Thulir School Construction

Project Update - May 2018
Background

- Thulir evolved into a full fledged school in June 2015. The existing premises did not have sufficient land for building a school.
- To secure recognition from Government of Tamil Nadu, for which a building in line with the existing norms is a must.
- Thulir secured the requisite land for the school and started constructing a school in January 2017.
- Asha Bangalore provided an initial funding of Rs. 10 Lakhs based on a proposal submitted during December 2016. Details [here](#).
Timeline of Activities
April 2017

- Walls of three classrooms and curved walls of the kindergarten were getting built.
- Decided to use ferroconcrete channels, which use less cement and steel for the roof as the government insists on concrete roofs. The ferroconcrete channels satisfy that requirement.
- Summer heat and drought delayed progress in construction.
- Alumni of Thulir involved in construction.
November 2017

- Walls of six classrooms had been built. Roofs of three classrooms have been laid.
- Flooring, whitewashing, doors and windows of all the classrooms were yet to be done.
- Expenditure till the end of October - Rs. 20,03,238 + Rs. 2,79,063 on the well and water supply provisions.
- Planted around 100 indigenous forest tree saplings last year before the onset of the monsoon rains, of which 90 have survived despite the tremendously hot summer and water shortage.
- Also made rain water collection ponds and bunds, which has helped re-charge our well.
January 2018

Example of Ferrocement roof

These pictures were taken during my site visit in January 2018.
Current Status

- Total Expenditure - Rs. 34.5 Lakhs as against a budget of Rs. 38 lakhs. Only Rs. 9.3 lakhs used for materials.

- Alumni of Basic Technology course extensively contributed to the construction efforts.

- Shift to the new premises by July / August 2018.
Next Steps

- Phase 2 construction to include Library cum resource centre, kitchen and dining facilities, and multipurpose hall.
- Phase 2 construction expected to commence from June 2018.
- Phase 3 includes rooms for long term volunteers, guests, and staff quarters.
Thank You