



# Sri Ramacharan Charitable Trust

*Pioneer in facilitating Montessori Education in Public Schools*

## **Annual Report for the academic year 2021- 22**

### ***Education is a progressive discovery of our own ignorance***

Our journey of the academic year June 2021 started in continuing the online classes “Take Montessori Home” with the guidance of our Project Coordinator Ms.Sudha Gandekar

### **June – 2021 – February 2022**

Due to the pandemic, the parents also got an opportunity to understand that learning is a continuous process and should not be limited to the third environment, the school. Learning can happen in the first two environments as well, the home and the neighborhood.

As the pandemic had affected the livelihoods of many families, admissions to the corporation schools had a steep increase this academic year. Our teachers continued with the online sessions and designed new presentations to the new children who had shifted from various schools from the neighborhood.

**We could benefit approximately 720 children through these online sessions.**

### **Salient features of the programme:**

- Age customized
- Videos were prepared by the teachers to share it with the parents, so that the parents sit with the child and does the activity
- This helps in avoiding the screen time for the child
- All the activities were designed in such a way that the parent can use the household articles from kitchen, wardrobe, garden etc.
- This will help the parent to build a wonderful relationship with their children and co-learning happens
- The program commenced on 10 August 2020
- Videos were sent every Monday morning
- Audios of stories and songs were sent every Friday

## Teacher's feedback

The experience of the teachers in participating in this online session has been an eye opener to think out of the box in an unprecedented situation like this. Their confidence has been remarkable by doing these videos and presentations with available resources at home and enable to bring in the purpose of any activity with ease.

The teachers are overwhelmed with the parent's response and involvement in the activities.

The trust had also provided Rs.500/- to our teachers towards the phone recharge expenses for sending the videos. We were able to collect some funds and provide financial aid / provisions to the teachers and helpers, as many of their spouse who were engaged in manual work were out of their livelihood.

## February- 2022- to till date

As there is a saying that, ***"there is light at the end of the tunnel"*** reopening of the schools fulfilled that hope. Children resumed their school journey after nearly 23 months.

## April 2022

A meeting was held with all the trustees and teachers of SRCT at our office at Canal Bank Road.

## May 2022

Conducted a workshop by two experts on 7 May 2022, on identifying special children and child abuse at Amma Maligai Greater Chennai Corporation.



The Deputy Commissioner Education visited our classroom at MGR Nagar to understand the function of a Montessori environment.

In the month of March the Commissioner “Greater Chennai Corporation” spent more than an hour observing the children work and Ms.Sudha Gandekar , Coordinator explained the Montessori Methodology in detail.

These visits have created a very good impression on the Montessori Methodology and the corporation is looking forward to implement in more Kindergarten classrooms.



June 2022

### **Mentoring Program:**

Greater Chennai Corporation had purchased the Montessori materials for about 66 classrooms as an expansion of the Montessori Method in more corporation schools. As a part of the Mentoring team SRCT teachers have set up the classrooms of 12 schools as of the date and there are another 18 schools to setup. Simultaneously our teachers will do the mentoring for the setup classrooms over a period of two to three months.



Currently we are supporting 60 environments, in 16 Chennai corporation schools, one government school and 2 balwadis (6 environments) in implementing the Montessori methodology. The details are given below:

Schools where we have supplied Montessori Materials and Furniture	Schools where we have employed Montessori trained Teachers	No of Teachers	Schools where we have employed helpers	No of helpers
1. Saidapet	1. Saidapet	12	1. Saidapet	4
2. MGR Nagar	2. MGR Nagar	13	2. MGR Nagar	4
3. Royapetta	3. Royapetta	4	3. Royapetta	3
4. Shankarapuram	4. Shankarapuram	2	4. Shankarapuram	1
5. Kottur	5. Kottur	2	5. Senniaman koil st	1
6. Mettupalayam	6. Mettupalayam	2	6. Puliyur	1
7. T.Nagar	7. T.Nagar	2	7. Rangarajapuram	1
8. C.I.T.Nagar	8. C.I.T.Nagar	2	8. MGR Market	1
9. Senniaman	9. Egmore	1	9. Luz Balwadi	1
10. Puliyur	10. Mandaveli	1		
11. Ashok Nagar	11. Teynampet	1		
12. Nesapakkam	12. Luz Balwadi			
13. Rangarajapuram				
14. MGR Market				
15. Mandaveli				
16. Teynampet				
17. Presidency school - Egmore Girls High School				

### **STARTING NEW CLASSROOMS -2022**

We are indeed very happy to share that we are spreading out our wings to set up a new classroom at Canal Bank road Chennai and for the first time out of Chennai with the Government approval at Panjayat Union Middle School Cholanmaligai, Kumbakonam district.

*Children at cholanmaligai school working with concentration*



*Children singing during the circle time at canal bank road school*



## **REMEDIAL CLASSES**

Remedial classes are being conducted every day for an hour by four SRCT teachers at two schools, T.Nagar and C.I.T Nagar. For classes 4 and 5 with approximately 35 children in each school.

We also have periodic assessments on their progress, there are children who stop these classes once they are ready to take the exams conducted by the school.



### Independence Day celebrations

The 76<sup>th</sup> Independence Day was celebrated in all corporation schools in a grand manner SRCT teachers actively participated in the function.



## Teacher's day celebration

Rotary club made the teacher's day very memorable for our teachers, they shared some useful articles, gave a motivational speech. Our teacher Ms.Reena of Royapetta school received "Nation Builder" award which we believe will be inspiration to all the teachers.



Egmore school teachers Ms.Subha & Ms.Saraswathi were issued certificate of appreciation by Rotary club

## Anecdotes shared by our teachers

### Ms.Priyanka

#### KG MGR Nagar

After corona break the children were hesitant to come to school and were crying to enter the classroom, however over a period of time I gradually saw the change in children. They stopped crying and slowly started working with materials with ease. They are involved to such an extent that they miss school on Saturday and Sunday. I showed a child named sajitha Addition strip board, first day I gave her the addends to find the sum the next day she wrote her own addends and found the sum. Her enthusiasm amazed me.

### Ms.Thamilarasi

#### Class 1 MGR Nagar

Darshana comes to school early everyday once she realized that Sangeetha acca our helper did not come to school she took the broom and started sweeping the classroom by the time I entered the class she said with a sense of achievement that she had cleaned the classroom. I was thrilled to see the responsibility in the child to keep the classroom clean.



**Ms.Reena**

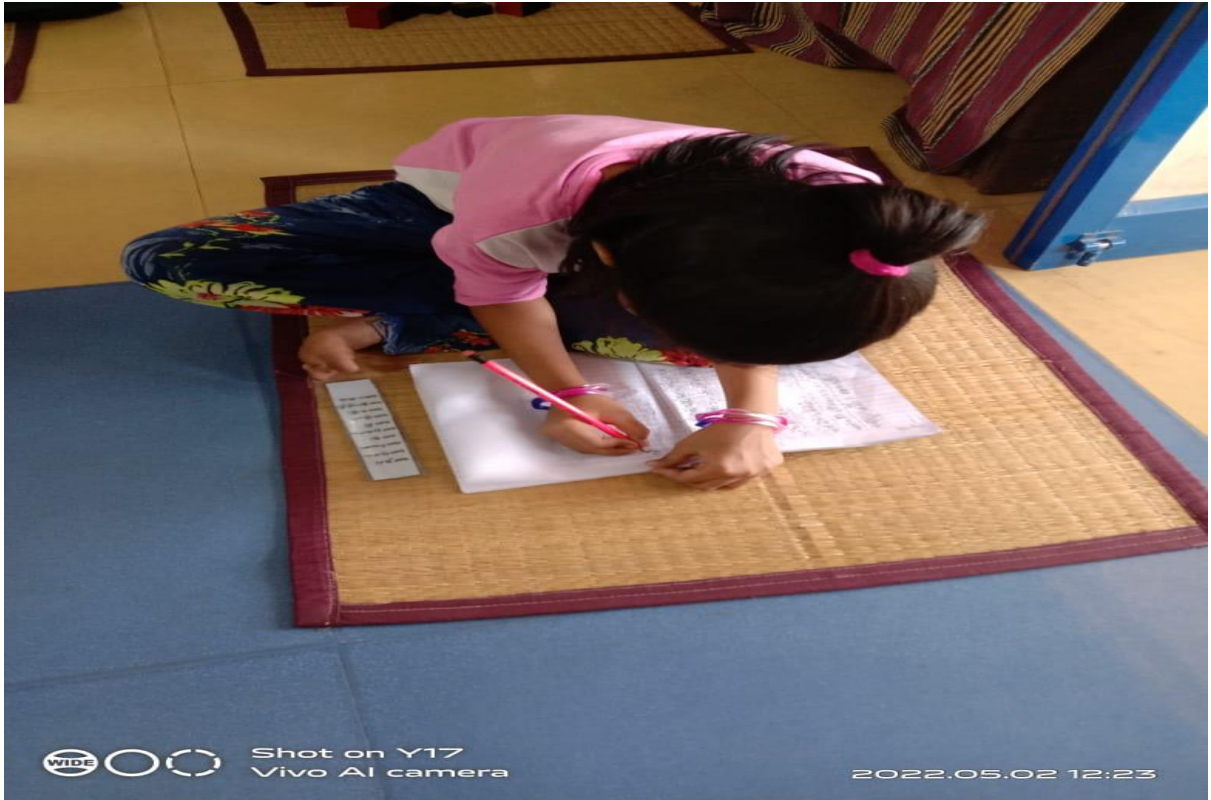
### **KG Royapetta**

Farahan does pairing activity with colour tablets very well. He not only pairs but also associates the colours with the things he sees around. For (eg) black colour with black board, green with the leaves, fan with brown and colour of the saree the teachers wear. He is very good in comparing the shapes too (eg) triangle he compares with samosa, moon with circle, board with rectangle etc . This child's ability to comprehend is attributed to this methodology.

### **Class 1 Royapetta**

Sairam has been with us since KG and now he is in class 1. This child does every activity meticulously with deep concentration and does arithmetic with ease. This child helps other children who have difficulty in working with arithmetic materials with compassion. Montessori Method develops this helping and sharing qualities right from doing the basic Exercise of practical activity where the child cuts strips of carrots and shares them with his friends.





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Vivo AI camera

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