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Monthly Newsletter - April 2026

FROM A DEGRADED LAND TO A THRIVING URBAN FOREST

12,330+ NATIVE SAPPLINGS PLANTED

BIODIVERSITY RETURNS

- BIRDS
- BUTTERFLIES
- NATIVE FLORA
- AQUATIC LIFE

EDUCATION KITS FOR EVERY CHILD, A BETTER TOMORROW

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT STRONGER LIVELIHOODS, BRIGHTER FUTURES

PETTY SHOP

VEGETABLES & PETTY SHOP

FRESH JUICE & FRUITS

DIGNITY OF WORK
ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE
COMMUNITY GROWTH

VOLUNTEER ARTWORK INITIATIVE
TRANSFORMING SPACES, SPREADING POSITIVITY

PEACE NOT WAR

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

SUSTAINABILITY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
TOGETHER FOR A GREENER, KINDER WORLD

SMALL ACTIONS
BIG IMPACT
TOGETHER
WE THRIVE

SEEDBALL MAKING FOR A GREENER TOMORROW

COLLABORATE
VOLUNTEER
TRANSFORM

TRANSFORMING LIVES. TOGETHER.
EVERY STEP. EVERY STORY. EVERY CHANGE.



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THUVAKKAM ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026

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Reflecting achievements, strengthening collaboration, and shaping Thuvakkam's impactful future together.

Chennai: The Thuvakkam Annual Conference 2026 marked two impactful days of reflection, collaboration, and vision-building as employees from across India came together for the organization's annual internal conclave. The conference served as a platform to showcase the achievements, challenges, learnings, and way forward for the new financial year across all departments of Thuvakkam.

Representatives from all 11 teams presented their annual updates, highlighting meaningful initiatives and contributions made throughout the year. The conference also featured engaging roundtable discussions on key themes such as employee retention, community outreach, and fundraising strategies, encouraging collaborative problem-solving and innovation.





Employment through Empowerment: Bunk shop Inauguration

Anekal, Karnataka: Thuvakkam, in collaboration with Xoriant and its subsidiary Maple Labs Solutions Pvt. Ltd., successfully inaugurated bunk shop units in Anekal, Karnataka, under the initiative Empowerment through Employment. The project aims to strengthen livelihood opportunities for women engaged in informal occupations such as street vending, hawking, and mobile businesses by providing stable infrastructure support to improve income generation and dignity in work.

As part of this intervention, support was extended to four women beneficiaries:

- Ms. Shyamala – Petty Shop
- Ms. Veena– Vegetables and Petty Shop
- Ms. Roopadevi – Petty Shop
- Ms. Nethravathi – Fresh Juice & Fruits Stall

During the interaction, discussions focused on ensuring the long-term sustainability of the initiative through beneficiary sensitization, regular field visits, and continuous monitoring. Representatives from the partner organizations directly engaged with the beneficiaries to understand their businesses, challenges, and opportunities for further support.

The initiative reflects a collective effort towards creating sustainable livelihood opportunities for women and fostering economic resilience within communities. The partners appreciated the visible impact created through the customized shop setups and expressed interest in expanding similar interventions and employee volunteering initiatives across other regions in and around Bangalore.



Seedball making with Indium

Chennai: A Seed ball making session was held at the Indium Corporate Office in Guindy reinforcing the spirit of sustainability and collective action.

This initiative was organized in collaboration with Indium and Right Dots. With the enthusiastic participation of 60 volunteers, the activity served as a hands-on way to understand environmental responsibility and the role each of us can play in restoring green cover.

First Board Meeting of the FY2026-27

Chennai: We began FY 2026–27 with our first Board meeting at the Thuvakkam Head Office, reflecting on our past year’s work and aligning on a stronger plan ahead.

With clearer goals and deeper teamwork, we look forward to scaling impact and serving society with renewed purpose.



Paper bag making & Kit for Special Kids

Chennai: On World Autism Awareness Day, Thuvakkam, Indium, and Right Dot supported Ayyapakkam Special School by distributing 100 education and hygiene kits made by volunteers in eco-friendly bags.

With 48 volunteers across two phases, the effort blended creativity, sustainability, and community care while creating an inclusive space for children.

Experience Exchange with Dr. Satyagopal K IAS (retd.)

Chennai: Thuvakkam conducted our 4th episode of the Experience Exchange Event on 4th April 2026 at our Thuvakkam Headquarters.

We were delighted to have Dr. Satyagopal K IAS (retd), Former Additional Chief Secretary of Government of Tamil Nadu and Former Expert Member- National Green Tribunal, who joined as the esteemed speaker of the event. The Webinar which was titled 'Evolving Sustainable Strategies' focused on the needs of a sustainable movement.

Dr. Satyagopal shared his experience from the field of civil service on his experiments and experience with the environment. He also shared one of his key components called 'Climate Resilient Agriculture,' which is a conservative agriculture method through which the saplings attain quality in growth and adapt to the lower available resources.



Transforming Spaces with Purpose at IAF- Avadi

Avadi: Another impactful milestone was achieved at the Air Force Station, Avadi, where we organized our creative artwork event.

A total of 85 volunteers from the Hindu College, Cognizant, Firstsource, and the general public contributed to this initiative, collectively dedicating 425 volunteer hours. Despite challenging summer conditions, their commitment led to the successful completion of 1700 sq. ft. of artwork, transforming the space into a meaningful visual narrative.

The artwork reflects powerful themes, including environmental awareness, women's empowerment, education, and peace with anti-war messages. It now stands as a lasting representation of shared values and community spirit.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the Indian Air Force, Avadi, for their support and coordination in making this initiative a success.





THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT

Three years ago, a 2.3-acre railway land in Taramani, Chennai was a space people avoided.

Dumped with waste, waterlogged during monsoons, and overrun by invasive *Prosopis juliflora*, the land had lost its ecological and social value. Soil health was poor, native vegetation was suppressed, and biodiversity had nearly disappeared.

Today, that same space tells a very different story.

With a science-based restoration approach and the support of Ford Business Solutions – India, 1.26 acres was transformed through the plantation of 12,330 indigenous saplings. The focus was clear—restore not just the land, but the entire ecosystem: soil, flora, and fauna.

The results are encouraging.

- Improved soil health and water retention
- Return of native flora and natural habitats
- 44+ species of fauna documented, including birds, butterflies, and aquatic life

What was once a degraded urban stretch is now a thriving urban forest, contributing to climate resilience, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable urban living.

This is how local action aligns with global priorities—advancing Climate Action (SDG 13), Life on Land (SDG 15), and Sustainable Cities (SDG 11).

At Thuvakkam, we believe meaningful change begins at the ground level—and grows into lasting impact.



Nurturing Growth Beyond Plantation

Chennai: On 04 April 2026, over 35 volunteers joined a tree care maintenance activity, working on manuring, weeding, and soil care to help young saplings grow strong.

The event highlighted how caring for trees after planting supports a healthier urban space. The team's energy showed real care for nature. The activity was coordinated by Sofiya, Jr. Associate – Agronomist.

Tree care maintenance at Ayanavaram

Chennai: Thuvakkam gathered 40 volunteers at Perambur Urban Forest for tree care work, supporting about 180 trees through cleaning and soil loosening. The team also completed whitewashing that refreshed the space. The activity encouraged shared learning and showed how steady community effort strengthens urban green areas.



Seed Ball Activity – Inclusion Meeting Sustainability

Chennai: Thuvakkam marked World Earth Day with a seed ball activity that encouraged green cover and supported native tree growth. Thirteen Access Healthcare volunteers joined over fifteen children from Jayam Special School, creating an inclusive space for learning.

Children with autism and other disabilities took part in making seed balls, building focus, motor skills, confidence, and practical skills while contributing to a greener future.

Identifying right beneficiaries' for a foundational Impact

Jaipur: As part of our Bunk Shop Project with Xoriant, the Thuvakkam Delhi NCR team connected with officials from the Jaipur Corporation, including the DC and City Mission Manager, which further helped us reach SHGs and local NGOs.

Two of our team members, Mr. Piyush interacting for our baseline survey at Dudu Village, where we are interacting with women and assessing socio-economic vulnerability, disability inclusion, and other key criteria to ensure the support reaches those who need it most.

Special thanks to Sangharsh for being the primary local support in the village.



Transforming Coimbatore into a World-Class City: Seminar

Coimbatore: The Thuvakkam team proudly presented a research paper on the Project Eco School model at the seminar on Transforming Coimbatore into a World-Class City, hosted at Sri Ramakrishna College of Arts & Science among leading academicians and changemakers. The paper was prepared by Praveen Kanth, Executive Associate – Solid Waste Management, and presented by Mohammad Irsath, Associate – Agronomist, Thuvakkam.

Our team showcased practical and scalable solutions such as near-zero waste implementation, decentralized composting, and circular economy practices within school ecosystems while also highlighting the measurable impact in fostering environmentally responsible student communities. This platform enabled us to contribute research-driven insights toward building sustainable and future-ready cities.





Tree Plantation Drive at our Perungalathur Urban Forest

Chengalpattu: Thuvakkam organized a Tree Plantation Drive at Perungalathur Urban Forest, where 19 Mindgate Solutions volunteers planted 50 saplings, adding to the urban green cover. T

he event logged 19 volunteer hours and highlighted a strong commitment to sustainability. It was coordinated by Sundhar Rajan and Kodama Durga Prasad from Thuvakkam.

Social Audit Visit- Kammetta, Telangana

kammetta, Telangana: Mr. Tulasidas from SAN India visited the Hayatabad Urban Forest for a social audit, engaging local leaders, villagers, and the gardener. The team reviewed project progress, upkeep, and community involvement. He expressed satisfaction with the site and appreciated the strong support.



Education Kit distribution drive

Chennai: We completed our educational kit distribution drive across several schools in Tamil Nadu with the support of United Way Mumbai. A total of 554 students from GHSS Thiruvanchery and ADW HSS Paduvanchery received kits, followed by another distribution at Avvai Nidhi Middle School for 86 students.

Through the Tools for Learning initiative, each child received notebooks, pens, pencils, geometry sets, rulers, and other essentials to help them in their studies, making learning easier and reducing financial challenges for families.

MS office Masterclass with Thuvakkam

Chennai: Thuvakkam conducted an MS Office Masterclass at our headquarters on 18th April 2026.

Mr. Karthik Seenivasan, Treasurer of Thuvakkam, held the session with volunteers, our employees. He inducted learners on the fundamentals of MS Office, diving into Excel, the basics, using formulas, creating tables, and analyzing.

The event is set to mark a beginning in sharing our knowledge for the betterment of society.

Thuvakkam shall continue to expand the masterclass across the year of volunteering.



Community Meetings to strengthen the grassroots

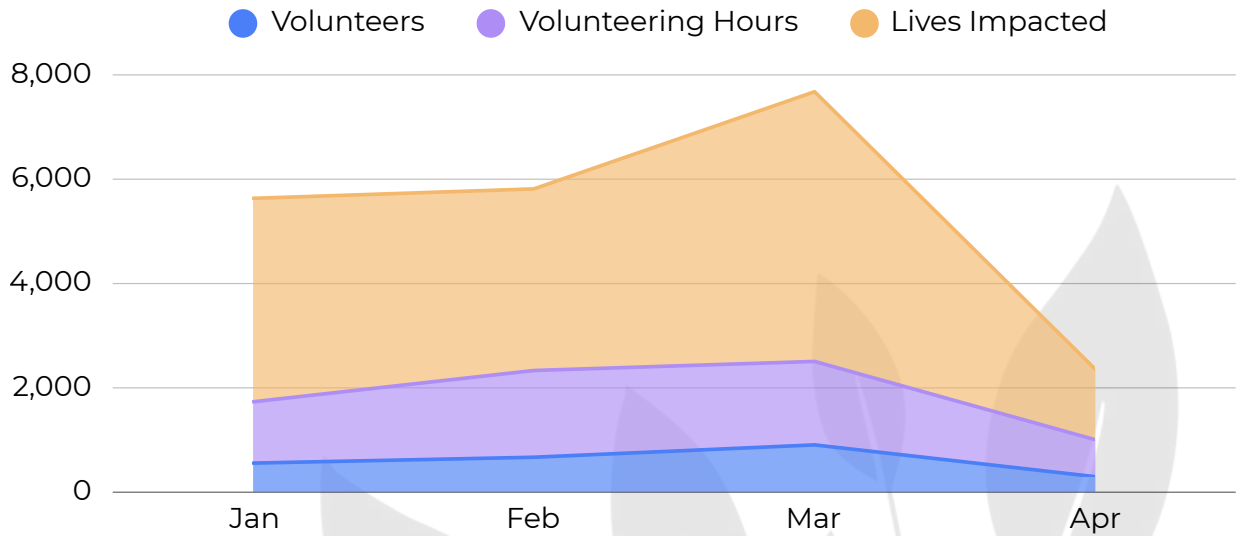
Ramanathapuram: Thuvakkam is collaborating with the Azim Premji Foundation for our futuristic project on restoring water resources, improving irrigation & income and safe drinking water access, benefiting ~2200 vulnerable households in 14 villages across 4 Gram Panchayats in the Mudhukulathur block, Ramanathapuram Dt., Tamil Nadu.

The purpose of the program is to create and restore water resources, improve irrigation-based agriculture income, and provide safe and adequate drinking and domestic water, benefitting ~2200 vulnerable households.

The program also aims to build community capacity through continuous awareness and training initiatives, ensuring adoption of better agriculture and water conservation practices, thereby securing livelihoods and improving the quality of life for vulnerable households.



THE VOLUNTEERING WALL



KPI Summary: April 2026

Total Volunteers 297 	Volunteering hours 708 	Lives Impacted 1350 	Partners involved 23
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Partners we collaborated with: April 2026





Sponsor for Success

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

SCAN TO 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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- ✔ Hybrid Model Classes on Weekends designed on a supportive Learning Environment
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