



Wall Mural:

A colorful wall mural has come up on the entrance lobby of Thulir. It is a collection of smaller panels each filled painted by a different student/ staff. It was interesting to see it coming up over many days slowly filling up with each new small addition.



Working with Concrete:

Murugan of Sittilingi village got trained in masonry skills when different construction projects came up in Thulir over the past 7 years. He has slowly gained in confidence, and is now a skilled and diligent mason. This year, we have invited him to come in a resource person to teach our Life Skills course students basics of Masonry. He demonstrated making of a ferrocement door and fixing it.



Building a smokeless chulha [fire wood stove]:

The stove we have is damaged with use and we decided to make some modifications and build a new one. We thought we would have a Reinforced top for the stove to take in heavy usage of bulky cooking vessels. Here you can see Murugan teaching making the Prefab concrete top. This is the stove under construction -- it was a chance for our students to learn some basics of masonry.



Organic farming:

The permanent bed vegetable patch has been added on to by our new batch of students and fresh vegetable seeds and saplings planted. Drip irrigation pipes have been laid.



Biogas Plant:

We have a new bio-gas plant that we have been charging with cow dung from our cow and calf. The initial charging and getting it to work ; and fixing a stove to use the gas in our kitchen , has been new experiences for all of us and we learnt from trials and mistakes. It is a domestic size plant which is supposed to be fed high calorie feed. With cowdung we are able to get about 30 to 40 mts of gas a day so far. More fine tuning and appropriate feeds have to be worked out.

