

KAIGAL EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

**Foundation for
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Livelihood**



About us



The Kaigal Education and Environment Program, is an intervention that began in 2002, in the Kaigal Valley. Adjoining the Kaundinya Wildlife Sanctuary, this area is an elephant corridor and also home to the Yanadi tribal communities. Over the last 20 years, the work at Kaigal has improved the conservation status of different ecosystems covering over 14000 hectares, touching over 26000 people across 60 villages.

The program is implemented by Foundation for Education, Ecology and Livelihood (FEEL), a registered Public Charitable Trust, managed by a team of educationists.

We work in the following areas:

- education for the rural and tribal communities
- conservation that is undertaken along with the community
- sustainable bio-resource based livelihoods that can support and protect the local ecology



Kaigal Education and Environment Program initiatives



Primary schools

Two registered primary schools for school going children aged 6-10 set within the tribal villages,

After school learning centres

Supporting the children from tribal and rural communities after they enrol in the public schools

Environment education

Integrating concepts of nature conservation and environment education into school curriculum

Day care centres for preschoolers

Day care centres for children aged 3 to 5 years in the tribal villages

Schools and learning centres



- Our curriculum places the local knowledge as an integral part of the curriculum
- Teachers are supported in integrating the knowledge of the local ecology into the lessons
- Children are taught through multiple activities
- Reading and mathematics are strengthened using contextually relevant resources, and English has been introduced as a language
- Arts and crafts are as important as the math and reading lessons
- Teachers integrate digital learning resources as appropriate



The schools are part of the KFI, and are registered under the Andhra Pradesh government



A snapshot of our work in 2023-24



The butterfly garden at one of our schools

- Schools entered the 3rd decade of their functioning, with a total student strength of 44 students
- Our learning centres entered their 6th year of functioning with close to 100 students, in 5 villages
- Over 100 students participated in the Environment Education programs
- Partners in the Native Plant Restoration and Conservation program under "SatVan" at The Valley School, Bengaluru

Education, where the medium of instruction is Nature



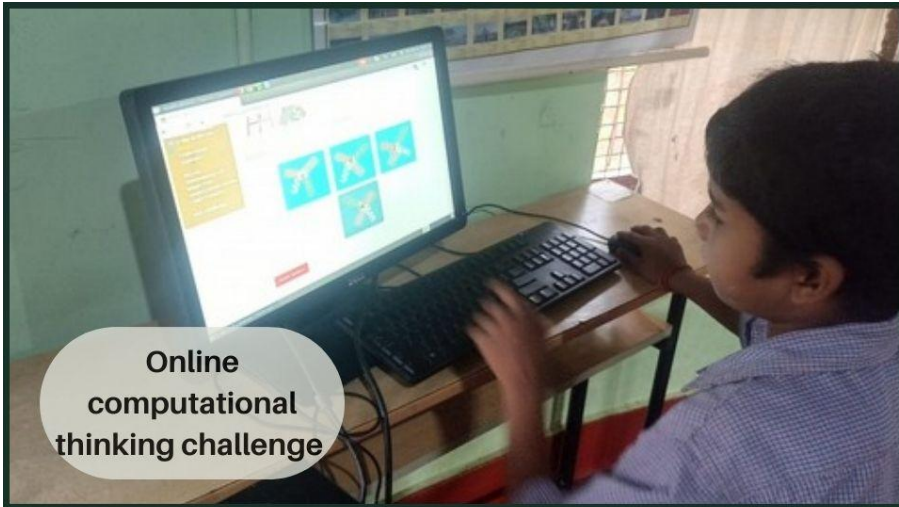
Science camp
exploring water
and air



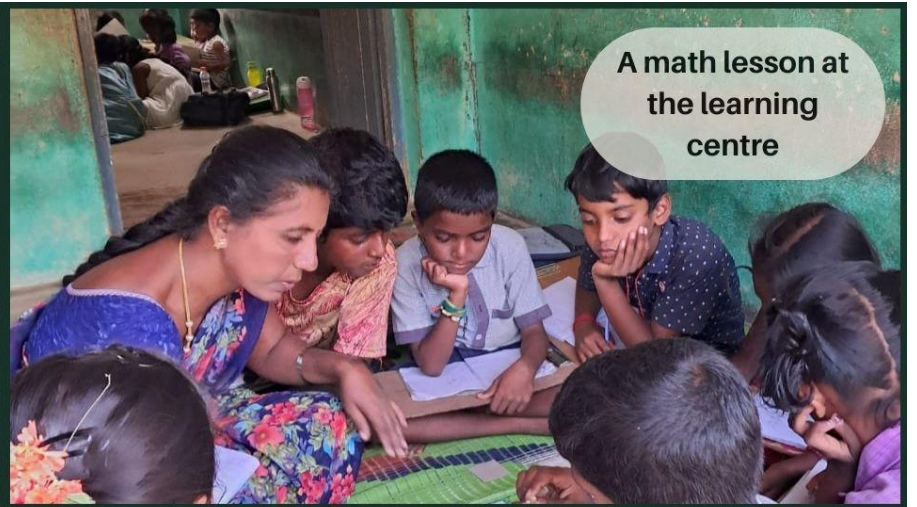
Forest
study



Review of
academic work



Online
computational
thinking challenge



A math lesson at
the learning
centre



Working in
the butterfly
garden



Children created artwork from paper



Interacting with scientists at The Butterfly Park



Presentation at the computational thinking conference

Environment education program



- Creating an immersive program for experiencing a connection with nature, living simply, learning to be with oneself
- Providing hands-on experiences in the study of nature and biodiversity that would foster a sense of wonder and respect for all life
- Creating opportunities for children to understand how different communities live and work - bridging worlds and blurring boundaries
- Integrating conservation and environment education into regular curriculum
- Supporting field research for conservation and education



Over 16 years, the EEP programs have brought hundreds of children in touch with nature and communities

Our plans ahead



- Strengthening the English learning programs in the schools and initiating this in the learning centres.
- Strengthening the communication skills of the children
- Creation of a resource repository of the materials being developed and piloted in the schools
- Bringing in digital learning for the older students attending our learning centres
- Conducting enrichment programs for high school students and motivating them to work towards successful school completion
- Sharing resources and best practices with the school education department
- Designing and conducting continuous education programs for our teachers
- Sharing the best practices and concepts for environment education and conservation with school education systems and other organizations



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Our organizational milestones



- Invited to participate as a resource organization for the curriculum committee of the Tamil Nadu Foundational Literacy and Numeracy initiative (2021-23)
- Recognized as one of the success stories of grassroots intervention, in “Stories of Change”, an annual compendium of social interventions by the Azim Premji University (2019)
- The livelihood program was among the earliest examples of community-based interventions to have a partnership with the Andhra Pradesh State Biodiversity Board for sustainable livelihoods based on local bioresources (2018)
- Case Study of our schools published in the NCERT journal Voices of Teachers and Teacher Educators (2017)
- Participated as a Technical Support Group for the Andhra Pradesh State Biodiversity Board (2015)
- Recipient of Eco Schools award for integrating environment education within school curriculum (2015)
- Recipient of the UNDP grants for conservation and sustainable development

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