

## Children's Resource Centre News letter - Sep & Oct 2011

**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 :** In the months of September and October, 6 daily newspapers and 6 monthlies were subscribed. Due to quarterly exams and school bandhs, the number of children using the library has increased. Children from nearby villages like Nyamaddela, Mustikovila and NS Gate visited CRC and used the library and other resources. 150 children from local schools like liberty and Maruti have come to the library ,read books, magazines and also saw children's films in the computers.



Books were sent to Prakruti Badi at Timbaktu and Old children's magazines have been distributed to Children's associations.

More than 600 children and students from colleges utilized the library resources during these 2 months.

**Computers :** Children from Liberty school came to the Computer centre and learnt about the various components of the computer and also saw a few children's films. Children of Grades 7, 8 and 9 of Prakruti Badi, Timbaktu came to the CRC from 5<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> of October to work on the computers. They worked on their business studies reports learning computers alongside.

**Arts and Crafts :** Tailoring training started in August was completed by 12<sup>th</sup> of September. 3 trainees have learnt cutting and stitching very well. They have learnt to stitch Jubbas and shirts. The trainees screen printed 3 bags, prepared 120 paper bags, made 800 mod beads, 15 pendants, 100 snake toys, 16 bamboo pen stands and 25 bags of 5 models.

**Calendars for Asha :** Asha has been supporting the activities of CRC through procuring calendars made by the trainees at the CRC. Children's drawings were used in the preparation of the calendars. The trainees screen printed the drawings, stitched the calendars and also did the finishing work. This year CRC trainees prepared 160 calendars.



**Sports Day :** On the 10<sup>th</sup> of this month, CRC became the venue for a huge 'Chiguru' - children's event - Sports Day for Junior children. Nearly 300 Children from schools, Children's associations, children with Disabilities and children from 'Back to Basics' programme participated in the event.

Games like Kho-kho, lemon and spoon, sack race, musical chairs, spinning tops were conducted for the children. Every child was given an opportunity to participate in at least one game. Girls and boys participated together and made the event a great celebration. While children till grade 7 participated in the event, Prakruti Badi children of higher grades were instrumental in organizing the event and took part in the logistics and the conduct.

