

## **Manigal Kottur – Project proposal for 2016-2017**

The gypsy colony located in Kottur has about 150 families living in hutments/ semi pucca houses. Though the primary and middle and High school of the corporation is very close to the gypsy colony, for several years the gypsy children remained outside the mainstream education system.

The children do get enrolled in school, but do not attend school regularly and by the end of the year fade out of the system. Out of school many of them join their parents profession of garbage picking and bead selling at an early age. For such a large colony of gypsies, except one or two boys, who were educated elsewhere, hardly any child from the colony has completed the school cycle.

Starting of the Manigal project in Kottur in 2015 and giving special attention to gypsy children is helping the drop out children to get back to school. Assessments of the learning levels of the children have shown that the learning levels of the gypsy children are steadily improving.

The additional staff posted in the school give special attention to gypsy children and try to sustain the gypsy children's interest in learning and thereby help them stay in school. The staff visit the colony regularly and follow up with parents.

The corporation school is the only big school in the area and has a middle and high school and this school has a very important role to play in changing the education status of the gypsy children. Barring a couple of children who are in hostels/other private schools, the entire gypsy colony is dependent on this school for fulfilling the educational aspirations of their children. It is important that the gypsy children's learning in this school is supported and nurtured.

The colony has a large number of young children too and about 18-20 LKG children need to be brought into the school system.

The present proposal is to continue and strengthen the initiatives undertaken last year to sustain the gypsy children in the mainstream schooling process. The Project will also share with the school its learning resources and technological aids and soft ware so that other children of the school too benefit.

### **Manigal Kottur Budget (2016-2017)**

1. Honorarium		
Primary -2 full time teachers	2,64,000	
Middle and High school 2 part time teachers, Conveyance for visiting teachers )	1,68,000	
Sub total Honorarium		4,32,000
2. Stationery and other supplies for children		10,000
3. TLM- Teaching aids/charts/ worksheets/library books (primary, middle , high school and colony)		25,000
4. Uniform/inner clothes, slippers, fees/ bags/ books, guides etc		35,000
5. Mats/ fan/shelf		5,000
6. Gifts/prizes/ Snacks for children for one year		10,000
7. Tution at colony (primary/ higher classes )		20,000
8. Data cards etc		12,000
9. Administration (conveyance etc)		15,000
10. Misc		10,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,74,000</b>