

Virtual Site Visit Report

The virtual site visit of Children and Youth Resource Centre, Timbuktu was organised on April 30, 2023. The attendees from the meeting are as follows:

Asha Bangalore – Padmanava, Balaji, Anjana, Atrei, Swapna

Children and Youth Resource Centres (CYRC) –

1. Srikanth – He has been with Timbuktu for the past 4 years. Previously in the land conservation program, he has been spending the past one year with Chiguru (education program of Timbuktu)
2. Ramanna – He has been with CYRC for the last 16 years. He was also associated with the youth program and in the , now 1yr as Project coordinator and has been a field coordinator in the past)
3. Adavi Ramulu – She is the Art & Design Coordinator for the program and also an alumnus of Chiguru program.
4. Ramya – She is a graduate from Azim Premji University and has been with Chiguru for the past one year as Program Manager.

Highlights of the Meeting:

- The meeting started with a song about Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.
- There was a brief introduction to Timbuktu Collective and their different inter-related entities. The CYRC forms part of the Chiguru (“tender leaf”) initiative of the Collective which aims to promote child rights and youth engagement.
- There are three CYRC centres at Chennakothapalli, Roddam & Ramagir.
- They function as community centres from 9 AM to 6 PM, open to all with materials on games, science, crafts, drawings and painting.
- They are planning on starting the fourth campus at Penukonda, currently held up due to lack of adequate space. The mobile CYRC operates in this area
- Mobile CYRC – This involves taking books, sports materials, craft and Science materials to different villages accompanied by field cadres. These villages are in the interior parts with little accessibilities to the CYRC Centres.
- Most schools in the region focus on text books and lessons, and there is no focus on extra curricular, sports, creative aspects.
- CYRC reaches over 2000 children (sometimes adults too) through their Library program. During this year, they procured 1300 books and have over 11000 books in total.
- The activities were covered in various news outlets.

- They gave an overview of various celebrations and festivals during the year.
- The list of events include Ambedkar Jayanthi; Sports Days involving kids from different Mandals in sports like kho-kho, kabbadi, and athletics; World Forest day in collaboration with Kalpavalli program in the conservation area to know about the importance of forests and resources; Sankranthi Celebrations and others.
- The final part of the meeting was devoted to explaining the various other programs of Timbuktu.
- A detailed report on their activities during the year and realisation of budget was provided by the project partner and uploaded here – https://ashadocserver.s3.amazonaws.com/1109_1.ASHANarrativereport2022-2023.pdf