

Kalyania – Prayas Centre A Site Visit Report

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I visited Kalyania on 14th and 30th of May, 2022. On the first day, I had a meeting with our project partner Dr. Partha Pratim Dhar (Secretary of Kalyania) and Mr. Biswanath De (treasurer). Two general body members of Kalyania, Mr. Kushal Chattopadhyay and Mr. Shyam Ratan Chakraborty were also present there.



Meeting with representative of Kalyania GB

We discussed Kalyania's current and future plans amidst financial hardship during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. We noted that Kalyania contributed to the following:

- Online classes for Kalyania Suhashini Sishu Niketan and Kalyania Girls Coaching Center.
- Kalyania Mini School (Education at doorsteps) for both for Kalyania Suhashini Sishu Niketan and Kalyania Girls Coaching Center.
- Regular food grain and nutritional supplement distribution.
- Cooked food distribution to needy and home isolated COVID-19 patients. Girls of Kalyania Coaching Center played a major role in this project.
- Making of face-mask and face-shield by trainees of Sewing Training Center for COVID-19 warriors, beneficiaries of Kalyania and poor citizens of town.

- Consistent supply of Oxygen cylinders to COVID-19 patients at their residences by means of Oxygen concentrators and Oxygen cylinders. Asha for Education provided them with a Oxygen concentrator.
- Organizing COVID-19 vaccination camp at Kalyania for inmates of their Old Age Home, volunteers and other beneficiaries.

After the COVID-19 restrictions are relaxed by the local government, Kalyania activated all its academic projects. Children of Suhashini Sishu Niketan are enjoying freedom at school campus after a prolonged COVID-induced confinement. Teachers are trying their best to bring back lost harmony of childhood. My interactions with teachers are satisfactory. Presently students of Coaching Center are attending classes regularly are trying hard to compensate academic backlog.

On 30th May evening, I visited Kalyania again. This time, I visited the evening coaching classes, and met some Kalyania representatives in their main office to go over the attendance register and related documents. I also found classes for visual and performing art classes were on in full swing with large number of boys and girls students undergoing training is drawing, dance, recitation, singing etc.



Classmate Educator Program Coaching Classes



Abhyuday in the main office



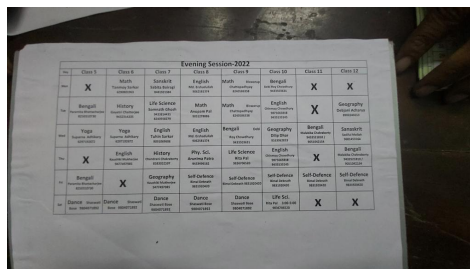
Students



Attendance register



With the students of performing arts



Coaching class routine

Other Activities

Kalyania participates in many other activities. I did not get a chance to visit all of them. The project partner provided me with the following pictures.

- I was told that classes at Sewing Training Center with its basic and advanced courses are going on as per pre-COVID schedule. Trainees have taken an appreciable participation in making face-masks and face-shields to combat the pandemic.



Kalyania Sewing Training Center

- Kalyania's efforts for talent hunt among the under privileged is still going on. I was told that poor and meritorious students are getting regular scholarship from Kalyania Student Benefit Fund, courtesy several local donors.
- Blanket distribution



- Mini School during the pandemic



- Kalyania Art School: I met some students during my visit on 30th May. The project partner provided me with some more photos of different events.



Sit and Draw competition at Kalyania



Brush spray painting Workshop



SSN students performing

- More pictures from Suhasini Shishu Niketan (SSN) Primary School. This school has been funded by Asha for Education from the beginning.



Waiting for lunch



SSN admission test



Blood group determination



Lunch on a holiday



Lunch packet distribution



Multigrain distribution

Conclusion

During my visit to the Kalyania Girls' Coaching Center, I realized the classmate educator program is moving in the right direction, as girls students of under privileged families are getting interest in studies and improving their result gradually. I inquired about the transport of these adolescent girls in the evening, and was told that their guardians accompany them.



As I come back I felt happy as Kalyania has consolidated its platform to run all its welfare activities to establish them as truly a friend in need and justifying their slogan “making life better”. I appreciate the efforts of the staff, workers and members of organization who are connected with the welfare projects of the Kalyania. My understanding of the workings of the *Kalyania - Prayas Centre* is that these people are able to optimally use the funds they receive. The demands are high and I wish they are able to sustain their efforts. I feel that they are competent enough to achieve their goals.