

THE INSIGHT

TALENT QUEST FOR INDIA - QUATERLY NEWSLETTER



TQI & LOCK DOWN

GROWING TOGETHER.

It's been a year since the national lockdown began. Since then, a lot has happened. It had been an eye-opening experience. TQI, as usual, was able to respond to changes in the midst of a national crisis. Within the walls of our homes, we learned how to share, discover, and create. We may have accomplished too much because of our quickness. There were so many activities, online programs, and projects, all of which were successful and memorable.



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FOUNDER'S NOTE

Over the last decade, Talent Quest for India has grown from a friend group with the goal of giving back to society to a youth volunteering movement with the goal of developing socially active leaders.

2020 was a challenging year for everyone and we understood our youth and children needed us more during this unprecedented time. Thanks to all donors who generously contributed to our TQI COVID response fund. TQI Express Phone mentoring for school students by college youth, phone mentoring for college youth by corporate employees across the world opened up a new dimension. This phone mentoring turned strangers into family and provided students with immense emotional support.

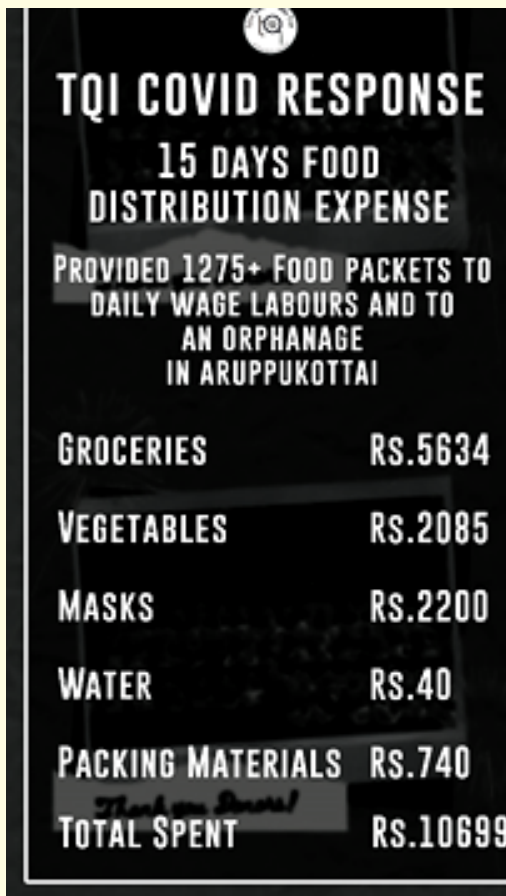
Throughout the district, our volunteers hosted a number of activities to inspire themselves and their peers. Thank you for your support and love, volunteers, their families, teachers, friends, sponsors, and our partner organization.

This newsletter, "Insight," will cover our programs and provide some interesting information to read and enjoy. We want to publish our newsletter on a quarterly basis, and we want to hear from you so that we can continue to improve. Kudos to everyone who contributed to making this happen.

with love,
G.Ramasubramaniam,
Founder and Chief Listening Officer,
Talent Quest for India

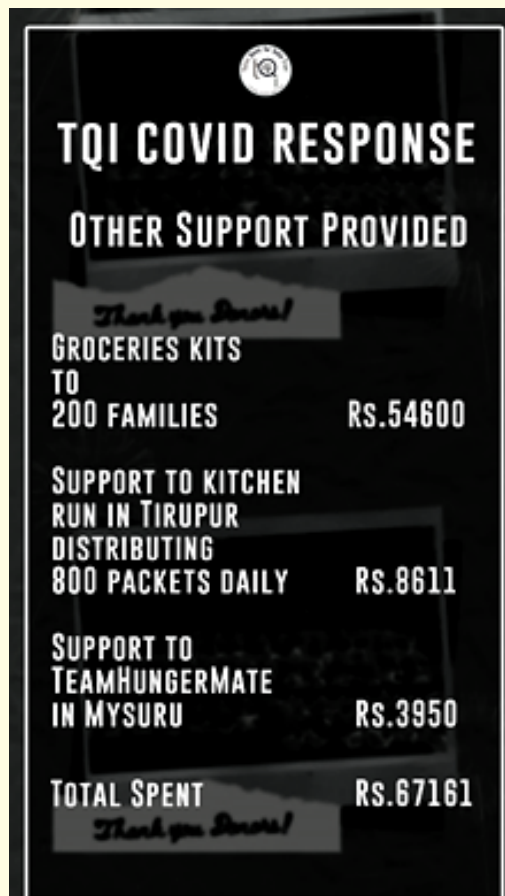
COVID RESPONSE

"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."



TQI COVID RESPONSE
15 DAYS FOOD DISTRIBUTION EXPENSE
PROVIDED 1275+ FOOD PACKETS TO DAILY WAGE LABOURS AND TO AN ORPHANAGE IN ARUPPUKOTTAI

GROCERIES	Rs.5634
VEGETABLES	Rs.2085
MASKS	Rs.2200
WATER	Rs.40
PACKING MATERIALS	Rs.740
<i>Thank you Donors!</i> TOTAL SPENT	Rs.10699



TQI COVID RESPONSE
OTHER SUPPORT PROVIDED
Thank you Donors!

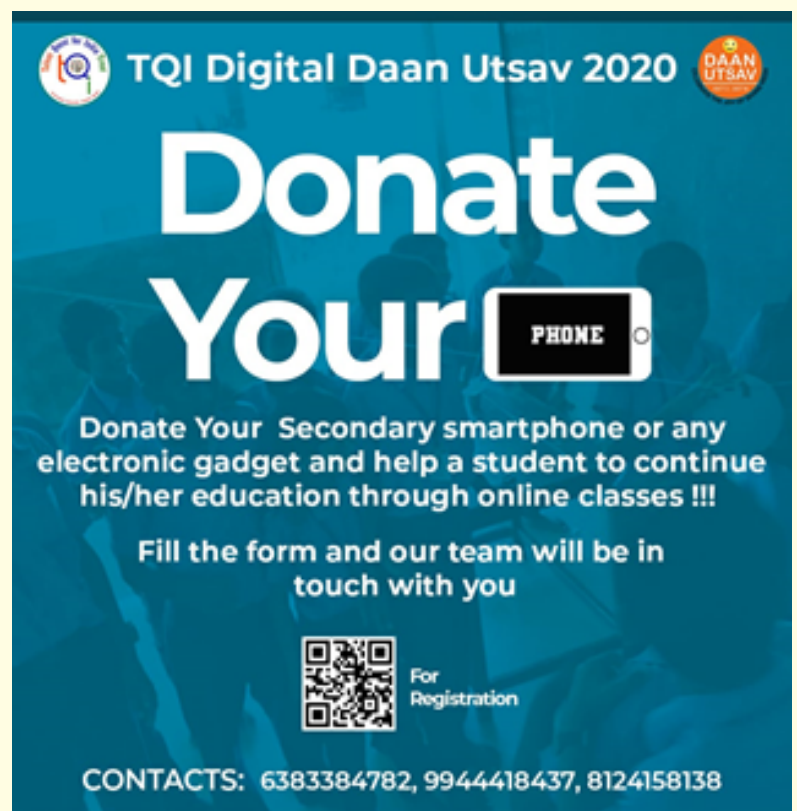
GROCERIES KITS TO 200 FAMILIES	Rs.54600
SUPPORT TO KITCHEN RUN IN TIRUPUR DISTRIBUTING 800 PACKETS DAILY	Rs.8611
SUPPORT TO TEAMHUNGERMATE IN MYSURU	Rs.3950
<i>Thank you Donors!</i> TOTAL SPENT	Rs.67161

We were able to provide homemade food packages to daily wage staff and orphanages, prepared with lots of love and care.

TQI provided grocery kits and other food necessities to those in need throughout Tamil Nadu and Karnataka

TQI Data Pack and Digital Device Donation

We were able to identify and assist students from across Tamil Nadu who needed electronic devices (mobile phones) and data packs in order to complete their online courses. We gathered funds from the general public and encouraged people to donate their old gadgets.




TQI Digital Daan Utsav 2020

Donate Your

Donate Your Secondary smartphone or any electronic gadget and help a student to continue his/her education through online classes !!!

Fill the form and our team will be in touch with you



For Registration

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To serve others and do good is the essence of life

TALENT QUEST FOR INDIA
&
JSS MEDICAL COLLEGE
PRESENTS

THANKING OUR HEROES



A global pandemic was a tough time. Especially for those in the medical field. In fact, they were the true warriors of the hour. No one could match the efforts they put, day in and day out, to help us survive the virus outbreak. This effort needs maximum appreciation and recognition. TQI, in collaboration with JSS Medical college, was proud to put together, a video with the help of people all around the country thanking Our Heroes, the medical staff. Watch the full video [here](#).

COVID VOLUNTEERING

Kanda Vel, one of TQI's co-founders, volunteered for the state government's covid initiative. During this time, he worked in Aruppukottai, Virudunagar district. It was a wholesome experience. This motivated a few of our volunteers as well, to take up this project in their respective districts.



EXPRESS PHONE MENTORING-SCHOOL

It begun with what we could, with what we had, at where we were.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT IT



Students are the pillars of our society. We won't be able to draw out their true potential unless we guide, support, and direct them. With this in mind, during the pandemic, we began a project called Express phone mentoring for school students.

We connected government school students from rural parts of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka whose families cannot afford online education in the wake of the global pandemic, with college students across the country. We were successful in creating a holistic platform where the school students got to learn English speaking and writing through fun activities and regular interaction. College students from 120+ colleges mentored 630+ students on a one-on-one basis during the same.

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A SHORT STORY ABOUT IT



A step in the right direction, a push towards the light is what we all need, especially when we are all set to face the world the way it is. We realize that it is not a cakewalk for the youngsters of our society. The battle is real, is breathtaking, and to get through it all, is a task. Hence, the Phone mentoring program, tailored to meet the needs of the young face of India. A one-to-one project where we have professionals who had 'been there, done that' guiding them, teaching them, preparing them to face what the world has to offer. We were able to reach over 250+ college students, who were mentored by professionals from 30+ companies across 6+ countries. The 15-day program proved to be a massive success.

MENTOR MANADIL

SWETHA.B
Mentoring ALIA

This was a magical self-exploration in the first place! I had no idea I could teach, inspire, or understand a kid so well. Most significantly, since it required responsibility and devotion, it shaped me into a better person over time. Alia's inquisitiveness motivated me to learn new things in order to satisfy her curiosity. In basic terms, I'm overjoyed.



To be honest, I haven't done anything quite like phone mentoring. It made me believe in myself like never before. Aside from our studies, there were many happy moments along the way, especially when my mentee's mother treated me like her own child. The best thing was that everyone in the family was engaged in the learning process and didn't want it to stop. As they are, I adore them all.

KEERTHANA SHANMUGAM
Mentoring SAMEER



He would always pick the call at the very first ring!! And call me whenever he had questions, which prompted me to learn a lot of new things in order to teach him.

JEEVANANTHAM

MENTEE MANADIL



VINOTH KUMAR. R

I'm fortunate to be a part of phone mentoring; the sessions are incredible. It gave me the confidence I needed to face my fear of speaking English and improved my fluency. My mentor told me about how he overcame his fear of English, which inspired me greatly.



PAARKAVI

I'm happy to report that my English training session is going well; it's a fantastic experience, and it's my first time conversing in English with anyone. My senior, who is also my mentor, is amazing. She has been really helpful and has made me feel at ease when speaking English. I don't know how to express how happy I am. Thank you so much.



AVANTHIKA

This class has been very helpful in improving my English language skills. I learned how to make and express sentences. Thanks for giving me this golden opportunity. I had a good time in class; it was a new experience for me. I owe you a huge thank you anna.

VOICE OF TQI

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MOHAMAD YUSUFF - COVID VOLUNTEER

Yusuff, TQI Volunteer since 2018, had started his own social service for the virus outbreak before the government project. In February, he had pooled money from college to provide masks and gloves to the daily wage workers and college canteen employees. He later became a part of the government's Covid volunteering program.

"I always had the fire inside to help others, to hold the pier of change. I was clueless about how to start with it. But now, I have got TQI to hold my back and support me in all my endeavors." Read the rest of Yusuff's story [here](#).

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ASHOTHARMA- COVID VOLUNTEER

Ashotharma, TQI Volunteer since 2017, applied for the COVID Volunteering program in the Thoothukudi district and worked with the state government for almost 150 days. He was scheduled at a PDS outlet in the Ettayapuram village, Thoothukudi.

"The first day, it was all messy and new. But by the end, the 148th day, I had learned a lot. It was a very eye-opening experience." says Ashotharma. Read the rest of Ashotharma's journey [here](#).

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ONE YEAR ONE CAUSE- GARDENING

There is no joy more than giving back to our home, the Earth.



A tree planted today gives shade tomorrow. Gardening is not just a hobby. It's giving back, caring for the next day to come.

Our volunteers enjoyed building a garden at their homes. They motivated their neighbours to do the same, conducted online gardening sessions and tutorial classes.



We had almost 178 of our volunteers planting around 150 saplings at their homes. With a lot of time suddenly at our disposal, this activity was refreshing and brought a change to our usual rat-race pattern. It gave us a way to rejuvenate and hold a vision for the future

GLIMPSE-2020

Dive deep into your talents and make the thing you need in the world

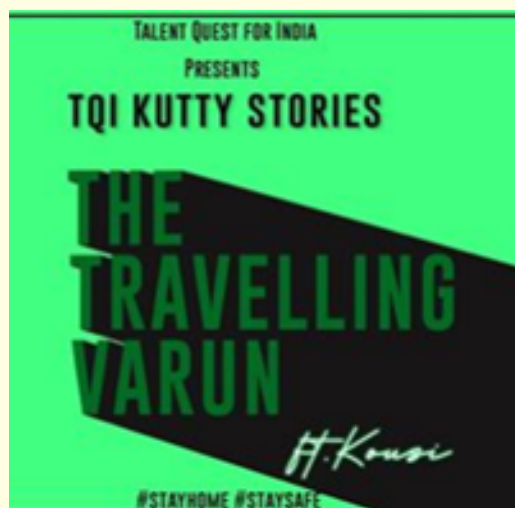


INTERACT WITH STARS

We were able to provide a voice for successful people in their careers to speak and direct TQIians with this program on board. Over the course of 21 weeks, we had 21 speakers from all over the world, speaking to over 1000 young people.

KANAA DIY SESSION

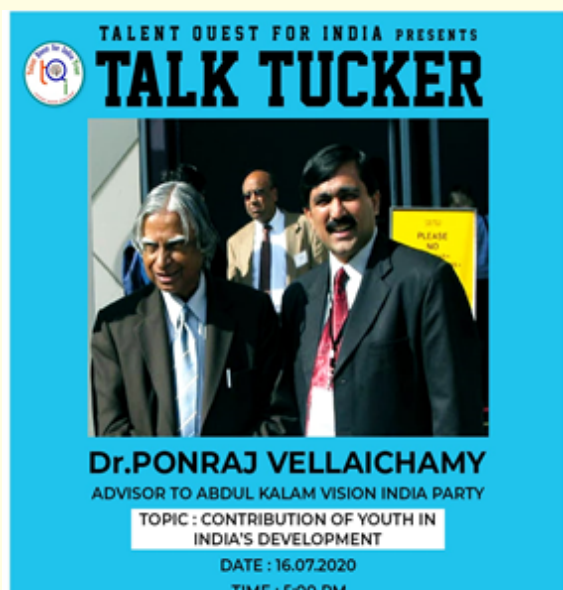
What's more fun than making something new out of things that would otherwise go to the bin! TQI hosted several DIY sessions over a span of 20 weeks with 65+ students and volunteers and conducted 55+ experiments.



KUTTY STORIES

Gaining knowledge is the first step to wisdom. Sharing it, the first step to humanity. With this in mind, we brought in storytellers to inspire us and to share with us the fruits of their wisdom.

The only impossible journey is the one you never begin.

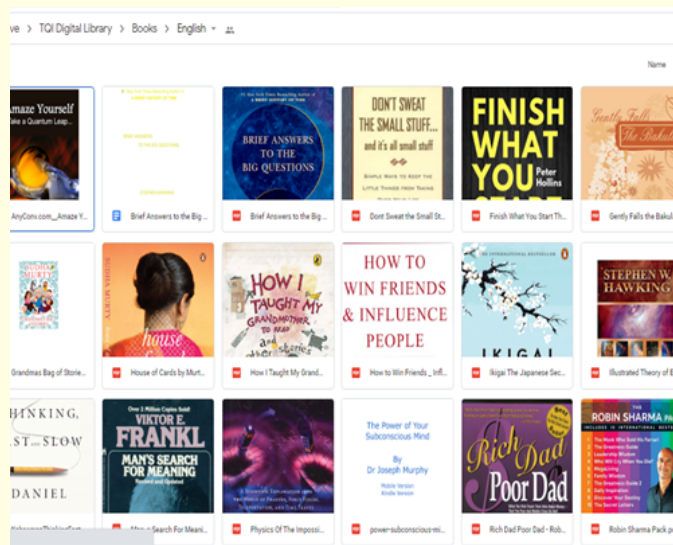


TALK TUCKER

A story shared, is a lesson taught. We had over 20 speakers over a span of 20 weeks, talking to more than 1000 individuals about them, their life, and their stories.

READING CHALLENGE

Growth happens only when we are ready to learn, unlearn, and relearn. This is possible only with ardent reading. We specially curated a digital library for the same and proposed a reading challenge. We had people from around the world reading with us.



KINDNESS CHALLENGE

Tiny ripples create bigger waves. TQI Kindness challenge was all about how big you can go, by teeny weeny acts of selflessness.



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TQI ZHAGARAM

No one may deprive us of our mother tongue identity. In light of this, TQI launched a project to encourage and empower youngsters to read, work, and engage in their native language. We began with Tamil since the majority of our volunteers are from Tamil Nadu. A monthly magazine is published on our blog with the help of more than 100 volunteers.

SCHOLARSHIP EXAM

TQI contacted govt schools around Tamil Nadu, and was able to provide virtual training to over 150 students appearing for NTSE, TRUST, and NMMS exams.



TALENT HUNT

We never miss a chance to show our talents and caliber to the world! TQI is always down with anything to boost our strength. We organized a talent hunt for youngsters, and received whooping participation of 950 students from all over the country!

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TQI DAAN UTSAV

Every year, our country celebrates Daan Utsav during the month of October. It is a time for us, as responsible citizens, to look beyond our fences, to help those in need.

2020 made it difficult to work the way we usually do. But that did not stop TQI from proving its potential. All our district teams found ways to show gratitude. We made thank you cards, gave gifts (for delivery workers, casual laborers, and hospital employees, etc) held online meet-ups for teachers, etc. We also were a part of the national Daan Utsav celebration.

WORDSMITH

During April-May-June 2020, TQI hosted an English creative writing workshop for its volunteers. We had 3 trainers, mentoring 40 students (2 batches) over a period of 75 days, who went through rigorous training in various aspects of writing, reading, and speaking skills. The mentees now write content for our official blog.



WHAT'S

NEW

JHARKHAND - A New chapter



Above we have few images of Mounica with the kids, busy in the teaching-learning process. A new chapter in the book of our accomplishments. We have reached a new milestone!

After Pune, this is our second location in North India

From playing games to learning the lifecycle of a butterfly to learning about cabinet ministers of India, this new team has it all.

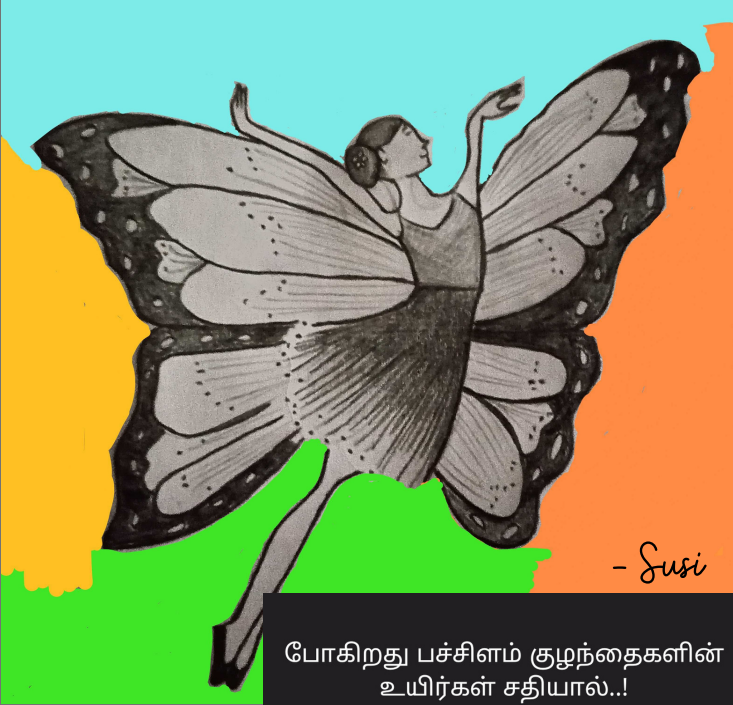
We have our star volunteer Mounica hailing from Jharkhand, teaching kids from two villages namely - Lochanpur and Asnabadh

Monica joined TQI whilst she was in Tamil Nadu.

She is now back at her native giving back all that she once borrowed - knowledge, wisdom, love, and care. It's not just her, but her parents are along with her forming the battalion to fight for the children and help them spread their wings.

VOLUNTEER'S CORNER

What keeps life fascinating is the constant creativity of the soul



போகிறது பச்சிலம் குழந்தைகளின்
உயிர்கள் சதியால்..!
எழுதப்படவில்லை சரிவர
சட்டம் உயர்நீதியால்..!

-சுஷ்மிதா கோ

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QI Table Talks

Webinars on Youth, Volunteering, and Social Entrepreneurship was hosted by founder G.Ramasubramaniam in collaboration with multiple colleges.



Sivalakshmi, a social entrepreneur, founded a computer center in her village - Somarasampettai, Trichy, to teach students.



Nirmal Shankar's first achievement in the film industry as an Associate Director in a Tamil film.



Micron hosted a workshop on social entrepreneurship with our co-founder Mr. Madhusudhanan Balasubramanian in collaboration with the ICICI foundation. He also led a session on "Tech Thinking for Social Impact" for Anahuac Mexico University's Social Responsibility students.

Wanna Join us?

If you're interested in volunteering with tqi, please contact us via social media, whatsapp, or email.

Please contact us if you are interested in joining our media team.



B. Karthikeyan Top ten finalist in the Black Bull Classic Men's Physique, 4th place in the Mr. Erode competition and 6th place in the men's physique open state competition.

To get your artwork, write-ups, and your achievements featured, click the links below.

[Volunteer Talent Corner](#)

[Volunteer Achievement](#)

Thank you

This newsletter - The Insight - curated with much love and commitment from the media team, TQI -

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