

INDIAN FUTURES

Looking back at 2021



UK fundraising



16th - 21st August

Art Apart at Jubilee Library

8 of our Art Apart artists took part in a week-long exhibition at Brighton's Jubilee Library. The event culminated in a gathering to thank all the artists.

20th September - 3rd October

Art Apart at Hangleton Library

As part of the Ageing Well Festival, Indian Futures were invited to promote our work through an exhibition in Hangleton Library.

23rd & 25th September

A Slice of Sky

Our fundraisers at Phoenix Centre Café saw poet Alanna enamour us with her lockdown poetry of sunrises and sunsets while painter Jo translated her words into magically colourful skies.



Spain fundraising

February

The Workshop Month

Futuraula organised weekly online workshops on yoga, fitness training, contemporary dance and mindfulness.

19th March - 30th June

Art Apart

A total of 14 artists from different corners of the world came together to celebrate the work created during the pandemic. The online exhibition can still be seen on IG @indianfutures.

May

#fundraiseforadesk

Futuraula (University School of Tourism, Barcelona) and the Development Society (Sussex University, Brighton) organised a fundraiser for school furniture in Vedanthangal's educational centres, which raised £1,728.



21st November

Market stall

A good friend of Indian Futures' set up a stall at Sant Fost flea market, near Barcelona, to raise funds by selling items made and brought directly from Tamil Nadu.

24th November

Workshop, Discover the Best Version of Yourself

The first in a series of online workshops by the Positive Impact Movement. Life Coach David Bernal helped the participants explore the path towards fulfilling our desires.

December

Christmas campaign

Indian Futures' traditional Christmas online campaign goes live the first week of December. The campaign is an opportunity to reflect on our achievements through the year, thank our supporters and collect donations.

Our Impact in India

In 2021, we've funded the following projects on the ground:

IT Community Centres:

We've continued to run 3 IT centres in the villages of Chithiraihoodam, Thandarai Pettai and Kanjanur.

Indian Futures covers the costs of the IT teachers' salaries, IT software and repairs and internet connection.

During the lockdown period from February to May 2021, the centres were open for college and university students to attend online lessons.



School material:

In January and March 2021, Indian Futures paid for the salaries of the 7 school teachers from Vallalar Nursery and Primary School in Kanjanur. Thanks to these funds the teachers were able to continue to receive a salary while the school remained closed.

In October, in preparation for the school to reopen in November, Indian Futures funded the books and notebooks of all students for the school year 2021/22.

Other personal contributions:

We've continued to provide a monthly financial contribution to two assistants on the ground, and also pay a salary top-up to the two Vedanthangal Nursery School teachers, in recognition for their professionalism, consistency and dedication over the years.

Student Sponsorship Programme:

We've continued our sponsorship programme, providing funds to cover the university fees and transport of 14 female students. Tamil universities reopened their doors after a long lockdown in October 2021.

In September, Aarthi and Priyadarshini were the first students from our programme to complete their courses and both found employment as nurses at a local hospital.



Covid relief:

In May 2021 Indian Futures launched a campaign to collect funds to help deal with the impact of the pandemic in the rural areas where we operate. The funds covered the costs of PPEs, masks, face shields, hand sanitisers and gloves for 2 local primary health care centres and the local hospital in Maduranthakam.

School furniture:

Thanks to the funds raised through the #fundraiseforadesk campaign, we can now cover the costs of 21 desks in the after-school centre of Thandarai Pettai, Vedanthangal. This is the first stage of a much longer project that aims to provide school furniture to all of Vedanthangal after-school centres and nursery.

