Tribal children from Attappady wholeheartedly welcomes the ‘Aattom Paatum’ program and the online competitions

Special activities were organised for motivating the tribal children of Attappady and to nurture their inherent talents. The aim was also to help them get rid of boredom during the lock down time. This was coordinated by Balavibhava Kendram of Attappady Comprehensive Tribal Development and Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group Development Project. The details of the same was explained in ‘Making an Impact’ Article-235. The activity which was started on 12 April 2020 had 2 phases. From 12 April to 17 May, the talented artists presented different programmes through facebook live from 7.30 PM to 8 PM everyday. In the second phase, various online competitions were conducted for the children from the tribal community in Kerala. These activities were concluded on 15 May.

36 talented artists showcased their performances in ‘Aattom Paatum’, the ‘facebook live’ programme that lasted for 36 days. That included folk songs, mega live show, mappilappatu, indigenous songs of Attappady and instrumental music as well. This
programme stood out because of the diversity and the quality of its presentation. Selected videos of these programmes are given along with this post.

2260 students became part of the online competitions conducted for the tribal children who are members of either Balagothra Sabha or Balasabha in Kerala. The programme became a huge success by the participation of the children from various places in Kerala. 374 entries were received. The creative works and videos of the children who won in various competitions are given along with the post. The performances of the talents who participated in ‘Aattom paattum’ and the performances of the children who participated in various competitions are available in this link of Balavibhava Kendra: https://www.facebook.com/ബാല-വിഭാ-കേന്ദ്രം-2041834752798180/.

We consider this as a great achievement of the team work by professionals of Attappady Special Project. The programme which was started as an activity to get rid of the boredom during lock down, later became an opportunity for the tribal children to nurture and showcase their inherent talents before the society. This activity had paved way to increase their self confidence as well. Special appreciations to all those who worked hard to make this programme a great success. Hope the Attappady Special team may be able to come up with such innovative programmes in future as well.