

Here are the minutes of Conference call with Manasa.

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1) Brief Intro about Manasa

Manasa was established in 1991, by lecturers from Raja Bahadur Venkat Rama Reddy College (in short Reddy College). They started with a daycare center which has 60 students currently. The funds for this are collected from the committee members, students families, friends and well wishers. In India this is listed as a charity organization.

2) Funds sent by Asha to Manasa

Rs. 295000/- was paid for steel during Dec 2011 for laying 1st floor slab. Attached is the bill.

3) Projects of Manasa

- i) Day care center
- ii) Construction of own school building - This is a four floor building, government of Andhra Pradesh gave 1000 sft land at a nominal price, construction started in 2010 and each floor is 3200sft.
- iii) Residential facilities - the third floor of the school building.
- iv) Vocational Training- For mentally challenged children above 18years.

4) Age group and level of disability

Currently they have 60 children with an age ranging from 5-40 years. There children with mild, moderate and severe disability.

5) Teachers Training

They attend orientation programs and short training program provided by the government.

6) Type of education

They have Individual educational program

For Mild disability- Education for being able to write their name, fathers name, address, small arithmetic calculations, candle making, envelope making.

For Moderate disability- They study the existing habits and try to improve them.

For Severe disability- depending on their capacity to learn, they teaching them about putting on their shoes, dress, etc, help in identifying their stuff.

7) How do People get to know about Manasa

National Institute of Mentally Challenged has a directory, people also find out about this school from their website <http://www.manasaindia.org/>

8) Type of employment

Its hard to find good employment for them but they can manage small jobs like pasting and cutting envelopes. But Manasa will take care of these children till the end.

9) **Medical Needs**

The government provides them with a health insurance policy.

10) **Transportation**

2 vehicles one goes to the interior of city and other goes to the outskirts for picking up children.

11) **Fees and Payments**

They don't collect any fees from students but pay the teachers. They currently have four teachers, physiotherapist, speech therapist, maids, drivers, finance manager and typist.

12) **Possible Expansion**

They are trying to intake more children and make the strength upto 75, so they'll need to employ two more teachers as the ratio of teacher to student should be 1:7

13) **Internships at Manasa**

Manasa does provide internships to students. Last march some students came and learnt some methods followed by Manasa teachers for providing education.

14) **Funds Needed**

They need 10 lakhs for finishing the first floor construction and 10 lakhs for parking lot and approximately 10-12 lakhs for running the school.