NTI Highlight Oct, 24

Summary of Oct Highlight.

October is another unique month and many things happened. A team of Project Officers made a visit to four new villages in Killinochchi. Professor Rajan Navaratnam of Canada visited home land and spent two days with NTI. He conducted training sessions for NTI POs and volunteers on 17/10 at the main centre, Navaly and Bharathypuram a remote village in Killinochchi on 18/10.

. Regular whatsapp meeting of the Project Officers (POs) was held on 28/10 chaired by Gobi.. NTI POs are also settling down in their own family life. Gowthami senior PO from Moolai got married this month. Shalini got married early this year. Though Gowthami would give up Preschool teaching but continue as PO in Moolai. NTI has introduced selecting PO of the month and having reviewed the performance the NTI team selected Pasanithi as the PO for the month of October.24.

NTI Development project for the third stage for 2025 has been finalised. It will be submitted t to our principal partner ISLF, USA. NTI is ready with three laptops and two PCs to commence the final ICT classes for Nov/Dec taught by Ajanthini PO Navaly English class initiated by Miruna Canada, continued by Gobi will now be assisted by the Director/CEO. We are providing study material in the whatsapp page called NTI English and planning to provide a test paper at the year end to assess their level of knowledge acquired.

Our Broad based Management system will help focusing more on vision and mission whereby goals set will be achieved in full. Accordingly the two layers and one cockerel given to each beneficiary will multiply up to 20 birds and get minimum of Rs;12,000 monthly. The vision of Gobi is being achieved.

Welcome at NTI main centre, Navaly,

Welcome at Bharathypuram Killinochchi

PO of the month October, Pasanithy- Puthumadam













NTI Group at Navalhy

NTI Group at Bharathupuram,

NTi Pioneer: Gobinath.

Project Officers visited four new villages in Kilinochchi.



Our POs are empowered to endure challenges thereby empower women in the rural villages. Purpose of the visit is to expand the NTI services to new rural villages. They visited the villages of Bharathy puram, malayala puram, Krishnapuram and Ponnagar central in Killinochchi. There were an average of 20 members attended the meetings at each village.

Members were provided with information on NTI projects and development skills. NTI data forms issued and leaders selected to continue the Branch meetings and to attend the leadership training seminar. POs Prashanthini and Pasanithi were in charge of overall event and management respectively. While Priya controlled the finances and each PO was assigned with a task which they carried out meticulously. The day's journey started on 5th Oct at 5am and ended at 7pm after 14 hours with the satisfaction of accomplishing the objectives.

Training imparted by Propfessor Rajan Navaratnam of Canada.

Professor Navaartnam loving friend of Gobinath the chair agreed to introduce his village development model, "Local resources - based sustainable development" tested in several countries at more than two continents. It was indeed great joy and honour to have such a renowned scholar training our POs and beneficiaries. Half a day two sessions were conducted one at the main centre Jaffna district and Bharathypuram Killinochchi district attended by 40 and 25 persons respectively. Senior POs assisted professor, while



he was presenting his lesions. Tasks were given in small groups to identify the available resources, skills, threats, and funds for a selected project. Each branch was asked to make a feasible proposal that will be submitted to NTI partners for funding. Photos below depicts activities at Navaly













Professor addressing the POs at the end

D.P. Gunaatnam NTI Director/Treasurer in Chair.

Session at Bharathypuram – Killinochchi

Photo: 1 Members of three branches in Killinochchi

Photo: 2. Killinochchi POs: Asha-Thirunagar-South, Thevika-Ponnagar, Kalai-Thirunagar-North. & a BR.







Three POs and ten BRs attended the training session at Bharathypur;am Killinochchi. POs assisted professor emmencely in running the Killinochchi training activities. Group reports were prepared and elocuantly reported.

They were advised to further develop the proposal at their branch and submit to the Director with Budget.

Dicussion ensued on the Leadership training program to be conducted in Killinochchi as to avoid travelling hazards and ensure more participation. Funds are raised for the monthly training program costing Rs;50,000 and annulyRs;600,000/ Looking forward to suggestions and suport this Leadership training in 2025.

PO for the month of October 2025.



TI team was contemplating to select the best PO for each month. As all the POs are performing well and highly motivateddecided such an effort will highly honor at lease one PO monthly. Once he matter was unanimously accepted the team reviewed their performance and the situation in which they are serving the NTI and decided to select Ms.R.Pasanithy PO Puthumadam.



Pasanthy made quick progress in three years time since 2021. She presented her montly field visit reports. When ever assigned to do record keeping she presented excellent report. When the Leadership Batch III began she condcuted more than four lessons. She followed her Batchular of Arts degree at the university of Peradeniya and received the degree in early 2024. NTI wishes her all success in all her endeavours and God's reichest blessings. Her thamil resume is given below.

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NOTE: A mail received from Professor is attached for information.

From: Rajan Navaratnam To: Gobi and Vijay

It was my pleasure. I wish to continue my support of NTI in any way I can.

A special Thank you to Gobi for giving me this volunteer opportunity to talk to the PO's and BR's. I also appreciate the wonderful assistance rendered by Director Vijay at the two workshops as well as the transportation. Thank you also for the NTI T- shirt you presented me.

What an awesome, motivated group of young women ever willing to develop their respective villages from within. They may come from humble backgrounds, but their passion and dedication to the upliftment and empowerment of rural folks has been amazing. They are BIG-HEARTED! There is so much talent and skills among our rural communities which need to be addressed. The local community should make decisions on what they want, not an entity from outside. The womenfolk, in particular, have so much to offer in terms of economic and social development.

I wish to know the outcome of their initial meetings with stakeholders in their respective villages, using the model that I have proposed. Please keep me posted. I am extremely pleased I was able to interact with most of them- Pasanithy, Prashanthi, Ajanthi, Asha to name a few. It was lovely to see Asha introduce her start- up Scalp Therapy industry. I wish her well. Marketing is key.

We arrived back in Canada yesterday, after spending a week in Holland as well. My health was kept in check during this visit, thanks to God's Grace. I plan on staying longer in the Northern province the next time I come that way, God-willing within the next 2 years.

I wish you all the very best, and hope to hear from you on a regular basis. Bye now with many hugs and wishes. Sincerely,

Rajan Navaratnam B.A. (Hons), M.A., M.Sc. Social Geographer Edmonton, Alberta. Canada

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