

Site Visit Report

Project: Sandhya Sanwardhan Sanstha, Butibori, Nagpur, Maharashtra

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Sandhya Sanwardhan Sanstha has been supported by Asha for Education since 2006. Asha Athens, Asha NYC/NJ & Portland are the current primary supporting and stewarding chapters. In the past, there have been significant contributions from other Asha Chapters like Silicon Valley and Philadelphia.

Student Strength - 105 (80 from Nagpur city and 25 from Butibori)



Image 1: Construction nearing completion

Student Residence Center Construction Project

In 2023, the school undertook efforts to add a new floor and a new wing to accommodate student residences on campus. The residence wing includes two large rooms to accommodate boys and two large rooms to accommodate girls. The wing will have its own staircase access and a dedicated elevator. It has provisions for a small indoor pool, which will be used for physiotherapy exercises for students with physical disabilities.



Image 2: Swimming pool for physical therapy. Image 3: Swimming pool water filtration system

While the noise from the construction is not ideal environment for the students to learn, there is also other construction activity happening in the vicinity which will continue impacting the school for longer than after the residence center is completed. The neighboring plot was empty until now but there's a shopping center coming up there soon which will also increase the footfalls and traffic in the neighborhood.

The construction progress has been lot slower than originally planned as a result of the FCRA issues which has impacted the school's funding. This has also affected some staffing levels at the school especially the groundstaff and the support staff.

FCRA challenges

Late in 2023, the school lost its FCRA status when the renewal application was rejected. The school had followed it up by filing an appeal and is working with the authorities by providing additional documentation and evidence as and when these requests come in from the govt. There have been multiple such requests from the govt so far. We at Asha would like this resolved soon so the monetary support from Asha can resume.

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