



“NURTURING EXCELLENCE THROUGH EDUCATION”

Stepping-up in Challenging Times!

- Inspire President's message to members and well-wishers

Dear Inspirers,

What a year! 2021 literally sucked the juice of life out of everyone. No one could have said it any better than the way Sadhguru described it – “WHETHER ITS YOUR BODY, YOUR MIND OR YOUR LIFE ENERGIES, THE MORE YOU USE THEM, THE BETTER THEY GET.” While all these might seem too much for anyone to handle, I am sure we have the in-built resilience to face this and many more.

Now let's come to OUR INSPIRE JOURNEY in 2021. We continued the journey to make a step change in the lives of the underprivileged Indians in this country by focusing on education. Our flagship project IFA2021 was a major success. The IFA2021 saw several innovations by Inspire. This involved digital transformation initiatives in a small way through the use of the new Jot form for applications and the use of a Google link for donation tracking. Secondly, we sought the assistance of Form Six teachers from various states to gain a greater reach to the target group of students. Next, we managed to reach out to new Donors that enabled us to not only meet the targeted amount of RM300,000, but also exceed it. Finally, this was the first time we had held the gathering with IFA recipients via a Zoom meet. The outstanding support given by each and every one of you has enabled us to collectively make this project a huge success!

A journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step. We have to continue in this journey and further enhance the number of underprivileged Indians that we can take out of poverty. On behalf of the committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for solidly being behind us and supporting us all the way.

Let's all count our blessings to continue on this journey. I wish all of you a very blessed 2022. Om Shanti, Shanti , Shanti. – **Parameswaran Nair**

INSPIRE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2021

The Inspire Financial Assistance in brief

In 2016, Inspire launched a programme called Inspire Financial Assistance (IFA) with the realisation that if we helped one child in a family to pursue and complete a tertiary level education successfully, we could potentially help an entire family escape the clutches of poverty and lead a better life. This annual IFA programme offers financial aid to deserving Indian students who have obtained entry into local public universities but do not have the means to pay for the initial expenses while waiting for their PTPTN loan approval.

IFA2021 – An Incredible Achievement!

The IFA2021 was a phenomenal success despite the challenging situations and circumstances that prevailed in the country. For the first time, Inspire surpassed RM300,000 in the amount that was disbursed to the needy students. The final total that was disbursed was RM307,000 making it the largest amount ever in the Inspire Financial Assistance history.

This time, the number of applications received was 513, of which 438 met the criteria that was set to qualify for the interview. Based on the interviews that were conducted by the Inspire volunteers, 259 applicants were selected to receive the IFA. The 259 successful applicants received aid ranging from RM1200 to RM3000 per student.

Several innovations and firsts set the IFA2021 apart from the previous ones. For the first time, Inspire began using Jot forms, an online form for the application to the fund which helped to ease the tedious process of selecting and sorting out candidates for the interviews. Inspire is grateful to its committee member Jega who took the lead for this innovation and all the 22 Inspire volunteers involved in the selection interview process.

The IFA committee also enlisted the services of Sixth Form teachers in various states to reach out to the needy students. This was an effective strategy as the teachers' assistance ensured a greater and more focused access to the target group. Inspire would like to express its gratitude to all the Form Six teachers who assisted the IFA committee.

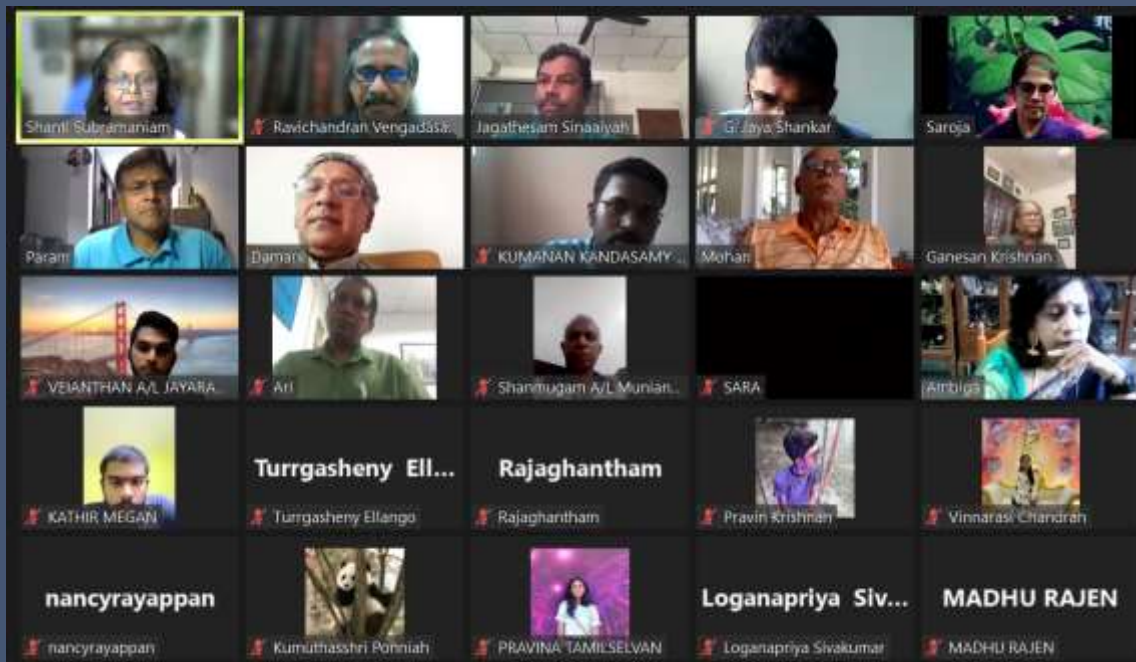
Another achievement was, of course, the amount that was collected exceeded the huge target of RM300,000 that was set by the committee, thanks to the generosity of Inspire members and well-wishers who contributed to the fund. Many of these contributors had been supporting the IFA since its inception in 2015.

We have also started receiving contributions from former recipients of IFA through our continuous engagement with them. For example, Veianthan, from the IFA2016 batch delivered a speech on "My University Experience" in the INSPIRE-IFA2021 Recipients Meet-up Session that helped to motivate and inspire fellow recipients to continue the efforts of Inspire Society in future.

INSPIRE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (IFA) MILESTONES 2016 - 2021



PICTURES FROM THE INSPIRE-IFA2021 RECIPIENTS MEET-UP SESSION VIA ZOOM 2ND OCTOBER 2021, SATURDAY, 2:00 PM-4.30 PM





BALA ILLAM TABLET SPONSORSHIP AND BOOKS DONATION

The *Tablet Sponsorship and Books Donation* is a project that Inspire embarked on with *Bala Illam*. This is an Orphanage that Inspire has been supporting mainly in terms of helping the young children to fully embrace the importance of education. Since the children were recently in urgent need of 25 tablets to help them with online schooling, Inspire appealed to its members and supporters to contribute towards the project. The estimated budget was \$16,000.00. With the generous support from the contributors, Inspire managed to bring some Deepavali cheer to the children with a donation of 25 sets of Samsung galaxy Tab A7 Lite.

TABLETS HANDOVER EVENT ON 20/11/21



**PUSAT JAGAAN KANAK-KANAK SRI BALA ILLAM
NO 1, JALAN PERMATA BIRU, TAMAN SELAYANG PERMATA
68100 BATU CAVES SELANGOR**



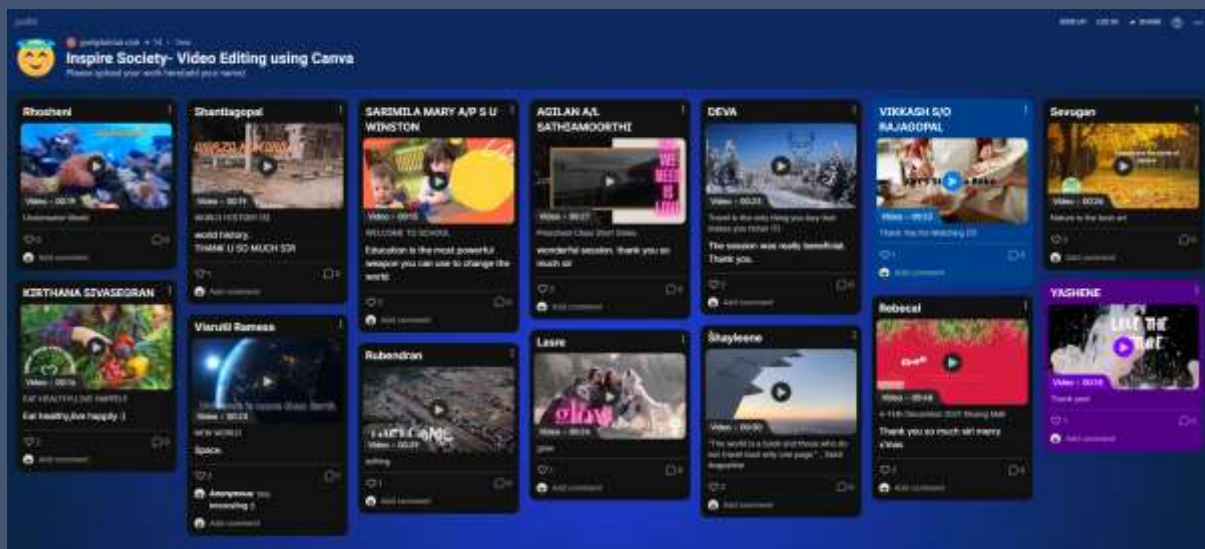
Book donations and arrangement of the classroom at Bala Illam by Inspire members



Inspire's Skills Development Program for IFA Recipients

Video Editing Using Canva – Training program

As part of Inspire's initiative to provide recipients with skills development programs, a Video Editing Session using Canva was organized on December 4, 2021 via Zoom. This was a hands-on session designed to help the participants master video editing skills which was conducted by professional trainers. The participants were also given a lot of tips on free tools websites.



A CROSS SECTION OF STUDENTS' HANDS-ON WORK DURING THE TRAINING

OTHER PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY INSPIRE IN 2021

MCO3.0 FOOD AID PROJECT - 22 JUNE 2021 - 30 families in Lembah Subang Flats were given food aid



AID FOR FLOOD VICTIMS IN SRI MUDA, SHAH ALAM.



PAST IFA RECIPIENTS SPECIAL MCO AID PROJECT

27 students were identified based on phone interviews as needing financial aid due to their parents or guardians being impacted by the MCO. Each of them received RM200 per month for an initial period of 3 months and further assistance to be established after a follow up interview.

“Let us hold on tightly to TRUTH through which we gain the wisdom to uplift our community”

- Vice-President's message

Dear Inspirers,

Looking back at what transpired after a phone call from Param to me way back in 2014, and a subsequent get-together dinner in Klang at the end of the same year where the idea of forming an organization was formalized, and in the subsequent year when Inspire Society was formally registered, we have actually come a long way in our joyous journey.

After a few initial projects that we initiated to help the needy in our community, we focused on Inspire Financial Assistance (IFA) which has now become the flagship project of Inspire Society. IFA, through which we support the cream of students in our community with their initial expenses of enrolling into public universities, has now become a household name among many Indian students.

At Inspire, we strongly believe that education is probably the best and most practical tool to uplift our community. It is doable and within our means.

The game plan is simple. Inspire will support the best brains in our community and at the same time nurture them to have a sense of responsibility towards the less fortunate in our community. So when these students graduate they will take it upon themselves to bear the responsibility of uplifting others who are less fortunate. We believe as the years go by, more and more students with such a mindset will join us in helping the needy, thereby creating a snowball effect.

In addition to supporting them with the initial expenses, Inspire also supports them through the years of study by motivating and equipping them with the necessary skills so that they are well prepared when they enter the employment market. We make sure the students have the necessary skills needed, that is, to be highly employable after graduation.

Dear Inspirers, all these have been possible only through the unwavering support from each one of you. All of you have been really amazing and your full support actually motivates the committee members to work with the utmost dedication to deliver the best that we can.

We will continue to uphold the trust that has been placed upon us with uncompromising integrity and we assure that our 'zero operating expenditure' policy is upheld at all times. We will continue to operate Inspire with TRUTH as the guiding principle.

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As Tiruvalluvar said, the mark of wisdom is in seeing the TRUTH. Let us hold on tightly to TRUTH through which we gain the wisdom to uplift our community.

Let us continue doing what we have started. – Ariwalagan

ALL OUR FUNDS FOR INSPIRE PROJECTS
COME FROM CROWD FUNDING AND ARE CHANNELLED
TO DESERVING STUDENTS/FAMILIES

INSPIRE'S **OPERATING EXPENSES** SINCE ITS
FORMATION HAS REMAINED AT

ZERO RINGGIT

AND SHALL REMAIN SO



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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