

BHARATHI TRUST

PROPOSAL FOR RESOURCE CENTRE

The objectives of the resource centre in Thiruvallur District

1. Provide an access to the rural children, both boys and girls to avail the facilities of the resource center such as library, vocational training etc.
2. Prepare study materials in their mother tongue.
3. Revive their culture and art.
4. Encourage local artisans, especially women.
5. Provide sustainable economic development.
6. Conduct workshops and training for teachers to enhance the status, morale and professionalism.
7. Establish a model school, which is child- centered.

The benefits of the resource center.

- (i) Rural students and teachers – both private as well as Government schools.
- (ii) Peasants and artisans.
- (iii) Educationists.
- (iv) Non-Government Organisations engaged in various developmental works including Education.
- (v) Community at large.

Summary

It has been a long cherished dream of a few educationists and social activists to conceive and bring forth, a resource center, which will pave way to sustainable economic development in the rural sector.

The sustainable economic development along with the culture and certain norms which sustained the rural population so far is being destroyed severely by the onslaught of modern development. More number of peasants and artisans and especially women are loosing their right to livelihood. On the one hand, the human resources are being wasted by keeping the unemployment problem at the higher level. On the other hand, the natural resources are being frittered away to serve the wants of the few. The value of the current education system is used only to strengthen the hands of the few elite persons who neither belong to the local culture nor believe in the self-sufficient, sustainable pro-environment friendly economic development. In the current education systems the

students, parents, the teachers and the community are alienated from the local culture and also from the society.

The students who come out of the systems are not able to: a) get jobs; b) acquire any knowledge that would help them to sustain them in good stead leading them to have self-sufficiency in any areas.

In this situation, the biggest losers are the rural population. They have lost their confidence in the local culture, and are not able to practice the time tested economic practices that have given them employment. They are forced to migrate to the urban areas and feel misfits in the urban system. They are not able to compete with their contemporaries in the urban areas in the area of employment. They are forced to have false beliefs such as drinking coca-cola, eating pizza helps them to get better social status. The few persons for whom the Indian Society is gearing, believe only in the economic development and culture followed by the western countries is the only development worthy of emulation. But the current economic and cultural development in the western countries has entered into a crisis. If any country follows the western country that burdens the natural resources, in another ten years no country can survive on this earth.

There are alternatives in which each society can thrive and have a better redistribution of natural and human resources for the benefit of the entire society:- Countries like India had survived for more than seven thousand years because of the practice of sustainable economic development in certain areas like agriculture, textiles, construction, etc. and certain cultural norms to keep the society together.

In each rural area local population survived through local production which was inexpensive and renewable. The present, capital intensive and export oriented privatizing of economic development of Indian government is making the people not lose their livelihood but make its natural resources are at the mercy of wealthy companies for their own exploitation. The indigenous cultural, health, educational, environmental, economic, political and social systems are under threat.

So in order to develop an alternative in all the above areas for the people to sustain themselves, especially for rural population of India, a model resource center is being planned to be set up in Thiruvallur District.

The resource center will benefit the rural population – (i) students (ii) private as well as government teachers (iii) peasants and artisans (iv) educationists (v) non-government organizations engaged in various developmental works including education (vi) community at large

1. contact only resource persons who have similar ideas and having network of them
2. identify peasants and artisans from local areas who are willing to teach their skills to the younger generation and others who are interested.
3. Studying and documenting existing local systems in (a) agriculture (b) health (c) storage of food and water (d) construction (e) weaving (f) carpentry (g) poultry (h) leather (i) information technology – local radio (j) energy (k) medicine, dance, drama, songs (l) local and cheap technology (m) savings for production of every day consumption such as soap, etc. (n) promotion of local production (o) collection of books.
1. A syllabus will be prepared based on the alternate development system.
2. In areas such as languages, maths, physical science and biological science, history and geography, dance, drama and music, yoga, etc.
3. Training of teachers
4. initially from 25 students and later 100 students will be trained in the new syllabus
5. The existing teachers working in schools run with assistance of Asha will act as teachers for the resource center

To do preliminary work for this Centre, three persons(including Siddamma) will work on this project.

Dear Asha friends,

I am happy to inform you that, the community based resource centre is going to be my 1st priority in my work. I have also realised that that unless one person take step further, to move, it may not function because everybody is bussy with them day to day activities. So I have decided to initiate the resource centre. Than for on going program, involve different enthusiastic resource program, who belive and expertise in creating community based resource centre. Day by day land value is also increasing so, I have took two steps to initiate resource centre is that 1st one is to generating part of the fund need for purchasing the land. From Murial (Ex student) from beginning and her friends sent 10,000. (2nd found good land located the criteria to select the land which we have mentioned in proposed in past plan). In between Vellore and Pallipattu and Andra border is called red soil wet land and source of water level is 60 feet and this land went for agricultural purpose and have once pumpset with engine and motor fitted 50% of this land is cultivated rest of 50% of the land is not leveled up the other side of the land is full of have blare metal stones small hill with wild bushes forest and other small river (not having water in it).

There is a possibility of doing effectively rain harvesting from this small hill. The, community surrounding the hills are using wild gross from this hill, to put up their welling thatched houses. We have more possibility of involving forest departments to develop this small forest by planting herbal plants and trees. In 1st phase, we will select from the local community involve 2 (women and men) land cure person, who will look after the land including fencing, planting trees ect. We will select 3 local person from the different community, and make him involve interact with community and conduct community meetings and documents the country knowledge and identify.

The community based knowledge persons to bring to centre to involve in day to day community resource centre activities as such planning and implanting the program we will have one bullock cart and ox for plough and transporting thing with in the campus. We will have village type of thatched house shed to store and functioning the office.

Actual Budget

1.	Land value	1,30,000 x 10	13,00,000
2.	Land registration		1,90,000
3.	Electrical and other fittings		20,000
4.	Full time land care assistant	2500 x 12 x 2	60,000
5.	Full time community interaction and do documenting community knowledge	3000 x 12 x 3	1,08,000
6.	Bullock cart with ox	28,000	28,000
7.	Thatched shed	60,000 x 2	1,20,000
8.	Administrative		10,000
9.	Travels		1,20,000
10.	Audit fee		10,000
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Actual needs for Budget

1.	Total requirement for budget	19,76,000
2.	Income received from Belgium student Muriel	10,00,000
3.	Need contribution from other sources for this year	9,76,000