

Children's Resource Centre News letter - February 2012

About : Timbaktu Collective, under its 'Child Rights program - Chiguru' has been running the Children's Resource Centre at Chenna kothapalli (CK Palli) village with an aim to provide free access to various learning and development resources to the children of Prakruti Badi, Timbaktu Badi, nearby Government/private schools in CK Palli village, junior college, children's clubs and youth.



The facilities include a library, computer facilities, arts and crafts facilities. It also hosts various events and festivals. Asha-Bangalore has supported this initiative that benefits more than 350 children and youth monthly .

Library : This month ,CRC procured 347 new Telugu books from 'Manchi Pusthakam', a Hyderabad based publisher which had lot of illustrations and are simple to read. Once the numbering and putting of seals was done , requisite books were sent to Prakruti Badi and also to Education Centres in the villages.

Currently , there are 10020 books with the CRC library. Some books useful for students preparing for the competitive exams were also procured. These have been very useful for several students from schools, hostels and colleges. Educational Material which is published in the daily papers useful for students has been made available for students. Children's magazines like Kothapalli were also bought. CRC also received some old books from Timbaktu and those were similarly numbered and sealed.



Children from the village have been given 20 books on loan this month.

Arts and Crafts :

Trainees this month worked on Bamboo and made 15 bracelets, 2 types of penholders-6, prepared colored beads for decorating bags, table and a new model chair. Embroidery and painting was done for 17 purses and 3 letter hangers. Trainees stitched hand bags, dresses and gowns. They screen printed 13 bags and also tried



printing on saree fabric to test the printing. They wrote banners for 'Magic Workshop' and 'Science Day' and also made 100 badges for Science Day.

The trainees also underwent a week's training on painting during which they practiced drawing lines and circles.



Science Day: Every year, 'Science Day' is celebrated by the 'Chiguru' group in February marking the day on which Sir C.V. Raman announced the discovery of the Raman Effect in 1928.

CRC was the venue for the 'Science Day' and this year it was celebrated on 25th. Children from Prakruti Badi made several models, exhibits and experiments. Those included Preparation of Biogas, Kitchen Garden, Manufacture of Compost, Solar Power usage, Soils and their water retaining capacity, Functioning of Electric Motor, Properties of Acids & Bases, Medicinal Plants and their uses, 'Telugu' in Environmental Education, Solar System, Desert Model, Preparation of Hydrogen, Carbon dioxide, Wind Energy Model and Newton's Third Law. 40 children from Grades 5 to 10 put up altogether 26 experiments with the help of teachers. They also performed 'Magic Show' and explained the Science behind the tricks to the 300 children who had gathered at the CRC for the 'Science Day'.

The achievement and exciting thing of this year's Science Day was the increased participation from other local Government and private schools unlike in the previous years when it was mostly children from Timbaktu Schools who used to put the exhibits. This year, Children from 4 local and neighboring schools put up 16 exhibits of various kinds and participated enthusiastically.

