



# Annual Report 2024 – 2025



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Every Right for Every Child



Empowering children  
through Rights Based Approach



We Believe in Children  
being the Present and Part of  
Building a Peaceful and Just Society

# VIDIYAL

- *Celebrating Childhood, Championing Child Rights*
- *Ensuring Inclusion of the Excluded Children*
- *Striving for Social Justice*

## FOUR FOLD INTERVENTION STRATEGY

### Street Interventions

(Focus: Protecting the Rights of Street Children and Children in Vulnerable Situations)

### Shelter Home Interventions

(Focus: Rehabilitation of Children through Legal Measures)

### Community Interventions

(Focus: Preventing Child Rights Violations and Empowering Children to Challenge Social Exclusion)

### Societal Interventions

(Focus: Promoting a Culture of Child Rights among Stakeholders and Defending Child Rights)

# RAY OF HOPE

## INTERVENTIONS WITH URBAN POOR AND EXCLUDED COMMUNITIES



We currently partner with nine socially excluded communities in the South Zone of Madurai to address child rights violations and social exclusion. During the year, we worked in ten communities; however, due to challenges in community participation, we withdrew from Mettu Theru, Thiruparankundram. Children, parents, and alumni form a strong 'safety net' that continues to safeguard children and uphold their rights in critical situations within the family, school, community, and wider society.

S.No	Name of the Centre / Community	Boys	Girls	Total
1.	Main Centre	55	32	87
2.	Muthupatti	27	25	52
3.	Melavasal -1	39	24	63
4.	Melavasal -2	20	22	42
5.	Heera Nagar	11	9	20
6.	Periyasamy Nagar, Avaniyapuram-1	20	10	30
7.	Ambedkar Nagar, Avaniyapuram-2	17	25	42
8.	Subramaniyapuram	20	20	40
9.	Ambedkar Nagar	13	11	24
10.	Panchayat Board Colony, Avaniyapuram - 3	20	11	31
11.	Vallananthapuram	25	20	45
12.	Mettu Theru, Tiruparankundram	17	18	35
		284	227	511

### CHILD EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRES

We operate ten Child Education and Development Centres within communities and nearby neighbourhoods, creating safe and supportive spaces for children. Each day, children attend structured study sessions where they complete homework, prepare for class tests, and receive guidance from our dedicated staff and volunteers. Beyond academics, the centres nurture holistic growth by engaging children in forums, training programmes, and workshops that develop both skills and confidence.

### OPENING OF NEW CENTRE AT PANCHAYAT BOARD COLONY, AVANIYAPURAM

On 1st July 2024, we marked a significant milestone with the opening of our new centre at Panchayat Board Colony, Avaniyapuram. The centre was established to reach more children in need, particularly those from marginalized families in the community. It is envisioned as a hub for nurturing child rights, strengthening community participation, and empowering children to dream of a brighter future.





## CHILDREN'S FORUMS

During the year, 14 children's forums remained active. Children become active members by paying a small subscription. Each forum elects a Head and a Secretary who serve as leaders for one year. The elected Heads represent their respective forums in the quarterly Children's Council meetings. In this way, leadership skills are nurtured among children from a very early age.

## VIDIYAL CHILD RIGHTS MOVEMENT

AN ORGANIZATION OF CHILDREN LED BY CHILDREN FOR CHILDREN  
Motto: Let us be Protagonists of our Rights

### LEADERSHIP 2024 – 2025

Members of the Managing Committee

M. Umadevi - President  
M. Gopinath - Secretary  
P. Nisha - Treasurer

K. Viswakavi  
S. Meenakshi  
M. Harshini  
P. Jegadheeswaran

The Vidiyal Child Rights Movement (VCRM) was established in the Millennium Year 2000 as a child-led organization in Madurai. It emerged through the federation of children's forums formed across our operational areas. Guided by democratic principles, a 'Reservation Policy' ensures that both boys and girls share leadership roles equally. As a mark of our strong commitment to child participation, two representatives from VCRM take part in the meetings of the Managing Committee of Sakthi-Vidiyal.

### CHILDREN'S COUNCIL

The Children's Council, the governing body of VCRM, meets once every quarter to review and plan the programmes and activities of the Movement. Representatives from all forums and groups take part in the Council, actively contributing to the decision-making process.

### GENERAL BODY

The General Body of VCRM meets every six months to review the performance of its various forums, groups, and teams. It holds the authority to revoke representatives who do not discharge their duties effectively, while also appreciating those who perform well. These meetings reflect the spirit of participation, where even younger children confidently question older members and exercise their right to expression and decision-making. This practice nurtures accountability and democratic values among all children.



Name of the Centre	Name of the Forum
Main Centre	Sirpihal
Main Centre	Vithaihal
Main Centre	Verhal
Melavasal -1	Poonthair
Melavasal -2	Kutties
Heera nagar	Chittukuruvi
Periyasamy Nagar, Avaniyapuram -1	Alaihal
Ambedkar Nagar, Avaniyapuram -2	Vannathupoochihal
Panchayat Board Colony, Avaniyapuram -3	Vannameengal
Subramaniyapuram	Malerhal
Ambedkar Nagar	Vannangal
Muthupatti	Deepangal
Muthupatti	Nila
Vallanathapuram	Sirahuhal



### UNDERSTANDING VIDIYAL CHILD RIGHTS MOVEMENT

Every year, the elected leaders of VCRM undergo an orientation programme to learn about and understand the Children's Movement. This year, the orientation was organized on 17.07.2024 and 26.08.2024, enabling the children to gain a thorough understanding of the Movement and to set clear goals for their leadership roles.

# FOUR - DIMENSIONAL ACTIVITIES OF VIDYAL CHILD RIGHTS MOVEMENT

## 1. Programmes for Fun and Fellowship



## 2. Programmes for Self-Development



## 3. Programmes to Serve Other Disadvantaged Groups



## 4. Programmes to Uphold Child Rights



## 1. PROGRAMMES FOR FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

**CELEBRATIONS**

At Vidiyal, we uphold the value of secularism as enshrined in the Constitution of India. Reflecting India's pluralistic culture, we celebrate festivals such as Deepavali, Ramzan, and Christmas. Pongal, the harvest festival of Tamils, was celebrated meaningfully, with children showcasing leadership in planning and organizing the celebrations. The New Year celebration was organized by the Muhangal Volunteers' Forum, further fostering responsibility and collaborative engagement among the children.



### PICNIC

Children at Vidiyal regularly visit trade houses, historical sites, and places of natural beauty. Such experiences expand their horizons, foster learning beyond the classroom, and enhance their social development.

AGE GROUP	TRADE HOUSES	HISTORICAL PLACES	PLACES OF NATURE'S BOUNTY
Beginner	Airport	Jain Monument at Thenparankundram	Rajaji Park
Primary	Ice Cream Factory	Temple at Alagar Hills	Check Dam at Anaipatti
Junior	Cool Drink Factory	Rock Cut Monuments at Yanaimalai	Waterfall at Kumbakkarai
Intermediate	Post Office	Rock Fort at Tiruchirappalli	Mullai River at Uthamapalayam
Senior	---	Jain Beds in Sittannavasal	Waterfall at Suruli

### THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD

The International Day of the Girl Child was celebrated with the theme "Elevating Girls' Voices for sustainable development." The event featured fun games, interactive sessions on empowerment, and a discussion on girls' vision for the future, facilitated by Dr.S.Aasha. Volunteers also conducted activities, and the celebration concluded with a valedictory session and a cultural dance performance.



**CHILD RIGHTS**

### FESTIVAL



On 23rd June 2024, the 24th Child Rights Festival of Vidiyal Child Rights Movement was held at St. Mary's Higher Secondary School, Madurai, with the theme "We are the Force of Rights" chosen by the children. The day began with a lively carnival that fostered unity through fun activities. At the valedictory function, VCRM leaders showcased their leadership skills by anchoring the programme. Dr.M.Jeyanthi (Psychological Counsellor, Madurai Central Prison) and Dr.M.Mannar Mannan (Director, PAD), were the guests of honour. Children who held leadership roles were recognised with mementos and prizes.

## Jolly Camp

Theme:  
'Find and Know the Changing Times;  
Rationally Explore the New Ways'

172 Boys & 129 Girls  
1st to 10th May 2024



Camping offers children the chance to bond with their peers, while informally gaining new knowledge, developing skills, and nurturing positive changes in attitude.

## Annual Residential Camp, Veerapandi



Camp Title:  
**Kathir Camp**  
**(Sheaf of Paddy)**

Theme:  
'Be the Seed of Change;  
Choose Your Own Path'

47 Boys & 36 Girls  
September 2024



The following activities were organized during the year.

### SILAMBAM

Tamil Martial Art

18 Boys and 16 Girls



### CARROM

COACHING

30 Boys  
31 Girls



### 28th PONGAL SPORTS MEET

The 28th Pongal Sports Meet brought children together in a spirit of unity, sportsmanship, and joy, with winners honoured with prizes.

142 Boys and 111 Girls



### KARATE



80 Boys and 57 Girls



## 2. PROGRAMMES FOR SELF-DEVELOPMENT

### TRAINING & WORKSHOPS

#### FOR CHILDREN

Age Group	1st Term	2nd Term	3rd Term	4th Term
Beginner	Being Polite with Others	Clay Modelling	Right to Protection from Sexual Abuse	Personal Hygiene
Primary	Listening to Stories	Art from Waste	Loving All Living Beings	Right to Protection from Sexual Abuse
Junior	Herbal Medicine and Granny Medicine	Greeting Card Making	Folk Dance	Right to Protection from Sexual Abuse
Junior	Life Skill Education - Understanding Self	Life Skill Education - Empathy	Street Theatre	Life Skill Education - Creative thinking
Senior	Right to Protection from Substance Abuse	Life Skill Education - Critical Thinking	Gender Sensitisation	Life Skill Education - Filling forms

Our quarterly training workshops emphasize children's cognitive, affective, and psychomotor development. We integrate the 'Triangle of Success'- Knowledge, Skill, and Attitude-across all training modules. Through a participatory learning process, children not only gain concepts and skills but also experience consistent and positive changes in attitude.

### 7 O' CLOCK PROGRAMME

The 7 O' Clock Programme is a unique initiative of VCRM. From Monday to Friday, children follow a structured schedule that includes songs, storytelling, book reading, current affairs, child rights education, learning through electronic tablets, general knowledge, child rights education, games, and dance. Through these informal and fun-filled activities, children learn a great deal while enjoying themselves in their peer groups.

### FORUMS FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Skill Development Forums are designed to nurture creativity, confidence, critical thinking, scientific outlook, and public speaking among children. These platforms help them discover their potential and translate their talents into meaningful learning experiences.

### SCIENCE

#### FORUM

The Science Forum encourages children to explore scientific concepts through experiments, discussions, and hands-on activities. It nurtures curiosity, analytical thinking, and a scientific outlook, helping children connect learning with real-life experiences.

#### TAMIL FORUM

The Tamil Forum nurtures children's appreciation and understanding of the Tamil language and literature. Through activities like storytelling, reading, and creative writing, it enhances language skills, expression, and cultural awareness.

#### TAMIL KONDATTAM

The Tamil Kondattam, the annual fest of the Tamil Forum, was celebrated on the theme "Thamile Engal Uyire", with Ms. Deepa Nagarani, Writer and Motivational Speaker, as the Chief Guest. A total of 133 boys and 94 girls participated.

### Science FUN

The annual Science is Fun programme of the Science Forum was conducted with Mr. P. Solaikannan, Regional Volunteer Coordinator, Agastya International Foundation, as guest and facilitator. In the afternoon, Vidiyal Child Rights Movement's Nature Day for Children was observed to foster curiosity and appreciation for nature, attended by 109 boys and 86 girls.

**RIPPLE CIRCLE** Boys – 62  
Girls – 54

Ripple Circle, the thinkers' forum of Vidiyal Child Rights Movement, engages children in discussions on social issues, fostering critical reflection, lateral thinking, and social awareness.



- Right to Information Act, 2005
- Distortion of History
- Understanding Indian Society
- Media Analysis
- Three Newly Enacted Laws in India
- Global Politics and Recent Wars
- Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013
- Analysis of the Epics of India
- Black Money: Effects on India's Economy and Social Welfare Schemes

### COMPUTER EDUCATION



Children access basic computer skills, building confidence to advance further.

### DIGITAL MEDIA EDUCATION



Boys – 13  
Girls – 13

Children are equipped with digital skills, using technology as a leveller to promote social inclusion and active participation in the digital world.

### EACH ONE TEACH ONE

As part of the Each One Teach One project, students of St. Joseph's Matriculation Higher Secondary School conducted English classes for 20 Vidiyal children on 27th July 2024. On 30th November 2024, our children were invited to their school to attend a Smart Science Class.

### IMAGE MOVIE CLUB

Boys – 62  
Girls – 54

- Aadu Jeevitham – Malayalam Feature Film
- Documentary Films
- Kurangu Pedal – Tamil Feature Film
- Short film festival
- Vedham Puthithu – Tamil Feature Film
- Saving Private Ryan – World Cinema
- Vaalai – Tamil Feature Film
- Nayattu – Malayalam Feature Film
- Documentary Film
- 6 Meluhvarthihal – Tamil Feature Film
- Short films
- The Boy who Harnessed the wind – World Cinema

### DRAWING AND PAINTING FORUM

Boys – 101 Girls – 76

Children were grouped according to their abilities and interests, and the following sessions were conducted:

- 1st Group: Basic and secondary colours, pencil strokes, using shapes in drawing, pencil drawing, crayon drawing
- 2nd Group: Pencil shading, cartoon pictures, human face and shading, object drawing
- 3rd Group: Logo designing, watercolour, oil painting, 3D font designing, colour shading

A special greeting card-making competition was organised, in which 10 boys and 7 girls were recognised by New Dawn India, for their artistic and visually appealing cards.

### COACHING IN English

Weekly participatory sessions helped children build confidence and strengthen their English language skills.  
Boys – 57  
Girls – 55

### 3. PROGRAMMES TO SERVE OTHER DISADVANTAGED GROUPS

Children are encouraged to experience the joy of giving through service projects. Younger VCRM children participate in clean drives, learning to keep their surroundings tidy, while adolescents lead initiatives to support other disadvantaged groups.



#### SERVICE PROJECTS BY CHILDREN'S FORUMS

C.S.I RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES – SIRPIHAL FORUM



ST.ANN'S HOME FOR THE DESTITUTE CHILDREN - VITHAIHAL FORUM



ST.JOSEPH'S SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND – VITHAIHAL FORUM

INBA ILLAM, A HOME FOR THE AGED – DEEPANGAL FORUM



NEW CREATIONS, A HOME FOR ABANDONED WOMEN WITH MENTAL ILLNESS



#### DAY OF GIVING

Children raised Rs.30,726/- in the 'Day of Giving' at the Jolly Camp. This was donated to C.S.I Residential School for Children with Intellectual Disabilities. The Children's Theatre Troupe performed a few dances and entertained the residents.



## 4. PROGRAMMES TO UPHOLD CHILD RIGHTS

Our children actively champion Child Rights across diverse platforms.

### Children's Theatre TROUPE

Children with theatre skills join the troupe and use plays to advocate for child rights.

This year they staged Baliaaduhai (Scapegoats), addressing trafficking, sexual abuse, and illegal adoption, and Bothai Maranathin Paathai (Addiction: Pathway to Death), highlighting the dangers of substance abuse.



## CHILD RIGHTS EDUCATION



At Vidiyal, children begin learning about Child Rights Education from a very early age. Those below 10 years are introduced to the concept through Snakes and Ladders, one of our flagship productions, which makes learning fun and engaging. During this year, the game was translated into Bengali and is now available in eight languages: Tamil, English, Kannada, Telugu, Marathi, Odia, Hindi, and Bengali. Older children learn about Child Rights Education in their respective forums, where our volunteers facilitate sessions using participatory tools that make the process both interactive and enjoyable. Through these initiatives, children gain the knowledge and skills needed to defend their rights with confidence.



## TRAINING FOR YOUNG FACILITATORS

- On 18th May 2024, Vidiyal organised a one-day Training Workshop for Young Facilitators at the Vidiyal Campus. The workshop aimed to strengthen facilitation skills among young people to effectively guide their peers. Sessions focussed on the difference between teaching and facilitation, fundamentals of effective facilitation, characteristics of good facilitators, and their roles and responsibilities. Icebreakers, energisers, and group activities enhanced learning and participation.
- Resource persons Dr.C.Jim Jesudoss, Ms.M.Jeyasri, Mr.D.Arockiam, Mr.A.Hari Prasad, Mr.S.Anil Godwin Kumar, and Dr.G.Sharmila Jim led the sessions. The training equipped participants with essential skills to lead children's collectives with confidence and clarity.



### Child Rights Awareness through Dance Performances

On 14th February 2025, two folk dances were performed by Vidiyal children at the One Billion Rising programme organized by EKTA.



## CHILD NETWORKING

**Our children received appreciation for their outstanding participation in the following platforms:**

### **Election Manifesto by Federation of Children's Movements for Right to Participation (FCMRP)**

Master K. Janarthanan represented VCRM at the event for the release of the Children's Election Manifesto for the Parliamentary Elections and also participated in the press meet, April 2024.

Representatives of both rural and urban VCRM met candidates from various political parties, submitted the Children's Manifesto, and advocated for its inclusion and implementation by the parties.

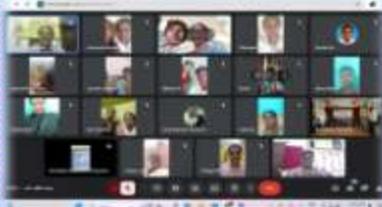


### **8th State Convention of Federation of Children's Movements for Right to Participation (FCMRP), 28–29 May 2024**

- ◆ Ms.V.Sandhya attended the online Young Facilitators Training on 17th May 2024 and served as a Young Facilitator at the convention.
- ◆ Master K.Janarthanan, Master B.Vishwa, Ms.S.Dharshini, and Ms.K.Viswakavi represented VCRM at the convention.
- ◆ Ms.S.Dharshini was elected as President of FCMRP during the convention. She attended a one-day orientation programme for elected FCMRP representatives on 13th July 2024.
- ◆ Ms.S.Dharshini, President, FCMRP, and Master K.Janarthanan participated in an online capacity-building training for GB members on 21st July and 13th October 2024.
- ◆ We designed Pangerpai Nokki (Towards Participation), the magazine of FCMRP, which was released at the 8th State Children's Consultation in Kotagiri.



### **Hybrid State Children's Consultation on Violence Against Children was organised on 27th October 2024 by the National Alliance Coordination Group – Ending Violence Against Children (NACG-EVAC), Tamil Nadu, with a special focus on SAIEVAC themes.**



#### **VCRM Urban Representatives:**

Master K. Janarthanan, Master G.Suryamoorthi, Ms. S. Dharshini, Master K.Tharun Prasanna, M. Gopinath, Ms.K.Viswakavi, and Ms. M.Uma Devi.

#### **VCRM Rural Representatives:**

Master P. Arun, Ms.G. Mahalakshmi, Ms. V. Kavya, and Master M. Vishal Kannan.



### **Young Agents of Change National Capacity Building Workshop**

From February 5th to 7th, 2025, Master M. Gopinath (Secretary) and Ms. P. Nisha (Treasurer) of Vidiyal Child Rights Movement participated in the Young Agents of Change National Capacity Building Workshop in Bhopal. The workshop brought together adolescents from across India to strengthen child participation and advocacy. With support from Ms. J. Angeline Devapriya as chaperone and translator, our representatives returned with renewed energy, knowledge, and ideas to further empower their peers and community.



## CHILD PARTICIPATION FOR CHILD RIGHTS PROTECTION (CPCR)

The project has successfully completed two years, and the Child Education Centres are functioning effectively in partnership with 12 communities. Children's base groups (Child Forums) are actively functioning in 12 vulnerable areas across Madurai district. Efforts are also being made to engage stakeholders and build a critical mass to drive change.



Centre	Boys	Girls	Total
Thanakankulam - Ambedkar Nagar	28	17	45
Mottamalai	25	24	49
Nilaiyur - Harijan Colony	37	32	69
Keelakuyilbudi	17	22	39
Anupanadi Susal Michel Street	69	50	119
Samanatham	45	38	83
Perungudi - Ambedkar Nagar	33	34	67
Valayanakulam Colony	41	42	83
Malaisampuram	53	44	97
Thethankulam	18	21	39
Dr Kabir Nagar	34	11	45
Soundrapendian Nagar	38	28	66
<b>Total</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>801</b>

### VIDIYAL CHILD RIGHTS MOVEMENT (Rural)

The VCRM-Rural has grown stronger this year, with children themselves taking ownership of the process. The Managing Committee and the Children's Council are functioning well with periodical meetings, addressing critical issues within VCRM, and actively engaging in planning and reviewing forums and programmes.

Guided by our rights-based approach, children are learning to understand and practice child rights in their homes, schools, and communities. Through activities such as social analysis, self-development, and skill-building, children are developing into confident and responsible citizens.

### LEADERSHIP 2024 - 2025 MANAGING COMMITTEE

Name	Forum Name	Title/Role
P.Dinesh	Natchathirangal/ Stars	President
P.Pandeeswari	Padaipuhai/Creations	Secretary
S.Mano	Suvaduhai/Impressions	Treasurer
G.Muthumari	Arputhangal/Wonders	Member
M.Ananthi	Mottukal/ Buds	Member
V.Yazhini	Mehangal/ Clouds	Member
V.Vasanth Kumar	Chithirangal/Paintings	Member

### PARTICIPATION IN GRAMA SABAI

Children represented in Grama Sabai meetings and expressed their concerns over Child Rights Protection issues.

### CHILD FORUMS

Name of the Child Education Centre	Name of the Forum
Samanatham	Aruvihal (Waterfalls)
Valayanakulam Colony	Meengal (Fishes)
Thethankulam - Ambedkar Nagar	Pattampoochihal (Butterflies)
Malaisampuram	Viluthuhai (Aerial Roots)
Nilaiyur - Harijan Colony	Muthukkal (Pearls)
Perungudi - Ambedkar Nagar	Mottuhai (Buds)
Anupanadi Susal Michel Street	Mehangal (Clouds)
Dr. Kabir Nagar	Suvaduhai (Impressions)
Soundrapendian Nagar	Natchathirangal (Stars)
Mottamalai	Arputhangal (Wonders)
Keelakuyilbudi	Padaipuhai (Creations)
Thanakankulam	Chithirangal (Paintings)

### THEATRE PERFORMANCE AT SCHOOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

On 31st August, children of the Dr. Kabir Nagar Centre performed a street theatre on Awareness on Drug Abuse at East Panchayat Union Middle School. The performance was widely appreciated as the children scripted it themselves and showcased the skills and techniques gained from Vidiyal's Street Theatre Workshops.

# Programmes Organised Across All 12 Centres/Child Forums

## RIPPLE CIRCLE

- Media Analysis
- Book Review - Kaatil Oru Pallikudam
- Current Status of the Indian Economy

Boys - 161  
Girls - 135  
Total = 296

## TAMIL FORUM

- Felicitation address & Special address
- Presidential address & Advocacy address

Boys - 180  
Girls - 158  
Total = 338

## DRAWING FORUM

- Basics of Drawing
- Drawing with Shapes, Numbers and Alphabet
- Grid Drawing

Boys - 181  
Girls - 160  
Total = 341

## FOLK DANCE

Three sessions on folk dance  
Kaliyalattam, Oyilattam and Lezim

Boys - 183  
Girls - 175  
Total = 358

## STREET THEATRE

Through three street theatre training sessions, children explored creative expression while learning to voice social issues and build confidence.

Boys - 180  
Girls - 158  
Total = 338

## JOLLY CAMP

The 2nd Jolly Camp for rural children was held from 15th to 17th May 2024 at the Vidiyal Campus, Muthupatti, with 62 boys and 59 girls participating. The camp offered a mix of fun, learning, and team-building activities, providing children with opportunities to explore, collaborate, and develop new skills in a joyful environment.

## celebrations

Children celebrated the following festivals, fostering joy, togetherness, and the spirit of childhood:

- Deepavali
- Children's Day
- Pongal



## PICNIC AND OUTINGS

S.No	Nature of Picnic	Place
1	Place of Nature's Bounty	Kuruvithurai – Sithathipuram Dam
2	Trade House	Green Madurai Nursery Garden
3	Historical Place	Keeladi – Archaeological Site

## CLUSTER LEVEL QUARTERLY TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS

Term	Beginner	Primary	Junior	Intermediate & Senior
1	Water Play	Good Habits	Protection from Sexual Abuse	Life Skill Education - Creative Thinking
2	Drawing with Impression	Basics of Drawing	Greeting Card Making	Life Skill Education - Empathy
3	Helping and Sharing	Learning about Plants	Art & Craft	Protection from Substance Abuse
4	Learning about Shapes	Loving All Living Beings	Team Building	Life Skill Education - Critical Thinking

## STRENGTHENING GRASSROOT MECHANISMS FOR CHILD RIGHTS PROTECTION



VLCPC, PRA, SMC & GRAMA SABAI	
Programme	Number of Programmes
VLCPC	7
Community PRA	7
VLCPC PRA	6
SMC	6
Grama Sabai	30

Under the Mission Vatsalya scheme, Village Level Child Protection Committees (VLCPCs) ensure children's safety through structured interventions. We organised VLCPC meetings and conducted Participatory Rural Appraisals (PRAs), enabling children to become members and voice their concerns. In some villages, communities also engaged in PRAs. We actively participated in School Management Committees (SMCs) to promote safe and child-friendly schooling.

Children joined 75 Grama Sabai meetings and submitted 33 petitions, of which 14 led to real changes - better roads, repaired streetlights, desilted water tanks, safer wiring, CCTV for child safety, drinking water, and functional libraries. Their voices are being heard, and their participation is making communities safer and stronger.

### DOOR-TO-DOOR CHILD RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

Children from all 12 centres actively engaged the community by sharing QR-coded stickers that link to a video on our Vidiyal Madurai YouTube channel, making learning about Child Rights fun and interactive, and reaching a total of 1,277 people.



### AWARENESS IN A SELF-HELP GROUP

A Child Rights awareness session was held with a Self-Help Group to promote community responsibility for children's protection and well-being.

### AWARENESS IN SCHOOLS ON CHILD RIGHTS AND PROTECTION

Awareness sessions were conducted in seven schools, reaching 1,584 children. The sessions addressed critical child protection issues such as child marriage, child labour, school dropout, and drug abuse, enabling children to become more informed and resilient.



### ENGAGING WITH STAKEHOLDERS

The Fathers' Forum met quarterly, engaging 111 fathers across 12 centres in discussions on parenting and child rights. Fathers' Day was warmly celebrated, recognising the vital role of fathers in their children's lives.

FATHERS' DAY

MOTHERS' DAY

Meeting quarterly across 12 centres, the Mothers' Forum brought together 142 mothers for discussions on effective parenting and child development. Mothers' Day was joyfully celebrated, honouring mothers with love and appreciation.

#### Both forums additionally provided inputs on:

- Family values
- Handling adolescent children effectively
- Government schemes for children
- Psychological well-being of the family

Together, these forums strengthened families, promoted positive parenting, and created a supportive environment for children to grow and thrive.

## SPECIAL PROGRAMMES



### SPONSORS' DAY CELEBRATION

On 28th April 2024, Sponsors' Day was organised to express gratitude to sponsors. Children from the sponsorship programme shared how the support has been instrumental in helping them move closer to their dreams.

### TRIP TO KODAIKANAL

As part of the sponsorship programme, 36 boys and 26 girls enjoyed a two-day trip to Kodaikanal on 1st and 2nd February 2025, creating joyful memories and valuable experiences together.



### 'CHAMPIONS FOR CHANGE' – 'BOYS STANDING FOR GENDER EQUALITY'

At Vidiyal, boys are growing into Champions for Change, learning to stand for gender equality. Step by step, they are questioning old norms and discovering what it means to build a fairer world for everyone.

The 5th episode was held on 26th May 2024 at Thiruparankundram hillock, with 54 boys participating. Through trekking, fun learning activities, and guided sessions by Dr.C.Jim Jesudoss, they explored themes like gender equality, toxic masculinity, five senses and patriarchal attitudes, and the importance of building a just and equitable world.

The journey continued on 3rd November 2024 with the 6th episode at Vidiyal Campus, Muthupatti. With facilitation from gender trainer Mr. V. Rathinagiri, 49 boys reflected deeply and pledged to live out equality in their daily lives. Each episode strengthens their resolve—boys walking together, reshaping attitudes, and standing tall for change.



### TRAINING ON PARAIYATTAM

A three-day training on Paraiyattam, Tamil's traditional folk dance, was conducted from 14th to 16th May 2024 by Velu Aasan. Fourteen boys and eleven girls participated with great enthusiasm. Since then, the children have continued to perform Paraiyattam in various arenas, keeping this cultural tradition alive.



### FUN AT PARAVASA ULAGAM

As a reward for their successful play production, the members of the Children's Theatre Troupe enjoyed a fun-filled day at Paravasa Ulagam water theme park on 4th June 2024.

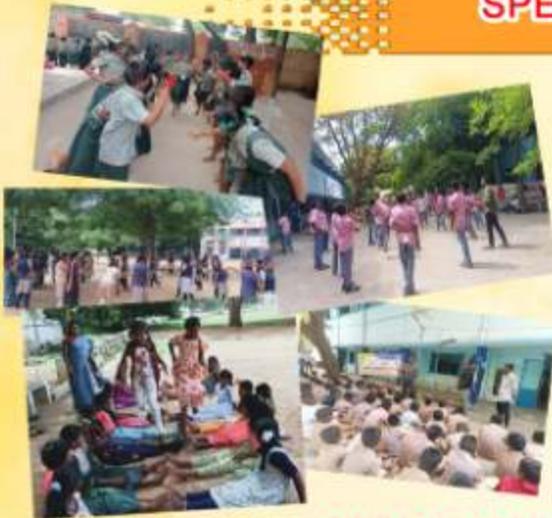


## SPECIAL PROGRAMMES



### INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PLAY (IDOP)

The United Nations declared 11th June 2024 as the first-ever International Day of Play (IDOP). We celebrated it in 17 schools with 971 students and 21 centres with 525 children, encouraging children to embrace outdoor play rather than gadgets and social media. Fun games like Dodge Ball, 7 Shots, King Pandiya, hopping, chasing, and circle games filled the day. The celebration highlighted play as every child's right, reminding us that play builds life skills—fostering joy, health, confidence, and lifelong learning.



### PROJECT ANKUR – PEER LEARNING SESSIONS

Project Ankur ensured informed, equitable, and meaningful participation of young people. It emphasised cross and peer learning, drawing from diverse experiences and fostering future collaborations among children and youth nationwide. In addition to making their own presentation, the children of VCRM gained valuable insights through various virtual peer learning sessions organised under this initiative.



### POWER OF ART - ADVOCATING FOR CHILD RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

On 24th August 2024, children of the Vidiyal Child Rights Movement made a virtual presentation, highlighting the work of their Children's Theatre Troupe and Digital Media team. Through performing arts and digital platforms, they showcased how children collectively advocate for Child Rights, Social Inclusion, and Social Justice. Their creative expressions reflected both their commitment and leadership in using art and media as powerful tools for change.

### OUR WORLD OF RIGHTS

'Our World of Rights' was held on 24th November 2024, providing children an engaging platform to learn, reflect, and express themselves on the theme of child rights. Through workshops, discussions, creative presentations, and cultural events, children deepened their understanding of their rights and responsibilities. The event also enabled them to connect their everyday experiences with the larger vision of building a rights-based society.





The 31st Anniversary of Sakthi - Vidiyal was held at Mannar College on 26th January 2025. Children, volunteers, parents, community leaders, alumni, and board members joined in the celebration.



### JENNIFER MEMORIAL AWARD

This year, the Jennifer Memorial Award was presented to Ms. C. Glory Deborah, Founder and Director of New Creations Charitable Trust, in recognition of her dedicated work in defending the rights of abandoned women with mental illness.



### BUS LIBRARY



The bus library, set up inside a bus, has become a special space where children discover the joy of reading. Throughout the year, children from different forums visited it regularly, engaging with books and stories with great enthusiasm.

On 28th May 2024, members of the library management team had an enriching experience of visiting the Kalaingar Centenary Library, where they explored a vast collection of books and enjoyed reading in a larger setting.



### CHILDHOOD MATTERS: A COLLABORATIVE SOCIAL AUDIT WITH CHILDREN

Sakthi-Vidiyal facilitated a participatory social audit with children. On 20th April 2024, children brainstormed topics and finalised "Child Rights Implementation in Communities" and "Right to Education". On 25th – 26th April, orientation and workshops led by Mr. G. Ganesan and Mr. D. Arockiam introduced social audits through interactive sessions, games, and roleplays. Children framed questions and developed audit tools. On 6th October, Dr. C. Jim Jesudoss trained them in listening, probing, and observation. From 6th–26th October, a total of 41 children from both urban and rural VCRM conducted audits in communities and schools, and on 27th October, they shared their experiences. Mr.S.Anil Godwin Kumar oversaw data analysis.



The process showcased meaningful child participation, building confidence, agency, and leadership to influence change for a just society.

# RECEPTION HOME

We have been running the Reception Home under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act since 2004. Children are admitted for judicial custody through the orders of the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), the Madurai District Court, and the Madras High Court (Madurai Bench).

Celebrations

8

Admission

Boys - 99  
Girls - 197  
Total - 293

Welcome Kit

Boys - 84  
Girls - 183

Sexual Health  
Intervention  
Programme

Boys - 22  
Girls - 29

Child Rights

Education - 26

Trainings &  
Workshops - 16

Awareness on  
De-addiction

Boys - 46  
Girls - 48

Individual Counselling

Boys - 96 Girls - 197

Group Counselling

112

Children's

Forum Meetings - 43

Medical  
Camps - 8

Medical Care

Boys - 27  
Girls - 43

Restoration

Boys - 86  
Girls - 197

Home Management

Committee Meeting - 4

Independence Day and Republic Day were celebrated in a fitting manner.

## COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING

On 26th March 2025, Dr. Sharmila Jim attended the Coordination Committee Meeting on the effective functioning of Child Care Institutions, organised by the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) and chaired by the District Collector.

## CASE STUDY

Maniraj (name changed to protect identity), an 11-year-old boy, lost his father in an accident, leaving his mother to care for him and a newborn sibling amidst severe hardship. He became involved in theft and disruptive behaviour, which led to legal intervention and admission to Sakthi Vidiyal Shelter Home through the CWC.

Counselling revealed a mild mental disorder, later clinically confirmed and treated with medication. With therapeutic support, he showed notable improvement and now continues his rehabilitation and education in another child care institution.



At Vidiyal, children are supported through individual and group counselling that help them face challenges, make wise decisions, and grow with confidence. Group sessions addressed themes such as respectful communication, behaviour change, regular attendance, dangers of substance abuse, value of education, managing risks, taking responsibility, setting goals, and nurturing positive relationships.

**COUNSELLING AT CHILD RIGHTS AND DEVELOPMENT CENTERS**

Individual Counselling				Group Counselling	
Boys		Girls		Urban	Rural
Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural		
29	2	22	2	17	3



**CONSULTATION WITH VCRM ON REBUILD INDIA FUND**

On 30th June 2024, the voices of VCRM representatives filled the room as they gathered with Sakthi-Vidiyal for a meaningful consultation. Together, they reflected on needs, shared ideas, and envisioned new possibilities for programmes and activities with the support of the Rebuild India Fund.

Children and parents are imparted with scientific on health care and encouraged to access government services. With the support of Dr.Navaneethan of Gowri Nursing Home, 24 boys and 20 girls benefitted from special health care. This year, K.Janarthanan, B.Viswa, R.Akash, G.Saravanan, G.Abi Sakthi, M.Yogamithran, and P. Jegadheeswaran received emergency treatment for various ailments, ensuring their health and well-being. P.Nisha, A.Hari Prasad, and M.Nittheeswaran received dental care.

**FATHERS' FORUM**

Involving fathers in this forum has always been a cultural challenge. However, this year 26 fathers took part in the bi-monthly meetings, where they were encouraged to actively share child-rearing responsibilities at home.



**MOTHERS' FORUM**

The Mothers' Forum provides a valuable platform for women to learn, share, and support one another in their role as primary caregivers. This year 211 mothers participated in the monthly meetings, engaging actively in discussions and valuing the input sessions that addressed their concerns and needs. In February 2025, a one-day trip to Thekkady was organized for 28 mothers as a reward for their regular attendance, offering them a refreshing break and a joyful time of fellowship.

**FEAST FOR ELDERLY**

Date	Grandfathers	Grandmothers	Total
20.08.2024	16	68	84
24.01.2025	12	74	86



Elders from socially excluded communities were warmly invited to Vidiyal for special gatherings. The occasions were filled with joy as they sang, danced, and shared moments of togetherness with friends. A festive lunch was served, and the thoughtful take-home gift brought smiles and appreciation, making the celebrations truly memorable.



**TAILORING UNIT**

This year two batches of students completed the six-month course. 24 women received a certificate and a matching grant to own a sewing machine.

## CONFERENCES, CAMPAIGNS, SEMINARS, WEBINARS, CONSULTATIONS AND MEETINGS 2024 – 2025

Our team actively engaged in the following programmes, adding value to the deliberations and influencing outcomes with our child rights perspectives.



### Online

- Plans and priorities of the Azim Premji Foundation
- Child Participation Thematic Group Meet, NACG-EVAC, India
- Thematic Group Meet on Corporal Punishment, NACG – EVAC, India
- Interaction with Rotary Club, Norway on Operation Day's Work (ODW)
- Initiating the Child Participation Thematic Group, Rebuild India
- Orientation for Introducing New Partners, Rebuild India
- Models of Intervention, Childline India Foundation



### In Person

- Partners Meet, Azim Premji Foundation, Bangalore
- Catalyst 2030 – Conversation Café 'Dynamic Young for Sustainable Development' The Relevance of Children's Agency and their Meaningful Participation to achieve SDG Goals, Bangalore
- Partners Meet, Rebuild India, Dasra, New Delhi
- Vision and Plan for the Childline Network, Childline India Foundation, New Delhi
- National Education Policy, Right to Education Forum, Trichy
- SC/ST Special Component Plan, Book Release, SASY, Chennai

## TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS 2024 - 2025

*Members of our staff team served as resource persons in the following trainings and workshops, sharing their expertise with both government departments and civil society initiatives.*

### In-Person

- Training on Understanding Social Exclusion, Child Rights, Teaching and Learning, Tools and Techniques to work with Children, CSED, Erode
- Life Skill Education, Life Care Trust, Colachel
- Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Child in Need of Care and Protection (CNCP) for District Child Protection Officers, Department of Child Welfare and Essential Services, Chennai
- Child Participation & Team building, IRCDS, Thiruvallur
- Life Skill Education, CSED, Erode
- Social Group Work - Sakthi – Vidiyal's Model, Lady Doak College, Madurai
- Urban Community Development, Urban Health Problems and Role of Voluntary Organisations, Lady Doak College, Madurai
- Perspective Building on Government Organisations for Women and Children, Lady Doak College, Madurai
- Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, Police In Service Training Centre, Madurai
- Two sessions on Issues of Children in Today's Context, Madurai Institute of Social Sciences (MISS), Madurai
- Child Rights Protection and Approaches in Relation to Adolescents, organised by Village Service Trust, Chinnamanur
- Two sessions on Social Services for Children Engaged in Begging, MISS, Madurai
- Tools and Techniques for Working with Children, Bharathiyar University, Coimbatore
- Role of Stakeholders in Preventing Child Begging, Case Studies and Success Stories, MISS, Madurai
- Introduction to Child Rights and UNCRC, Ambika College, Madurai
- Child Friendly Churches, Sunday School Teachers, C.S.I, Dindigul
- Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and POCSO Act 2012, Police in Service Training Centre, Madurai
- Life Skill Education for Head Load Sellers, Life Care Trust, Colachel

# INTERNSHIP AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

## EXPOSURE VISITS AND ORIENTATION PROGRAMMES

Staff Team	Gubbachi, Bangalore, April 2024
1st M.S.W	Mannar College, July 2024
1st M.S.W	Lady Doak College, September 2024
2nd B.S.W	Madurai Institute of Social Sciences, September 2024
1st M.S.W	Madurai Institute of Social Sciences, September 2024
Staff Team	Concerned for Working Children, Bangalore, October 2024
B.A.S.W	Arulmigu Pannirupidi Ayyan Arts College, Tirunelveli, January 2025
Staff & Children Team	Society for Serving Humanity, Dindigul, February 2025

## INTERNS

1. Ms.M.Dhivya Bharathi	Lady Doak College
2. Ms.M.Sevitha Shree	Lady Doak College
3. Ms.A.Belsiya	Sacred Heart Nursing College
4. Mr.V.Daniel Vetha Raj	Tamilnadu Theological Seminary
5. Mr.K.Alfinn Sam Solomon	Tamilnadu Theological Seminary
6. Mr.S.Arunkumar Peter	Tamilnadu Theological Seminary
7. Mr.M.Bhagavathi Sairam	Mannar College
8. Ms.R.A.Sandhiya	Mannar College
9. Mr.P.Alagar Raja	The American College
10. Mr.A.K.Sharan Dhasan	The American College
11. Ms.K.Gavya	The American College
12. Ms.S.Thillai Sanjeetha	Bharathiyar University, Coimbatore
13. Mr.C.Prithivi Rajan	Bharathiyar University, Coimbatore
14. Ms.S.Prathiba	Madurai Institute of Social Sciences
15. Mr.A.Ajay Kumar	Madurai Institute of Social Sciences
16. Mr.P.Joe Infant Jacob	The American College
17. Mr.S.Gangadharan	The American College
18. Mr.Peter Delaxan	Arul Anandhar College
19. Ms.A.Jeni Asha	Arul Anandhar College
20. Ms.Punitha Arockiasamy	California
21. Mr.R.Srivatsan	NMIMS Mumbai

Mr. G. Shammath Rajasekaran Memorial Award for Excellence in Education

Rs.36,000/- given to Children (10th std - 8; 12th Std - 4; UG - 3; PG - 1) from urban communities.

Dr.G.Gilbert Rajkumar B.V.Sc., Memorial Award for Excellence in Education

Rs.36,250/- given to Children (10th std - 16; 12th std - 4) from rural communities.

## CAREER GUIDANCE

A workshop on Career Guidance was conducted on 5th June 2024 by Ms.P.Premalatha, a trainer and social worker. It supported students from 9th to 12th standard in setting academic goals.

**ACADEMIC  
SUCCESS**

Class	Urban		Rural		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
10 <sup>th</sup>	5	5	7	9	26
12 <sup>th</sup>	1	3	4	0	8

Post Graduation  
Girls - 2



The practice of small savings continues to be nurtured among our children from a young age. During this year, 171 children contributed to the Piggy Bank at Vidiyal, saving a total of Rs.34,505/-.

## NETWORKING AND LINKAGES

Sakthi-Vidiyal is recognised as a Child Rights Organisation committed to protecting and promoting children's rights. Beyond direct action, we engage with government departments and child protection mechanisms, and share resources with peer organisations to strengthen the wider child rights movement.

At state and national levels, we participate in networks advocating policy reforms and legislative amendments. Dr. C. Jim Jesudoss serves on the Executive Committee of the Forum for Promotion of Child Participation (FPCP), contributes to its Facilitation Task Force, and leads the Documentation Task Force. Mr. D. Arockiam serves as the District Convenor of the Campaign Against Child Labour (CACL). We actively contribute to the National Action and Coordination Group for Ending Violence Against Children (NACG-EVAC), with Dr. C. Jim Jesudoss serving as the State Convenor of the Tamil Nadu Chapter and facilitator of the Child Participation thematic group.

As a founding member of the National Forum for Child Participation (NFCP), we collaborate with like-minded organisations to amplify children's voices in decision-making. We are also an active member of the Young Voices National Working Group (YVNWG), contributing to its meetings and consultations.



## VIDIYAL ALUMNI - THE OLIRUM MUHANGAL



Our alumni forum supports us in mobilizing community resources and in organizing various programmes and activities for children. They are the torchbearers of our interventions emphasizing that 'change is possible'.

## RADIANT DAY



On 10th November 2024, members of the alumni forum gathered at the Vidiyal Campus to celebrate Radiant Day with the children. They led inspiring sessions that encouraged the younger ones to set goals and strive for greater achievements in life. They pooled resources to share a festive meal and thoughtful gifts, leaving the children in awe of their journey. As living role models, the alumni showed that breaking barriers of social exclusion is not just a dream but an achievable reality.

## COMMITTEE ON PREVENTION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT (PoSH)

Sakthi-Vidiyal is committed to fostering a safe and respectful workplace for all employees. The Committee on Prevention of Sexual Harassment (PoSH) functions in line with The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013. The committee meets quarterly to review practices and ensure that a harassment-free and secure work environment is consistently upheld.



## HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT



At Sakthi - Vidiyal, staff and volunteers work in an enriching environment guided by the Staff Policy, PoSH Policy, and Child Policy. Every new member signs an undertaking to uphold safeguarding norms, ensuring children's rights remain central. Opportunities for learning and skill enhancement further strengthens the team's commitment and growth.

The year also brought moments of celebration and recognition.

The New Year Meet and March get-together honoured contributions, while a two-day trip to Alleppey with a houseboat stay offered relaxation, fellowship, and a joyful reward for their dedicated service.

## Volunteer FORUM

After completing their schooling, Vidiyal children join the Volunteers Forum, contributing their time, skills, knowledge, labour, and energy to run Child Education Centres and organise activities for younger children.

## VOLUNTEERS 2024 - 2025

1. A. Hari Prasath - President
2. G. Muthulakshmi - Secretary
3. P. Anusuya - Treasurer
4. C. Priya
5. S. Latha
6. A. Sophiya
7. P. Aarthi
8. P. Madhan
9. P. Kabilan
10. M. Chellapandi
11. G. Abi Sakthi
12. M. Senthil Murugan
13. G. Senthil Murugan
14. M. Jayasri
15. B. Umar Faruk
16. V. Sandhya
17. P. Nivetha
18. V. Ponnuthal
19. P. Dhivakar
20. B. Kannan
21. P. Muthupandi
22. P. Raviraj

## Staff Exposure Visits

- On 12th December 2024, five staff members of the CPRP project undertook an exposure visit to Arunodhaya in Chennai to gain insights into the functioning of Ward Level Child Protection Committees (WLCPC).

- Exposure Visit to Goonj, Chennai

## GARDEN WORK

Our volunteers regularly maintain the gardens at the Vidiyal Campus in Muthupatti throughout the year, and their dedicated efforts were rewarded with a special treat of Madurai's Street foods at Theppakulam.

## STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS TRAINING 2024 - 2025

- Jolly Camp Leaders
- First Aid
- Basic Counselling Skills for Child Care Workers
- Life Skill Education
- Digital Media and Artificial Intelligence
- Developing a Manual for Holistic Child Development
- Counselling Skills for CCI Counsellors, DCPU, Madurai
- Media Education, IDEAS, Madurai
- Constitution of India, IDEAS, Madurai
- Disaster Management, FPAI, Madurai
- Public Speaking and Effective Communication, IDEAS, Madurai
- Special Services for Children Engaged in Begging, Madurai Institute of Social Sciences, Madurai
- Technology workshop for Non-Profit (Kobo Tool box), St. Thomas Charitable and Educational Trust, Madurai
- Understanding Social Defence Issues
- Creating Safe Online Spaces for Children, Bharathidasan University, Trichy

### Virtual Sessions by Rebuild India

- Monitoring, Learning and Evaluation
- Importance of Compliances
- Fund Raising
- Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) at Work Place
- Effective Communication
- Accounting Procedures

## ORIENTATION AND INTERNSHIP

### PROGRAMME FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS

Children joining the Volunteers Forum are oriented on the qualities and expectations of a committed volunteer. Through a yearlong internship, they gain hands-on experience in Child Education Centres and engage in 22 structured trainings, workshops, and a series of book-reading sessions that nurture self-development and professional growth. This year, six volunteers successfully completed the programme and were proudly honoured with certificates and stoles at the graduation ceremony held on 26th January 2025.



## STAFF TEAM

### Department of Child Protection

- |                       |                               |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Dr.G.Shamila Jim   | Director - Child Protection   |
| 2. Ms.R.Saskala       | Superintendent                |
| 3. Mr.P.Uthaya Kumar  | Child Welfare Officer         |
| 4. Ms.P.Preethi       | Counsellor                    |
| 5. Ms.P.Anusuya       | Store keeper cum Accountant   |
| 6. Mr.B.Vinoth        | House Father                  |
| 7. Ms.M.Gayathri      | House Mother                  |
| 8. Ms.K.Hemalatha     | Paramedical Staff             |
| 9. Ms. A.Kamatchi     | Educator                      |
| 10. Ms.T.Dhanalakshmi | Cook                          |
| 11. Ms.S.Lakshmi      | Cook                          |
| 12. Ms.P.Janaki       | House keeper                  |
| 13. Mr.M.Ganesan      | Art & Craft cum Music Teacher |
| 14. Ms.N.Mahalakshmi  | PT cum Yoga Trainer           |
| 15. Mr.P.Muniasamy    | Security                      |
| 16. Ms.M.Nagarathinam | Security - Women              |
| 17. Mr. P.Rajkumar    | Office Assistant cum Driver   |

**Executive Director**  
**Dr. C.Jim Jesudoss**

### Department of School and Media Education

1. Mr.J.Jesley Priyadharshan  
Director School & Media Education
2. Mr.M.Ganesan  
Media Communication Trainer

### Department of Child Development

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|----------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Mr.D.Arockiam     | Director - Child Development |
| 2. Mr.P.Chandran     | Academic Trainer             |
| 3. Mr.K.Gopal        | Student Counsellor           |
| 4. Ms.B.Palaneeswari | Field Coordinator            |
| 5. Ms.K.Subhashini   | Street Educator              |
| 6. Ms.S.Keerthana    | Street Educator              |
| 7. Ms.A.Sudha        | Accountant                   |

### Department of Child Participation

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|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Mr.S.Anil Godwin Kumar | Project Director    |
| 2. Mr.M.Anbu              | Project Coordinator |
| 3. Mr.P.Baskar            | Cluster Coordinator |
| 4. Mr.J.James             | Cluster Coordinator |
| 5. Ms.B.Mareeswari        | Cluster Coordinator |
| 6. Ms.P.Jenifer           | Accountant          |

## MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL BODY

Dr.Sujatha Rita M.S.W. PhD.,  
 Dr.V.Christopher Ramesh M.A., (Eng) M.Phil., PhD.,  
 Dr.S.Aasha M.A., (Psy.) M.Phil., PhD.,  
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 Mr.S.A.Arul M.S.W.,  
 Ms.T.Mary Anita B.P.Ed.,  
 Ms.B.Kalaiarasi M.Sc., B.Ed.,  
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 Mr.K.Thangapandi, B.Pharm.,  
 Mr.S.Bharath Kumar, M.Sc., Bio Tech.,

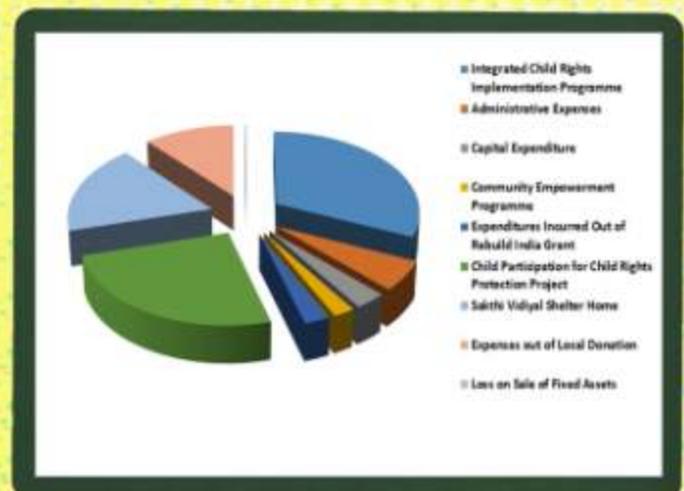
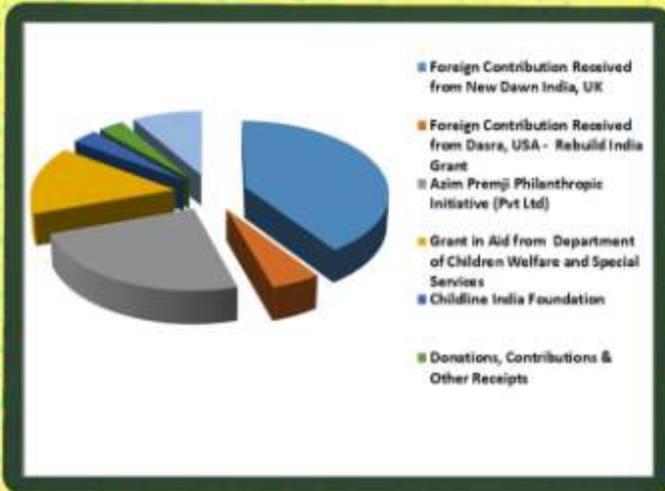
President Development Consultant  
 Vice President Asst. Professor  
 Secretary Psychologist and Counsellor  
 Treasurer Social Worker  
 Member Social Worker  
 Member Teacher  
 Member Educationist  
 Member Asst. Professor  
 Member Pharmacist  
 Member Biotechnologist

### INCOME 2024 - 2025

INCOME 2024 - 2025	Rs
Foreign Contribution Received from New Dawn India, UK	82,10,080.00
Foreign Contribution Received from Dasra, USA - Rebuild India Grant	10,23,852.00
Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiative (Pvt Ltd)	49,32,000.00
Grant in Aid from Department of Children Welfare and Special Services	30,91,857.00
Childline India Foundation	6,66,103.00
Donations, Contributions & Other Receipts	6,51,763.00
Bank Interest	17,54,765.00
	<b>2,83,30,420.00</b>

### EXPENDITURE 2024 - 2025

EXPENDITURE 2024 - 2025	Rs
Integrated Child Rights Implementation Programme	62,18,158.00
Administrative Expenses	11,60,458.00
Capital Expenditure	6,28,389.00
Community Empowerment Programme	4,21,749.00
Expenditures Incurred Out of Rebuild India Grant	5,13,039.00
Child Participation for Child Rights Protection Project	49,28,253.00
Sakthi Vidiyal Shelter Home	35,07,754.00
Expenses out of Local Donation	22,15,334.00
Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets	29,837.00
	<b>1,96,24,971.00</b>



#### OUR BANKERS

##### STATE BANK OF INDIA,

New Delhi Main Branch, N.D. Main Branch  
 11, Parliament Street, New Delhi - 110 001

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Palanganatham Branch and S.S.Colony Branch,  
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## DIGITAL MEDIA

Our digital media centre produced the following videos and actively engaged in promoting Child Rights in various social media platforms including YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Google Business.



## VIDEOS PUBLISHED ON YOUTUBE

### SONGS FOR CHILDREN

#### CHILD RIGHTS MUSIC ALBUM - UYIROSAI

SONG 13: Chinnanjiruvane chinnajchirumiye

#### CHILD RIGHTS MUSIC ALBUM - AARPARIPPU

1. SONG 7: Ennai Naane Arinthiduvan
2. SONG 8: Chinna Chinna Chittukuruvi
3. SONG 9: Darwin Enroru Maamaniathan
4. SONG 10: Theeyathai Paarkathe
5. SONG 11: Vaathu Koli Irandum
6. SONG 12: Matram Ennil Thodangattum
7. SONG 13: Eppadi Eppadi Eppadi
8. SONG 14: Chukku Chukku Vandii
9. SONG 15: Alamarathankili
10. SONG 16: Kolli Malai Pakkathula

#### CHILD RIGHTS MUSIC ALBUM - REENGARAM

1. Kulanthai Endral Kuttii Manithan
2. Thedal Payanam Thodarattum
3. Enaku Rendu Kannirukku
4. Aattam Aadi Paattu Paadam
5. Engal Nilai Maravillai
6. Kaattukulla Potti Onnu
7. Jolly Jolly Jollythan

### DANCE VIDEOS

1. Verhal Forum - 24th Child Rights Festival
2. Sirpihal Forum - 24th Child Rights Festival
3. Sirpihal, Vithaihal & Verhal Forum - 31st Annual Day Celebration
4. Aruvihal Forum - 31st Annual Day Celebration
5. Chittukuruvi, Kutties & Poonthair Forum - 31st Annual Day Celebration
6. Malarhal Forum - 31st Annual Day Celebration
7. Nila & Deepangal Forum - 31st Annual Day Celebration
8. Alaihal, Vinmeenhal, Vannathupoochihal Forum - 31st Annual Day Celebration

#### Vidiyal Child Rights Movement Song (Short Version)

### SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

1. International Day Of Play (IDOP) - 4 Videos
2. International Day of the Girl Child - 3 Videos
3. Science is Fun
4. Our World of Rights
5. Happy Children's Day
6. Radiant Day by Sakthi - Vidiyal Alumni
7. Tamil Kondattam - 2024
8. Vidiyal Child Rights Movement Election 2024 - 2025

### CAMPS

1. 25th Jolly Camp - 10 Videos
2. Vidiyal's Kathir Camp - 5 Videos

### TRAININGS & WORKSHOPS

1. Vidiyal Child Rights Movement at Project Ankur's Agents of Change Workshop
2. Folk Dance Training - 2 Videos
3. Street Theatre Training - 2 Videos
4. Training on Right to Protection from Sexual Abuse
5. Workshop on Loving All Living Beings

### VOICE FOR CHILD RIGHTS

1. Advocate Ms.Selvagomathi
2. Advocate Mr.G.Ganesan

### CELEBRATIONS

1. 24th Child Rights Festival
2. Christmas Celebration - 2024
3. Vidiyal's 28th Pongal Sports Meet
4. Pongal Celebration 2025
5. 31st Annual Day

# MEDIA ADVOCACY

**Suryan FM Supported our Cause During the Year in Highlighting Child Rights. Our Sincere Thanks to Times of India for Supporting Media Advocacy Through Covering News Items Upholding Children's Rights.**

## NGO steers kids toward books with 'bus' library



Open to all, it houses material from puzzles to autobiographies.

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Set up inside a ordinary school bus, this unusual library, launched by Sakthi - Vidiyal, gives children a chance to read and learn while having a feeling of 'travelling' in a bus with friends.

"The idea for the library came to me from a Japanese children's story 'Toko-Chan: The Little Girl at the Window', authored by Tetsuko Kuroyanagi," says C Jim Jesudoss, executive director of the NGO. "This particular story speaks of unconventional schooling that children during the second world war underwent. Since it was difficult to run schools during war, classrooms had been set up in old railway coaches. It was fascinating." The bus library with bus seats as chairs, houses about 300 books. It is set up on the Sakthi-Vidiyal campus at Maruthipatti in Madurai, a centre for children from underprivileged backgrounds.

"We had a school bus which was worn, dusty and unfit for use. It took a while and some effort to bring but finally we were able to establish and open the bus library. Children from underprivileged backgrounds often don't have the luxury of buying books to read in leisure so such a library is a boon to them. It is also a good way to grab their attention away from smart phones and encourage reading habits," he says.

The bus library has a variety of books for children from Class I to Class X, including story books, autobiographies, books with puzzles/riddles, or comic books for some of the much



**READ & LEARN:** The bus library can accommodate around 25 children at a time

student of a govt school was excited to use the bus library "Sitting in the driver's seat with the steering wheel in my hand gave me the feeling that I was driving a bus while reading a book," he says.

A Thiru, a Class VI student of a co-education school says the bus library with fans and tables inside makes it more comfortable for readers. "I really like the bus library in a bus when I'm inside there reading. Also though at school I can go to the library to read, here there is more freedom and I can also pick any book I like," she says.

The bus library can accommodate about 25 children at a time. "The library is open all kids in the neighbourhood. Our children will be using it regularly but perhaps slowly it may be developed further and more kids may join," says Jesudoss.

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## 2-day empowerment programme held on int'l day of girl child

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**Madurai:** Around 100 girls from underprivileged backgrounds participated in a two-day programme in Madurai to mark the International Day of the Girl Child. The event, organized by Sakthi - Vidiyal on Saturday and Sunday, aimed to encourage girls to pursue education and empower them in society.

This year's theme, 'Girls' Vision for the Future' was highlighted



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**GIRL POWER:** Girl children take part in the programme organised as part of the International Day of the Girl Child in Madurai

## Children showcase language skills at 'Tamil Kondattam'

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**Madurai:** Around 250 children from underprivileged backgrounds showcased their creativity in the Tamil language at 'Tamil Kondattam', a cultural fest held in Madurai on Sunday.

Organized by the Vidiyal Child Rights Movement, the event featured a variety of competitions for children aged 5-17, including speech

ling. Dr C Jim Jesudoss, executive director of Sakthi - Vidiyal, Madurai, emphasized the importance of language learning as a fundamental right for all children, as recognized by the United Nations. "Language is crucial for communication, and when children learn to express themselves, their voices can be heard. In Madurai, the land of Tamil, it's essential for kids to understand their language and cul-

Tamil Kondattam,' aimed at promoting reading, speaking, and writing in Tamil among children. The event's chief guest, writer Deepa Nagarni, interacted with the participants, highlighting how these competitions are designed to suit different age groups and skill levels, making learning enjoyable. "We hope such programs help children nurture their potential in Tamil," added Jesudoss. Prizes were

## 500 kids take part in child rights festival

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Madurai:** Around 500 children from slums and villages took part in a child rights festival organised in Madurai on Sunday to commemorate International Child Rights Day. Various games and fun activities were organised to create awareness and highlight the importance of children standing up for their

rights.

Activist Thulir inaugurated the programme by children of Vidiyal Child Rights Movement, an organisation facilitated by Sakthi - Vidiyal. The festival saw participants engage in discussions on child rights through a range of games and competitions such as storytelling, slogan writing, and drama. Children were

taught about the child rights through the snakes and ladders game, which showcased issues faced by children such as child abuse and bullying while highlighting positives like children getting education and supporting each other.

"We aim to enable people understand child rights in everyday life, to educate children on their rights, and

to empower them to defend their rights, as every child has a right to a happy childhood," said C Jim Jesudoss, executive director of Sakthi - Vidiyal.

"Empowering the children to make decisions and develop organisational skills is important to help them grow as individuals. So, we let them conduct the event," added Jesudoss.

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