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## LEADERSHIP ENHANCEMENT AND ACCELERATION PROGRAMME

### Karpithalil Pudhumai Thiruvizha

Think about a concept the concept of evaporation. Can you recall the way it was taught to you? Most of the time, we would be able to associate a particular way of teaching with a concept than the information about it. Innovative methods of teaching-learning also engage students at a higher level and increase student learning outcomes.

In an attempt to project innovative ways in the teaching-learning practices in Puducherry schools, Samagra Shiksha Puducherry conducted "Karpithalil Pudhumai Thiruvizha" at DIET State Training Centre. This event was conducted to exhibit best practices in schools to promote such practices and encourage more teachers to adopt more such practices. Thereby, enhancing the cross-sharing of best practices and their impact on improving student learning outcomes. This event was participated by 120 teachers.

This event was inaugurated and graced by the presence of Shri. Rudra Goud, Director, Directorate of School Education Puducherry. Further, he had taken the time to check out all 120 innovative pedagogies that were presented by the participants and had witnessed the demonstrations of the same.



Picture: Director inaugurating Karpithalil Pudhumai Thiruvizha



Picture: Director watching teachers present their innovative pedagogies

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Under the TLM category, I presented my intervention, which was a three month step-by-step pedagogy for learners who require extra support in the Tamil language, at Karpithalil Pudhumai Thiruvizha. I was really excited and glad to showcase my innovative strategies in front of my colleagues and officials, and I also learnt about many innovative ideas from my colleagues that I will adopt in my classroom later. My favourite memory from this exhibition was presenting my innovative practice in front of Director Sir and receiving praise for it.

-M. Valli PST, GPS Pudukuppam A.

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### Here are some best practices followed across the schools of Puducherry

#### Teaching in a box?

Often, we hear about how it is important for a teacher to go out of the box to make teaching more interesting for students. This Head Teacher, Ms. Sandacoumari from GPS Kombakkam has created a learning box, that helps improve students' FLN skills! This box literally consists of the basic knowledge a primary school student would need to know in their languages and math. It consists of paper strips that have letters and numbers on them, enabling them to become familiar with the alphabet and numbers.

As the grade level increases, this learning box also allows students to form two or three-letter words, and do elementary math. This TLM enables the students to take up learning activities on their own initiative and also makes it a fun activity. Further, this activity is handy to assess students on a continuous basis.

"Children started to like this practice, and practically every student now have their own learning box," she says.



Picture: Head Teacher, Ms. Sandacoumari presenting the learning box





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**This Puducherry school has a unique strategy to get their students excited about reading!**

Reading is an activity that serves a purpose that goes beyond academics. It may be a person's gateway into an imaginary world or a relaxing technique. Some read for pleasure, some read to be informed about the world and begin to form opinions about their environment. But what is something that motivates a person to read? One way could be by making reading a routine.

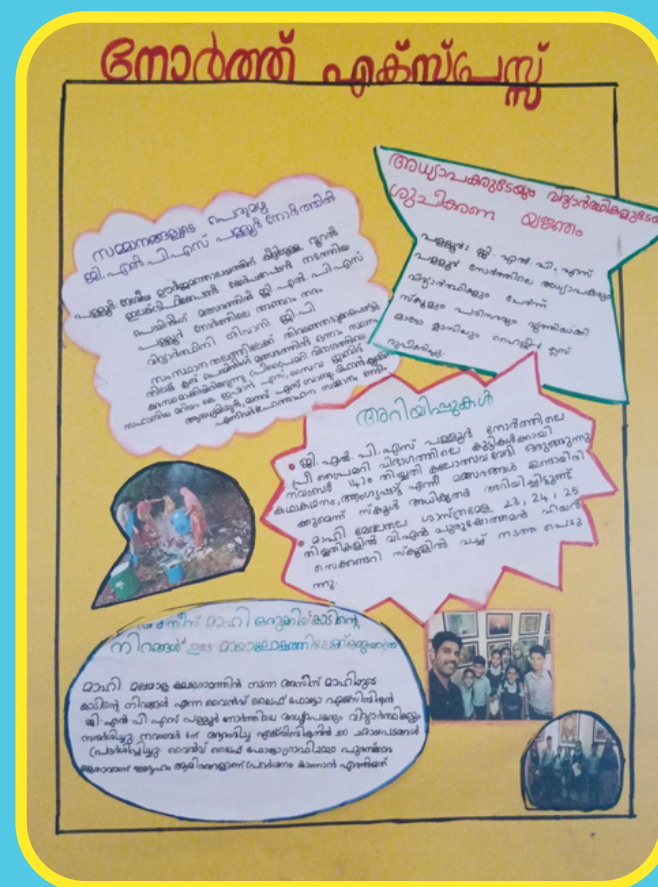
This is precisely what is being done by GPS Palloor North in Puducherry's Mahe region. This school encourages students to lead their assemblies by reading the daily news. What makes this even more special is the fact that they create their own weekly newspaper called the "North Express", which covers then weekly happenings of their own school! This routine of reading their own newspaper in their school assembly is followed on every Tuesday.

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This weekly news magazine has helped students to understand every event that is happening in our school. There has been improvement in their language skills. This project has helped the students improve their reading, writing, and presentation skills, and it has inspired other students to take the initiative in reading and writing.

Ms. Roopa and Rakshi, Co-ordinators of North Express newsletter

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Picture: A glimpse of the North Express newsletter

## ECCE Model Classroom Inauguration

Azim Premji Foundation – Puducherry established an ECCE model classroom at GPS Thattanchavady which was inaugurated by the Director of School Education, Puducherry on 8th Dec 2022. In the process of rolling out the NEP 2020 and FLN mission, the Foundation set up a resource centre for ECCE, which complements primary school teacher's existing classroom resources. This approach has created a physically stimulative learning environment to enable interational and practical learning spaces.

These learning spaces have thematic, print-rich resources that are developmentally appropriate to build foundational literacy and numeracy in students and contribute to their holistic development. It further informs the teachers on a daily routine for the student and provides a space for them to ideate and develop materials based on learning needs. Thus, contributes to teacher professional development. This unit is currently used by 77 students and 2 teachers in GPS Thattanchavady.



Picture: Director and State Project Director gracing their presence at the inauguration of ECCE Model





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### NIPUN Reading Festival

Reading is a much-celebrated art. Here, Puducherry is observing it as a tradition! For second consecutive quarter, schools of Puducherry have been conducting the NIPUN Reading Festival. In this event, all schools exhibit their students' literacy skills in both their mother language and English to parents and the larger community.



This attempt to inform the larger community not only showcased the school's efforts in the past quarter but also extended for partnership with the community to make learning an activity that goes beyond the classroom. The event further attempted to strengthen the accountability of the school with the community.



#### Snippets from the schools

GLPS Palloor North invited a National Awardee Teacher to inaugurate the festival and share his experiences. This school also conducted a student-led event, hosted by fourth grader, Vedika.



Picture: Mr. Ashraf AC addressing the students on the occasion of NIPUN Reading Festival

#### Snippets from Zone 3 schools

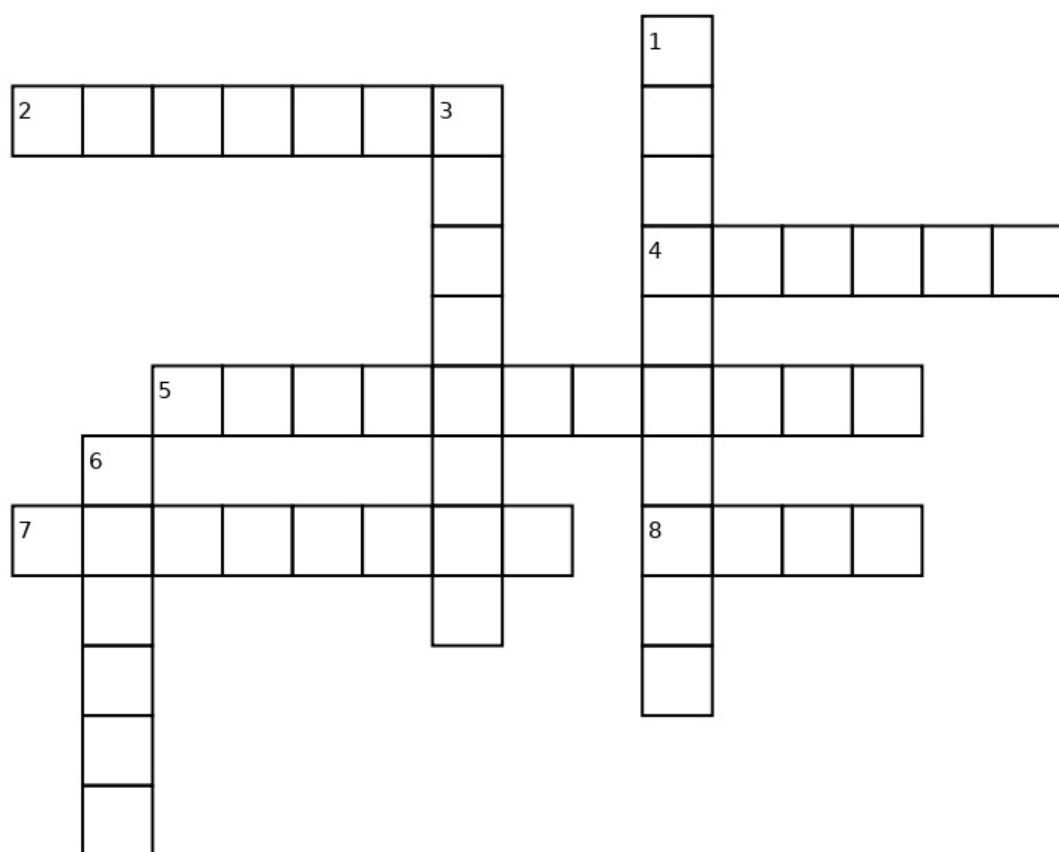
Schools from the educational zone 3 in Puducherry took a different approach to this quarter's reading festival. This time, schools gave parents an opportunity to assess their children's learning levels by observing their performance during the reading festival. This was done in 32 schools, using Google Forms.

**We are trying to give ownership to both the teachers and parents, in that way both of them will begin focusing on the child's learning.**

**-Mr. Pakkirisamy, DIS, Zone 3**



## CROSSWORD



#### Across:

- A specific set of objectives that need to be achieved within a specific time period.
- Important stakeholders in achieving FLN
- Type of assessment promoted by NIPUN Bharat
- Ability to read and right
- Age by which a student should attain FLN

#### Down:

- Statements that specify the knowledge and abilities a student would be able to display by the end of their grade.
- The ability to read and write and perform basic operations with numbers
- Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing

Share your answers through the Pallithalam group. Individuals who complete this crossword would be featured in the next month's newsletter.



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### Kala Utsav

Kala Utsav is an initiative of the Ministry of Education (MoE) under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan, to promote arts in education by nurturing and showcasing the artistic talent of school students in the country. Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) recognises the importance of aesthetics and artistic experiences for secondary-level students, which play a major role in creating awareness of India's rich cultural heritage and vibrant diversity. In the context of education of Arts (Music, Theatre, Dance, Visual Arts and Crafts), the initiative is guided by the recommendations of the National Curriculum Framework 2005 (NCF-2005).



The art that was exhibited through this event included vocal music, instrumental music, dance, visual art and traditional games. In Puducherry, the first level of Kala Utsav was conducted on 4th and 5th December 2022, which was participated by 76 students across 4 regions in Puducherry. Out of which, 20 students were selected for the second round. They represented the Puducherry UT between 3rd to 7th January 2023 in Regional Institute of Education, Bhubaneswar.

### Meet the teacher who has an answer to a lot of our questions!

Mr. Khursheed Ahmad is a teacher in Upper Primary School, Sawhwa, Uttar Pradesh. He has been using some creative ways to engage his students in his school!



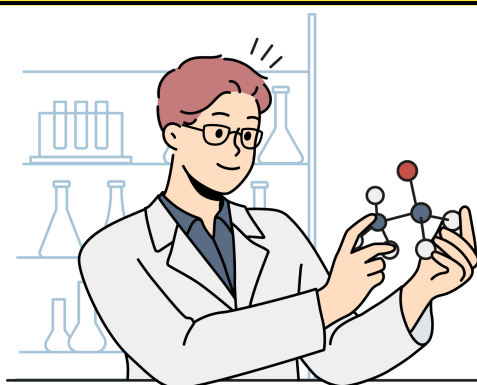
Source: sarkarischool.in

**Tired of hearing "Present Miss/Sir" during attendance?** This teacher encourages his students to say one element from the periodic table to mark their presence. If you walk by their school corridor in the mornings, you might as well listen to a lot of "Phosphorous", "Sulphur", "Oxygen" etc.



**Tired of students coming late to school?** Mr. Khursheed asks students to eat 3 neem leaves, whenever they are late to school. While most students come on time to save themselves from the bitter essence of the leaf, even if someone does come late, eating neem is good for their health.

**Looking for a way to teach important concepts without the use of a rote teaching-learning method?** Mr. Khursheed uses working models to teach concepts like body organs, solar system, water conservation etc.



**Looking for new homework ideas?** In one of his classes, Mr. Khursheed encouraged students to make a missile to commemorate APJ Abdul Kalam's birthday. The missile flies 50 ft above the ground.

**Looking for a way in which the school can engage better with the community?** This school conducts rallies, campaigns etc. to build social awareness on topics like women empowerment, government policies etc.

