

Manasa Site Visit Report - May 2013

Aditi Kesari and Aditya Josyula (Volunteers at Asha-Purdue Chapter) visited Manasa in May 2013. The school was closed for summer vacation, so they could not meet with the children. But they met Secretary and founder of Manasa, Mrs. Sarvalaxmi and members of her staff.

The new premises that Manasa had moved into (Dilsukhnagar, Hyderabad, AP) was still under construction and missing some key safety components such as the building's front wall, guard rails on the stairs etc. Mrs. Sarvalaxmi talked about the various challenges they were facing due to the lack of funds in being able to finish the construction in time for the next batch of students to come in after their summer holidays.



Manasa Premises – Notice Board with Regd. Number



Overall 4 Floor Building

Apart from spaces allocated for general assembly, class rooms and vocational training, one of the floors was dedicated to serve as residential space for the kids, with kitchen and bathroom facilities. The staff took Asha Purdue volunteers on a tour of all floors and amenities being built.



Elevator Shaft – Under Construction



Open Spaces with Bathroom Enclosures

Manasa is building one of very few such facilities in India, which provide such level of care for the mentally challenged child population. And the staff's enthusiasm and concern for the children's future, despite the roadblocks faced by them, is very commendable. Financial support for Manasa, as they transition into this new space is critical and thus further support from Asha Purdue Chapter is fully recommended.