The GIFT Foundation School Project

At Konganapuram Tamil Nadu, India

The GIFT Foundation (கொடைமாட்சி அறக்கட்டளை) is a public charitable trust established in 1998 to promote quality education in rural areas of Tamil Nadu. GIFT secured TNF-USA project approval and commenced the operation of 'AGN SCHOOL' at Konganapuram village in Tamil Nadu in June 1998. Now, it has grown into a full-fledged Matric. Hr. Sec. School supporting over 1900 students and 150 staff with good infrastructure and modern teaching methodology has earned a public respect for its quality education.



A view of the Main Campus during Sports Day

In addition to well-rounded education and sports the School offers many initiative programs like 'தளிர்த் திறன் திட்டம்', Yoga, Smart Class, Computer Enabled Learning in class rooms, 'Natural Reader' program and club activities. Our students have achieved high honors by getting district and state ranks in the Govt. Public Examinations.



Student Volunteers from Stanford University addressing the school assembly

The school has been hosting student volunteers from the Stanford University for the past several years, initiated by our patron Tr. Mason Byles of USA. During their six weeks stay at the school campus, the volunteers actively participate in teaching, skills development and cultural exchange activities.

The Community Radio Station in our school campus started functioning by providing service in the areas like, Education, Health, Agriculture, Sanitation and environment etc. It was partially funded by sponsors through TNF-USA.



Recording at AGN Community Radio Station

The Trust has established and run a CBSE curriculum school APPU ARIVAALAYEM at Konganapuram near AGN School to cater the long time demand and need of nearby local parents. Now, the school has 310 students from Junior KG to 8th grade.



A view of the APPU ARIVAALAYEM CBSE School

The Trust has taken up the construction of a new building consisting 15 class rooms with laboratories and a library to accommodate more children from next academic year onwards to meet the growing demand from the public.



A view of the new building under construction

During the academic year 2013-14, 115 deserving students were benefited by The GIFT scholarships, out of which 25 have been sponsored by donors from USA (through TNF-USA), India and other countries.

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