

Report on Site Visit to Poorna Vidhya Schools in Oct'25

I am V S Sriram a volunteer of Asha Chennai and Steward of the Poorna Vidhya Project. I, along with Co Steward, Kasturi Easwaran, visited a few schools of Poorna Vidhya between 8th and 16th October' 25. We also utilized the opportunity to distribute Stationery to the school students.

Here is a brief background on Project Poorna Vidhya. We support 11 schools (4 in Chennai city and 7 in and around Guduvanchery in the Chennai metropolitan area) under this project. The total strength of the schools supported is around 1700 students. The above schools are supported by eleven Asha teachers (5 Computer teachers, 4 regular teachers, 1 Karadi Path teacher and 1 lead teacher).

I visited the following schools – Olcott Memorial School, Corporation Primary School, St Mary's Road, Corporation Middle School, Canal Bank Road and was joined by Ms Kasturi Eswaran when visiting Panchayat Union Middle School, Guduvanchery. Ms. Kasturi visited Corporation Middle School, Shastri Nagar

Olcott Memorial School, Besant Nagar, Chennai

This is a Higher Secondary school with classes from 1 to 12 with a total strength of 388 students. This is one of the oldest schools in Chennai set up in 1894. Very good school environment in a large area with playgrounds and a lot of greenery. The HM, Ms. Lalitha is very committed and passionate about improving the school. The school is also supported by a very senior advisor, Ms. Sashikala

Currently we support classes 1 to 8, by conducting Computer Science classes. the total number of students supported by us is 206 with class wise break up as follows-

School Strength		
Grade	Boys + Girls	Total Strength
1	6+7	13
2	5+7	12
3	12+10	22
4	10+9	19
5	12+15	27
6	16+15	31
7	13+20	33
8	29+20	49
Total		206

I visited the school on 8th Oct. Met with the HM, Ms. Lalitha. She was very happy with the progress of the computer classes being conducted by Asha. We agreed to support their Sports day by sponsoring medals and trophies. We had earlier participated in their Annual day as well. The HM had received the stationery items for the children given by Asha. She said she will distribute it to the students shortly after taking stock.

Spent some time in the computer class conducted by Asha's Teacher, Ms Sumathi. The computer class has been set up very neatly. There are 9 laptops being used for the computer class. Observed Class 7th being taught. There were a total of 18 students who first recalled the Text document session they learnt in the previous class. The current session was on introduction to presentation. The children were very enthusiastic and the class was well conducted. Have given feedback to Sumathi on a couple of areas needing attention



Corporation Middle School, TV Pet, St Mary's Road

This is a middle school with classes from I to VIII with a total strength 114 Students. We have one computer teacher Mr. Karunakaran who spends three days a week in this school teaching Digital Literacy and Computer science and supporting concept learning using the Asha Kanini App. I visited the school on 13th Oct, Met with the HM, Ms. Pathirakali. The feedback from the HM on our teacher was very good. She is very happy with the progress of the computer classes. The class wise break up of students is as follows:

School Strength		
Grade	Boys + Girls	Total Strength
1	10+4	14
2	10+7	17
3	11+6	17
4	7+5	12
5	5+9	14
6	7+9	16
7	7+10	17
8	8+1	9
Total		116

Observed Class IV being taught by our teacher, Mr. Karunakaran. The computer room is set up neatly with tables and benches. There are 4 laptops for an average strength of about 12

to 15 students. First Karunakaran spent some time recalling the previous class on text document. In the current session, the children were being taught to type Tamil fonts in a Text document. They were able to understand and complete the exercises. Karunakaran was able to engage all the students very well

We distributed Stationery provided by Asha to the school children



Corporation Middle School, Canal Bank Road

This is a middle school with classes from I to X with a total strength of 200 Students up from 170 last year. We have one computer teacher Ms. Sumathi who spends two days a week in this school teaching Digital Literacy and Computer science and supporting concept learning using the Asha Kanini App for classes I to V, with a strength of 138. Visited the school on 13th Oct. Met with the HM, Ms. Pitchammal. The feedback from the HM on our computer classes is excellent.

The class wise break up of students supported by us is as follows:

School Strength		
Grade	Boys + Girls	Total Strength
1	14+10	24
2	14+12	26
3	12+11	23
4	23+17	40
5	20+5	25
Total		138

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Panchayat Union Middle School (PUMS) , Guduvanchery

This is a middle school with classes from 1 to 8 with a total strength of 342 students, with class wise break up as follow:

School Strength		
Grade	Boys + Girls	Total Strength
1	14+8	22
2	17+16	33
3	12+15	27
4	14+28	42
5	19+26	45
6	40+22	62
7	36+27	63
8	34+14	48
Total		342

Visited the school on 14th Oct, along with co steward, Ms. Kasturi Easwaran. Met with the HM, Ms. Bhuma. She was very happy with the progress of both the computer classes and Karadi Path spoken English classes being conducted by Asha. Being a large school we have a full time computer teacher, Ms. Mahalakshmi, who currently teaches class I to V. The HM has been requesting us to include class VI to VIII as well. We also conduct Karadi Path spoken English classes for Classes II to IV. Ms. Jennifer who teaches spoken English spends 3 days a week in this school

Spent some time observing the computer class being conducted by Asha's Teacher, Ms. Mahalakshmi. Though the computer room is large, it has a number of computers given by the Govt for the Smart class program which have not been made operational yet. As this occupies all the table space the students are forced to sit on the ground and work on the laptops during the computer class. Raised this strongly with the HM and she has promised to organize tables and benches for the students to work on the laptops. Have told her that we will include the higher classes only after the lab infrastructure is improved. Observed Ms. Mahalakshmi taking class for Standard II. She was using the Gcompris tool to teach the students some of the basic computer operations. The class was handled very well and the students were very enthusiastic learners. Have given her feedback on areas of improvement.

Observed the Karadi Path spoken English class being conducted for Standard IV, by our teacher Ms. Jeniffer. She made the students recall the previous lesson and then taught them action commands which they did well. Overall the class was handled very well. Have again given her feedback on areas of personal improvement to make the sessions more effective.

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Corporation Primary School (CPS), Shastri Nagar

This is a Primary school with classes from 1 to 5 with a total strength of 56 students. The class wise break-up of the students is as follows-

School Strength		
Grade	Boys + Girls	Total Strength
1	9+7	16
2	5+3	8
3	4+2	6
4	4+9	13
5	8+5	13
Total		56

Ms Kasturi Eswaran, visited the school on 16th Oct. Met the HM, Ms. Sathya who was pretty happy with Asha's conducting of computer classes and other support. We have one computer teacher Mr. Karunakaran who spends two days a week in this school teaching Digital Literacy and Computer science and supporting concept learning using the Asha Kanini.

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