

## Report for the month of February 2019

On 01.02.2019, Sandra from Australia visited SAMUGAM and the progress and development of the sewing the seeds unit in the new building.



On 02.02.2019, an International Team from Australia visited SAMUGAM's programs and gypsy community level interventions in Narikuravar Colony. The team interacted with gypsy and tribal community.

On 03.02.2019, as a follow up of the Auroville Churning Water Program, a stall was allocated to SAMUGAM in Dakshan Chitra, Chennai. Our products made by Gypsy women through the Sewing the seeds centre was kept for display and sale. Ms. Sakshi coordinated the program. Staff namely Pushparaj, and gypsy women Reka and Gaythri were present during the event.



On 03.02.2019, a new building in Pullambadi was inaugurated officially and dedicated to the beneficiaries by Mr. Paul and Berth, Spain who supported for the construction. The new building will accommodate 110 children hailing from poor and below poverty line families. The ground floor consists of kitchen and the first floor will have boy's dormitory.



09.02.2019, send off was given to Sakshi Takhur, an Australian volunteer who is working for new project called Humanism in Sewing the seeds unit of SAMUGAM.

On 10.02.2019, Felicitation program was organised by Kavithai Vanil Kavi Mandram and Iraivi Committee in JALY Home. During the program, JALY Home Founder, Mr. Bruno was felicitated for the receipt of Bal Puraskar Award.



11.02.2019, beads made by gypsy women were handed over to Sakshi for market promotion in Australia. Our staff Pushparaj and gypsy woman Reka handed over the beads in person to her.

11.02.2019, Drawing competition was organised by Pondy CAN, a NGO in puducherry. Children in the age group of 10 yrs and above from govt schools and child care institutions were invited to French consulate in Pondicherry. The Consulate General inaugurated the program and distributed colouring book and kits to the children. Children actively participated in colouring the book which explains about the French connectivity with Puducherry. Mr. Paul and Berth, Belgium interacted with the consulate general during the program.



On 11.02.2019, one of the staff of SAMUGAM namely Briscilla got married and our director and children attended the marriage and wished the couple. The marriage took place in Trichy.



14.02.2019, a team of visitors from Poland visited SAMUGAM. The Director explained about the development interventions of gypsy, tribal and street families. They were also taken to Narikuravar Colony for community level interaction.

5 days Training on child rights and protection was organised by NIPCCD Bengaluru for the staff of CCIs. Ms.Divya from SAMUGAM participated in the 5 days training programme which was commenced on 18.02.2019 till 22.02.2019. Apart from Inhouse sessions the participants were taken to exposure visit to Mentally Retarded Aged home.



On 23.02.2019, Press meet was organised in JALY Home. The Director and Founder of JALY Home shared the news about the receipt of Bal Kalyan Puraskar award and thanked all the supporters.

On 23.02.2019, youth meet in JALY Home was organised to identify the potential number of candidates for undergoing skills training in TVS Company. 15 Nos of candidates was shortlisted for the course.

