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I. INTRODUCTION

The New LEED Trust is an NGO working in the field of education for underprivileged and economically backward people in India. The elaboration of LEED is: Liberation, Education and Economic Development. LEED has first started in the year 1992, and registered as a charitable trust (Regd. No. 934/2000, 12AA Income Tax act 1961). Which has its administrative office of The New LEED Trust is at Ayavoo Naidu colony, Ammai Ammal Street, Aminjikarai P.O. Choolaimedu in Chennai.

a. The mission

- The aim of LEED is to help the underprivileged and economically backward people in and around the areas of East Namashivayapuram (Choolaimedu) of Chennai.
- LEED will help through educating the people to be self sustainable and economically and socially independent. Special concern for children and women.
- Through the help of LEED the people should learn to overcome social evils like child marriages, dowry, neglecting of women, corruption, diseases.
- The goal is that everyone in the areas should be able to live a peaceful life with less worry and become a model for the change of the whole of the Indian society.

Object and purpose of the trust as per the Trust Deed

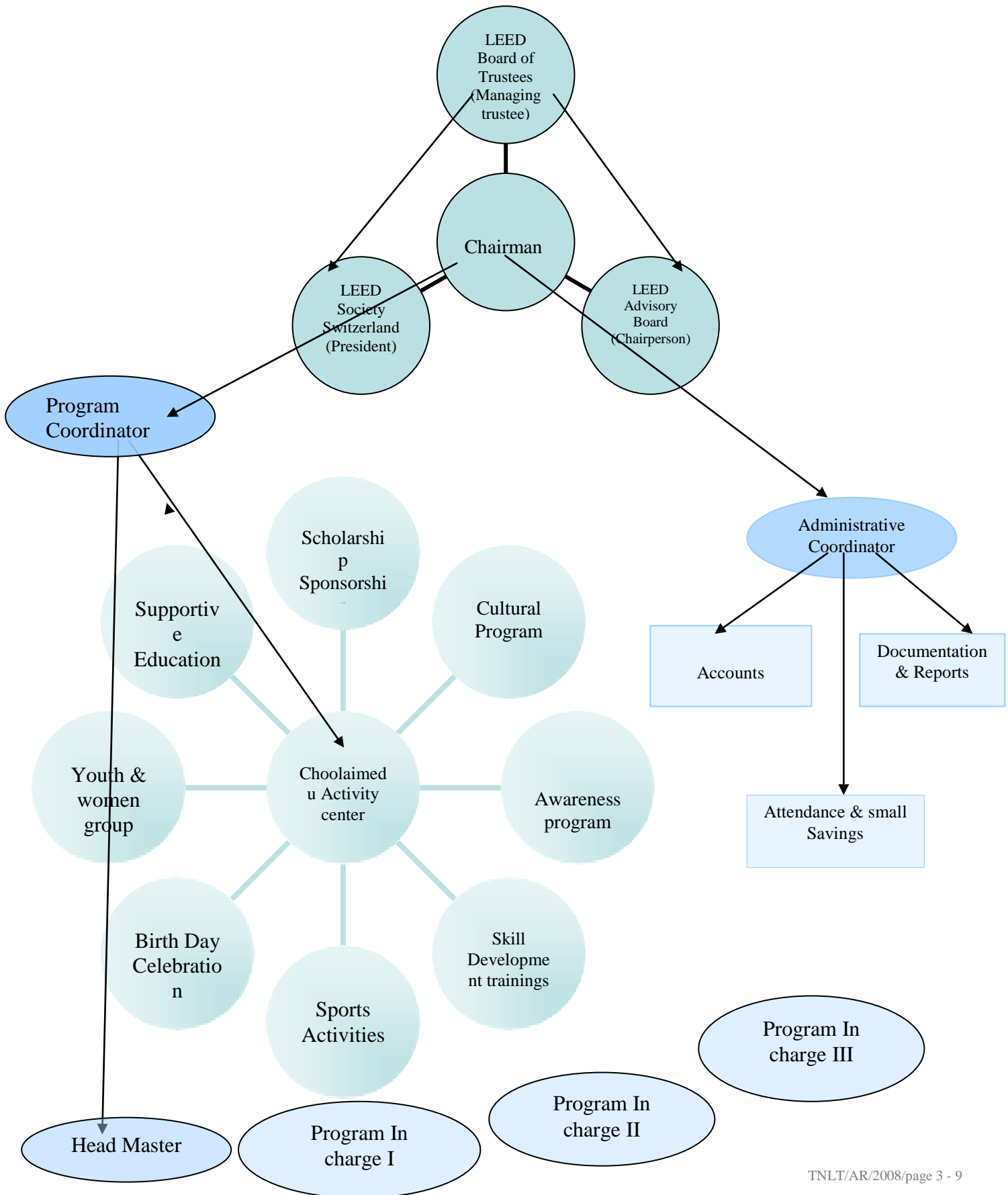
- To undertake to impart, promote and spread education and entrepreneurial and professional skills for the benefit of depressed and weaker section of the society to the subjects to the Union of India and for the said purpose to found, maintain, set up, organize, run, manage, institutes, supervise, superintend, co-ordinate, affiliate, control, guide school, college, universities, hostels, boarding houses, museums, laboratories, exhibitions, libraries, lecture halls, practical classes and other Educational and Technical Institutions.
- To grant stipend, scholarships, studentships and other allowance, concessions or gratuities to deserving students and candidates.
- To hold examinations and to grant certificates of proficiency or other academic distinctions or title to person who have complied with the conditions laid down in the regulations or bye-laws of the Trust and/or the State Government or any other statutory body set up by such Governments.
- To provide facilities for giving residential accommodation and boarding-house for teacher, staff and other persons engaged in carrying out any of the objects of Trust.
- To provide libraries, reading rooms for the benefits of students and general public for the promoting education.

b. Trustees

The New LEED Trust functions well with the support of our honourable trustees.

Mr. Elijah John Mathew (Managing Trustee)
Mr. George Abraham
Mr. Udhay Chandran Nayar
Mr. Nazar

c. Organizational structure



II. CENTRES

The New LEED Trust is conducting many programs in Choolaimedu Slum areas in Chennai for the children, women and youths development. LEED takes care of the community by providing quality Activity based education which helps to develop their skills in various aspects.

CHOO LAIMEDU – CHENNAI

a. Area description:

The New LEED Centre is located in the slum area on its North it has Coovam River, Nelson Manickam road in south, west Namashivayapuram in west and railway track in east. The centre is functioning in No.114, East Namashivayapuram, Choolaimedu, Chennai - 600094.

The area has 9 streets with 700 families, 90% of men are daily wages, 8% of men are private employees and 2% of men are government employees. Majority of women are servant maids, some women are employed in export companies and very few are house wives. The area has only three grocery shops, number of petty shops and quite handsome number of pawnbroker shops. In most of the houses in the area instead of cooking people prefer to buy readymade food from the unhygienic shops.

Alcoholism is the major problem in this area; women accept the fact that workers take alcohol to forget their pain but when it creates financial problem to the family it is as a big problem. Tobacco chewing and addiction to drugs are also seen among the men and youth in the area. LEED is conducting awareness programmes like cancer awareness, ill effects of alcohol, tobacco etc but still it is happening there.

The people have to work daily to fill their stomach but the flow of money is irregular which indirectly increase the number of pawnbroker (money lenders) shops in the area. People know the importance of savings but they lack proper planning and budgeting and could not do savings. Recently government and local NGOs organized self help groups which make the women to save and get loan for less interest. The concept of self help group is lacking due to lack of proper awareness in them.

b. Benefited areas:

East Namashivayapuram, West Namashivayapuram, Jothiyammal Nagar, Apparao garden, T. V. K. Nagar, Avaipuram and Sowrastranagar

c. The New LEED Staffs:

Choolaimedu centre has six staffs; the success of the centre is because of their involvement and dedication, without that LEED could not achieve its success. The following are the Choolaimedu centre staffs, the success of the centre is because of their involvement and dedication, without that LEED could not achieve its success.

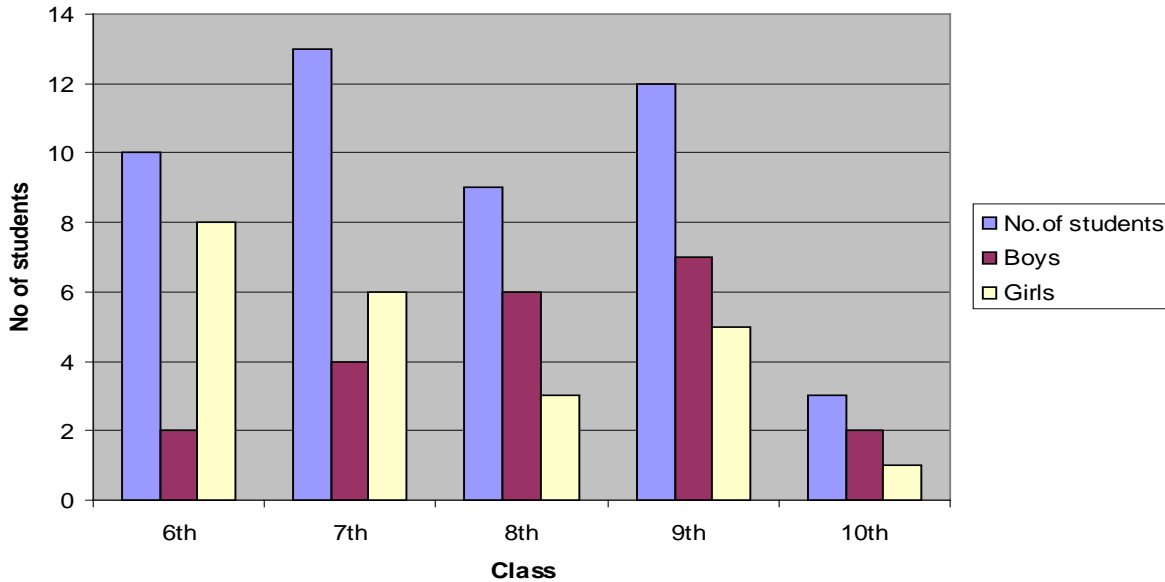
SL. No	Name of the Staff	Education	Designation	Date of Joining
01	Mr. Rana Prathap K. R	BSc, M.S.W	Coordinator - Programs	11.07.2007
02.	Mr. Selvaraji. R	BSc, MLIS	Coordinator - administration	11.07.2007
03.	Mr. Venkatesan. D	BA (Sociology)	ABEP Head Assistant	21.08.2006
04.	Mr. Kannadasan .J	ITI	ABEP Assistant	01.08.2006
05.	Miss. Anandhi	12 th	ABEP Assistant	13.07.2007
06.	Miss. Nirmala	12 th ,Doing BSc	ABEP Assistant	19.07.2007
07.	Mrinal Shankar	BHM	Assistant Development Worker	01.02.2008

Mr. Venkatesan, Mr. Kannadasan, Miss. Anandhi, and Miss Nirmala are part time workers and rests of them are full time workers in LEED Trust. Mr. Kannadasan was in charge for the small savings. Mr. Rana Prathap and Mr. Selvaraji joined as coordinator trainee.

d. Students details:

In the academic year 2008-09 totally 47 students were admitted in the tuition centre for the classes from 6th to 10th standard.

Student Details 08



Out of 47 students, 41 of them are regular to the class with age group from 9 years to 15 years.

e. Activity Based Education Program:

The main activity of LEED is to provide a space for all the underprivileged students from 10th to 6th standard in the area to have a peaceful place to study, clear their doubts in subjects and educate them in various subjects which they don't get in their regular schools. The Main idea is to help in over all development of the children by providing Activity Based education along with school subjects, cultural, skill development, sports and games activity to all underprivileged students from 10th to 6th standard studying in government schools with age group from 9 years to 15 years after usual school hours from 05.00 pm to 09.00 pm. the class starts with silent prayer and Yoga for 15 minutes. After that, students would read headlines from newspaper and others listen to it and take notes.

Students are given education aids like notebooks, pens, pencils etc and cleared their doubts in various subjects through the supportive education. Teaching assistants conduct weekly and monthly tests for enabling them to good marks in Governments Exams. LEED had introduced more number of low cost notice boards to put news updates, students drawing, paintings, poems etc on it to makes the students more exposed to the various events and talents.

f. Cultural programme:

as a part of Activity Based Education Program on every Saturday cultural programme is organized to develop student's extra curricular activities which they lack in the regular schools with guidance of staffs and volunteers to help the students improve their skills in various cultural programs like dance, songs, drama, poetry, , and drawing, recitation of poems, jokes, mimicry, narrating dance, drama, fancy dress,

oratory, mimicry has stories and quiz programmes and mono acting and to motivated them to participate in the programmes happening in different inter school competitions and Network NGO programs. Competitions are also conducted and prizes are given during the annual day program. The goal of the cultural programmes is to provide opportunity for all the children to put forth their skills.

In almost all cultural programmes various people for different profession have been chief guest, this is done to encourage the students and for make them aware of different fields of professions.

g. Students meeting:

Once in a month students meeting was organized by the Students President. In the beginning of the academic year students elect their President and Vice President. He/She presided the meeting and encourage the students to share their ideas, suggestions, problems and expectation to our Chairman, Coordinator and Teachers; follow up are made on the issues which also enables teachers and students share their views makes creates a good student teachers relationship in a democratic framework.

h. Parents teachers' association meeting:

Parent's meeting was conducted once in three months in LEED centre. Every year parents elect their committee members including President, Vice President, Secretary and 2 committee members. This year the selection of five members was done in such a way, that each representing each street. Parents discuss with teachers about their child's education and behaviours. The discussion also leads to plan the programmes and activities by LEED.

i. Annual Day:

The New LEED Trust celebrates Annual Day on 12th December the day of its registration as Trust by conducting various cultural programmes. Students presented their talents before the chief guests and other audience. On that programme the best students, winners of cultural programmes receives prizes; the event also included with entertainment by Mr. Shanthakumar, ventriloquist who entertained the audience and also advised children with his program. Mr. Elijah John Mathew, Managing Trustee The New LEED Trust; Mr. Nazar, Trustee The New LEED Trust, Coordinators and all staffs were present.

j. Summer Camp

LEED has conducted summer camp for the students in the month of May 2008. Mr. George kuriyan 'Tai Chi' expert was the resource person; he took sessions on martial arts and the techniques. Mr. Chathi Kanavu conducted small games for the students and performed ancient martial art technic 'kalaripayattu' Mr. Nazar trustee; The New LEED Trust gave his inputs the summer camp. At the end of the summer camp all of the students have been taken for a tour to Pondicherry where they visited Auroville ashram, boating and fun in the beach.

k. Youth group meeting:

LEED's youth group now have 57 youths who are registered are participating in various activities. The main inspiration behind the youth group is to strengthen the LEED's local support and to have a steady and sustainable development to that area. LEED conduct skill development trainings, awareness programmes like importance of health and hygiene, mental and physical changes happening in the adolescent age, guidance for education, counselling etc.

l. Networking:

LEED have network with various NGOs like INCAD, FPAI, Banyan, TAP, ICCW, St. Johns Ambulance Association, Child Line, CIOSA and various institutions like LOYOLA, MSSW, and Karnataka Sanga

Schools etc. Through networking many programs could be conducted like awareness programs, exhibitions in various corporate and institutions, participate in mela etc. children were helped to understand the issues like health and hygiene, global warming, waste disposal etc.

m. Women's program

LEED has conducted an awareness program for the women in the community about the parenting. It's important to conduct awareness programs for mothers, because they are spending more time with the children in their house. Most of the fathers are daily labours and they are not able to spend more time with their children.

Mrs. Eva Roslin and expert in the field had taken session for the women and children about the importance of good parenting and how it help child to mould well.

n. Skill development

LEED gives skill training for youths in various aspects like paper based products development etc. Craft development training programs through 'LEED Pro' which market various handicrafts made of paper, terracotta etc.

o. Scholarships and sponsorships:

LEED got sponsorship for many of the programs out of which eight students got scholarship from 'DISHA' scholarship where exams were conducted by Mafoi foundations.

p. Indo Swiss Cultural Extension Programme:

As a program ISCEP was developed as a platform for the LEED students and students from Switzerland to communicate through exchanging drawings, paintings, poems, songs, photos etc. students exchanged their creativities through painting, drawings.

q. Children's Birth Day celebration:

LEED took initiative to celebrate every student's birthday along with staffs with cultural program on every Saturday by cutting special cake and giving them gifts. As these children never had such opportunity in their homes to celebrate their birthdays which was a great event for each child.

r. Sports Activities

LEED could get sponsorship to purchase Table Tennis Kit from various well wishers which helped the children to experience the fun of Table tennis and given coaching along with other games like chess, carom, table tennis etc. Loyola college conducted NGO sports meet where many of the students won many prizes.

s. Staff meeting:

Staff meeting is conducted in LEED Headquarters and all the attended the meeting and shared their achievements, problems, future plan and suggestions for the project improvement which helped the staffs and the organisation to plan and work as a team.

t. LEED Pro:

LEED Pro had improved Skills of many women in making eco friendly paper products which is growing into a unit for income generation programme for the uneducated and under privileged women through a cooperative society structure, bring confidence in them, improve the standard of living of the local population through vocational training and self-employment.

At present there are 5 women working in LEED Pro and many of the handicrafts are been sold through exhibitions in various institutes and corporate, handicrafts shops which have enabled to encourage these women. LEED Pro could make various products like table coasters, lamp shade, baskets etc. through old newspapers which are donated by many well wishers. LEED Pro also provided tag files for lawyer's offices. This is also helping as a fund raising activity for LEED. KITEX Institute of Fashion Technology, Cochin had sent 4 students to do research and thesis on our handicraft production as part of their university criteria

u. Medical aid:

Since most of children suffer due to the environment they live and the unhealthy food they eat children do suffer most to help this situation LEED provides students medical aid like medicines for sickness, allergies and de-worming. First aid box and adequate stocks of medicine have helped the students to avail free medicines for sickness and precautions.

v. Children's Day:

Children's day was celebrated with much fun and games with cultural programs for which Dr. Raja A. person with multi talent had been the chief guest and had told many stories with acting of characters for the story. Children were given refreshment and sweets

w. Centre Working hours:

Teaching assistants	5.00 p.m. - 9.00 pm
Students	5.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.

Number of Working days:

Sl. No	Month	No. Working Days
01.	January	25
02.	February	23
03.	March	25
04.	April	27
05.	May	25
06.	June	26
07.	July	26
08.	August	27
09.	September	26
10.	October	25
11.	November	24
12.	December	22
	Total days	301

III. FUTURE PLAN:

- To empower women and youth in slums through SHG(self Help Group)
- handicraft training centre with manufacturing unit and marketing the crafts
- education of children (tuitions, alternative education, activity classes)
- education of women and youths (tailoring, typewriting, basket making, file making, other crafts)

- small savings for children and women
- co-operative shop
- medical camps in slums
- Meetings and discussion groups (women, youth, children, parents)
- Door to door counselling
- Library for children

IV Donations:

LEED always thank our donors for their remarkable support for the poor women and children in Choolaimedu.

**To achieve our goal we are in need of financial resources.
Therefore we kindly ask you to support our work with donations.**

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V. PHOTOGRAPHS:

VI CONCLUSION

The New LEED Trust thanks all the donors, staffs and all the beneficiaries for helping to perform its duties tirelessly for so many years successfully in several difficult situations with the help of our donors, staffs and community. However LEED has to go long mile to reach its goal.