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#### **SEB'S PROJECTS SECOND QUARTER REPORT 2019-20**

## Pongal celebration

Pongal is the harvest festival in Tamil Nadu, a traditional thanks giving occasion to nature. This year Pongal was celebrated with joy in all the Seb's schools with community members, teachers, and students. Students were involved and participated in various kinds of activities during Pongal festival in school, Pongal was made by cooking rice in an earthen pot. All the traditions were followed during the celebration. When the milk starts boiling and over flows all the people and children shout "pongalo-pongal". Ushering in prosperity.

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### New opportunities and selection of a new center

We are happy to introduce our new school at Nikkini village. We identified 40 children in this village who are school dropouts. Seb's brought the need to the notice of the government offices and advocated an NRSTC Centre be set up at the earliest. The Government provided approval for the school in November and handed the centre to Seb's projects to manage it. Following which 2 tribal teachers were recruited. Damodaran and Kamala Nathan are the teachers for this new school. Children are excited to be back in school and have a local teacher.

## Learning kit

Volunteers from VIT sponsored learning kits to Seb's school students. It included, handwriting note, pencil box, Awareness Charts, Colour sketches, pencil, pen and scale. Children were very happy to receive these gifts







Ray of hope as the school construction work has started in 3 of the villages out of the 5 sanctioned by the state planning commission. The officials from the Government visited our villages and the ground has been marked and have started the foundation work.

# Maruthavallimedu school construction

As mentioned in the First quarter report the Maruthavallimedu school construction work has started again, it was a tough challenge to renew the construction work after all the monsoon rains. The foundation is laid and the building is raised to roof level. In the next two months the roof work will be completed. We hope the school building will be ready before the next academic year

We acknowledge and thank Mr. Giridharan who took the lead to raise funds and took full responsibility to build this beautiful school for the children of Maruthavallimedu.

















#### Republic day celebration

Republic day celebrates the date when the Constitution of India came into effect. Republic Day is celebrated with great enthusiasm in every Seb's school in the Jawadhi hills. The flag hoisting ceremony was organized with the students and community coming together to salute and sing the National anthem and take the pledge.

#### Health

Divya is from Maruthavallimedu village. She studied in Seb's school Maruthavallimedu and later continued her middle school in Ariyur Government School. During the medical camp conducted in school the Doctor diagnosed she had a heart problem.

The Block Medical Officer identified she had a hole in her heart and suggested she undergoes a surgery as soon as possible. With the assistance of the teacher, she approached the District Collector's office to seek the Chief Minister's health insurance scheme. Divya was admitted in Shree Gokulam specialty hospital in Salem and the doctors conducted the surgery on 18.12.2019. The operation was successful and Divya's health has improved





# Staff news

Our Senior Coordinator Dominic Savio is blessed with a baby boy on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019.He is named Iniyan Andrews. We are very happy for this blessed family.





Roja our tribal school teacher from Kupsoor village was blessed with a baby boy. We wish good health for the baby and Jagadesan and Roja



Mr. Rajendren, Seb's school teacher from Thaniyamarthur village got married in the month of November.

