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Dear Melli,

A functioning library is an esential institution for the well being and educational development of a community. Through the help of Asha Chennai, Seeyapoondi has had a functioning library since it was founded some six or seven years ago.

Under the leadership of Paripooranam, other Asha Chennai volunteers and with Das fulfilling his position as librarian, a job he has held since the library opened, the Seeyapoondi library has become an important part of life in the village.

I was in Seeyapoondi in October, 2022. The library was well organized and maintained. Books and other reading materials were neatly displayed as were the games and puzzles for the children.

Importantly, the establishment and the continuing operation of the library has acted as a stimulus for further development in Seeyapoondi.

In October, 2022, a computer center was opened in Seeyapoondi. The children now have not only the opportunities that their library offers them, but also a computer center where they can learn about and how to use computers.
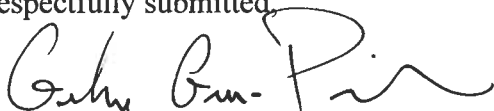
The establishment of the library and the computer center would not have been possible without the support of Asha.

I want to highlight the fact that the children of Seeyapoondi won 3rd place in a contest for computer programming that was sponsored by Amazon Chennai. A 3rd place finish was achieved after only 18 months of the computer center being opened. Personally, I find this to be a remarkable achievment.

The establishment and success of the library and computer center in Seeyapoondi demonstrate what can be achieved with the support of a village and the assistance of Asha through its volunteers and financial aid.

Please let me know if you have questions about either the libaray or computer center that I have not addressed.

Respectfully submitted,

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