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Editorial:

November is the month of heavy rain. Tamil Nadu has seen heavy to very heavy showers this monsoon. School children were the most affected, because the schools had to be closed for more than a week.

The weather in the northern part of the nation is getting cooler and dryer, whereas in the south we have very pleasant weather.

In Volontariat we have been taking stock of the situation of our different programmes and activities, as we are nearing the close of the calendar year. In Atelier Shanti we organised a Sale Expo. Serious discussions were made on strengthening Atelier Shanti and we are continuing to look out for the possibilities of improving the market not only for the products of Atelier Shanti, but also for Spirulina which we produce on the farm.

Through this newsletter, I take the opportunity to Wish all our Partners, Sponsors and Well wishers, A Very Happy Christmas & Prosperous New year 2015.

With regards,

Sendil Coumarane, Director, Volontariat

Children's day celebration:

The birth anniversary of the First Prime Minister of Independent India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru is celebrated as Children's Day on the 14th of November. Volontariat also celebrated the Children's Day event in Shakti Vihar. The children from all the sections of Volontariat participated in the celebration, and they felt honoured by the presence of the Executive Committee members and volunteers from Europe. The children showcased their talents in cultural activities like oration, dance and drama.



Expo sale of Atelier Shanti Products:

An expo –cum- sale of the handloom products made by the disabled workers of Atelier Shanti was organized on the 29th of this month. The response was marginal from the European customers, as it was a rainy day. Still it was an opportunity to take out our products to the local market and a big THANKS to Mme Marie Charlotte for this initiative.

Efforts for the Promotion of Spirulina Sale:

The scientist, responsible for the Spirulina Section, Mr.Premanand was driven to look for various possibilities of promoting the sale of Spirulina. He visited the concerned faculties at Indian Institute of Technology at Chennai and tried to garner some support from them with regard to this. Information brochures and requests were also sent to few contacts which could be our possible clients. We still need to go a long way to commercialize our product and fetch some income for the sustenance of this making this very important product.

Plantation of Paddy at TTK Farm:

Paddy transplantation was done in 5 acres of land this month. The 2.5 acres paddy ready for harvest was inundated by the heavy rains, but we carefully harvested the crop, using the chain wheel harvesting machine and we had a harvest of 45 bags of paddy.

In our livestock, two cows delivered calves in this month.

Health for Kids:



During this month a health awareness animation programme for the Kindergarten children was conducted through animation films in the computer class room. After the movie, the teachers interacted with the children to assess the level of their understanding on personal and oral hygiene. The children were gathered in small groups of 10 to 12 in a batch and were quite interested in this discussion.

Conclusion:

This month we have had some reasonable rainfall and hope for a prosperous year to come. Voluntariat is continuing with its efforts to attend to the needs of the community. Discussions guided by the Executive Committee members, to garner local resources for our activities are carried out regularly.