

# A Herbal Garden at Sri Aurobindo's School

A Grant Application to Asha  
Submitted by SAEAS

# Background



In the current system of education in rural India the primary focus is on imparting information through rote. With this limited and narrow approach the majority of children in the villages end up being unproductive citizens.

## Sri Aurobindo Educational Academy and Society (SAEAS),



A non-profit and non-religious registered society located in a rural village of Telengana, India set up Sri Aurobindo's School with the aim to improve the quality of education in the surrounding areas

Sri Aurobindo's School follows a system of education that is integral, focusing on a harmonious growth of all the faculties and instruments of the child.

Education should help children develop a body that is healthy and active, a character that is strong with a will to progress, a mind that is clear, flexible and capable of independent thinking and a natural propensity to lead a value based life.

The School has created the facilities and infrastructure conducive for such an all round growth of children.



# Morning Concentration



# Mental Education





# Physical Education





# Games for Kindergarten





# Cultural Activities



# Indoor Games





# Art Activities





# Extra Curricular Activities





# Banana and Egg Distribution



A major constraint that the Society faces is that families in rural areas cannot afford a fee that is required for quality education. Consequently, the school has been incurring a shortfall of about Rs 400,000 every year. Here is a list of students who are given free education.

LIST OF FREE EDUCATION CHILDREN (2017-18)			
S.NO	Name of the Student	Class	Fee
1	N.Hemalatha	V	11500
2	V.Abhinou	IV	8000
3	D.Saimanikanta	III	10500
4	M.Yashwanth	III	9500
5	K.Srikanth	III	7500
6	M.Rishitha	II	10000
7	Ch.Srivalli	II	7000
8	S.Yashwanth	II	7000
9	Ch.Aravindh	II	7000
10	K.Siddhardha	II	10000
11	B.saicharith	I	6500
12	B.saicharan	I	6500
13	Ch.Srinidhi	UKG	5500
14	Ch.Nandhini	UKG	7500
15	V.Goutham	UKG	5500
16	B.Nagacharan	LKG	8000
17	G.Venkatesh	LKG	5000
18	V.Manasa	I	6500
19	B.Meghana	LKG	8000
20	B.Sudheer	LKG	8000
21	M.Jashwanth	Nursery	7500
22	Ch.Manikanta	Nursery	4500
23	J.Krupa	Nursery	7500
24	J.Krish	Nursery	7500
25	B.Ashritha	Nursery	4500
Total			1,86,500

# Proposal to set up a Herbal Garden

The project aims to create among the students:

- 1. Awareness of the benefits of herbs as an alternate medicine.
- 2. Ability to spread this awareness among family members and friends in the village
- 3. Inspire them to grow herbs at their homes for personal use.
- 4. Acquaint them with research methods, e.g. observation, data collection, analyzing, presenting and communicating and reporting their observations, lessons learnt, and conclusions.



# Project Requirements

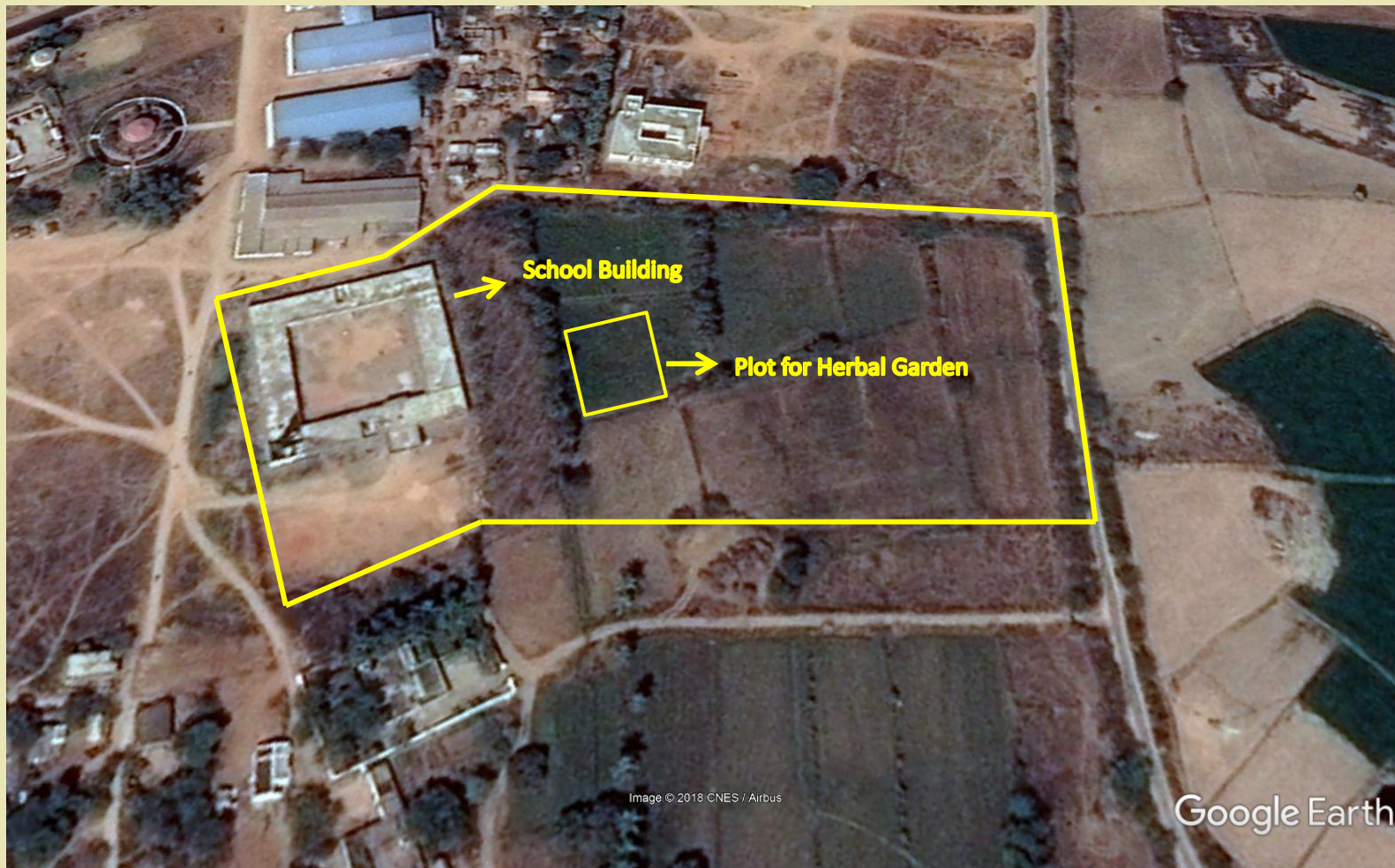
- Preparation of a 500 sq m field.
- Setting up a water line system to irrigate the field.
- Acquiring seedlings or seeds of the medicinal plants.
- Appointing a part time consultant of herbal medicines.
- Appointing a teacher to anchor the project.
- Appointing a gardener to maintain the garden.



# Project Details

- Period – June 2018 to April 2019
- Number of Students Involved – 50
- Age Group - Grade 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>
- Time Commitment – 3 Periods a Week
- Students' Responsibilities – Helping in planting, labeling, observing and recording growth, studying the medicinal uses of the plants, data collection and presenting.
- Number of Plants Species – 26 Types

# Location of the Herbal Garden



# Proposed Budget

Sl No	Heading	Per Month (Rs)	One Year (Rs)
1	Teacher's Salary	8000	96,000
2	Gardener's Salary	6000	72,000
3	Consultant's Fee	4000	48,000
4	Land Development		50,000
5	Irrigation System		50,000
6	Implements, Plants etc...		30,000
		Total	<b>346,000</b>

# Project Sustainability

The project cannot completely sustain itself after a year but it will lay a good foundation for future growth.

- This experience can be shared with other schools in the surrounding villages.
- The material of the school herbal garden can be utilized for further propagation.
- The program will need will require only Rs 1.7 Lacs per year to continue.





We look forward to collaborating with Asha to improve the quality of education in rural India.