

# The GIFT Foundation School Project

## At Konganapuram Tamil Nadu, India

The GIFT Foundation (கொடைமடர்சி 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 1865 students and 136 staff with good infrastructure and modern teaching methodology has earned a public respect for its quality education.



A view of the Main Building of AGN SCHOOL

Our 12<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> class students brought laurels by securing outstanding marks in the 2014 Board Exams. Sn. Sridhara Manickam, an Adelaide Parks Rotary Scholar, topped 12<sup>th</sup> with 1180/1200 marks and went on to do medicine at Govt. Medical College, Vellore.



Inauguration of 'Mason Arangam' honoring Mason Byles (USA)

AGN's long-time patron and Advisory Committee member, Mason Byles, spent six weeks at school reviewing and participating in various activities. Mason was honored by naming the newly constructed auditorium on the south wing as 'Mason Arangam' during Pongal celebrations.



Members of Sankagiri Rotary Club presenting Interact Handbook

AGN SCHOOL INTERACT CLUB, sponsored by Sankagiri Rotary Club was installed this year. Interact

members collected record donations over Rs.1.6L towards Rotary's 'World Polio Eradication' drive.

Our ongoing 'Stanford Nanbarhal' program hosting student volunteers from the Stanford University went on well. Initiated by AGN Advisor Mason Byles, Stanford volunteers actively participate in teaching, skill development and cultural exchange activities during their six weeks stay at the school campus.



Welcoming Stanford University volunteers 2014

In AY2014-15, 115 deserving AGN students (~6%) benefited by The GIFT Foundation scholarships, out of which 55 have been sponsored by donors from USA (through TNF-USA), India and other countries.

AGN Community Radio Station (AGN CRS) at our school campus was upgraded with additional equipment valued over Rs.9L with support of the Indian Govt. AGN CRS broadcasts community service programs in areas like education, health, agriculture, sanitation, and environment.



A Recording session at AGN Community Radio Station

APPU ARIVAALAYEM, a CBSE School established by GIFT in 2014, has about 340 students from Junior KG to 9<sup>th</sup> grade, and 28 staff members.



A view of the new building at APPU ARIVAALAYEM CBSE School

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