

# TOUCH THE SOIL

Team Outing with a Purpose!



Chennai Chapter

**IGNITED 1,00,000  
YOUNG MINDS IN RURAL INDIA**

### COVERAGE IN TAMILNADU

- 32 Districts
- 156 Volunteers
- 145 Schools
- 82,730 Students
- 1408 Scholarships

#### From the desk of Col M Vidyasagar, Head, Ullas Trust



Team Ullas is proud to share with you that we have been able to reach out to more than 1,00,000 children in districts of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and NCR through the current year's campaign. In Tamil Nadu we had covered all 32 districts and ignited 82,730 students from 145 schools in this academic year. The teams have come back with fond memories of the schools they visited and have personally experienced the exuberance of children. God Bless !

#### Padmini Sharathkumar, Head, Polaris Foundation, shares her experience during Touch the Soil at Thanjavur



It was an emotional moment for me to walk into my father's school at Thirukattupalli near Thanjavur, and conduct the Diary of Dreams workshop, as part of the TTS program, along with my colleagues Srivatsan and Nachu. There were 3 things that struck us. 1. The commitment of the teachers and Principal of the school was remarkable. They have been working with several institutions like Ullas for complementing school education. They were so supportive to any program that benefitted the students. 2. The school was painted in bright cheerful colours and the rooms were spotlessly neat and clean. 3. The teachers participated in the workshop with equal enthusiasm, proving their own passion for learning. How I wished my father were alive and had accompanied me to this program ! Congrats to Col and all the energetic and committed Ullas team to have managed the big figure two years in a row.

#### Thankyou note from Rajeswary Vinoth, Manager, Ullas Trust



A dream yesterday, now a reality. Thanks to the efforts and contribution of every volunteer. We bring you glimpses of Touch the Soil program conducted in the district schools of Tamil Nadu alone and hope that this inspires you to join us to ignite and transform young minds! Let me take this opportunity to introduce Ullas programs.

The programs of Ullas fall into three major categories as mentioned below.

<b>Summit Program</b>	Ullas Entrance Exam Merit Scholarship and Personality Development classes for 9th - 12th grade students
<b>Higher Education Scholarship</b>	Merit scholarship and a formal interview by panels of Polaris employee Mentoring Program
<b>Touch The Soil</b>	Merit Scholarship for 5 High School toppers in the DISTRICTS Volunteers conduct 'Diary of Dreams' for 9th std and 'Planning workshop' for 10th std students



**Ariyalur District**

Kabilan S(SBUJ), Rajesh C(BSC 36) & Chenthooran (Family Member) led by Vejayanand SP(BSC36) met 236 students from 1 school in Elandaikudan



**Coimbatore District**

Dhiraj Kumar (BSC36), Subathra (Family Member) led by Devanand P (BSC36) met 2634 students from 4 schools in Naikanpalayam and Perianaickenpalayam



**Cuddalore District**

Anwesh Padhee (BSC31), Yuvaraju Subramaniam (BSC31), Meenakshisundaram M (BSC31) & Anitha Yuvaraj (Family Member) led by Rajesh Dhandapani (BSC31) met 750 students from 1 school in Chidambaram



**Namakkal District**

Team MKTG - Srivathsan R, Harishkumar R, Sriram Selvam, Anbu Rajan, Devanand P (BSC36), Mohanraj P (BSC31) & Vinod G (SBUC) led by Dhiraj Kumar (BSC36) met 630 students from 1 school in Namakkal South



**Nilgris District**

Vijaykumar Palani (BSC31), Karthikeyan A (BSC26) & Shyamsundar N (BSC31) led by Paribhaskar K (IMEA) met 180 students from 2 schools in Akoni and Anikorai



**Perambalur District**

Team BSC 36 - Kannan Rajaraman, Sathish R led by Vishnu Prakash R met 689 students from 2 schools in Kurumbalur and Vellore post



**Dharmapuri District**

Vijaykumar Rangaraju (HR), Sriram N (HR) led by Balamurugan SP (HR) met 1823 students from 2 schools in Erumathur and Krishnapuram



**Dindigul District**

Team Ullas - Anbarasan and Ananthanarayanan, led by Vidyasagar M met 821 students from 1 school in Gandhigram



**Erode District**

Arunkumar N (BSC31), Dindima Bk (APMEA), Vijaykumar Palani (BSC31) & Basanth V (BSC31) led by Shyamsundar N (BSC31) met 2198 students from 2 schools in Brough Road and Manikkapalayam



**Pondichery District**

Janakiraman SG (RAG), Chandrasekaran E (PESL), Raghunath Ramadoss (AMER), Balaji Damodaran (SC1C), Sathish N (EURO), Selva Subramanian (SBUC), Subriah Devadhas (SBUC), Vanniyaraja K (SBUC), Karthikeyan S (PESL), Jinod Krishnan (AMER), Shenbagam V (BSC34), Saranya Mohan (APMEA) & Abilesh GR (SBUC) led by Kandananathan P (PESL) met 1014 students from 2 schools in Sulthanpet



**Pudukottai District**

Kabilan S (SBUJ), Balaji P (SBUJ) & Anbu K (Family Member) led by Senthil Kumar B (SBUJ) met 1900 students from 2 schools in Mannavelampatti and Sathiyamurthy Road



**Ramanathapuram District**

Team Ullas - Rajeswary S, Sowmiya T & Nagalakshmi V led by Vaithyanarayanan V (CEO) met 950 students from 2 schools in Rameswaram and Thangachimadam



**Kancheepuram District**

Shyam Sundar (BSC31), Paribhaskar K (IMEA) led by Murali Raja T (FIN) met 368 students from 1 school in Orathy



**Kanyakumari District**

Vaithyanarayanan V (CEO), Karthik Sangara (ADMN) & Gerold Lawrence (SEO) led by Peter Wilson (HR) met 1268 students from 2 schools in Kadiapattinam



**Karur District**

Paribhaskar K (IMEA), Vedachalam A (BSC31) & Sugumar Periasamy (BSC31) led by Arun Kumar N (BSC31) met 855 students from 2 schools in Vellianai



**Salem District**

Team HR - Sidharth GV, Vasanth Viswanathan led by Priya Premkumar met 948 students from 1 school in Muthunayakanpatty



**Sivagangai District**

Aparna V (Ullas trust), Anbarasan M (Ullas trust) & Vinoth SP (Family Member) led by Vivekanandan K (SHR) met 263 students from 2 schools in Padamathur and Periyakottai



**Thanjavur District**

Swaminathan S (FIN) & Bhuvanewari S (Family Member) met 949 students from 1 school in Kumbakonam



**Krishnagiri District**

Sridevi TE (FIN), Sowmiya T (Ullas) & Divya H (Family Member) led by Sreedharan R (DAOO) met 1351 students from 1 school in Kaveripattinam



**Madurai District**

Nathan Swami (BSC34) & Shankar B (SSFT) led by Srikanth P (AMER) met 881 students from 1 school in Mehaboobpalayam



**Nagapattinam District**

Abilesh GR (SBUC), Sathish N (EURO), Raghunath Ramadoss (AMER), Vanniaraja K (SBUC), Selva Subramanian (SBUC), Saranya Mohan (APMEA) & Jinod Krishnan (AMER) led by Janakiraman SG (RAG) met 413 students from 2 schools in Agapurthottam and Tiruvengadu



**Thanjavur District**

Govindarajan K (CEO), Rajamanickam S (ADMN), Srivathsan R (MKTG), Nachu Nagappan (CCOM), Anbarasan M (Ullas trust), Sharathkumar (Family Member) & Radhika K (Family Member) led by Padmini S (CEO) met 944 students from 3 schools in Thirukkattupalli



**Theni District**

Nachu Nagappan (CCOM), Srinivasan Venkat (CCOM) & Ramakrishnan R (Family Member) led by Harishkumar R (MKTG) met 560 students from 1 school in Gandamanur



**Thiruvallur District**

Team BSC 31 - Vedachalam A, Vijaykumar Palani, Dineshkumar C, Mahaganesh K led by Sugumar Periyasamy met 1923 students from 1 school in Ponneri



### Thiruvannamalai District

Team BSC 31 - Nitin Kishore, Srinivas Tutigunta led by Hari Vigneswaran S met 2006 students from 3 schools in Cheyyar and Housing Board



### Tirunelveli District

Team FIN - Saravanan G, Nandhini K, Immanuel Hari, Sanjeev J, Kailash B led by Srinivasan Sn met 1659 students from 4 schools in Sankaran Koil, Srigomathipuram, Subbulapuram and Vasudevanallur



### Tiruppur District

Senthil Kumar B (SBUJ), Vanadoss D (SBUC), Vignesh (Family Member) led by Umamaheswaran D (APMEA) met 1325 students from 1 school in Udumalpet



### Thiruvarur District

VeJayanand SP (BSC36), Kannan Rajaraman (BSC36) & Satha G (BSC31) led by Velraj V (BSC31) met 4792 students from 17 schools in Avoor, Chandrasekarapuram, Edakeelaiyur and Haridwaramangalam



### Trichy District

Sriram Selvam (MKTG), Tamil M (IT), Venkatesh K (IT) & Gerold Lawrence (SEO) led by Balamurugan SP (HR) met 361 students from 5 schools in Punjai, Sirugalappur and Oottathur



### Tuticorin District

Balamurali Sridhar (BSC31), Sathyam Dixit (BSC31), Paribhaskar K (IMEA) & Karthikeyan A (BSC26) led by Vimal Mohanraj (BSC21) met 586 students from 2 schools in Vepalodai and Nallattinuthur



### Vellore District

Jayaprakash K (Ullas Trust), Nishanth M (Ullas Trust) & Hari Krishnan (Ullas Trust) led by Ragothaman V(FIN) met 461 students from 1 school in Vallimalai



### Villupuram District

Sarmiladevi P (BSC31), Manimegalai Cs (BSC31), Venkatasiva Patchava (PR15), Santhosh Loganathan (BSC31), Dineshkumar C(BSC31), Senthiga C (BSC32), Rathna Chilukula (BSC31) & Padmanaban Jothiram (BSC31) led by Nadiya Rajagopal (PR15) met 576 students from 1 school in Avalurpet



### Virudhunagar District

Paribhaskar K (IMEA), Arunkumar N (BSC31) & Seema Bose (Family Member) led by Subash Chandra Bose (BSC31) met 226 students from 3 schools in Ayankarisalpulam, S Ammapatti and Sealnaikanpatti



### THE TEAM BEHIND



Anbarasan M



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