

# வித்யாரம்பம்



## Annual Report

2006 - 2007



Vidyarambam

# VISION COME TRUE



In five years the No. of centers have increased from 86 to 1433, with No. of kids 1678 to 34283.

Kids learn to write and begin their journey of literacy.

No. of Remedial Course Centers increased from 116 to 1117 with No. of children 2800 to 23529

Children have improved their skill to read and write and do simple arithmetics.

No wonder they could refer dictionary



Remedial Course children busy with their work books

As on 31.03.2007  
Summary of all the Pre- Primary centers

Districts in Tamilnadu	No. of Centers Opened	No. of Children Admitted	No. of Kids Passed	No. of Boys Studying	No. of Girls Studying
ARIYALUR	80	2626	1532	560	534
CHENNAI	14	115	85	25	5
CUDDALORE	44	1299	685	370	244
DINDUGUL	10	200	0	95	105
KANCHIPURAM	38	745	505	160	80
KANNYAKUMARI	49	1283	1011	173	99
MADURAI	14	399	153	125	121
NAGAPATTINAM	214	4682	3462	945	275
PERAMBALUR	115	2844	1739	631	474
PUDHUKOTTAI	14	275	0	131	144
RAMANATHAPURAM	37	588	154	216	218
SIVAGANGAI	24	476	0	246	230
THANJAVUR	189	4380	1835	1338	1207
THENI	10	200	0	103	97
THIRUNELVELI	276	6637	2586	2220	1831
THIRUVANNAMALAI	8	197	132	41	24
THIRUVALLUR	26	570	337	157	76
THIRUVARUR	10	229	141	58	30
THOOTHUKUDI	156	3725	2102	959	664
TRICHY	27	754	252	239	263
VELLORE	37	881	533	201	147
VIRUDHUNAGAR	41	1178	472	352	354
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1433</b>	<b>34283</b>	<b>17716</b>	<b>9345</b>	<b>7222</b>

## Summary of all the Remedial Course (Senior) Centers

Districts in Tamilnadu	No. of Centers Opened	No. of Children Admitted	No. of Kids Passed	No. of Boys Studying	No. of Girls Studying
ARIYALUR	50	1113	49	529	535
CHENNAI	0	0	0	0	0
CUDDALORE	18	461	31	195	235
DINDUGAL	6	120	0	50	70
KANCHIPURAM	14	339	339	0	0
KANNYAKUMARI	17	394	187	114	93
MADURAI	23	456	0	229	227
NAGAPATTINAM	64	1577	368	646	563
PERAMBALUR	52	1186	184	478	524
PUDHUKOTTAI	14	278	0	144	134
RAMNATHAPURAM	20	368	12	167	189
SIVAGANGAI	27	519	1	232	286
THANJAVUR	143	3262	805	1216	1241
THENI	9	178	0	77	101
THIRUNELVELI	194	4080	710	1611	1759
THIRUVARUR	17	404	297	65	42
THOOTHUKUDI	91	2101	487	762	852
TRICHY	20	450	34	214	202
VIRUDHUNAGAR	27	540	0	250	290
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>17826</b>	<b>3504</b>	<b>6979</b>	<b>7343</b>

## Summary of all the Remedial Course (Junior) Centers

Districts in Tamilnadu	No. of Centers Opened	No. of Children Admitted	No. of Boys Studying	No. of Girls Studying
ARIYALUR	8	160	62	98
DINDUGAL	6	120	53	67
KANCHIPURAM	5	77	36	41
MADURAI	14	269	133	136
NAGAPATTINAM	16	289	142	147
PERAMBALUR	10	200	100	100
PUDHUKOTTAI	21	375	191	184
RAMNATHAPURAM	23	434	212	222
SIVAGANGAI	19	370	181	189
THANJAVUR	67	1203	586	617
THENI	6	110	44	66
THIRUNELVELI	79	1435	701	734
THIRUVARUR	4	75	42	33
THOOTHUKUDI	20	330	164	166
TRICHY	1	20	8	12
VIRUDHUNAGAR	12	236	112	124
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>5703</b>	<b>2767</b>	<b>2936</b>

## OUR PLANS FOR THE YEAR 2007 - 2008

According to the demographic statistics published by the Govt. Of Tamilnadu based on Census 2001, there are about 30% of the population in the age group of 0 to 15 About fifty percent of them have access to pre - primary education. The target of Vidyardambam is to reach those who have no access to Pre - Primary education

Name of Districts	2001 Census Age 0-6	Targeted Population Age 3-5(50%)	Proposed No. of Children in Vidyardambam Centers
Chennai	374089	187044	0
Cuddalore	187020	93510	720
Coimbatore	144539	72269	0
Dharmapuri	311528	155764	0
Dindugul	134784	67392	0
Erode	125877	62939	0
Kancheepuram	156589	78294	0
Kanniyakumari	60556	30278	0
Karur	65515	32757	0
Madurai	131069	65538	20
Nagapattinam	137321	68660	1480
Nammakkal	90395	45197	0
The Nilgiris	32907	16453	0
Perambalur	125568	62784	920
Pudukottai	146736	73368	0
Ramanathapuram	105627	52813	0
Salem	178449	89224	0
Sivagangai	89399	44699	0
Theni	55190	27595	0
Thanjavur	167389	83694	2120
Thirichirapalli	144528	72264	480
Thirunelveli	172259	86129	2980
Thiruvallur	151108	75554	240
Thiruvannamalai	206879	103439	60
Tiruvarur	107282	53641	0
Thoothukudi	100716	50358	2000
Vellore	262108	131054	320
Viruthunagar	114790	57395	0
Villupuram	306984	153492	0
<b>Tamil Nadu Total</b>	<b>4387201</b>	<b>2193598</b>	<b>11340</b>

Vidyardambam has set a goal of adding 15,000 Pre-primary children in the year 2007-2008 covering about 10 districts of Tamilnadu. Through "Read India" a novel campaign initiated by Pratham we aim to reach about 4 lakh children by the end of the academic year 2008-2009 in Tamil Nadu

**S. RAVI & ASSOCIATES**  
Chartered Accountants

**S. Ravi, B.Com., F.C.A.,**  
Proprietor

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(See Rule 17B of the Income - Tax Rules, 1962)

**AUDIT REPORT UNDER SECTION 12-A OF THE INCOME - TAX ACT 1961,  
IN THE CASE OF CHARITABLE OR RELIGIOUS TRUSTS OR INSTITUTIONS**

We have examined the attached Balance Sheet of M/s. VIDYARAMBAM TRUST, No. 27, FIFTH STREET, PADMANABHA NAGAR, ADYAR, CHENNAI 600 020 as at 31st March 2007 and the Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date together with the Books of Accounts maintained at the Registered Office of your Trust and report that:

We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of Audit. In our opinion, proper Books of accounts have been kept by the Head office and the Branches at Nil of the above mentioned trust visited by us so far as appears from our examination of books, and proper returns adequate for the purposes of audit have been received from branches not visited by us, subject to the comments given below:-

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us the said Accounts give a true and fair view

- 1) In the case of Balance Sheet, of the State of Affairs of Trust as at 31st March 2007 and
- 2) In the case of Income & Expenditure Account, the Excess of Expenditure over Income of the Trust for the year ended on that date.

**For. S. RAVI & ASSOCIATES,**  
Chartered Accountants

Place : Chennai  
Date : 06/06/2007

**Sd/-**  
S. Ravi  
Proprietor

**M/s. VIDYARAMBAM TRUST**  
**NO. 27, FIFTH STREET PADMANABHA NAGAR**  
**ADYAR, CHENNAI - 600 020**

BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31.03.2007

	SCH NO.	AS ON 31.03.2007	AS ON 31.03.2006
CAPITAL FUND	1	208,746.08	842,408.05
Total		208,746.08	842,408.05
<u>APPLICATION OF FUNDS</u>			
<u>A. FIXED ASSETS</u>			
Gross Block	2	1,086,527.51	211,180.00
Less : Depreciation		209,506.00	36,099.49
Net Block (A)		877,021.51	175,080.51
<u>B. CURRENT ASSETS LOANS &amp; ADVANCES</u>			
I. Current Assets	3	1,012,026.07	1,155,453.54
II. Loans & Advances	4	204,300.00	171,553.50
		1,216,326.07	1,327,007.04
<u>LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS</u>			
I. Current Liabilities	5	1,884,601.50	659,679.50
II. Provisions		0.00	0.00
Net Current Assets (B)		(668,275.43)	667,327.54
Total (A)+(B)		208,746.08	842,408.05
Significant Accounting Policies & Notes on Accounts	14		

Schedules referred to above form an integral part of this Balance sheet

For Vidyarambam Trust

As per our report of even date  
For S. RAVI & ASSOCIATES  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Sd/-  
V. Ranganathan  
President

Sd/-  
V. Sriram  
Secretary & Treasurer

Sd/-  
S. Ravi  
Proprietor

Place : Chennai  
Date : 06/06/2007

Note : An abstract of the Balance Sheet with out schedules is given above

**M/s. VIDYARAMBAM TRUST**  
**NO. 27, FIFTH STREET PADMANABHA NAGAR**  
**ADYAR, CHENNAI - 600 020**

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2007**

	SCH NO.	For The Year Ended 31.03.2007	For The Year Ended 31.03.2006
<b>INCOME</b>			
Donations Received			
Foreign Contributions 15,247,790.00			
Indian Contributions <u>2,150,940.00</u>		17,398,730.00	9,704,261.23
Donations Received For Tsunami			
Foreign Contributions		0.00	433,400.00
Indian Contributions		0.00	10,000.00
Interest Received	6	19,770.00	27,611.00
Total		17,418,500.00	10,175,272.23
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Cost of Teaching and Learning Materials	7	3,048,652.00	1,545,168.81
Instructors Fee & Wages		5,285,541.00	3,348,452.00
Training & Monitoring expenses		3,437,334.50	1,584,094.70
Project Support expenses	8	3,414,991.47	2,054,406.85
Survey, Mobilizations & Others	9	35,903.25	323,761.00
Tsunami expenses (Asha)/ Tsunami	10	83,298.00	2,039,986.15
Administrative Cost	11	620,148.50	268,396.55
Read India Project Expenses	12	1,682,170.25	0.00
ASER Project Expenses	13	234,617.00	0.00
Depreciation	2	209,506.00	36,099.50
Total		18,052,161.97	11,200,365.56
Excess of Expenditure over Income transferred to Balance sheet		(633,661.97)	(1,025,093.33)
Significant Accounting Policies & Notes on Accounts	14		

Schedules referred to above form an integral part of this I & E Account

For Vidyarambam Trust

As per our report of even date  
For S. RAVI & ASSOCIATES  
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Place : Chennai  
Date : 06/06/2007

Note : An abstract of the I & E Account without schedules is given above

# VIDYARAMBAM TRUST

(regd. No. 308/2002)

Regd. Office : 27 FIFTH STREET PADMANABHA NAGAR  
ADYAR, CHENNAI - 600 020

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Founder & Managing Trustee

V. Ranganathan is the founder of Vidyarambam. He has worked for several companies in India and the Middle East in managerial capacities. He is retired and he devotes his time to the Trust. (044 - 2446 5590 , 2446 5377) Mobile: 94440 18590

### Trustee - Vice President

Mr. J. Vijay holds a Masters Degree from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur and has been on the board of several companies for the last twelve years. He is currently a Director in a large IT company.(044 - 2491 5244)

### Trustee

Mr. C. K Sridhar is an Engineering graduate from Annamalai University. Presently he is a Director in a company which is involved in Construction, Energy and Engineering Consultancy services. ( 044 - 2445 6319)

### Trustee

Rtn. Dr. K R. Subramanian did his MBBS and DA (Diploma in Anesthesiology) from JIPMER, Pondicherry and MD(Anesthesiology) from PGI, Chandigarh. After serving in U.K and Hong Kong, he is now in India (044-2446 0439)

### Trustee - Secretary & Treasurer

Mr. V. Sriram is a Commerce Graduate from Madras University. He is the CEO of a Company which represents ABENA, a Denmark Based Company for about 11 years. He was the brain behind starting the innovative concept of Dial A Diaper.(93814 91419)

### Trustee - Chair- Person of Advisory Committee

Mrs. Prema Veeraraghavan M.Sc., B.Ed., has been involved in the education field for more than three decades. She has great experience in developing teaching methodologies for primary education. (044 - 2814 2188)

### Advisory Committee

Mrs. Prema Veeraraghavan M.Sc., B.Ed	- Chairperson
Mrs. Susheela Raghavan M.A., B.Ed	- Member
Ms. Malathi Gopalakrishnan M.A., B.Ed	- Member
Ms. A. Meenakshi M.Sc., M.Ed.,	- Member
Mrs. Revathi Srinivas	- Member

Our heart felt thanks to our team of co-ordinators, assessors, tutors and faculties without whose involvement and commitment the vision of Vidyarambam would not have become a reality

# Key decisions by the Board of Trustees

The last Board meeting for the financial year was held on 24/01/2007. The Board placed on record its appreciation to all the Trustees for the good work done and the co-operation rendered in executing the projects during the financial year 2006-2007.

## HONORARY CO - ORDINATORS

Mr. S. Ponnambalam	Kanniyakumari
Mr. A. Ramaswamy	Thoothukudi
Mr. P. Samuel Devasahayam	Thirunelveli
Mr. R. Ravikumar	Thanjavur
Mr. S. Sivaraman	Nagapattinam
Mr. T.K.S Kailasam	Perambalur
Mr. N. Bharathi	Cuddalore

## CO - ORDINATORS

Mr. M.R. Krishnan	State Level
Ms. T. Karthika	State Project
Ms. V. Prabhavathi	Nellai District
Ms. K. Gowri	Thanjavur District
Mr. R. Srinivasan	Thanjavur District
Mr. A. Kannan	Nagapattinam District
Ms. G. Vimala	Perambalur District
Mr. A. Muthukumarasamy	Thoothukudi District
Ms. P. Sumithradevi	Nellai District

## ASSISTANT CO - ORDINATORS

Ms. V. Kavitha	Nagapattinam
Ms. B. Devi	Nagapattinam
Ms. S. Karthika	Nagapattinam
Ms. P. Revathy	Perambalur
Ms. S. Sumathi	Thanjavur
Ms. K.N. Revathy	Thanjavur
Ms. P. Jayalakshmi	Thanjavur
Ms. M. Malavizhi	Thirunelveli
Ms. R. Gomathi	Thirunelveli
Ms. K. Rensi	Thirunelveli
Ms. P. Kaliyammal	Thirunelveli
Ms. J. Julie Sophia	Trichy



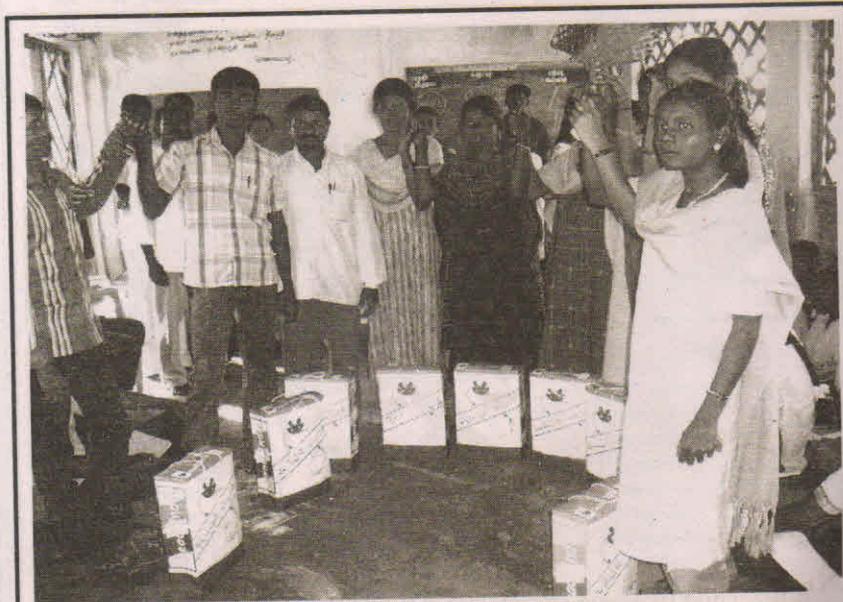
A girl child is arranging the letters of English alphabet in order.



A boy child (wearing spectacles) is fixing the picture flash cards to match the similar ones printed on a board



A team of State leaders of Pratham led by Mr. Madhav Chavan met the Prime Minister of India Mr. Manmohan Singh on 12.04.2007 and apprised him of the Read India campaign . Tamilnadu was represented by Vidyardambam and Aid India.



Read India campaign pilot project launched in Tamil Nadu

# OUR THANKS

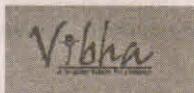
## Our Special Thanks to

**Pratham India Education Initiative** who supported our projects in a big way to scale up the number of Pre - Primary and R.C centers



## Our Special Thanks to

**Vibha US** who continued to support more than 60 Pre - Primary and Remedial course centers that were opened in Kancheepuram, Trichy, Nagapattinam and Perambalur districts



## Our Special Thanks to

**Asha US** who supported more than 30 Pre - Primary and Remedial Course centers that were opened in Nagapattinam district.



## Our Special Thanks to

**CAF Delhi** who supported 14 Pre - Primary centers that were running in Thiruvallur District

## Our Special Thanks to

**Lynne Smithams UK** for supporting 250 centers of PP, RC(J), RC(S) during the year 2006 - 2007 in Papanasam Block in Thanjavur District

## Our Special Thanks to

**Save The Children BRB** for supporting 200 centers of PP, RC(J), RC(S) during the year 2006 - 2007 in Sirkali Block in Nagapattinam District

## Our Special Thanks to

**Reiyukai International** for donating a Toy van to cover Tsunami affected areas in Cuddalore District

**Our Sincere Thanks to Children Toys Foundation Mumbai** for having designed our Mobile Toy Vans and trained volunteers.

**Our Sincere Thanks** are due to Mr.K. Ayyaru Vandaiyar, Correspondent of Poondi Pushpam College who presided over our annual meet in November 2006.

**Our Special Thanks to Ms Uma Sankari** for her lecture cum training on the third day of the Annual Meet.

**Our Sincere Thanks to all media** who covered our project and programs in their publications and Telecast.

**Our Sincere Thanks to many organisations** who have donated liberally to the cause during the year.

01. Sri Poomari Amman Educational Charitabel Trust
02. Theosophical society, Chennai.
03. Rite Choice, Chennai.
04. ASSEFA

Our sincere thanks to many individuals who have donated liberally to the cause

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
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| 03. Mr R. Ganesan         | 11. Mr. Pramod Govindhan    |
| 04. Ms. Kanmani           | 12. Mr. Madhan Krishnaswamy |
| 05. Mr. G. Ganesan        | 13. Mr. P. S. Muralidharan  |
| 06. Mr.T. Ganesan         | 14. Dr.K.R. Subramaniyam    |
| 07. Mr. G. Thangaiyan     | 15. Mr.Ramadurai            |
| 08. Mrs. Lalitha Moorthy  | 16. Mr.G.Rajagopalan        |

# Highlights

The year saw VT joining hands with as many as 22 NGOs who operated PP, RCJ & RCS centers in Madurai, Dindugal, Sivagangai, Ramnad, Theni, Virudhunagar Trichy, Pudukottai and Tirunelveli districts . There was a huge jump of beneficiaries with the help of the NGOs. Vidyarambam expresses its gratitude to the organisers of all the NGOs.

Joining the movement ASER 2006 conducted by Pratham India Education Initiative, Vidyarambam conducted survey in 450 villages in Tamil Nadu to assess the Reading and Maths skill level of the children of age 6 - 14

The ASER 2006 reveals that at the national level, quality education reaches only about 66% of the children and at the State level of Tamil nadu the figure is as low as 48 per cent. Also, of the 30 States of India, Tamil Nadu stands one among the bottom five.

As a follow up of this, Pratham has launched an ambitious project named - READ INDIA. Goal of the project being all the children in rural and urban India in the age group of 6 to 11 should read in their mother tongue fluently without mistake and with comprehension and do simple arithmetic by March of 2009.

Vidyarambam is executing the project READ INDIA in 3 districts of Tamil nadu - Thanjavur, Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi as pilot run having 1357 Centers in Thanjavur 1004 in Tirunelveli and 546 in Thoothukudi started functioning and 75244 Children have been taught the basics in reading language and doing the Mathematics. At the end of 4 months majority of the children were able to read language without difficulty and do simple arithmetic.

An ambitious programme to teach science practicals in 246 Villages was launched and children were taught experiments to prove basic & scientific facts using simple equipments.

We have on the anvil a Spoken English programme for the village children and training for the trainers is underway.





Tutors bringing the kids to take classes in a temple premises.

Lynne Smitham & Andrea from UK enjoy the chanting by children in Thanjavur District



Mike Novell from Save the Children US looks on to the Children's response in Nagai District

Free  
education  
to under  
privileged

Literacy to  
first  
generation  
learners

Quality  
Learning  
Material

Involve  
Community

Joyful  
Play way  
Methods



Training  
for  
Tutors

3 R's plus  
Life skills

Employ  
local talent

