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AIMS-Koodu Student Development Centers:

In the first week, the students were identified and enrolled in the centers. Introduction of students among themselves, singing awareness songs, games etc were conducted.



Later the students were taken class and subject wise as per the regular school curriculum. The students attended the classes with more enthusiasm. The parents of the children enrolled in these centers also appreciated and encouraged our activities. In the month of March, the school going students were prepared for the annual examinations by revising the school syllabus and the teachers took extra care to clarify the doubts of the children.

Kanyakumari chapter:



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Our activities are going on well in our all centers. Songs, Games, Science Experiments & Discussion about nationalism were conducted in the centers. The teachers participated in the staff meetings in our aims office on 01, 08, and 15. 15.2007. They conducted the special classes for the students to conduct half yearly exams. The staff is taking special care to enrich the skills of students. They are conducting special classes for the students to train them for the Annual exams. Mr. Abul kalam azath is conducting the classes regularly in the school (Three days per a week). He has taught the students some English rhymes. This has increased the interest among the students to study English. He had also trained the students to enact a Drama to demonstrate their ability which they enacted on the stage for school day program.

Subbuthevan Valasai Govt Panchayat Elementary School of Excellence:

The school is about 7Kms away from Ramnad town and is located in a village called Subbuthevan Valasai. The Head Master showed the Ceramic magnetic boards attached to the wall, which was donated by AIMS INDIA. We had donated six (6) such boards each one costing Rupees Eight thousand. The total cost of this project was Fifty thousand Rupees including the transportation charges. Among six boards, four are installed on the wall in a class room. The other two is to be fixed in another room which is under reconstruction work. The total

strength of this school is 65. Mr.Kalimuthan was transferred to this school a year and half back and has been a change maker. The school has a garden which is maintained by the Head Master with the help of school children and the school is well maintained. Few students among the total 65 were drop-outs when Mr.Kalimuthan was transferred to this school; he tirelessly knocked on each and every door convincing the parents to send their children to school.



The school excels in English, Maths and General Knowledge. The Head master has worked wonders by training the students to calculate some really hard mathematical calculations which they resolved in no time. The algebraic sums and formulas which comes in the high school syllabus are easily resolved by these fourth and fifth standard students.

Mr.Kalimuthan is very keen to pass on his knowledge to the as many students as possible. But before that he says, his concept should be patented to get the rights. Mr.Suresh and Mrs.Suganya Suresh IT professionals in Chennai, and a native of Ramnad has promised to take care of few students' higher educational expenses

Mr.Kalimuthan is very happy with our donation of magnetic ceramic boards, since he was using "Thagaram Sheets" before to teach the students. Now it is easy for him to write and teach using the board. While asking him, if anything else can be provided for the school, he requested us to consider paying a teaching staff who is already coming to the school for who he is paying from his pocket.

Namagiripet Girls Hr.Sec School Project:

100 sets of benches and desk were donated to Namagiripet Government Higher Secondary School-Namakal District. Each pair costs Rs.2600 (\$65) and hence the total project cost is Rs.2,60,000(\$6500).



The furnitures were delivered to the school in the month of October 2007 and the students are using it now. Govt Higher Secondary School has a total strength of around 600 students and did not have enough infrastructures. Most of the students had to sit on the floor in classes which made taking notes very difficult for the students. This project was an initiative of Mr.Venkat Gounder and his tireless efforts which has made the dreams of students sitting on the benches & desks come true.

The Board of members for the current year

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List of Projects executed by AIMS in the year 2007-2008:

AIMS 3rd General Body Meeting held on Feb 16th 2008:

Project Title	No of students	Project Cost per year	
		Rs	\$ @ 39
1. Village school Coaching Centers in Kanyakumari	400	138,800	3538
2. Infrastructure for Gov. Higher Sec School, Agarapettai	385	82,000	2103
3. Erode Maalalayam school Project	921	118,000	3026
4. Govt Primary School, Kaliyankadu, Nagercoil	140	12000	308
5. AIMS-Vidiyel Trust Evening Educational Program	1118	78000	2000
6. Namagiripet Girls Higher Secondary school	600	336,000	8615
7. AID-AIMS Village Community Computer Center	120	220,000	5641
8. AIMS-TNF Anganwadi gas stove Project	700	100,000	2564
9. Andarkulam Medical Center	2000 patients	120,000	3077
10. Koodu (Nest) Educational Project	100	60,000	1538
11. Vannivayal Panchayat Primary School, Ramanathapuram.	65	50,000	1282
12. Ramalingam Middle School, Erode	138	220,000	5641
13. Basic infrastructure for rural schools by Boston chapter	800	78,000	2000
Total: Students 5487 (\$6.5 per student per year approx) and 2000 patients in Andarkulam Medical Center		1,612,800	41,333

The GBM was attended by around 40 members. The meeting started at 2.15pm with new member introduction followed by introduction of our Chief Guest Mr.Radhakrishnan Rtd, High Court/Supreme Court Lawyer. Mr.Radhakrishnan gave a speech about his involvement with PURA and the opportunity to use Central Government funds for AIMS's projects. He also gave a wonderful offer of utilizing 2 acre land near Thiruvallur district for the purpose of AIMS project. This land is worth Rs.1 crore belongs to PURA. The new board will discuss about this offer and get back to Mr.Radhakrishnan.

Ravi Venkatesh gave the presentation of AIMS's current projects and followed by the election of new board members. Since there were no changes in the bi-laws, the election officer Mr.Senthil Gangadharan announced the names of the new board members.

The video message of Vasu and Selva was played followed by introduction by the new board members.

We all appreciated the effort of our Marathon runners and the members acknowledged their fund raising effort and support. All the runners shared their Marathon experience.

In the group discussion Peter suggested that AIMS should have a plan to generate fixed income for their projects. The meeting ended at 5.00PM.

Agarapetai Adi Dravidar School Project, Thanjavur:

The furnitures were donated to the Agarapetai Adi Dravidar School, Thanjavur in a function which was presided by the Head Master, Asst.HM, Mr.Ramasubbu and Mr.Joseph. Thiru.Ramasubbu is the father in law of Mr.Iyappan, who is one of the director of AIMSINDIA US board without whose efforts the project would not have been a reality. Thanks for the devoted and dedicated HM, Asst.HM and all other teaching staffs who is working honestly for the growth of this school.

Minutes of the Meeting:

❖ **Feb 3rd 2008**

1. Plan for Feb 16th GBM meeting.
2. Project presentation
3. Follow up on previous meeting project updates

- 4. Andarkulam Medical Center
- 5. AID-AIMS computer project
- 6. AIMS-TNF Anganwadi gas stove project
- 7. Ramalingam Middle School, Erode update
- 8. Tanjavur Agarapettai school project update
- 9. AIMS-TNF Aanganwadi LPG project update
- 10. Erode Maalalayam school project update
- 11. Koodu project update.

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