The Readers Club is being organized every Saturday at the Sivan Park in KK Nagar, Chennai. We had session all the weekend Saturdays of June 2025 where we engaged over 85+ readers for the month.

Join us at the event every Saturday at the Sivan Park, KK Nagar, Chennai.



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH- JULY 2025

We are proud to present the Employee of the month Award to Mr. Balamurugan, Executive Associate-Community Development for the month of July 2025 for his disciple and steward commitment.

Mr. Balamurugan was presented with a token of gratitude by Ms. Majitha Begum, Sr. Associate-Education



PICTURE OF THE MONTH

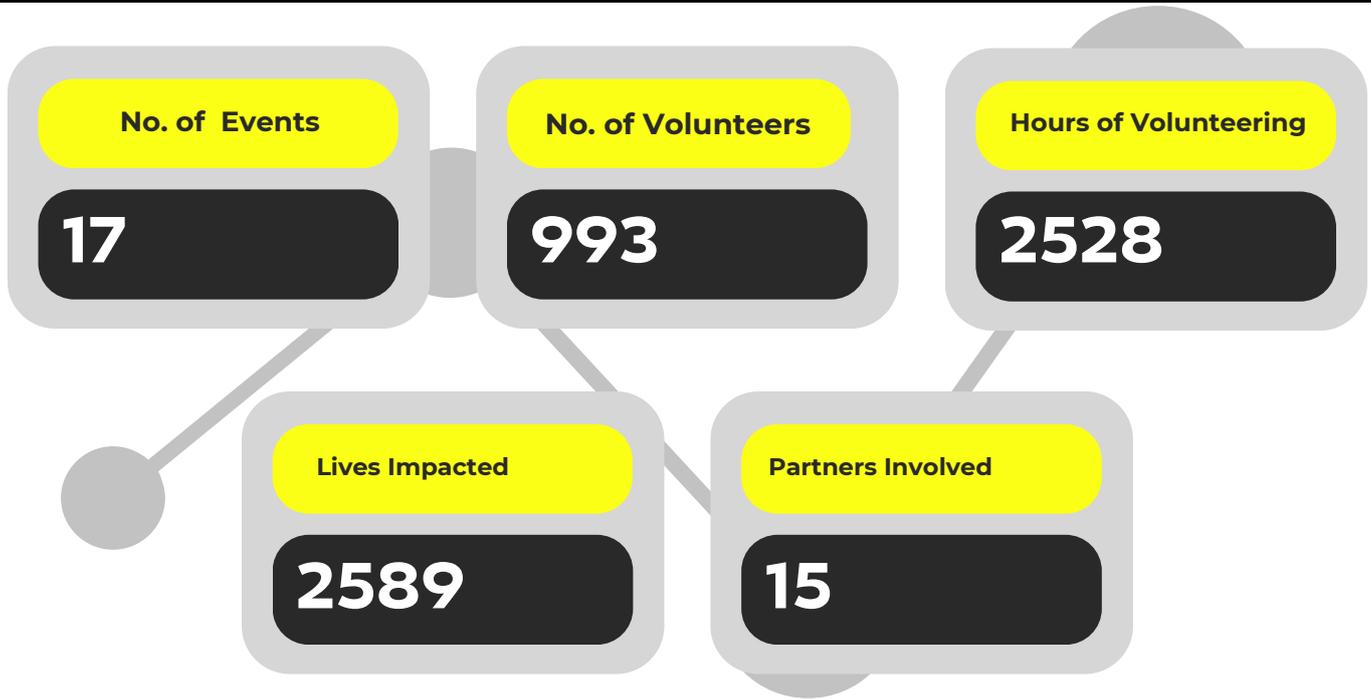
Scenes from the plantation event in our Herbal Forest in Perambur where School students took part in the mass tree plantation.



PICTURE OF THE WEEK

Week 15, Jul '25

VOLUNTEERING WALL- JULY 2025



PARTNERS WE COLLABORATED FOR JUNE 2025





I am Thenuka K, studying in my final year of B.Com at Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai.
I come from a single-parent family. My mother works very hard to take care of me and my sister.

Sometimes, it was very hard for me to continue my studies. From the time I applied to college until now, Thuvakkam has been helping me a lot. They gave me financial support and also gave me confidence and mental support to keep going. Thuvakkam played an important role in my success. Because of their help, I could focus on my studies and I am happy to say I am doing well in college. Thuvakkam's support has made my life easier and encouraged me to build a better future. I am very thankful to Thuvakkam for believing in me and helping me all along.
Thank you,
Thenuka



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DONATE

Through our 'Sponsor for Success' initiative, you have the power to change lives by supporting the education of underprivileged children. Your contribution can open doors to quality learning, helping young minds rise above challenges and work towards a brighter, empowered future.

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