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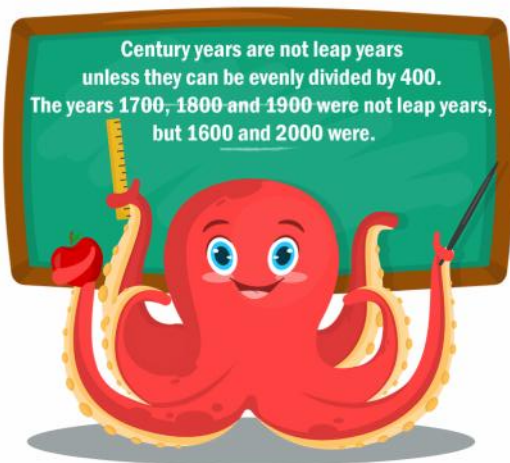
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## CAMS Visit



Mr. P.B Vijay Raghavan from CAMS (one of our Donors) had visited our office and one of the Chудар centres in the beginning of this year. After his visit he has shared a wonderful post on his FB that nicely captures the salient features of Chудар's work. "Chудар is a non-profit initiative by Ravishankar Arunachalam and his team to improve the quality of education for middle and high-school children from underprivileged backgrounds, especially at the slums of Chennai. One of the main reasons for this poor quality of the present State education system is the extensive prevalence of rote-learning. Chудар aims to moderate teachers and students to meaningful learning. Presently they engage in grades LKG to 8 in Mathematics, English and Science. The after-school centres in the slums of Chennai, Chудар conducts daily classes to improve learning. They have also expanded to include more children from the community through our CLC (Community Learning Center) program."



# From the Heart..



## Teaching is a gift...

I firmly believe, learning is complete only when there is conceptual understanding. Teaching must involve innovative techniques for children to learn well. With these thoughts, I joined Chudar, just after completing my graduation in Mathematics. I wanted children to learn something from me, and that my education, should be put to such use. Coming from a humble background myself, I saw myself in them. Science is one of the subjects that children find difficult to learn if not taught conceptually. I took up teaching Science at the Chudar afterschool centres in the evenings. This made me think how to prepare for class and how to make it interesting each time I explain a concept. I found that the students are willing to learn, provided we as teachers are ready to invest the time to understand their stumbling blocks. Showing children science videos, followed by demonstration of simple experiments in the relevant topics works very well in enabling children understand the concept. This when followed by reinforcement classes and doing experiments in a group helps children clear their doubts and develop a liking for the subject as well and erases the need for memorizing blindly. The improvements shown by children in learning a skill, translates to admiration and respect we get in return and that according to me is the real joy! - Nivetha ( Chudar )



## ROBOTICS AT TEYNAMPET CENTER

We have successfully started 2 courses at our Community learning centres, the Robotics Beginner's course at Teynampet centre with 18 students and the Computer Science course at the Mandaveli centre with 16 students. The children were visibly excited to attend class and learn new things in their free time. The Community learning centres are a part of Chudar's initiatives to help the children from the community we work in, to gain access to new and innovative courses.

## TEACHER TRAINING AT THIRUPORUR BLOCK

The New Year started on a very promising note with a Block Training arranged by the authorities for the Government School Teachers in Thiruporur block. Totally 15 teachers attended the training along with 2 Block Education Officers (BEOs) and Block Resource Centre officials BRCs. The teachers have promised to complete the third term skills in the next 20 days and also get back on the assessment data!. They also requested Chudar to provide more practice sheets for students who complete this term's skills earlier. It is indeed heartening to see so many teachers being involved and trying to make a change.



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