

Sri Sarada Niketan Public School Site Visit Report- 2020

Visitor: Srilakshmi Yenamandra (Asha volunteer since 2012)

Host: Victor Veeraiah, Principal

Other participants: Swarna madam(Dr Pollineni Subbarao), Students

Date: August 26th, 2020

Source: Virtual Google meet

Report:

Principal Victor and I did a google meet on Auguste 26th and discussed Covid impact and current areas of focus and needs for the school. The school is currently not operating in its full scale because lot of kids are living with distant relatives to avoid contacting Covid. Currently school does not have funds to enable online classes for all 164 kids. Only 50% of kids are enabled with smart devices to attend classes. So, it needs funds to facilitate online classes to all the students.

The second dire need for the school is they set up a training room for pre-college assessment tests like EAMCET, NEET and JEE and that project is stalled in between because of lack of funds. They are in process of building a software with all varying levels of competencies starting from beginner to advanced. They are also in need of projectors and supporting hardware for completion of the set up of computer lab in full capacity.

The third need for the school is to prepare for students to return in full capacity. In the current arrangement there is no room for isolation. As a precautionary measure school needs to set up an isolation ward to keep students who are at high risk and students who may have contacted Covid infection and provide necessary medical care. They are also in need of purchasing medical protection gear like PPE kits, disposable gloves, masks, immunity boosting medication like vitamin C, multivitamins etc.

I also conversed with the kids living in the facility and was happy to know that they are in good health and helping with all the activities to run the school like maintenance of the mess, cooking, vegetable farming, milking of cows and also regular sanitization of the school and dormitory premises.

I would like to request Asha to release funds to Sri Sarada Niketan Public School upon careful consideration of their genuine needs to support them in their great mission at this difficult time of a pandemic.

Thanks,

Srilakshmi Yenamandra

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