



CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

ACTIVITY REPORT FOR 2008-'09

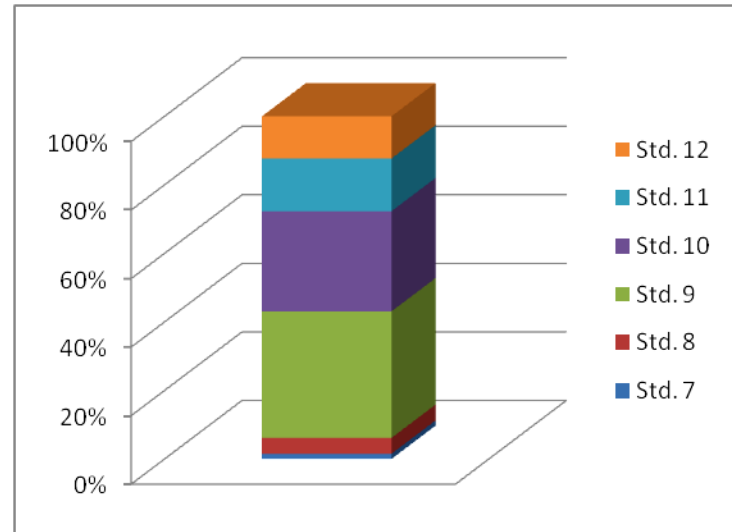
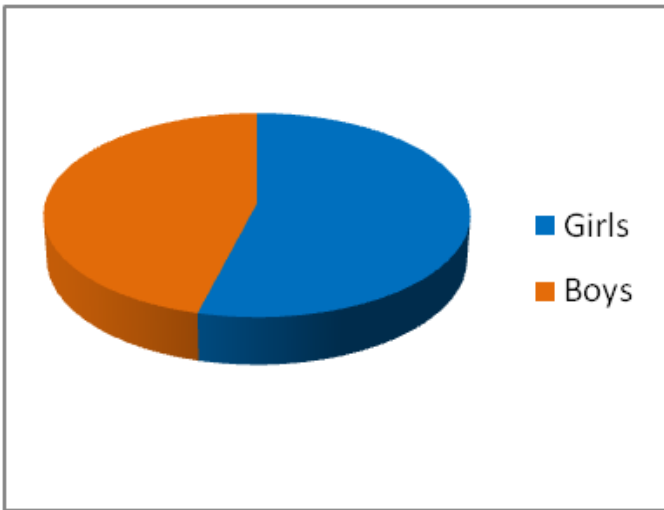
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- Goal - to ensure that poor rural children have access to education and are able to take informed decisions about their education & career
- Supplementary education model to strengthen students' knowledge and life skills
- Benefits economically backward students from Std. 9 upwards studying in Government/aided schools in Nilakottai & Batlagundu Blocks
- Main criteria for eligibility – low income group, consistent 'pass' in academics & parental interest in educating child

Students' selection – 2008-'09

65 students

- 35 girls & 30 boys
- 25 old & 40 new



Inaugural program

- Material for uniforms, books, stationery & school bags and school fees – distributed to 65 students in June 1st week
- Parents' meeting – goal of the scholarship program, criteria for participation, nature of programmes explained



Students being given books, uniforms, bags & stationery at the start of the academic year



Parents & students getting acquainted with the terms of the scholarship program

Skill development programmes

- To provide opportunity for children to exhibit & foster life skills, to expose them to new ways of thinking and help them realize their strengths & weaknesses
- Skills covered – communication, logical reasoning, creativity, quantitative ability, comprehension & managerial ability
- 8 programs conducted per batch, eliciting participation from 65 students



Students animatedly doing role play



Students discussing a 'logical reasoning' problem in groups



Students involved in a team building activity

Field trips

- 5 field trips were conducted with 25 students each (on average) to provide them an opportunity to relate subject knowledge with how things work in real life
- At each location, the resource person at the place explained the details of the processes.
- At the end of the day, students quiz each other about the key learning points of the day and write a brief report on their experience during the visit



Coimbatore – motor factory



Munnar – tea estate



Madurai - Vaigai Dam



Trichy – herbal plantation



Tuticorin – garnet factory

Other programmes

- **Health programmes** – 2 programs conducted to provide children awareness on preventive health measures, nutrition & hygiene and important diseases & treatment
- **Science workshop** – 1 workshop to propagate ‘understanding science through simple experiments’ and relating science to daily life
- **Cultural program & Sports Day** – a 3-day sports & cultural event was held to encourage students’ skills in sport, dance, theatre, music & oration
- **Excursion** – a 2-day tour to Hogenakkal & Ooty



Computer & Spoken English classes

- Focus on MS Office
- Classes conducted by trained faculty with periodic practical tests
- Bi-lingual guide to computers prepared & provided to 40 students
- Spoken English classes twice a week over a period of 6 months were held to improve students' English comprehension & speaking skills.



Students engaged in practical use of computers



Students engaged in conversation practice

Program scale over the years

Children's Scholarship Program

