



Newsletter 2018-2019

**"I BELIEVE THAT EVERY PERSON IS BORN WITH TALENT"**  
~MAYA ANGELOU, POET



Talent Quest for India (TQI) is an initiative of, for, and by the youth of India. It started with the aim to recognise and encourage hidden talents. We firmly believe that every individual needs to grow on a holistic level and has something that they excel at. If put on the right path, they can succeed not just in their work, but also in their self-confidence. We have come a long way since the beginning of TQI in 2010. Kickstarted by our then sixteen-year-old founder, we have grown into an organisation with over 500 volunteers working towards a common cause – to instil in the minds of all youth a sense of belonging and pride for their country.

Our founder, Mr. G. Ramasubramaniam, believes that sharing helps in developing genuine love for a subject or an issue. "The power of sharing is immensely powerful. I can vouch for it because whenever I attempt to teach or explain a concept to my friends in school, I begin with thorough understanding of that topic, which deepens love for that subject," Ram says. Ultimately, our efforts are always to help the youth become more socially responsible, and in turn, make society more socially responsible as well.



**“PERSEVERANCE, SECRETS TO ALL TRIUMPHS”**  
~ VICTOR HUGO

Perseverance can change the way we perceive our everyday hurdles. Our volunteers have maintained an attitude of continuous perseverance in their work. We have come a long way since last year, and hope to cover many more miles in the coming years too. We organised various events and programmes in the year 2018-19.



February 2018, Chennai

The TQI website was launched by Mr. Arun Jain, Chairman and Managing Director of Intellect Design Arena Ltd. This was done in the TQI Ullas confluence in the presence of over 200 TQIans.

February 2nd, 2019

Signed a MOU with Tamil Nadu's Corporation for Development of Women to study Self help groups and their efficacy especially with Women in the districts of TN. 2 villages are chosen as pilot study.



May – June, 2018

Starting from 2017, Zonal Training was included in our annual calendar of events, where volunteers from all districts attended training.

June, 2018 – January, 2019

TQI Ullas Project entered its fifth year. It now connects 21 districts and 28 schools, reaching over 8000 students.



November 2018, Pudukottai, Tamil Nadu

We collected an amount of Rs. 15000 for relief material to be given to three villages in Pudukottai district affected by Cyclone Gaja.



August 4th 2018, Bangalore

We were invited to the 'National Level Volunteering Conference – Volcon' to talk about our projects and about our work.



January 2018, Tamil Nadu

Following our theme for 2018-19, 'One Year, One Cause – Thank Our Heroes – Farmers', our volunteers travelled to villages to interact with farmers. They spent the day with them and observed their daily work to understand and appreciate their efforts.



27th Jan 2019:

Started Chhote scientist in Tamilnadu in 7 schools in 4 districts.

March 2018, Pune

TQI successfully completed its 15-day Express programme in the Hinjewadi Government school.



July 2018, Chennai

TQI Reconnect Meet was organised to connect with all our volunteers. These alumni came together to reminisce their experiences of the past and also to take TQI to the next level by brainstorming for new ideas.



October, 2018

TQI Daan Utsav was celebrated in 27 districts with over 300 volunteers and connected with over 15000 people. This ritual began in 2014 to encourage volunteers to go back to their roots and engage their families in social activities.



October 2018, Mysuru

TQI finished one year and entered its second year of KPIT Technologies' 'Chhote Scientists' programme in seven government schools.



December 16th and 17th, Chennai

We were invited to take part in Mission Samridhi Summit 7, an enterprise dedicated to holistic human development in India.

Apart from these events, TQI celebrates its regular annual events like Teachers' Day, Environment Week, National Farmers Day, Women's Day, Sports Day in all its schools, colleges, and communities in all districts.





**Non-Judgemental Listening**  
Making the youth realise their dreams are worth the effort.

**Appreciation Of Talent**  
Boosting the self-esteem of all those children who need it.

**Sharing Knowledge**  
Spreading knowledge with one and all with zero prejudice.

**CREATING SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE LEADERS**  
In any organisation, a common set of values bind the members. It creates a sense of togetherness which helps in better performance as a team. We at TQI, too, follow some basic, yet indispensable core values.

**Taking Voluntary Responsibility**  
Working towards a genuine goal with all the effort and dedication.

**Dreaming Large**  
Encouraging youth to look beyond their boundaries.

**Carrying A Smile**  
Deriving joy and happiness in all that they do.

With a drive to achieve the goal of moulding better torchbearers for the world, we follow certain methodologies which continuously take shape from our core values.

**Connect**

For all the volunteers at TQI, connecting with each other is important and promotes togetherness.

**Explore**

We believe in constant search for excellence. This desire to keep exploring has encouraged us to work harder in all our endeavours.

**Share**

We have constantly strived to spread awareness, opportunities, and social responsibility to those who need it the most – the youth.

**Lead**

We encourage socially responsible leaders who can take the country forward in the true sense.

# Testimonials

**Uthaya B.. – Ramanathapuram**

“I always questioned myself about whether I would be able to help the society or be able to create a difference. I had so many questions and nobody to answer them. We undertake so many initiatives for the students. The authorities have always been very supportive and helped us in carrying out our projects. We organise competitions like poster making, quiz for the students too. All these activities help the students understand why education is important. I have learned to listen to everybody patiently and then decide what is right and wrong. All the volunteers, including me, are always genuinely interested and love everything that they do.”

**Sukanya, Head- Ullas Trust**

We were impressed by your earnestness, sincerity and purity of thought in wanting to give back what you all felt was important, so that the students following you are better equipped and aware. Also we were impressed by your selflessness and sheer passion to do good

**HM, Cheranmahadevi Higher Secondary School**

The efforts that TQI puts in approaching the rural schools, and to deliver the self-improvement classes for students is incredible. Their classes motivate the students to come out of their shell and express themselves freely. I wish the good deeds continue forever.

Santhana Krishnan, HoD (ECE department), SCAD college of engineering and technology, Tirunelveli.

TQI has taken a good initiative to motivate our students to develop the habit of helping the needy people at the right time. Feeling proud about your efforts taken towards the upliftment of the society. Keep moving.

**Madhubala – Core Team**

“It is a great learning experience teaching. Even though we face a lot of issues, we learn how to handle those. Interacting with the children was like a dream for me. They see us as heroes. We should take that in a positive way because it benefits us in developing our leadership and communication skills. Moreover, the students benefit so much as well. Every time I enter the class, I treat it as my first class and it becomes a great experience. Now being part of the core team, I don't know whether to feel guilty or be happy. I am on a broader level now but spend more time away from the students. I really hope I work with more commitment and zeal further on.”

**Bharath Ananthanarayana, former CSR facilitator- KPIT**

A volunteering movement that TQI is, has been a supremely driven and thoroughly sincere organisation of youth, in reverie of giving birth to future leaders. Something that began as a curious inquiry into its activities across Tamil Nadu, translated into a fast track partnership in running KPIT's flagship program of Chhote Scientist in Mysore. Its first in the city, with a new bunch joining the TQI tribe, the conduct evidently radiated the founding principles of the organisation. Driven, meticulous and persevering, the quality in volunteering was impressive and to say the least, assuring. With every furthering day, TQI is only emerging obsequious to the society. Bharath Ananthanarayana, former CSR facilitator- KPIT









To get in touch with TQI and to know more about how we operate, you can contact us anytime. We are also open to collaborating with other welfare organisations who are working towards the collective good of the nation. Contact details for all interested volunteers, NGOs, CSR initiatives is as follows:

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