

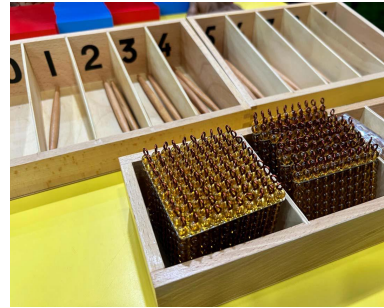
Sri Ramacharan Charitable Trust

- ▶ Sri Ramcharan Charitable Trust (SRCT) was founded in 1999 with the vision of bringing about social transformation through quality education for children studying in Corporation schools in Chennai.
- ▶ In 2004, the Trust started its first Montessori Environment in the Corporation School at VP Koil Street, Mylapore, with 45 Kindergarten students – in two sections (environments).
- ▶ As an intergral part of offering Montessori education, the Trust also facilitates Montessori Teachers' Training for underprivileged women.
- ▶ Thus started, the Trust has made impressionable impact over the last 25 years and is endeavoring to scale greater heights in its social cause.

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Aims of Montessori Approach

- Concrete methods and specialized materials used for teaching tools.
- Helps children develop their full potential through activities tailored to their needs
- Children are respected and allowed to learn at their own pace.
- Children develop a positive attitude towards learning and school
- Children develop self esteem, critical thinking, independent mind.



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Concepts of Learning

By working independently and repetitively with the materials, the child makes these concepts an innate part of oneself

Shapes



Numbers



Arithmetic



Language



Geography



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25 Year Journey

1999	SRCT Registered
2004	Started the first environment in VP koil street, Corporation School
2024	Marching forward with 63 environments across 22 schools in Chennai and Thanjavur
	With 17 Corporation Schools 03 Government Schhols And 02 Balwadis



Environments	Total No of Students	Total No of Teachers	Total No of Helpers
KG:: 59	1107	45	
Std I:: 04	113	04	
63	1220	49	20



Of the 63 environments, SRCT teachers work in 45 environments; project support is provided in the remaining 18 environments (see details in Table 1).



Table 1: Schools with SRCT supported Montessori classes (as of 30 Sept, 2024)

S.No	Chennai Corporation Schools	No. of KG classes	No. of Std I classes	Total class environments	No. of Teachers	No. of Helpers	No. of Montessori materials
1	Ashok Nagar	1		1			1
2	CIT Nagar West	1		1	1		1
3	Kottur	2		2	2	1	2
4	Mettupalayam	2		2	2	1	1
5	MGR Nagar	8	3	11	11	3	11
6	MGR Nagar Market	6		6		1	5
7	Nesapakkam	4		4			4
8	Puliyur	4		4		1	3
9	Rangarajapuram	2		2			1
10	Royapettah	2	1	3	2	2	2
11	Saidapet	8		8	8	2	8
12	Seniamman Koil	1		1		1	1
13	Shankarapuram	2		2	2	1	1
14	T Nagar	2		2	2		2
15	Teynampet	2		2	2		2
16	South Canal Bank	2		2	2	1	1
17	Ezhil Nagar	1		1	2		1
Total		50	4	54	36	14	47
	Other Schools						
18	Egmore Govt School	2		2	3	2	2
19	Kumbakonam Panch- -ayat Union School	1		1	1	1	1
20	Thanjavur Corporation School	1		1	1	1	1
	Balwadi Centres						
21	Thiruvallur Balwadi	1		1	4		1
22	Saidapet Balwadi	4		4	4	2	4
Grand Total		59	4	63	49	20	56

Sri Ramacharan Charitable Trust Montessori Teachers' Training for Underprivileged Women

As an integral part of Montessori Learning, the Trust started facilitating Montessori Teachers' training for underprivileged women – the goal being to train and employ women with aptitude.

Till 2020, the Trust had sponsored the training of 71 such women for one-year training course conducted by the Centre for Montessori Training, Chennai.

In 2023, at the request of Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC), SRCT developed a nine-month certificate course for training in Montessori approach. The same was launched in August 2023 with 44 candidates (40 contract teachers in GCC schools and 4 SRCT staff) in the first batch.



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Activities during the period April to September 2024

- Certificate Training course in Montessori approach conducted by SRCT completed by 44 trainees in April 2024.
- Valedictory function organized for awarding certificates to the trainees on 4 September, 2024. The training programme had been supported by Cognizant Foundation and Mr. Deepak Kumar Matti CEO, Cognizant Foundation, was the Chief Guest.
- SRCT's training coordinator and a teacher participated in a panel discussion titled "An exploration of teaching experience, career opportunities in education and the challenges encountered in the profession" organized by Cognizant Foundation, on 5 September, 2024.
- SRCT got permission from GCC in late 2023 to renovate an unused and dilapidated school building in Ezhil Nagar, a large slum on the outskirts of Chennai, off Old Mahabalipuram Road. The work was undertaken with generous support from a philanthropist and completed in May 2024. With due permission from GCC, the Montessori environment in KG section commenced at the renovated premises from 15 August, 2024.
- The Tamil magazine "Rani" published an article in August highlighting the Montessori methodology and the contributions of Sri Ramacharan Charitable Trust over the past 25 years.
- The Trust organised an overnight excursion trip to Mahabalipuram for the teachers in September

Montessori training Certificate Awardees



Valedictory function to award certificates



Write-up in Rani magazine



Classroom at Ezhil Nagar



Teachers' day out



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