

Hope Trust Site Visit

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I Visited Ambattur Hope School for disabled kids and was given a tour of the campus by a hope staff and the program director Mrs. Nagarani. It was a Monday and the kids had just returned from a field trip to watch a movie. Most of them were excited to sing the movie song and make some dance movements for us. I can see that there has been lot of improvements and achievements from my last visit about a year ago.

The classes were on in full swing in the Ambattur branch Hope School. I saw kids with different abilities put together in each of the classrooms. There was even a class that was getting ready for their 10th Standard exams. They were working on reading the Tamil newspaper.

Mrs. Nagarani shared their success story of how their dream of implementing special education in the Govt. schools became a reality. She had approached the IAS Officer with her proposal of helping the govt. school with a special education plan. Her plans were viewed and as a pilot program, Hope Trust has now set up two classrooms with lead special education teacher, 3 therapist and some volunteer parents, the program is taking off well.

Mrs. Nagarani shared the information about their new venture of constructing a 9604 Sqft, residential home and vocational training center for Intellectually Disabled Children and Adults at Annampedu, Pattabiram. I visited the land at Annampedu. The construction was underway and they had been raising funding through different sources.

Hope Trust is clearly making its way to expand its roots to accommodate and serve more needy. The school has grown in numbers.

Hope Trust staff thanked Asha for Education and it's volunteers on behalf of the kids, for the support they have been receiving.

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