

# Srividhya Center for special children

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I visited Sri Vidya School for special children in Hyderabad on Jun 10th, 2013., on behalf of Asha Toledo. I spoke with Mrs. Shanti Venkat and had a detailed discussion with her regarding the purchase of land for erecting a new building for the centre. She very much appreciated the financial help she's receiving from Asha. The centre is sustaining its recurring expenses from various benefactors including regular contribution from Asha Minneosta. However, it is clear that a lot of overhead expense can be saved in the long run if Srividhya's Centre had its own premises instead of paying high rent every month for its current building. Purchasing the current property was under consideration for over 2 years. However, a feasible consensus on the price was not reached between the land owner and SriVidhya's trustees. After exploring all other available options, a suitable pot of land has been identified close to the current centre. All necessary government clearances have either already been obtained or are in the process of being obtained (with respect to purchase of land as well as construction of building). The total cost of the property is Rs.212 lakhs. Out of this, Srividhya's centre has a deficit of Rs.47 lakhs. I have asked Mrs. Shanti to send a formal proposal to Asha Toledo requesting financial support.

The centre is being a boon to all the special children under its wing, as evident from the progress that has been shown since various Asha chapter started funding it since 2006. The purchase of land and constructing its own building to serve the children will dramatically help in reducing recurring rental expenses. Mrs. Shanti has not enrolled any new students in 2012 on account of space constraints and lack of additional infrastructure to accommodate more children. Building their own campus will be of tremendous benefit to all those who are involved.



Sri Vidhya's current campus



Sri Vidhya's proposed property location