

**SOCIETY OF GRAMA VIKASA SARADI: TATTABANDA**  
**Quarterly Report (July to September 09) on Education Programme**

**Location: Upper Primary School at Kovilapalem village and Primary School at Gadabapalem village in Visakhapatnam District, AP**  
**Supported by: Asha Knoxville and New River Valley Chapters**

Here in the Kovilapalem UP School there are Classes I, II, IV, VI, VII and at Gadabapalem School there are classes I, II, III and IV. We don't have class III at Kovilapalem School because there are no students for the class. During the months of July, August and September 09 teachers taught lessons to the classes as per the prepared lesson plans. All the classes are in time, but still two weeks pending of lesson plans were there at Gadabapalem School because these students are not able to reach the finished lesson plans. The information about students at schools and curriculum as follows:

**Students Information**

**Kovilapalem**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Boys – Girls</b>		<b>Total</b>
Class I	4	8	12
Class II	2	1	3
Class IV	1	7	8
Class VI	3		3
Class VII	--	1	1
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Total	10	17	27

**Gadabapalem**

Class I	4	2	6
Class II	3	5	8
Class III	--	2	2
Class IV	2	2	4
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Total	9	11	20

Now our two schools strength is

Kovilapalem	-- 27
Gadabapalem	-- 20
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Total	47
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**Syllabus**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Class I</b>	<b>Class II</b>	<b>Class IV</b>	<b>Class VI</b>	<b>Class VII</b>
1	Telugu	Alphabets, Vathulu and 2 songs	Gunitham, Vothulu, Dwithwalu,	Lessons 7 completed as per lesson	2 lessons from poetry story and letter. Grammar	3 lessons from poetry and 2 lessons from

			Sumyukthalu, Singular, plural and 3 Poems	plan.		phrase.
2	English	Alphabet, 1 to 10 numbers and small words	Words, numbers in words and 3 rhymes	Meanings, 6 lessons, notes and rhymes	Pages 17 to 24 from text book, Sentences, rhymes	Dolphin, Olympic games and over craft from phrase and swing lesson from poetry.
3	Maths	1 to 200 numbers, even and odd numbers, additions and subtractions	1 to 500 numbers, place values, tables up to 3, additions and subtractions.	Four process, Divisibility, measures	Numbers 100000 Place values, expended and short forms, measures, divisibility.	Four process word problems and Trigonometry
4	Science			Human body, health and hygiene	Two lessons as per lesson plan	Indian scientists, measures. Air, water and atmosphere from PS. Human body, health and hygiene from NS
5	Social			The earth, solar system, eucalypts for geography. World time	The earth, water, continents and oceans from Geography. 2 lessons from History	Atmosphere, water, and North America, India A.D.8 to 13 century, Indian constitution
6	Hindi			Alphabet	7,8,9,10, and 14 lessons	6 lessons, leave letter, songs

### Extra Curricular Activities

The School ensures the participation of each student in various extra-curricular activities, such as, maintaining garden in the school premises. To inculcate sporting spirit, each student is encouraged to participate in various sports. The school ensures provision of the required facilities for the sports activities. As a part of moral education, recitation of Slokas from the Bhagvad Gita, reading the teachings from the scriptures of all religions and the speeches of our great leaders, and singing of patriotic songs, form a part of the daily prayers. Drawing, painting, Origami and knitting classes are taught once in a week to the children. On every Saturday, students are doing sramadhana program such as cleaning their classrooms, school premises and patch up work on near by paths and two

small streams. Kolatam, the activity, which is very important to the children for physical exercise and coordination of mind and body parts, is doing by every day basis.

## **Celebrations at Schools**

### **a) Independence Day**

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> August 2009 Independence Day Celebrations at Kovilapalem and Gadabapalem Schools for the children of these Schools. 15<sup>th</sup> August, the Indian Independence Day was a day of festivity. They were ready early in the morning and lending a hand to fixing up the flagpole and decorating it. And they were in their holiday best. Grand old man and freedom fighter Sri DAN Raju did the flag hoisting. . There was unison in the voice that sang the National Anthem as the flag was hoisted.

T.S.Naidu welcomed the gathering of children, staff and guests, and he gave a short brief on the history of GVS and its activities. Satyavathi, our teacher took over from him and conducted the day's events meticulously. She gave the audience a peep into the tribal people's contribution to the freedom struggle. The involvement of the tribal people lacks mention in the history books of the country and her short but concise description went down well with the audience. The children were all ears as they got an insight into the role of their ancestors in the struggle for freedom.

Singing is a way of life with these people and, the children were as usual ready with their songs with the harmony in their voices as always a thing to reckon with. It was an exciting day for the children, which ended with an evening of sports activities at the school premises. And finally all the children got a prize for their efficiency in all activities.

### **b) Vinayaka chathurdhi**

On the date 23<sup>rd</sup> August 09 we celebrated Vinayaka chathurdhi at both of our schools at Kovilapalem and Gadabapalem. Children were made God Vinayaka Idols out of mud for the pooja. Villagers, students, teachers and GVS team together made pooja at schools.

### **c) Teacher's Day**

On 5<sup>th</sup> of September 09 GVS students celebrated Teacher's Day at our schools. India's former Prime Minister Dr.Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan's birth day is celebrated as Teacher's Day in India. Class VI and VII students played role plays on teachers. Mono actions, songs, dance and Kolatam was played by the lower class children before the teachers. Teachers were enjoyed a lot that day with the children and distributed presents to the children as well as teachers got presents from the children.

### **d) Dussehra**

This is a big festival in this area on 28<sup>th</sup> of September 09; children and villagers wore new cloths and went to near by village Goddess temple for Pooja.

## **Training**

Our teachers participated in a teachers training programme which was held from 19<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> September 09 at Sagarnagar, Balamitra Model School (Dhaatri). This was conducted by the SAMATA on subject enhancement of the teachers, teaching methodology,

preparation of lessons plans for next three months. Once in a month there was a two days teachers training programme at Kovilapalem School conducted by coordinator Prabhavathi on teaching methods and subject enhancement. Class wise work review and lesson plans were done during the training period.

### **Nutrition / Health**

Health is of topmost priority at our school as ever. The students are closely monitored for deficiencies and adequate steps taken on a regular basis to ascertain the well-being of the children. Details of vaccination and statistical records are maintained periodically.

As a part of nutrition, we are giving eggs and pea nut sweets to the children at 11.00 am every five days a week.

Serving boiled vegetables and leafy vegetables twice in a week, which we are getting vegetables from our kitchen garden. Yoga is being taught as a subject, it is going on a regular basis.

104 mobile medical van (free medical checkups from the Government) coming once on first Saturday of the month to the school. We are utilizing this service if the teachers and students have any health problems. And once in 15 days ANM visits the schools for checking of children.



Vaccination



Nutrition (egg)

### **Meetings**

GVS team is regularly conducting parents and School Committee meetings once in a month for discussing about progress and problems of the school and also conducting two meetings in a month with School staff for work review and lesson plan.

**Adult Education:** GVS teachers and educated village youth at Kovilapalem are conducting classes for illiterate people. 20 women and 4 men come every day for these classes and it is a regular activity. Right now 7 women and 2 men can read and write small words in Telugu language. The same activity is going on at Gadabapalem village by school teacher Lakshmi and here 5 men and 4 women are in progress.

### **School Building Repair and Borewell:**

**Leaking/crumbling roof:** The school at Kovilpalem was initially housed in a thatched hut, and in 2003 a permanent building with a tiled roof housing three classrooms, one office room and a big veranda was constructed. The width and length of the building is 30 feet x 45 feet. Since 2006, however, the condition of roof has been deteriorating accelerated by damage caused by termites eating into the wooden rafters. Tar sheets were used to cover the building twice in 2007 and in 2008 but during the raining season this is ineffective and causes flooding in the classrooms. As a result we find it extremely difficult to hold classes under the leaking roofs. The safety of the children is an additional concern as the roof could collapse any time.

**Problem of water:** The school has no facility for water in its own premises. At present the children and staff of the school are getting water from the village borewell, which is little far from the school. While the village has two borewells, only one is in a working condition. Since it is a dry area during the summer season the water crisis intensifies. Students are trying to grow a kitchen cum flower garden but find it very hard to maintain the same due to the lack of water as well as the difficulty in getting it from the village borewell.

During the time of Asha team visit (December 08) to the school GVS team requested them for the help of repair the school building and they also consider our request for the help. We got Rs.119900/- in June 09 from the Asha Hyderabad Chapter. We started repair the building from July 09 and completed in middle of August 09 and rigged a borewell in the school premises. Right now the classes are going in the school building and school is getting water from the borewell for drinking, cleaning of classrooms, kitchen garden etc.



School repair



Borewell

### **Others**

SGVS team Facilitated for getting cast and income certificates of six higher studies students at Kovilapalem through forward applications to the MRO office, Ravikamatam.

We counseled a drop out girl (10 years old) family of Dhasaradhapalem village for her studies at Government school.

From the pronouncement of the Government a private school (convent) was closed at Tattabanda village without any intimation to the parents. Parents sent their children to the near by Government school, but they can't allow them into the classes. So these 6 students were remaining as dropouts. In this issue SGVS team member took these children and parents to the M E O office, Ravikamatam for getting admission to the Government School at Tattabanda. Now these students are going to the Government School.

We had a get together with 10 elder children (below 18 years) who were dropouts earlier from the Government school, Guddipa, SC colony on occasional courses availability at various places. Some of them want to join into the schools again. And we are making arrangements for the above.

By the end of August 09 we listed out 23 children as dropouts in 11 villages through conducted a survey. During the month of September 09 we identified **three** more girl children (Dasarada Laksmi 3<sup>rd</sup> class from Dasaradhapalem, Nammi Sanyasamma 7<sup>th</sup> class and Jooga Lakshmi 2<sup>nd</sup> class from Burugupalem) as dropouts from the Government schools.

1. Nammi Satyamani 11years old girl (dropout) joined in Burugupalem village Government school in class V
2. We counseled two students' dropouts from class IX Parisam Chinibabu and Parisam Dhanalakshmi and their parents; they are willing to join again in the same school where they have been before.
3. Simbothu Bhavni 15 years old girl (dropout) enrolled in Seethayyapeta Government school in class X

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