



Madras
Dyslexia
Association

ANNUAL REPORT

2025

From the President

Driving enablement to establish a dyslexia-sensitive society through innovation and long-term value creation

Friends,

We are pleased to present the Annual Report of Madras Dyslexia Association for the year 2025. The year has been vibrant and productive, reflecting the continued growth and impact of our work.

Madras Dyslexia Association has continued to move forward with full momentum across all its core areas—assessments, training, resource rooms, part-time remediation, and full-time remediation. During the year, we conducted more than 100 training programmes, including several in locations farther afield than in previous years, thereby extending our reach and impact. We have established 25 Resource Rooms and are especially pleased to share that agreements have been signed to set up Resource Rooms in Gangtok and Rajkot, marking an important step in our national expansion.

We are delighted to announce the development of COUNT ON ME, a mathematics intervention kit designed for children with difficulties in mathematics. This kit has been reviewed by a Professor from Chennai Mathematical Institute and has been found to be highly useful in supporting children who face challenges in maths. The kit is now being distributed to schools, where it is already beginning to make a positive difference.

Our prestigious AI project in collaboration with IIT Madras is progressing well. We have completed nearly 50% of the required data collection and have also developed a substantial portion of the associated educational games.

We are happy to report that construction of our Centre of Excellence has now reached the top floor level. We are hopeful of moving into our own dedicated building before the end of the calendar year 2026, which will mark a major milestone in our journey.

At this juncture, we extend our sincere gratitude to all our supporters, donors, and parents for their continued trust and encouragement. We are deeply indebted to our committed team of special educators, whose dedication and perseverance remain the foundation of our success.

With your continued support, we look forward to further strengthening our mission of enabling children with learning difficulties to achieve their full potential.

Regards,
D.CHANDRASEKHAR
President

Awareness

Mobilising support for children with dyslexia

Dyslexia is a hidden neurological condition that impacts 1 in 5 school-going children. It is a lifelong condition that impacts academic performance, despite average to above-average IQ. Though these children may have academic challenges, they could have strengths in many areas like problem-solving, arts, music, entrepreneurship etc.

Lack of awareness of this condition in the classrooms and in the social environment could also lead to missed opportunities to excel in these areas and/or loss of self-confidence.

Madras Dyslexia Association actively spreads awareness on dyslexia to circumvent this. Awareness sessions in schools enable the first step of identification and follow-up steps of remedial support.

List of programs conducted in 2025

School Name	School Name
Athena Global	Samagraha Shiksha
PSBB Gergumbakkam	Velammal Nexus
PSBB OMR	Ida Succder Vellore
PSBB Coimbatore	Boaz School
San Academy	St.Michael's Academy



Dyslexia Week

A platform to showcase talents of children with dyslexia

Madras Dyslexia Association has been providing this platform for nearly 10 years. This year the events included group dance, group music, music solo, art, art from waste, skit, storytelling, recitation and elocution. We had nearly 1500 participations from 60 schools. Online preliminaries were held for a few events, followed by finals from January 28-31, 2026.

Some glimpses of the events:



Prize winning Art Entries
Dyslexia Week-2026



Training

Readying individuals to provide remedial support

Through mainstream teacher training programs we seek to deepen and extend our outreach to enable a dyslexia-sensitive society. This year we conducted 120 training sessions for teachers and parents across India and beyond.

The programs include:

- Early Intervention program: for pre-primary teachers
- Basic program on dyslexia - identification and remedial strategies : for primary school teachers

- Effective Learning program: for middle school teachers
- Wonder exercises : for primary school teachers

This outreach is not limited by distances or financial standing of the school. While some schools support the training themselves, philanthropic donations support many schools.

List of programs conducted in 2025 (in the alphabetical order of sponsor's name)

Sponsor Name: Acsys Investments Pvt Ltd

S No.	School Name	Program Name
1	STS Bylakuppa	Primary school
2	Shri Anand Jain Vidyalaya	Primary school
3	Sri Sankara School, Tiruvanmiyur	Primary school
4	Shikshaa Matricualtion Hr. Sec School	Primary school
5	Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Vidyalaya	Primary school
6	Ravilla KRA Vidhyashram Matric Hr. Sec School	Effective Learning
7	VES Special Edcuators Refresher Program	Early Intervention
8	Sreevatsa Viswanathan Vivekananda Vidyalaya	Early Intervention
9	I Max Nursery and Primary School	Early Intervention
10	Kola Perumal Chetty Vaishnav Senior Secondary School	Effective Learning
11	Green Field International School	Effective Learning

Sponsor Name: Cognizant Foundation

S No.	School Name	Program Name
1	Shree Shanthi Anand Vidyalaya, Tirumudivakkam	Primary school
2	ARR SL Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Kumbakonam	Primary school
3	Islamiya Mat. Hr Sec School, Coimbatore	Primary school
4	AMT Jain School, Madhavaram	Primary school
5	Yuvabharathi Public School, Coimbatore	Primary school
6	Sri Sankara Bala Vidyalaya, Sholinganallur	Primary school
7	St.Kevin's Anglo Indian Mat. School	Primary school
8	St.Coloumban's Anglo Indian Mat. School	Primary school
9	St.William's Anglo Indian Mat. School	Primary school
10	Surana School	Primary school
11	TVS Academy, Tiruvannamalai	Primary school
12	Vadapalani Mat. Hr. Sec. School	Primary school
13	Shazammal School, Tiruvannamalai	Primary school
14	Isha Vidya Matriculation, Coimbatore	Primary school
15	Kavi Bharati Mat. School, Tirvottiyur	Primary school

Sponsor Name: Carborundum Universal

S No.	School Name	Program Name
1	Orchids High School	Early Intervention



Sponsor Name: Guru Krupa Foundation

S No.	School Name	Program Name
1	Manchester International	Primary school
2	ARK Nursery and Primary School	Primary school
3	Sri Sankara Vidya Kendra, Tiruvottiyur	Primary school
4	Heritage International, Nagpur	Primary school
5	Sri Sankara Mat. School, Thoraipakkamm	Primary school
6	Ebenzer Jagnath Marcus	Primary school
7	Vidya Mandir School, Tirupur	Primary school
8	Sudarashan Vidyashram	Early Intervention
9	Hussain Memorial	Early Intervention
10	Sri Natesan	Early Intervention
11	PSBB Mangadu	Early Intervention
12	Akshara Vidyalaya, Nellore	Wonder Exercise
13	Kalvikoodam	Wonder Exercise
14	Jaiigopal Garodia, Peravallur	Wonder Exercise
15	I Max Washermanpet	Wonder Exercise

Self-Funded

S No.	School Name	Program Name
1	Ampa Sishya School	Primary school
2	Mahindra World School	Primary school
3	Prasan Vidya Mandir	Primary school
4	Rajkumar College, Raipur	Primary school
5	St.Christopher's College of Education	Primary school
6	The TVS School, Madurai	Primary school
7	Bala Mandir School	Primary school
8	Primrose School	Primary school
9	Christwood School	Early Intervention
10	Velammal Nexus Session 1	Early Intervention
11	Velammal Nexus Session 2	Early Intervention
12	San Academy	Early Intervention

Sponsor Name: IMPAL

S No.	School Name	Program Name
1	Velammal Vidyalaya	Primary school



Sponsor Name: Nile Ltd

S No.	School Name	Program Name
1	Ramakrishna matriculation School	Primary school
2	ARC Matriculation School	Primary school
3	Ravilla KRA Vidhyashram Matric Hr. Sec School	Primary school
4	Sri Anand Jain Vidyalaya	Primary school



Sponsor Name: Rotary Club of Madras East

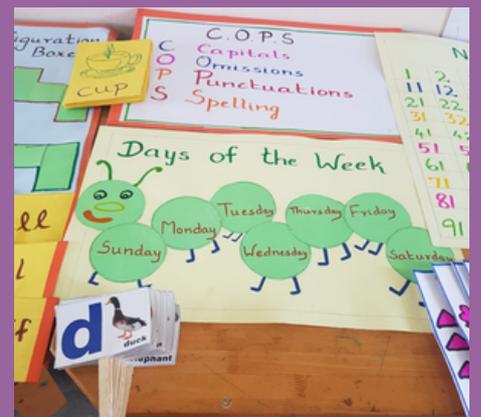
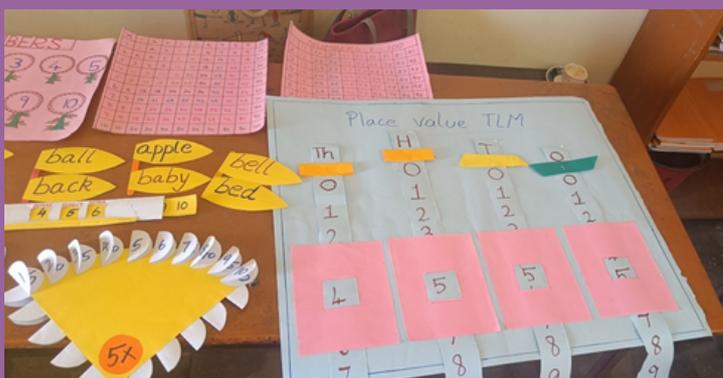
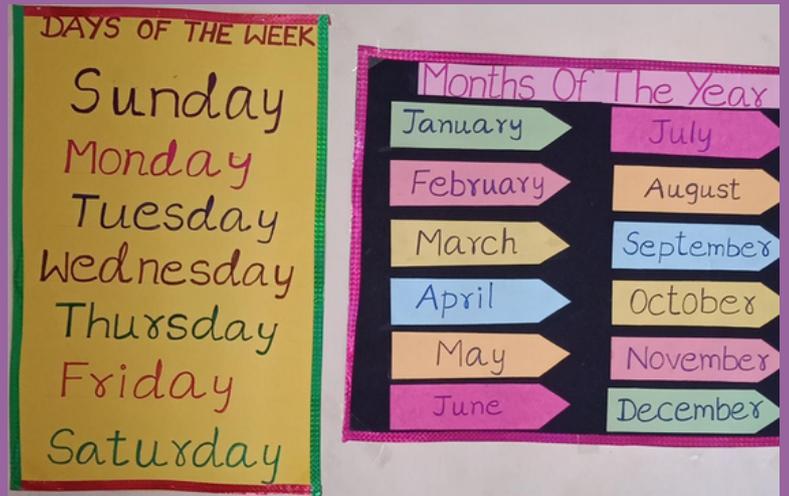
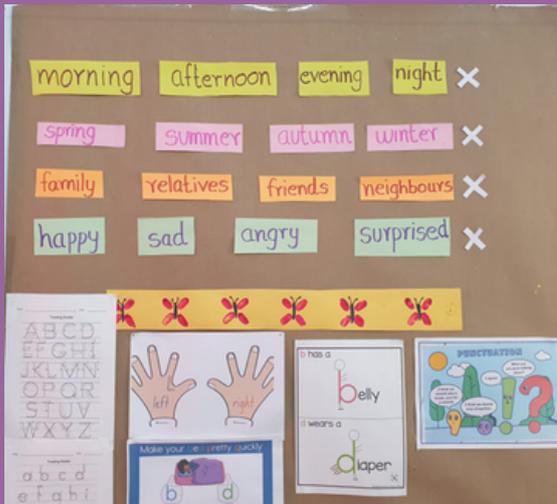
S No.	School Name	Program Name
1	VES Tiruvottiyur	Primary school



List of Self-funded Resource Rooms established in 2025

S No.	School Name
1	Green Field International
2	KRM Public School, Sembium
3	Primrose School
4	Frontline Millennium School, Tiruppur
6	Mahindra World School
7	Rajkumar College, Raipur

S No.	School Name
8	Sambhota Tibetan School, Bylakuppe
9	Bala Mandir School
10	Sri Jayendra Sarawathi Vidyalaya
11	Sri Jayendra Sarawathi Matriculation School
12	Tashi Namgyal Academy, Gangtok
13	Vivekananda Vidya Kala Ashram, Sivanvoyal
14	Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Veerapuram



Ananya Learning & Research Center

Providing full-time remedial support

Dyslexia in the severe range requires full-time remedial support for building academic skills. At Ananya Learning & Research Center, dedicated special educators not only build these skills but also prepare them for returning to mainstream school environment. Pedagogy and activities help strengthen the children's executive functions, academic abilities and social skills, ensuring a well-rounded developmental experience.

This academic year out of the 25 children enrolled in the learning center, 11 students were successfully mainstreamed.

Activities held

Multiple Intelligences (MI) sessions: Conducted weekly, these sessions help identify each child's dominant intelligences. The sessions are integrated into the activities held in the center. The center profiled each learner based on careful observation and shared comprehensive reports with parents to foster personalised support at home.



Participation in events



Children of ALRC took part in the competitions conducted by Soroptimist International. They won:

- 2 prizes for art
- Special appreciation for skit
- Best actor award
- Overall second runners up



Sports Day: An exciting day filled with healthy competitive spirit, loyalty to the class/house and joy.

The parents and invitees egged the participants to triumph in their events. While they huffed and puffed to the finish lines, the parents were filled with pride to see their wards participate with so much enthusiasm. The victory stand brought out even louder applause for the winners!



Celebrating diversity and secularism: To promote inclusivity, the centre celebrated festivals from various religions. Activities included crafting clay Ganesh idols for Ganesh Chaturthi, enjoying the colours of Holi, lighting diyas for Deepavali, observing Ramadan and celebrating Eid, decorating a Christmas tree (with decorations made by Ananya students during their art classes) and singing carols while welcoming Santa Claus. These experiences fostered unity and appreciation of diverse traditions.



Exploring Semmozhi Poonga: A visit to Semmozhi Poonga sparked curiosity about nature. Children observed birds and learned vocabulary related to different animal types, migration and extinction, enhancing both environmental awareness and language skills.



After-School Remedial Center

Providing remedial support to scaffold academic performance

The After-School Remedial Centre had a fulfilling year, extending its reach to children across India, the UAE and Norway alongside in-person sessions at Mahalingapuram.

A number of engaging online programmes were organised to mark special occasions—Ganesh Chaturthi and Deepavali.

The children enacted a play “Where the Mountain Meets the Moon” online. It was an opportunity for the children to showcase their skills.



Assessments

287 assessments were conducted. We introduced the Woodcock Johnson IV, a comprehensive tool that can be used to assess individuals across a wide age range. This addition strengthens the quality and breadth of our assessments and is expected to open up opportunities to serve a broader group of children in the future.

Conferences

Mrs. Lakshmi Hariharan (Head Resource Room) moderated a panel discussion at an event conducted by Cognizant Foundation



Bhoomi puja



Bhoomi puja for the new building at RA Puram was held in June 2025.

New Initiatives

Expansion into **dyscalculia** and preparation of a dyscalculia kit. The kit was launched in July 2025.

It is been actively put to use in many schools and resource rooms.



- Support services for adults with dyslexia and other learning differences (e.g., assessments, workplace accommodations).
- Innovative digital platforms and tools introduced to enhance learning and teacher training.

