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madras dyslexia association

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From the President

Friends,

We had a very successful year at Madras Dyslexia Association. Some of the important achievements include conducting online training programs with to the teachers in Cambodia and setting up a Resource Room in Bhubaneswar.

We had a wonderful celebration of Dyslexia Week starting with the Dyslexia walk at Besant Nagar Beach that was flagged off by former DGP Dr Sailendras Babu and Dr. J Radhakrishnan, Secretary was also present. The dyslexia week was well celebrated by conducting competitions for the children with dyslexia from various schools. Over 1000 children participated in various competitions in a group dance, group music, solo music, art, art from waste, storytelling, recitation and elocution.

More than 100 training programs were conducted in various schools in Chennai and various towns. We were able to establish another 18 Resource Rooms in and around Chennai. apart from one in Bhubaneswar. We had a very successful year at Ananya, our full time remediation center and were happy to complete remediation and send the children back to the mainstream. Our after-school remediation team supported nearly 35 children.

We introduced a new tool from Woodcock Johnson for the assessment of dyslexia. Our special educators made two presentations in the International Dyslexia Conference conducted by the Dyslexia Association of Singapore.

We are still waiting to start the construction of our new premises and we are hopeful we may start it in the coming year.

We sincerely thank all of you for your support at every point and the encouragement to do whatever we have done.

Regards,

D.CHANDRASEKHAR



A w a r e n e s s

As a first step to enabling a dyslexia-sensitive society, Madras Dyslexia Association actively spread awareness on the neurological condition- dyslexia. According to statistical reports 1 in 5 school going children could be struggling in academics due to dyslexia. Despite such a high incidence most often it is brushed aside and the child is labelled as “lazy” or “stupid” since this has no physical manifestations. Although this is a life-long condition, an individual can be given coping strategies and empowered to be a productive member of the society.

Awareness sessions enable the first step of identification and follow-up steps of remedial support.

List of programs conducted in 2024

S No.	School Name
1	A M Jain School, Medavakkam
2	Asha Foundation
3	Athena Global School, Injambakkam
4	Chennai Public School, Annanagar West
5	Kavi Bharathi Matriculation school, Tiruvottiyur
6	KC High School, Navalur
7	Krishnaswamy School, Annanagar

S No.	School Name
8	RM Jain School, Tiruvallur
9	Schram Academy, Tirumaisai
10	Shraddha Academy, Injambakkam
11	Sri Kanchi Maha Swami School, Medavakkam
12	Vellore International School, Tambaram
13	Dhanish Matriculation School, Perambur
14	Sacred Heart Matriculation School, Mount Road

Dyslexia Walk



MDA, in collaboration with GOLD Parent Support Group, Rotary Club of Madras East and Rotary Club of Besant Nagar organised “Walk for Dyslexia”. The walk was flagged off by Dr. Sylendra Babu, former DGP and Dr. J Radhakrishnan, Secretary of Cooperation, Food and Consumer Protection. The aim of this walk was to spread awareness about dyslexia. Other organisations in Chennai working with children with dyslexia and college students participated. The Rippon building and the IG’s office on Marina were lit up in red as part of dyslexia awareness. Close to 400 people participated in the walk.

A w a r e n e s s

Dyslexia Week

Dyslexia Week is a forum for children with dyslexia to showcase their talents and to receive recognition and accolades for their performances. This highlights the fact that individuals with dyslexia have strengths and talents.

Events included group dance, group music, music solo, art, art from waste, storytelling, recitation and elocution. Over 1000 children participated in the events. Online preliminaries were held for a few events, followed by finals from January 22-24, 2025.

Some glimpses of the events:



T r a i n i n g

Timely intervention in the course of learning is an ideal way of providing support for children with mild dyslexia. Keeping inline with its vision and mission, Madras Dyslexia Association has been providing training to school teachers not only across the city of Chennai but also across the state of Tamil Nadu. Programs have been conducted in Bangalore and Hyderabad too.

The programs include:

- Early Intervention program: for pre-primary teachers
- Basic program on dyslexia - identification and remedial strategies : for primary school teachers
- Effective Learning program: for middle school teachers
- Wonder exercises : for primary school teachers

In order to empower as many schools as possible, sponsorships are sought by Madras Dyslexia Association, as deemed necessary.

List of programs conducted in 2024 (in the alphabetical order of sponsor's name)

Sponsor Name: A.S.Trust

S No.	School Name	Program Name
1	VET, Minjur	Early Intervention
2	VET, Madhavaram	Early Intervention
3	Saraswathi Vidyalyaya, Gudiyatham	Early Intervention
4	Shree Nikethan Patasala, Tiruvallur	Effective Learning
5	Shree Nikethan Matriculation School, Tiruvallur	Effective Learning
6	Maharishi Vidya Mandir, Tiruneermalai	Effective Learning
7	SBOA Matriculation School, Annanagar	Effective Learning
8	Prim Rose School, Injambakkam	Primary school
9	Maharishi Vidya Mandir, Mangadu	Primary school

Sponsor Name: Cognizant Foundation

S No.	School Name	Program Name
1	A J Saraswathi Matriculation school, Gudiyatham	Primary school
2	Saraswathi matriculation School, Gudiyatham	Primary school
3	Jai Gopal Garodia Mat Hr Sec School, Peravalur	Primary school
4	Mohammed Sathak Mat Hr Sec School, AMinjikarai	Primary school
5	Mount Safa Nursery and Primary, Perambur	Primary school
6	SSAV Tirumudivakkam	Primary school
7	ARR Matriculation, Kumbakonam	Primary school
8	Islamiya School, Coimbatore	Primary school
9	AMT Jain school, Madhavaram	Primary school
10	Yuvabharathi School, Coimbatore	Primary school

Cognizant Foundation.....

S No.	School Name	Program Name
11	Sri Sankara Bala Vidyalaya, Pallikaranai	Primary school
12	St.Kevin's A.I High School, Perambur	Primary school
13	Vadapalani Mat Hr Sec School, Vadapalani	Primary school
14	St.William's A I High School, Parrys corner	Primary school
15	Surana Jain School, Parrys Corner	Primary school
16	TVS School, Tiruvannamalai	Primary school
17	St.Columban's A I High School, Egmore	Primary school
18	Shazammal School, Tiruvannamalai	Primary school
19	Isha Vidya School, Coimbatore	Primary school
20	Kavi Bharathi school, Tiruvottiyur	Primary school

Guru Krupa Foundation.....

S No.	School Name	Program Name
14	Mahatma Gandhi Vidyalaya, T.Nagar	Wonder Ex
15	Mount Safa Nursery and Primary school, Perambur	Wonder Ex
16	MWA Mat Hr Sec School, Gopalapuram	Wonder Ex
17	Yuvabharathi Public School, Coimbatore	Early Intervention
18	Sana Nursery and primary, Egmore	Early Intervention
19	Sana Smart School, Perambur	Early Intervention
20	Sana Model school, Goparasanalur	Early Intervention
21	Kavi Bharathi School, Tiruvottiyur	Early Intervention

Sponsor Name: Guru Krupa Foundation

S No.	School Name	Program Name
1	Vidya Niekthan School, Bangalore	Primary school
2	St.Anthony's A.I High School, Egmore	Primary school
3	Edison Agoram, Chidambaram	Primary school
4	St.Joseph's A.I High School, Perambur	Primary school
5	Shraddha Academy	Primary school
6	Shree Nikethan School, Pallikaranai	Primary school
7	St.Ann's Mat Hr Sec School, Madhavaram	Primary school
8	St.Joseph's Mat Hr Sec School, Tiruvottiyur	Primary school
9	Union Christian Public School, Kilpauk	Primary school
10	Surana Jain School, Parry's Corner	Primary school
11	Shree Nikethan School, Pallikaranai	Wonder Ex
12	Anandham Trust School, Ambattur	Wonder Ex
13	L Beaar Mat Hr Sec School	Wonder Ex

Sponsor Name: Karnataka Bank

S No.	School Name	Program Name
1	Vidya Mandir school, Tiruppur	Primary school
2	RM Jain Vidyashram, Tiruvallur	Primary school
3	Shiva Nikethan school, Tiruppur	Primary school
4	Nazreth Matriculation School, Avadi	Primary school
5	Nazreth Academy, Avadi	Primary school
6	RM Jain Matriculation School, Tiruvallur	Primary school
7	KRM Public School, Perambur	Primary school
8	Alpha School, CIT Nagar	Primary school
9	Alpha School, Sembakkam	Primary school
10	Alpha School, Porur	Primary school
11	KRM Matriculation School, Sembium	Primary school
12	AKR Public School, Tiruppur	Primary school
13	Nachiar Padasala, Tiruppur	Primary school
14	Shri Ram Universal, Perambur	Primary school
15	KRM School, Aynavaram	Primary school
16	KRM Villivakkam	Primary school

Karnataka Bank.....

S No.	School Name	Program Name
17	Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Annanagar	Early Intervention
18	Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Sri city	Early Intervention
19	Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Taylors Road	Early Intervention
20	Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Valsarawakkam	Early Intervention
21	Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Avadi	Early Intervention
22	VET, Mudichur	Early Intervention
23	VET Tiruninravur	Early Intervention
24	Mohammed Sathak Mat Hr School	Wonder Ex
25	Fathima Central School, Saidapet	Wonder Ex
26	Janus Global school, Kanchipuram	Wonder Ex
27	Holy cross Mat Hr Sec School, Valasarawakkam	Wonder Ex
28	Dharmchand Jain, Tindivanam	Wonder Ex
29	Chennai Public School, Tirumaizai	Wonder Ex

Paid for by the school

S No.	School Name	Program Name
1	ARR SL Vidyashram, Kumbakonam	Primary school
2	Christ Wood school, Ponmar	Primary school
3	Christ Wood school, Ponmar	Early Intervention
4	Christ Wood school, Ponmar	Effective Learning
5	KIIT, Bhuvaneshwar	Primary school
6	Shree Nikethan, Vengambakkam	Primary school
7	Kola Saraswathi school, Kilpauk	Primary school
8	AKG Public School, Medavakkam	Primary school
9	Asan Memorial school, Egmore	Primary school
10	Delhi Public School, Bangalore	Effective Learning
11	Hope Kids, Cambodia	Primary school
12	Hope Kids, Cambodia	Early Intervention
13	CISCE, Hyderabad	Early Intervention
14	St.Christophers College, Vepery Batch 1	Primary school
15	St.Christophers College, Vepery Batch 2	Primary school

Sponsor Name: Impal

S No.	School Name	Program Name
1	Anitha Methodist school, Vepery	Early Intervention
2	Orkid High	Primary school
3	Green Field Internantional, Madhavaram	Primary school

Sponsor Name: RV Project

S No.	School Name	Program Name
1	Bharathi Kids school, tiruppur	Primary school
2	Shree Nikethan Patasala, Manivakkam	Effective Learning
3	Shree Nikethan Patasala, Vegambakkam	Effective Learning



Training
Programs
2024
Some glimpses

Resource Room

A support system within the school ecosystem provides continuous, appropriate and timely support to the children struggling with academics due to dyslexia. As a team-special educators, teachers and the parents-work on the academic skills and the other supporting essential skills, enhancing the overall performance of the child.

Madras Dyslexia Association helps schools to set up and manage Resource Rooms. Children with academic difficulties are observed for a period of time by the teachers and documented in a checklist. They are further screened for dyslexia. If dyslexia is the most probable cause for the child's academic difficulties, then the child is given appropriate remedial support based on an Individualised Educational Plan in the Resource Room.

MDA managed 75 resource rooms in 2024.

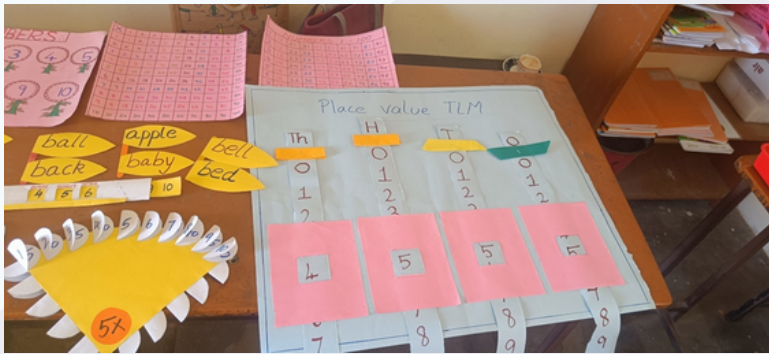
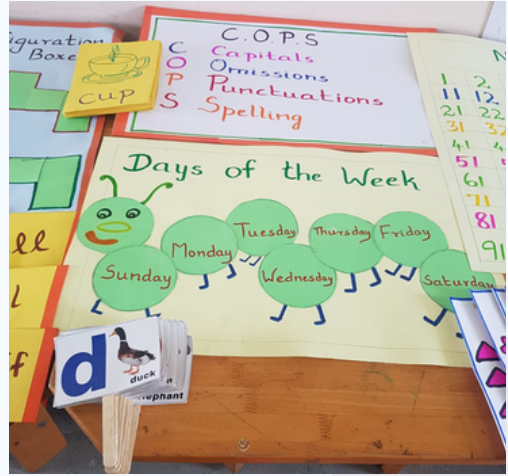
List of Resource Rooms established in 2024

S No.	School Name	Sponsor
1	VET Zameen Endathur	School
2	Shree Nikethan, Vegambakkam	School
3	ARR SL Vidyashram	School
4	I Max School, Washermanpet	School
5	KIIT Bhuvaneshwar	School
6	Christ Wood School, Ponmar	School
7	Maharishi Vidya Mandir, Tiruneermalai	School
8	National Public School, Gopalapuram	School
9	St.Ursulus Anglo Indian Mat. Hr Sec School, Mount Road	Mr. Ramesh
10	St.Alociyus Anglo Indian Mat. Hr Sec School, Choolaimedu	Mr. Ramesh

S No.	School Name	Sponsor
11	St.Ann's Mat Hr Sec School, Madhavaram	Gurukripa Foundation
12	St. Joseph Mat Hr Sec School, Tiruvottiyur	Gurukripa Foundation
13	Union Christian Public School, Kilpauk	Gurukripa Foundation
14	A J Saraswathi Matriculation Higher Secondary school, Gudiyatham	Cognizant Foundation
15	Saraswathi Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Gudiyatham	Cognizant Foundation
16	Mount Safa Nursery and Primary School, Perambur	Cognizant Foundation
17	Mohammed Sathak Matriculation Higher Secondary school, Aminjikarai	Cognizant Foundation
18	Jaigopal Garodia Matriculation Higher Secondary school, Pervalur	Cognizant Foundation

Resource Room

Pictures from Resource Rooms



Ananya Learning & Research Center is a project of Madras Dyslexia Association. This learning center provides full-time remedial training to children with dyslexia.

The child-centric, non-competitive ecosystem fosters not just academic skill development but also emotional wellness. In the academic year 2023-24, 63% of the enrolled students have been mainstreamed.

Pictures from Ananya

Learning with nature - Where curiosity meets knowledge



Children of Ananya Learning and Research Centre at Jeeva Park. Activities like categorisation, picking odd one out & measurement of irregular objects were done by observing nature.

Opportunities! Talent showcase & recognition



Ananya Learning &

Research Centre

Celebrations at Ananya



A f t e r S c h o o l

R e m e d i a l C e n t e r

After-school remedial center provides individualised remedial support to children with dyslexia. Children have been empowered to become independent learners and perform well in academics.

Some children attend in-person classes while some others attend online classes.

Innovative methods used by the special educators are the key success factors. Read-a-thon to nudge them into the very essential reading practices, molding Ganeshas to enhance fine motor skills and instructions following, story-writing, online theatrical activities to enhance narrative skills are a few of them.

Pictures from After-School Remedial Center

Story Writing



The After-school Remedial Centre launched Children's Korner, a newsletter where children contribute their stories. Our President D. Chandrasekhar received the first copy.

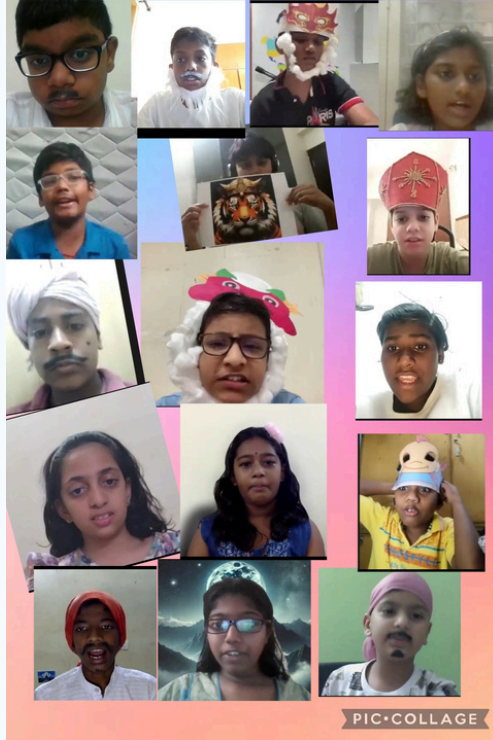
Project Day

Theme: Elements of Nature



After School

Remedial Center



A play based on the story 'Where the Mountain meets the Moon' was staged by their students. The play was done online.

Celebrations



Screening &

Assessment

Individualised education plan requires a good understanding of the child's strengths, needs and current level of performance in each of the academic areas.

At Madras Dyslexia Association, assessors are equipped to conduct assessment for children from pre-primary to high school. The assessment report gives detailed analysis of the child's performance in various standardised tests leading to well-informed inference of the strengths and needs followed by recommendations for appropriate support. The recommendations are not limited to remedial support, they include classroom accommodations and exam concessions, wherever applicable.

A license to administer Woodcock Johnson IV battery of tests as a standardised tool assessment of dyslexia was obtained this year.

In the year 2024 291 assessments were conducted.

Conferences

Joint Secretary DEPeD, MSJ&E Govt of Indai releases the book on Reading & Spelling using Phonics Ex Book Series-1 published by NIEPMD in collaboration with MDA

2 presentations were done in UNITE-2024, a conference held by Dyslexia Association of Singapore. The topics were:

1. Wonder Exercises
2. Dyslexia Awareness & remedial intervention strategies in schools-The role of impactful training & advocacy

