

Virtual site visit report (10/5/2023)

Brief History of WayanadGirijanaSeva Trust a charitable Institution registered in 2002 with the prime and ultimate objective of contributing the process of education with focus on Re-schooling the School Drop Outs among the children from the impoverished Tribal communities in Wayanad District, Kerala State. As the first steps towards achieving the objectives the trust started Vivekananda Residential Tribal Vidyalaya in 2002 under accreditation with National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), HRD Ministry, Govt. of India. Starting with 42 students in a palm leaf thatched shed, the school at Mattilayam has grown to provide education for more than two hundred students today with moderate infrastructure.

Project proposal : This Project proposal is a new initiative from **WGST** to provide computer training to selected 30 ST women matriculate youths. The program is meant for the tribal women population. This program will make them eligible in the entry level computer jobs in both government and public sector. The proposal has been briefed and reviewed with the Asha – Kansas City chapter members and we have received 7 votes for the proposal.

We have organized a zoom call on 10/5/2023 along with two other Asha volunteers (Raji Chavali & Rajya L Malay) and me (Jayaprakash Nair) of Kansas city chapter . From the WGST, a couple of their school teachers (Lini & Sruthi) along with their school administrator manager Mr.Padmanabhan who is a retired high school teacher and the project partner Mr. Baburaj were present.

Here is the link to the zoom meeting.

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The same was uploaded to the Asha chapter website. Below are the link to the recordings .

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During the call, the Trust authorities explained the details of this program, other programs like plumbing , tailoring & embroidery etc. which the Trust is undertaking currently or planned to undertake in the future. They gave us a tour of the school and the surroundings. The school has multiple buildings for the education of kids and a separate building for the tailoring & embroidery work and a new building for the computer program. Below are some of the photos captured during the call.





Dining hall :



Play Area:



Tailoring & embroidery room:

All the machines have been donated by Rediff mail.





Computer facility:

The formal inauguration of a fully furnished computer Centre equipped with a sufficient Laptop computer system set up across an area of 1800 sq. feet on the 2nd floor of the existing block on 8-July

2023. Below is the picture of the computer facility. All the laptops have been donated by KPMG and also from the central government.



They also have a fully equipped kitchen cum dining hall which helps them to provide food for all the kids and the faculties.

Kids are helping in the kitchen:



It's a very clean and very well-maintained facility. All of us were very much impressed with the way it has been taken care. Below are the excerpts from the other two Asha volunteers' comments.

--From Raji Chavali,

"I am impressed with the Wayanad facility and their program, stitching they got many stitching machines, skill development room well equipped. They got big kitchen and in the morning they are cooking fresh food which the kids are helping.

--From Rajya Malay,

Impressive facilities. Healthy and happy looking kids. So glad we are supporting this project.

Next steps:

Teachers and the students have been identified. The trust is waiting for the fund to be approved to onboard both the teachers and students. After the completion of the program, the trust will assist the students for the job placements. They have already contacted some of private sector companies and the companies have ensured them of job placements for the students after completing the 6 months training program. Similar effort have been done on the government sector as well. There will be an exam after the end of the training and clearing the exam will make the candidates eligible for applying for government jobs. Exam preparation and exam fees are also part of this program.