

Virtual Site Visit Report

Door Step Schools (DSS), Pune

Educational Activity Center (EAC)

At

Kumar Palm Spring Towers, Pune

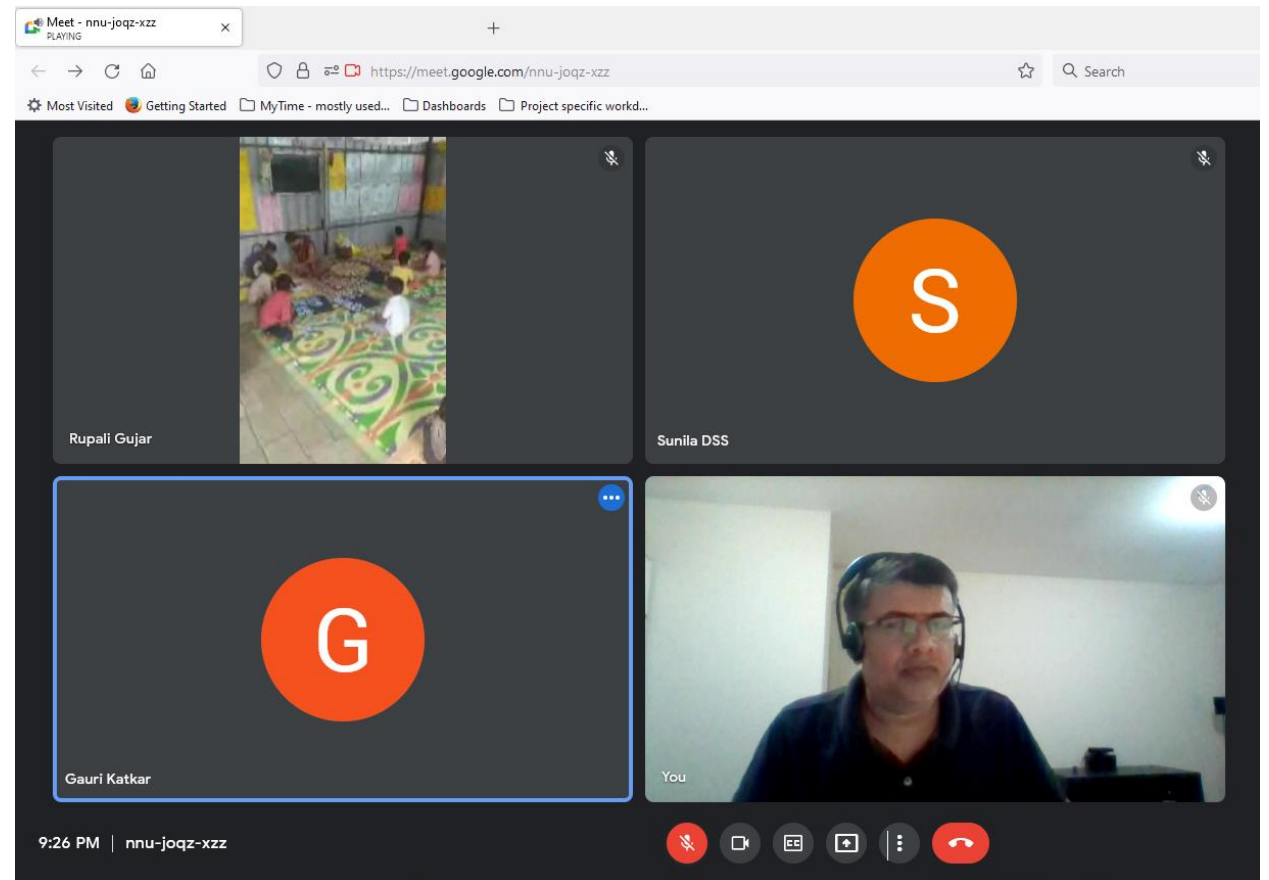
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Visit details

- Asha Project – Society for Door Step Schools (DSS), Pune
- Site – Kumar Palm Spring Towers <https://www.kumarworld.com/properties/2-3-bhk-flats-in-undri/>
- Date – Sept 21, 2021
- Conducted by – Mandar Diwan (Project Steward)
- DSS Associate Project Director – Mrs. Sunila Page
- Number of teachers, care takers at the site
 - 2 full time
 - 1 part time
- Virtual site visit google meet recording clip
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lvNjOazMGKScXZtNutgHH0lfff5nhAJi/view?usp=sharing>

Virtual Visit – Kumar Palm Spring Towers

- DSS Associate Director Mrs. Sunila Page arranged a virtual site visit over google meet.
- The visit started with welcome and word of thanks from the associate director
- The site supervisor and coordinator were available on google meet with camera on, showing the construction site, the learning center building, and demonstration of some of the learning center activities .
- Around 25 children were present in the learning center during the visit. Everyone was masked up. Temp checks happens in the beginning of the day.
- Video recording of the meeting was done, however unable to retrieve it fully. Mrs. Sunila took small clip over her phone and share with the steward.
- Additional photos were taken during and after the meeting, included in this site report.



Construction site – Kumar Palm Spring Towers

- 200+, 2 & 3 BHK Flats in Undri, NIBM Road, Mohammadwadi – Pune
- Construction site reopened after the lock down in Jan 2021
- Kumar Builders provided a shed to run the activity center



DSS EAC building at the construction site

- Very basic construction, - windows for cross ventilation, poured concrete to make the floor, aluminum sheets as roof
- As per DSS Project Director, this is one of the best sheds provided by the builder. The walls and roof material used has kind of insulation layer to help keep temperatures within limit along with ceiling fans to add the comfort.
- Most the labor working at the site live in the same premises with small sheds built along the construction site.



Activities conducted at this site

- Creche – new born babies, up to 3 years age
 - 4- 6 kids were present during the visit.
- Balwadi – up to 6 years age
 - Around 10-11 kids were there in this group
- Literacy Class – up to 14 years age
 - 6-7 kids in this group
- After the lock down is reopened, DSS has noticed that children above age group of 14 have not accompanied by the parents and they seems to be at their hometowns attending the local schools online.

Activities

- Separate corners within the shed are dedicated for Creche, Balwadi, and Literacy classes
- The shed is equipped couple of black boards, Wall hangings / charts with alphabets, numbers, fruits, animals etc.
- Additional educational toys, models of various shapes, tools etc. are arranged for physical, practical and innovative learnings.



Literacy class

- DSS assists the kids to enroll into regular school during their stay at the construction site
- The Literacy class is to help them learn local Marathi language so that they can cope up with local schools. Most of the kids mother tongue is non-Marathi.
- The learning center is equipped with separate section for library (Wachan Katta).



Project based learning

- DSS program includes project based learning for the kids.
- Every month they take one subject and build various models related to the project
- During the visit, the coordinator explained the project work children have done in this month.
- The project illustrates various “My family” and the festivals. A 2D models of family members and festive activities were built and arranged for the display.



Learning activities, classrooms



Some play time



Mask up all the time,
temperature checks – stay
up with the new normal.



Nap time for the Creche and Balwadi children



Door Step School – Builder's initiative



The Developer of Kumar Properties showed interest to impart vocational skills among young adolescents of construction laborers while starting the EACs at their sites in Jan.2021. Instead of providing training on building works (plumbing, electrician, mason) his interest was to teach children garden and agricultural concepts and skills as a part of education. He not only requested us just to guide or teach children on the above topic but provided us an area where children can practically dig in the soil, plant seeds, watering plants, and produce fresh vegetables for the labor camp. This was a very new activity for children. The site in charge along with the teachers provided step-by-step knowledge to the children. Children gain hands-on experiments on gardening. Children learn, plow, sow the seeds & observed them grow. In June children grow vegetables like Cauliflower, beetroot, Ladyfinger & spinach and which were distributed to their family members and other laborers residing in labor camp.

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Thank You