

Annual Report 2018-19



NIVETHAN

...The right attitude



Nivethan Trust

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Nivethan at a glance:

Name of the Organisation	Nivethan
Type of Organisation	Nonprofit Organisation
Founding Year	2006
Date, Month & Year of Registration	March 13, 2006
Registration Number	53/2006
Registered as	Trust
Registered under	Indian Public Trusts Act, 1882
PAN	AABTN1152H
Income Tax Exemption	Registered under 12A & 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961. C.No: 464/154/2008-09/CIT-I
NGO Darpan Unique ID	TN/2017/0165417
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Themes/ Sector of Work	- Education - Livelihoods - Health
Areas of Operation	- Madurai & Dindigul Districts in Tamil Nadu - Hospet District in Karnataka - Bhadrak District in Odisha

1. Nurture Merit Program

1.1. About Nurture Merit Program:

Nurture Merit program is designed to be both a merit-based and need-based scholarship and mentoring program. While we invite applications from students in government schools who have secured good marks, we also do a strict screening and selection process by discussing with their teachers/ HM and visiting their houses in person to understand their socio-economic condition. Only the most deserving students are selected given the design of the program and the limit in the number of scholarships we can award each year.

1.2. Our reach in 2018-19:

The current batch of students (2018-19) mostly come from single parent households; they lost one of their parents to death (due to disease, HIV/AIDS, others), deserted or divorced. A couple of them had lost both their parents and are currently living with their grandparents. All of them have scored first class marks in their X standard and are continuing their education in Class XI, hopefully pursuing college degrees. We also continued scholarship support for the 'renewal' students this year also.

Location	New		Renewal		Total
	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	
Madurai	10	-	5	1	16
Sempati (Dindigul)	6	4	-	-	10
Hospet (Karnataka)	10	-	-	-	10
Dhamnagar (Odisha)	2	3	-	-	5
Total	28	7	5	1	41

Case study of Meena: Nurturing dreams!



"That's the reason why I took History group. I want to become an IAS Officer!"

Thus said Meena (15 years), one of the 41 Nivethan students who got awarded the Nurture Merit Scholarship recently at Sempatti, Dindigul district, Tamil Nadu.

She was the only one among her peers in Sempatti to have taken History group. She learnt that this will help her prepare for the Indian Civil Services examination.

"I wanted to serve the society. I want to help children like me and families like ours."

As she said she started crying, so did her father who was present there.

A migrant from the remote corners of Tirunelveli district, Mr.Palpandi, Meena’s father came to Dindigul to work as coolie when he was young. Some 10 years ago, he was diagnosed with HIV/AIDS. Learning that her husband is HIV positive, Meena’s mother abandoned her and her younger sister and brother, never to return again. Despite his conditions, Palpandi is single-handedly raising his three children.

We, at Nivethan Trust, are honoured to support such children and their families. We are, indeed, blessed to have given an opportunity to serve them in whatever small way we can.

1.3. Scholarship distribution details:

This year, we distributed scholarships to 41 students to the tune of INR 1,23,000 / Rupees One Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand, in the four project locations. We are happy that children came with their parents and received the cheques, besides participating in the activities that we conducted during the event.

Location	Madurai	Sempati	Hospet	Dhamnagar
Total amount disbursed	INR 48,000	INR 30,000	INR 30,000	INR 15,000
Scholarship disbursement date	August 04, 2018	August 05, 2018	August 19, 2018	August 25, 2018
Scholarship disbursement photos	<p>Nurture Merit Scholarship Distribution Madurai & Sempatti Nivethan Trust nivethan.in</p>			

1.4. Mentoring Sessions

Besides the scholarship distribution, we also conduct regular meetings and mentoring sessions with the students in the respective locations. This helps us meet and connect with the students regularly, get regular updates about their studies and support them in other ways (like counselling, academic tutoring,

study techniques, career guidance, others). In this year, we conducted more than 15 such sessions across our locations. It helped us not only support them, but also deeply understand their background, family situation and other pertaining issues.

Photos of Mentoring Sessions and Summer Camps









Today, Nivethan trust' conducted mentoring session on 'Basic Computer Skills for Education' at SSH Training hall, Dindigul. Nivethan's volunteer from Madurai IAS Academy has facilitated the session. Thanks to all donors and wellwishers for ur support.

APRIL 29, 2019

SUMMER CAMP

Archives







CAMP HELPED STUDENTS TO BUILT UNIQUE INTERESTS

CAMP ALLOWED TO DEEP DIVE NEW SKILLS

CAMP REINFORCED INDEPENDENCE AND EMPOWERMENT

Always love,



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& Society for Serving Humanity



NIVETHAN-SSH SUMMER CAMP

Apr 30,2019

Day 2



UPCOMING CAMPS

@Madurai

@ Nammakkal

@ Odisha and Karnataka



Thanks to donors & volunteers for your generous support

Team Nivethan

TRAINING GALLERY

Life skill and career guidance






COMPUTER FUNCTIONAL & FINANCIAL LITERACY

Today, Nivethan volunteers' conducted the mentoring session on above topics for meritorious students in Sempati, Dindigul.



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SUMMER CAMP @ NAMMAKKAL










Shri M.P Prakash Samajamukhi Trust

11 JUNE 2019 @ HARAPANAHALLI

2. Mission Thalassemia

2.1. About Thalassemia program

Thalassemia is a severe disorder of the blood threatening the lives of thousands of children all over the world. It is estimated that 8-11% of the population in southern India are affected. Patients who don't receive proper care and treatment are unlikely to live until adulthood.

Nivethan Trust has so far supported 100+ children suffering from Thalassemia and their families from economically challenged backgrounds in and around Madurai.

- The parents are guided and counseled by expert doctors to whom Nivethan establishes a connection.
- Thalassemics are in need of blood transfusion every few weeks. The required units of blood are facilitated and provided by Nivethan and its partners.
- The treatment for Thalassemia also consists of taking medicines that help the patient deal with the complications of the disorder. Nivethan distributes free drugs to needy children in Madurai on need basis.
- Some patients are medically eligible to undergo bone marrow transplant which can cure Thalassemia. For those the procedure is facilitated and financially supported through the trust. So far, 12 patients are supported financially by Nivethan.

2.2. Support for Lakshita - BMT

In 2018-19, Nivethan Trust conducted a fundraising campaign and raised money to help 1.3 year old Lakshitha, suffering from Thalassemia. The baby Lakshitha, living in Madurai has been suffering from Thalassemia, a blood disorder disease from infancy and has been surviving with monthly blood transfusions and expensive iron chelation treatment. It is very unfortunate that both Lakshitha and her twin sister Lakshana are Thalassemia Major. The family is spending major portion of their earnings to meet the recurring expenses for medication and monthly transfusions.



The only remedy was Bone Marrow Transplantation (BMT), if matching is available. The cost of the treatment was prohibitively high for the family. Fortunately, Lakshitha was HLA matched with her father and the chances were bright for her to lead a normal life. Dr. Revathi Raj of Apollo Hospital, Chennai has consented to do the BMT for the baby by mid of December 2018 or early January 2019.

The total cost for the Bone Marrow Transplantation is estimated at Rs.12 lakhs which could be claimed from Tamil Nadu Health Insurance Program. We are very hopeful and started our efforts for the same. But, other expenses including the stay of the family members in Chennai for about 3 months, pre and post BMT treatment and medicines expenses, travel costs, etc is costing about 2.5 lakhs.

Shankar Ganesh, father of baby Lakshita works as a construction labour on a daily wage basis. Lakshita's mother Savithri is a housewife. Shankar's income is very low and not that stable. Major chunk of his income goes towards meeting monthly treatment & medicine expenses of his twin daughters. In this situation, the family was in dire need of financial assistance amounting to Rs.2.5 Lakhs to get their baby Lakshita lead a normal life, free from Thalassemia. Nivethan conducted a mass campaign to raise funds to support Lakshitha and her family.

Thanks to the generous support of our donors, we were able to raise and provide INR 51,000. We gave the money in 2 installments. Rs.1000 on Jan 10, 2019 & Rs.50,000 on Jan 13, 2019. We are glad to inform that BMT for Lakshita was done successfully. She is currently undergoing post BMT surgery treatment now which will continue for the next one year.



Thank you letter signed by the Lakshitha's parents

January 16, 2019

Nivethan Trust
Madurai

Dear Team Nivethan,

Thank you very much for the support of Rs.51,000 towards helping my daughter Lakshita to be free from Thalassemia. We have **received** the money in 2 installments. Rs.1000 on Jan 10, 2019 & Rs.50,000 on Jan 13, 2019.

Happy to inform that BMT for Lakshita was done successfully. She is undergoing post BMT surgery treatment now which will continue for next one year. Your support will be very helpful for us to meet our post surgery treatment expenses for Lakshita.

Thank you once again for your generous support.

Regards,

ச. சங்கரகணேஷ்

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3. Economic Development Initiatives

With the aim to promote economic development, Nivethan Trust has started taking up various initiatives for poor and marginalized communities in this year. Here are a few of the highlights of our activities.

3.1. Baseline of Hensuati Weavers in Bhadrak

We supported Gateway Consultancy to conduct Baseline survey of Hensuati weavers in Basudevpur, Tihidi and Chandbali blocks of Bhadrak district. The survey was conducted to prepare Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the promotion of Off-Farm Producer Organisations (OFPOs), with the support of NABARD.

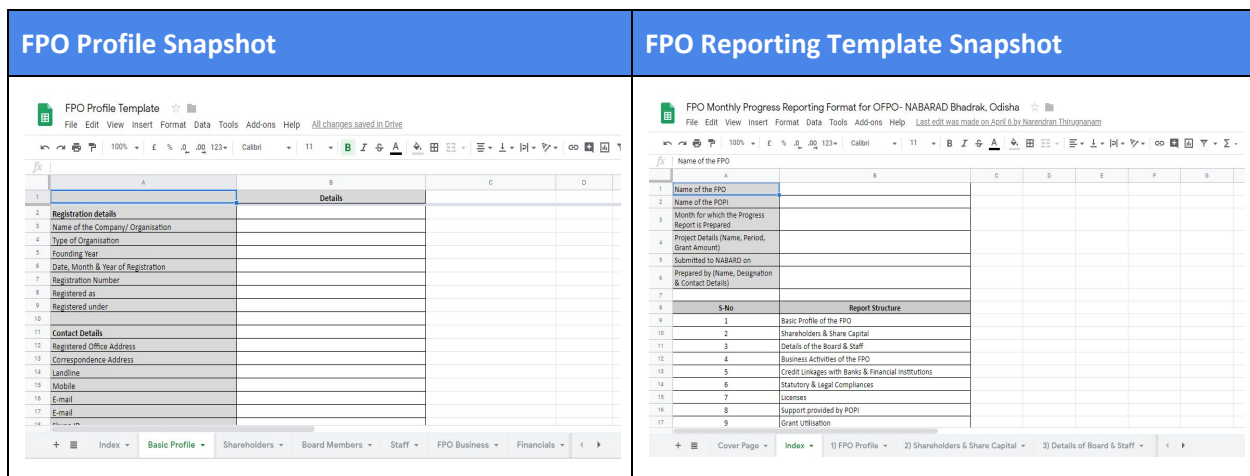
S.No.	Particulars	Details
1	Period	February, 2019
2	No. of weavers covered	284 weavers
3	No. of villages covered	30 villages
4	Blocks	3 blocks - Basudevpur, Tihidi and Chandbali
5	District	Bhadrak district in Odisha



3.2. FPO Profile & Reporting Template

NIVETHAN has been supporting NGOs by offering training support on a few key areas like Financial literacy, Organic farming, Livestock development, etc. Particularly, in reference to our work with FPOs, we have prepared frameworks and formats that are being used by many promoting institutions/ NGOs.

- **FPO Profile Template:** The FPOs/ OFPOs can use this format to collect and store data about their organisation, members and activities in one designated place, in a retrieval format. This is found particularly useful in ensuring legal and statutory compliances, taxation purposes, timely reporting and project monitoring and evaluation.
- **FPO Monthly Progress Reporting Format:** This particular document is being used by FPOs in reporting about their progress to NABARD and other supporting agencies.



3.3. Training on ‘Promotion of FPOs: Features, Benefits & Legal compliances’

We also had the opportunity to provide various forms of training on promotion of farmer producer organisations (FPOs), particularly to SIVA Trust and its coalition partners in Vadipatti, Madurai on xx. Around 35 staff members of SIVA Trust and its NGO partners, representatives from HEKS-India, the funding agency were also present for the workshop. The training was well-appreciated and the consortium requested continuous support in helping them promote farmers groups and producers organisation in the near future.

3.4. Submission of OFPOs proposal to NABARD Bhadrak

We were also glad to submit a proposal for promoting Off-Farm Producer Organisation (OFPOs) in Bhadrak district. The proposal focuses on mobilizing Hensuati weavers community into producer organisation and facilitate in their business development process through the OFPOs. Currently, NABARD is processing the proposal that has been submitted by NIVETHAN for promoting FPOs in Bhadrak District of Odisha. We are hoping to receive positive response from NABARD to help us kickstart the project soon in Odisha.

4. Other Updates

4.1. Board members Addition

We are glad to inform that we got 2 new board members joining Nivethan Trust during the FY 2018-2019.

T. Narendran

Narendran is a post graduate in Development Management and has 12 years of experience in the development sector with special focus on Resource Mobilization, Partnerships Building, Project Management and Capacity Building mainly in the fields of Health, Education, Livelihoods and Financial Inclusion. He has worked with leading national and international non-profit organisations like Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Cure2Children Foundation-Italy, Vrutti, DHAN Foundation and Vidya Poshak. He enjoys consulting & mentoring community organisations and nonprofits in resource mobilization.

S. Sathyanand

Sathyanand brings in 10+ years of experience in education and development, most recently as Certification Lead at Centre for Teacher Accreditation (CENTA) and at Karadi Path Education Company. He was also a Teach for India fellow, before which he was working with DHAN Foundation, an NGO working in microfinance and agriculture. He holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Development Management from Tata Dhan Academy. He has a deep interest in broader development and education sector reform.

5. Financials (2018-2019)

Income:

Donations received - INR 2,57,975

Interest/ Other Income - INR 1,463

Total Income - INR 2,59,438

Expenses:

Program Expenses- INR 1,81,500

Other Expenses - INR 767

Total Expenses - INR 1,82,267

6. Our Plans (2019-2020)

We are glad to see the steady progress in terms of increase in our activities and also intensity in our reach and impact. We would like to keep the momentum up and ensure that we reach more target community and attempt at impacting their lives in the best possible way we can.

- **Nurture Merit 2019-20:** In the coming year, we hope to stabilize our Nurture Merit program, in Madurai and Dindigul. We would be ensuring that we regularly meet the Nivethan students, build relationships and provide need-based support as and when required.
- **Nivethan's FPO activities:** We have built good relationships with the community and other stakeholders in Bhadrak district of Odisha. We are hoping to do more livelihoods projects in the

specific blocks of Bhadrak soon. We are awaiting confirmation from the donor agency to take this forward.

- **Economic Development Initiatives:** Given our growth and reach, we will continue to plan and execute various economic activities such as micro enterprise promotion- both farm & off farm, access to credit for enterprises, skill training, etc in our project locations.

We seek the continuous support of donors, volunteers, well-wishers and other stakeholders, including the community, to continue our activities and serve the needy.

7. Our Partners & Supporters

- Rajaji Government Hospital, Madurai
- Sankalp India Foundation, Bangalore
- Cure2Children Foundation, Italy
- Serve the Needy, Hyderabad
- Society for Serving Humanity (SSH), Sempati, Dindigul, Tamil Nadu
- Sakhi Trust, Hospet, Karnataka
- Pon Mudiyar Girls Higher Secondary School, Madurai
- Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Hospet, Karnataka

8. Our Volunteers

- E. Thambidurai, Madurai
- P. Thangaperumal, Bangalore
- V. Rajesh, Chennai
- E. Siddharthan, Madurai
- Nagaraj, Hospet, Karnataka
- V. Vignesh, Madurai
- Biraja Prasad, Dhamnagar, Odisha
- Arul Kumaran, Madurai
- Santosh Hegde, Bangalore, Karnataka
- Chetan Waghmore, Belgaum, Karnataka
- Prabhakaran, Namakkal
- Subramanian, Madurai
- Jeeban Jyoti Mohanty, Badhrak, Odisha
- Vijay, Madurai
- Rangamma, Hospet, Karnataka
- Jesuraja, Madurai
- Nagarajan, Madurai

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