

Manigal Kottur – Project proposal for 2018-2019

The gypsy community is one of the most marginalized communities, socially, economically and educationally. Though a settled community now, they continue their nomadic style and travel often. Their children are often left out of the fruits of educational benefits. Project Manigal had been working with the Narikuravar community for long and work was extended to the gypsy community in Kottur in 2015. There are about 160 and odd families gypsy families settled in Kottur. Though they live very close to the school, their children were often left out of the mainstream education system. The ones who attended were also dropping out after primary education because of low learning levels. The project is trying to change this scenario and is working closely with the primary, middle and high school children and trying its best to sustain them in the schooling process. School is also preventing children from joining their parents at work at a young age.

Objectives of the project

- o to bring the gypsy children into mainstream schooling system and retain them in school.
- o to address their learning needs in an environment that is tolerant and sensitive to their special needs and values their individuality
- o to create interest in learning by giving special attention and having diverse activities
- o to improve their learning levels and help them continue in higher classes
- o to work toward changing perceptions and attitudes and stereotyped opinions held about them by creating successful learners.
- o to serve as a link between school, parents and children.
- o To improve interpersonal relationship between gypsy students and other children and help them integrate better.

The issues that confront gypsy education are complex - lifestyle, inability of the children to adapt to school systems and vice versa, absenteeism, low learning levels, alienation - all are being addressed by project teachers. Currently 20 children are attending the primary classes regularly and are progressing steadily. 11 children are continuing education in middle and high school and project teachers are supporting in their education and helping them to catch up with

other children. In 2017, for the first 4 gypsy children passed class 10 from the school.

The Project teachers work in close coordination with the teachers of the school and follow up with parents in the colony. The Project also extends support to the primary school which has a strength of 412 children, including the LkG sections. This year the project procured maths Teaching and learning material from various sources and donated them to the Math lab. Some charts were given and other TLM was shared. The project also conducts art and craft classes for the school children at regular intervals. They staff also help in audio visual room and ensure that children of the school get to use the room and learn in batches. The present proposal is for the continuation of the ongoing activities of the project.

Manigal Kottur Budget (2018-2019)

For 2 schools –Primary and middle and High school)

1. Honorarium		
a. Primary -2 full time teachers	3,28,000	
16500 x12(senior)=	1,98,000	
10,000 x 12	= 1,20,000	
5000 x2 (bonus) =	10,000	
b. Middle and High school 2 teachers,	1,83,000	
9000 x12 =	1,08,000	
7000 x10 =	70,000 (ad hoc)	
5000 x1	5,000	
Sub total -Honorarium		5,11,000
2. Stationery and other supplies for children (Primary ,middle and High children) geometry boxes, , pens, pencils, long note books, crayons, paints, craft material for all classes of school, drawing books, etc.		15,000
3.TLM (primary, middle and high school) Teaching and learning aids, worksheets charts for school and project, story books, guides and question banks		20,000
4. Uniform,bags, slippers, Uniform/stitching – 20,000 (middle, high, ITI- total 11) Bags - 6,000 (11 for middle/ high school/IT1) Slippers – 10,000 (31 children –primary, middle, High school/ITI)		36,000
5. Mats/other school supplies		10,000
6. Fees (for vocational training- 1 child)		20,000

7. Student welfare/Gifts- pencil boxes, Lunch boxes, water bottles, napkins, inner wear, dresses/ annual day costume/prizes (total -31 children)	20,000
8. Data plans -2 (Primary and high school)	12,000
9. Art/craft classes to school 2000 x 10	20,000
10. Educational conveyance	15,000
11. Health care	5,000
12. Administration	5,000
13. Misc	10,000
Total	699,000