Manigal Project- Kottur school Site visit Report

3 July 2025

On 3rd July 2025, myself and Craft teacher Krishnapriya visited CPS, Kottur. I met the Primary school Headmistress along with our Techer Mrs. Jayalakshmi. She was acknowledging our support from Asha for Education t by providing teachers to educate the gypsy and Slow learner students in Primary and High School. This year around 20 gypsy students are studying in the school with 3students in LKG. HM along with other teachers have gone to gypsy colony and motivated the parents to enrol the children in different classes in Primary school. She was very interested in educating the gypsy children . State Govt also closely monitoring the attendance of the school students. If a student is absent to school for more than 3 days, teacher has to find the reason and report. This year since there are 15 gypsy students, HM has asked our teacher to handle only gypsy students.

Then Mrs. Krishnapriya did the Craft work with Gypsy students from 1st to 5th standard. In between she asked the students to write A to Z small and capital letters. I asked 3,4th std students spelling for 3 letter words and asked them to write. Most of them could write. Some had problem. Craft work of Boat making with news paper was taught for gypsy students class 3rd to 5th. She divided the students in 2 groups and demonstrated them step by step. She helped in binding the paper. They were eager to do on their own and happy.

Then met our High school teacher Geetha Natarajan and the High school gypsy students 6th, 7th and 8th students. They are learning wit Geetha in the morning session and attending the regular classes in the afternoon.

Mrs.Geetha is coaching the 9th gypsy students and 10th std Gypsy student Pooja in the afternoon. She is in constant touch with school teachers and help the students in studies. She is encouraging students to come to her home in the evening to study.

Photos of the gypsy students are attached herewith: