Amar Seva Sangam : Sangamam School for Special Children

Site Visit 2023-06-19

Attendees:

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From Amar Seva Sangam: Subbu Lakshmi, Ramasubramanian

Sangamam school meant for children with special needs in the age group of 6 to 18, we try to prepare them to get **integrated** with the society at large gradually to the extent possible in each case.

During the virtual visit, the coordinator took us a tour with around the school by showing various levels. Explained through the curriculum that they teach at each level. The teachers also explained how the students are grouped into different levels based on their ability.

We also got to see how students are commuting to the school using the bus which is purchased through Asha's funding.

The kids go through regular school calendar year, and the teachers are training them to prepare for their next part of the life journey. Each kids gets to visit trainers who helps them with physical and mental activities. Also, they go through the evaluation process to measure the progress that they are making throughout the calendar year.

There are levels at which kids only learn life skills like hand, eye co-ordination, activity-based learning since they don't have the ability with learning disabilities.

The school has speech therapy and hearing loss identification process to help the kids with the speech and hearing aid provisioning. There is also a soundproof room to identify hearing loss with audio meter.

The school has onsite activity room to help with ADHD students. During the visit they showed Keerthana who is hypersensitive kid with concentration disabilities and how they are applying therapy.

The school also has an onsite physiotherapy for kids with physical and cognitive disable kids. The center provides treatment for eight kids on a given day.



The picture above shows Aruna introducing during the site visit. She also tried to explain that she is learning numbers from 1 to 10.



There is Manikandan who seems to be very shy to speak but the teachers helped him to introduce during the virtual meet.