

Nethra Vidyalaya Site Visit Report

Venue – Nethra Vidyalaya,

Address - 13-239, Bhimli Beach Rd, Chapaluppada Post, Mangamaripeta Village, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh 530045, India

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Executive Summary

Nethra Vidyalaya (Under the aegis of Jeeyar Educational Trust) was established in 2001 with 18 students in Vizianagaram. Eventually they moved to Visakhapatnam in 2013. The main objective of the school is to provide free and quality education for the visually impaired students who are mainly from rural and tribal areas in and around Visakhapatnam. Most of these children come from households where the parents are either daily laborers or fishermen with literacy rates below 30%. The instructors in the school focus on the overall development of the students to make them independent and successful in life with all the essential social and employment skills.

The School

The school is located about 20 kms from Visakhapatnam city center. This is a co-ed school and currently 115 students are enrolled in the school in grades 1 through 10. The ground floor of the building has all the classes, the computer lab, a staff room for the teachers, a small library with braille books. The first floor of the building has separate dorm rooms for the boys and the girls, a dining room, a kitchen and an open space overlooking the ocean. The area in and surrounding the school is extremely clean and very well maintained. Please see the videos in the folder to see the classrooms, surrounding areas of the school, teachers and student interactions, their computer lab, staff room, dorm rooms, kitchen and dining area.

A typical school day is from 9.15 a.m – 4.15 p.m. The children go to school 6 days of the week. The school follows State Board Syllabus. The students write their board exams with the help of scribes. So far the % of students who have passed the board exams is 100%.

Classrooms



School Daily schedule

4.45 a.m - Wake up

5 -6 a.m - Yoga or Kungfu

6:00 - 6:30 a.m - Pratha:smaraniyam (Chanting slokas)

6:30 - 8 a.m – Bath and breakfast time

9 - 9:15 am - School Assembly

9.15 a.m - Classes commence

10:40 a.m - Break for snacks

12:30 -1:30 p.m - Lunch

1:30 – 4.10 p.m - Afternoon classes

4:30 p.m - Milk and snacks.

After that children play, or learn music, dance etc.

7 p.m - Dinner.

7:30 - 9:30 p.m - Study hour.

9:30 p.m - Bed time.

The Students

There are currently 115 students, (80 boys and 35 girls) enrolled in grades 1- 10. Most of them live in the dorms on the premises of the school. There are 12 students who commute, 3 are near the school, 3 students come by school bus which also is used to transport 6 teachers and non-teaching staff who commute from Vizianagaram, and the remaining by auto. The school does not specifically provide transportation for the students but only for the teachers. The average distance a child commutes is about 20km.

The students are extremely well behaved and disciplined. The day of site visit was a holiday for them but they were preparing for their board exams along with their teachers. The students are very talented in music, academics and sports having won multiple awards in all categories both at the state and at the national levels.

Since most of the students live on premises, they are provided with free food, primary health care and clothing. In the past 5 years, 64 students graduated and of them 6 were employed right after grade 10 while others are pursuing their higher education. Some of them have gotten jobs after their higher education.

Please see below a wall of awards showcasing their achievements:



The students are very competitive and help each other in all aspects. After completing their higher education these students have gotten jobs in banking, software, government sectors. Please see the embedded spreadsheet with the list of students who have successfully started working in the public and private sectors.

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NETRAVIDYALAYA JUNIOR & DEGREE COLLEGE
EMPLOYABILITY PARTICULARS OF NETRA STUDENTS DURING THE YEAR 2009 - 2016

S.NO.	NAME	STATE	DISTRICT	DEPARTMENT	DESIGNATION	BATCH NO	GROUP
1	K Raju Kumar	Telangana	Nijamabad	Andhra Bank Nijamabad City	Assistant Manager	Intermediate 1st Batch	CEC
2	K.Vijaya Durga	Telangana	Nijamabad	Canara Bank Nijamabad City	Probationary Officer	Intermediate 1st Batch	CEC
3	Padma	Telangana	Nijamabad	Syndicate Bank Nijamabad City	Assistant Manager	Intermediate 1st Batch	CEC
4	Bharathi	Telangana	Nijamabad	Bank of India Nijamabad City	Probationary Officer	Intermediate 1st Batch	CEC
5	Ganga Jamuna	Telangana	Nijamabad	Andhra Bank Nijamabad City	Award Staff	Intermediate 1st Batch	HEC
6	M.Swathi	Telangana	Nijamabad	Health Department Hyderabad City	Junior Assistant	Intermediate 1st Batch	CEC
7	R.Swathi		Nijamabad	Revenue Department Nijamabad City	VILLAGE REVENUE ASSISTANT (VRA)	Intermediate 1st Batch	CEC
8	Geetha	Telangana	Nijamabad	Bank of India Nijamabad City	Award Staff	Intermediate 1st Batch	HEC
9	Lila Naga Mani	Andhra Pradesh	west Godavari	Education Department Bhimavaram	SGT, Teacher	Intermediate 1st Batch	HEC
10	Poornima	Andhra Pradesh	west Godavari	Municipal Department Bhimavaram	Junior Assistant	Intermediate 1st Batch	HEC
11	Prabuphani	Telangana	Medak	Medak Co-Operative Bank	Award Staff	Intermediate 1st Batch	HEC
12	K Lakshminarayana	Telangana	Nalgonda	Corporation Bank Nalgonda City	Award Staff	Intermediate 1st Batch	HEC
13	K Varalakshmi	Telangana	Medak	R & B Department Medak City	Junior Assistant	Intermediate 1st Batch	HEC
14	D.Bhavani	Andhra Pradesh	Vizianagaram	Municipal Corporation Department Vizianagaram City	Office Subordinate	Intermediate 2nd Batch	CEC
15	E.Anil	Telangana	Hyderabad	Syndicate Bank Malkajgiri	Assistant Manager	Intermediate 2nd Batch	CEC
16	M Aneel	Telangana	Adilabad	Uco Bank	Award Staff	Intermediate 2nd Batch	HEC
17	Mani	Telangana	Karimnagar	Legal Nutrition Department	Office Subordinate	Intermediate 2nd Batch	HEC
18	Naresh	Telangana	Sangareddy	LLB Practitioner	Advocate	Intermediate 2nd Batch	CEC
19	S.Veera Kumar	Andhra Pradesh	Anantapur	Navy Department Vishakapatnam City	Multi Tasking Staff(MTS)	Intermediate 2nd Batch & Degree 1st Batch	CEC WITH B.COM COMPUTERS
20	B.Shashidhar Babu	Andhra Pradesh	Anantapur	State Bank Of Hyderabad Anantapur City	Probationary Officer	Intermediate 2nd Batch & Degree 1st Batch	CEC WITH B.COM COMPUTERS
21	P.Nagendra Babu	Andhra Pradesh	west Godavari	AP Commercial Tax Department Tadepalligudem	Junior Assistant	Intermediate 2nd Batch & Degree 1st Batch	CEC WITH B.COM COMPUTERS
22	P.Venkatesh	Andhra Pradesh	East Godavari	State Bank of Mysore Rajamundry	Probationary Officer	Intermediate 2nd Batch & Degree 1st Batch	CEC WITH B.COM COMPUTERS
23	B.Ramanjaneyulu	Andhra Pradesh	Anantapur	Government Degree college Tadipatri (Higher Education Department)	Junior Assistant	Intermediate 2nd Batch & Degree 1st Batch	CEC WITH B.COM COMPUTERS
24	H .Ashok Kumar	Andhra Pradesh	Anantapur	National Federation Of Blind Kurnool	Computer Faculty	Intermediate 2nd Batch & Degree 1st Batch	CEC WITH B.COM COMPUTERS
25	V.Sai Kumar	Andhra Pradesh	Vishakapatnam	Andhra P.G. Medical College (Vishakapatnam City)	Junior Assistant	Degree 1st Batch	B.A
26	S.Nagaraju	Andhra Pradesh	Krishna	Andhra Bank Gunadala Near Vijayawada	Probationary Officer	Intermediate 2nd Batch & Degree 1st Batch	HEC WITH B.A
27	D.Prajwala Rani	Andhra Pradesh	Vishakapatnam	Panchayathi Raj Department Vishakapatnam City	Junior Assistant	Intermediate 2nd Batch & Degree 1st Batch	CEC WITH B.A
28	B.Lakshminarayamma	Andhra Pradesh	Anantapur	Health Department Kadiri	Office Subordinate	Degree 1st Batch	B.A
29	G.Veeresh	Andhra Pradesh	Anantapur	Nagarjuna College Of Narasingh Vijayawada City	Computer Faculty	Intermediate 2nd Batch & Degree 1st Batch	HEC WITH B.A
30	G.Lakshmi Devi	Andhra Pradesh	Anantapur	National Federation Of Blind Kurnool	Computer Instructor	Degree 1st Batch	B.A
31	Y.Lathasri	Andhra Pradesh	Krishna	Krishna District Co-Operative Bank Machilipatnam	Staff Assistant	Intermediate 2nd Batch & Degree 1st Batch	HEC WITH B.A
32	Choodamani	Andhra Pradesh	Srikakulam	Municipal Department Srikakulam	VILLAGE REVENUE ASSISTANT (VRA)	Intermediate 2nd Batch & Degree 1st Batch	HEC WITH B.A
33	M.Ramesh	Telangana	Hyderabad	Divya Santhi Institution Enjal Near Nagar LB Nagar Hyderabad	Computer Faculty	Intermediate 2nd Batch & Degree 1st Batch	CEC WITH B.A
34	K.Appayamma	Andhra Pradesh	Vishakapatnam	Police Department Vishakapatnam Rural	Junior Assistant	Intermediate 3rd Batch & Degree 2nd Batch	HEC WITH B.A
35	B.Maha Devi	Andhra Pradesh	Anantapur	Municipal Department Anantapur	VILLAGE REVENUE ASSISTANT (VRA)	Intermediate 3rd Batch & Degree 2nd Batch	HEC WITH B.A
36	S.Salma	Andhra Pradesh	Anantapur	Education Department Anantapur	SGT, Teacher	Degree 2nd Batch	B.A
37	V.Mohan	Andhra Pradesh	Anantapur	State Bank of India	Award Staff	Intermediate 3rd Batch & Degree 2nd Batch	CEC WITH B.COM COMPUTERS
38	G.Vandana	Andhra Pradesh	lam	BC Corporation Anantapur	Junior Assistant	Intermediate 4th Batch & Degree 3rd Batch	CEC WITH B.COM COMPUTERS
39	Ramesh	Telangana	Khamamm	Central Bank	Award Staff	Intermediate 3rd Batch	CEC
40	Nnarasimha murthi	Andhra Pradesh	west Godavari	education department bhimavaram	SGT, Teacher	Intermediate 3rd Batch	CEC
41	Uma	Andhra Pradesh	East Godavari	AUDIT DEPARTMENT KAKINADA CITY	Office Subordinate	Intermediate 4th Batch & Degree 3rd Batch	HEC WITH B.A
42	Eswara Rao	Andhra Pradesh	Vizianagaram	NAVI DEPARTMENT MUMBAI CITY	T/Mate	Intermediate 4th Batch & Degree 3rd Batch	HEC WITH B.A
43	U.Gayitri	Andhra Pradesh	Anantapur	ANDHRABANK ANANTAPUR	Probationary Officer	Intermediate 4th Batch & Degree 3rd Batch	CEC WITH B.COM COMPUTERS
44	T.Manoj	Andhra Pradesh	Vizianagaram	NAVI DEPARTMENT MUMBAI CITY	T/Mate	Intermediate 5th Batch	CEC
45	Appalaswami	Andhra Pradesh	Vizianagaram	DIFFENCE DEPARTMENT CHENNAI CITY	LDC	Intermediate 5th Batch	CEC

The Teachers

The teachers working here are trained in teaching visually challenged kids. Currently the following are the teachers who work in the school:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Role</i>	<i>Educational Qualifications</i>	<i>Years in service</i>
P Subba Lakshmi	Principal	M.A, M. Phil	1.5 years
B. Radha Devi	Vice Principal, Hindi teacher	M. A, M. Ed (Spl)	15.5 Years
K. V. Ratnamala	Telugu Pandit	B.A Spl Telugu	7.5 Years
R. Annapurna	Maths & P.S Teacher	B. Sc B.Ed	4.5 Years
P. Someswara Rao	Natural Science Teacher	B. Sc B. Ed (Spl)	2.5 Years
S.Indira Priya	Social Teacher	M. Com B. Ed (Spl)	2.5 Years
M. Dhanunjaya	P.S & Maths Teacher	B. Sc B. Ed (Spl)	2 Years
G.Padmaja	EVS & Biology Teacher	M.A B.Sc	4.3 Years
K. Trinadha Rao	Maths teacher	B. A B.Ed PGPD (Spl)	11 Years
S. V. Jaya Lakshmi	Telugu Teacher	M. A (Telugu)	7.5 Years
N. Nireesha	English Teacher	B. Tech (Mechanical)	1.5 Years
P.Madhuri	Computer Instructor	B. tech (Computers)	4.3 Years
Ch. Manga	Braille teacher	B.A	1 year
Ch. Venkateswara Rao	Marshal Arts and Yoga teacher	B. A PGDY	4.5 years
B. Durga Prasad	Office Sub Ordinate	B. A	12 Years
S. Dharma Rao	Manager	MBA	4.5 Years

The teachers I have met seem to be very dedicated and motivated to teach these kids. They encourage the kids to participate in various levels of sports and academic events and do accompany them for competitions in the state of Andhra Pradesh and around the country.

The Living Conditions

The boys and the girls live in different dorms. Please see the pics below for kitchen, dorm rooms and dining areas: **Kitchen**



Dining room:



Girls' dorms



Boys' Dorms



Other Funders and Supporters

Most of the funds for this school is from individual donations. They did ask for government funding but were declined funding and never got the reason for that. For months when the donations are not enough they withdraw money from the trust fund. They do get donations from individual organizations for Braille books, computer software and hardware.