

# AGASTYA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Report Submitted to Global Giving

**#13048, Provide labs and books for 2400 children in  
Kuppam**



A glimpse of the Library – 'VIDHYA JYOTHI' at Agastya's Campus Creativity Lab

## **Introduction-**

Founded in April 1999, Agastya is a charitable education trust that runs the world's largest mobile hands-on education program for economically disadvantaged children and teachers. Agastya has reached over 5 million children and 200,000 teachers from 15 states in India.

### **Agastya's Vision**

An India of "creators, tinkerers, solution seekers and leaders who are humane, anchored and connected"

### **Agastya's Mission**

Spark curiosity and propagate a creative temper among economically disadvantaged children and teachers through:

- Experiential, hands-on education
- Teacher training
- Scalable and sustainable methods.

By making practical, hands-on education accessible to under privileged government schools, Agastya aims to transform and stimulate the thinking of underprivileged children and teachers through the following outreach methods.

- 125 Mobile Labs which take hand-on education and digital literacy to the village doorstep.
- 49 Science Centers catering as resource hubs for surrounding schools and communities.
- 105 Lab in Box sets which nurture a high impact and participatory learning experience for students and teachers.
- 290+ Operation Vasantha Centers, community run program to provide remedial classes for students and drop-outs.
- 172-acre Creativity Lab campus in Andhra Pradesh which houses science, art, astronomy and media labs and operates an eco-restoration program.

## **Background –**

From the grant received through the project on Global Giving, Agastya has reached out to over 3600 children and provided them access to Books and other online media and tools of communication. Apart from conducting regular reading classes, the library also conducted tests to assess the reading levels of the children visiting the Campus and made efforts to improve the same.

The Library also actively connected with the villages through Community Library projects conducted in 6 villages. In a Community Library, old books which can be re-used and passed on to others are collected from the community and stocked at a common place so that everyone can have easy access to them.

Agastya also donated books to the community Libraries and provided training to children and volunteers to take care of books, catalogue them and continue the Library project.

Further, the library also conducted story-telling and reading workshops for children to improve their reading levels and to encourage children to cultivate the habit of reading.

The library's books were also used for reference by the Government school teachers from the nearby villages.

Close to 500 children visit the Creativity Lab every day. Agastya is determined to sustain this pattern and encourage more and more children to redeem a quality educational experience. Agastya would thus like to acknowledge and thank all supporters for their generous donations and encouragement. Thank you and we hope that you will continue to believe in our cause to spark curiosity in rural India.

Some pictures of the Project –



**Books given to the Community Library**



Class in progress





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