

BENEFICIARY SUCCESS REPORT

From Shelter to Stage — A Journey of Education & Design



V. Venkatesh receives his B.Des. degree at Design Confluence 2026 — Dot School of Design, Chennai

Beneficiary: V. Venkatesh

Programme: Bachelor of Design (B.Des.) in Communication Design

Institution: Dot School of Design, Chennai (in collaboration with Alagappa University)

Reg. No.: 228188330015 | Academic Period: 2022–2026

Supported by: Suyam Charitable Trust | Founder: Dr. V. Uma

Report Date: June 2026

1. Background & Early Life

V. Venkatesh was identified as a child in need by Suyam Charitable Trust when his mother passed away, leaving his father — a daily-wage worker — to raise Venkatesh and his younger brother alone. Unable to provide adequate care for both children, the father brought them to Siragu Montessori School, the residential schooling initiative run by Suyam Charitable Trust in Chennai.

Under the compassionate guidance of Dr. V. Uma, Founder of Suyam Charitable Trust, Venkatesh was enrolled as a residential child. The Trust became his family — nurturing him emotionally, academically and professionally from the age of 6 through to today, at 27 years old.

2. Educational Journey

Early Childhood	Enrolled at Siragu Montessori School under Suyam Charitable Trust as a residential child after losing his mother.
Schooling	Completed foundational and secondary education at Siragu Montessori School, discovering a natural talent for art, photography and visual storytelling.
Diploma	Enrolled in a Diploma in Animation & VFX — his first formal academic qualification in the creative field.
B.Des. — 2022–2026	Sponsored by generous donors, Dr. Uma enrolled him in the Bachelor of Design (B.Des.) in Communication Design at Dot School of Design, Chennai. He graduated in June 2026.

Graduation — 19 June 2026



V. Venkatesh receiving his B.Des. degree on stage at Design Confluence 2026



With Thiru. M. Vijay Balaji, Hon'ble Minister for Handlooms, Textiles & Khadi, Govt. of Tamil Nadu



Dr. V. Uma with V. Venkatesh at Design Confluence 2026



Dr. V. Uma presenting the Course Completion Certificate



Graduation ceremony invitation designed by Venkatesh



Course Completion Certificate — Dot School of Design, Chennai (Reg. No. 228188330015)

3. Final Year Design Project — Zero Waste Wonder Bus

For his final year B.Des. project, Venkatesh chose to give back to the very community that raised him. With the support and permission of Dr. V. Uma, he undertook the complete redesign and transformation of a 15-year-old discarded school bus at Siragu Montessori School into a fully functional children's reading library — entirely from upcycled and reclaimed materials.

The project — titled the Zero Waste Wonder Bus — was conceptualised, designed and executed by Venkatesh himself, combining his skills in communication design, carpentry, spatial planning and visual art. It stands as a testament to his learning and his gratitude to the institution that shaped him.

Project Title: Zero Waste Wonder Bus — Transforming a Scrap Bus into a Children's Library
Location: Siragu Montessori School, Chennai
Completed: May 2026
Materials: Upcycled bus, reclaimed tyres, plywood, paint, carpeting, bookshelves
Beneficiaries: Kindergarten and primary children of Siragu Montessori School
Purpose: Promote reading culture, sustainability and creative learning

Construction Process



Cutting plywood for bus flooring and fittings



Painting reclaimed tyres for children's seating tables



Wooden tops fitted to upcycled tyres to create children's tables



Completed interior — carpet flooring, tyre tables and bookshelves



The Zero Waste Wonder Bus — exterior view at Siragu Montessori School



Children reading and learning inside the Wonder Bus



Students enjoying their new library space



Primary school children engaged in collaborative study inside the bus library

4. Impact & Significance

The Zero Waste Wonder Bus is more than a design project — it is a symbol of transformation. A child who once arrived at Siragu Montessori School with nothing has now created a lasting gift for the next generation of children who will walk through the same gates.

For the Children

A dedicated, joyful learning space that encourages reading and imagination — designed with care by one of their own.

For Sustainability

A model of zero-waste design — demonstrating that discarded materials can become meaningful community assets.

5. A Note of Gratitude

This milestone would not have been possible without the unwavering generosity of our donors and the vision of Dr. V. Uma. From the age of 6, Suyam Charitable Trust has been Venkatesh's home, his school and his foundation. Today, holding his B.Des. degree, he embodies everything our donors make possible: a life transformed through education, care and opportunity.

“Without their support, this achievement would not have been possible.”

— V. Venkatesh

With sincere gratitude,

Dr. V. Uma & The Suyam Charitable Trust Team

Siragu Montessori School, Chennai



Zero Waste Wonder Bus — Campaign Poster designed by V. Venkatesh