



Progress Report

December 10th, 2013

School Location:

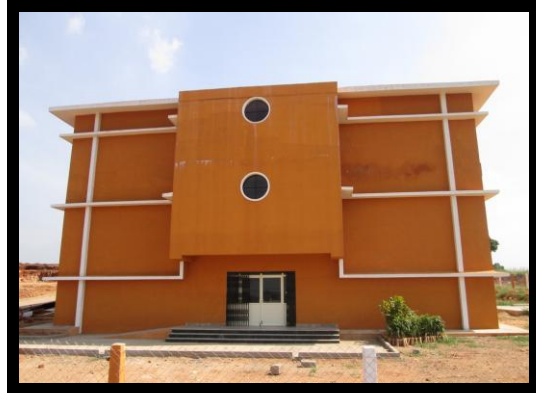
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About Isha Vidhya Infosys Matriculation School, Dharmapuri dt.

- Dharmapuri is one of the most backward districts in Tamilnadu.
- The school was inaugurated in September 2013.
- Most children come from economically weak family backgrounds. Parents are mostly daily wagers engaged in Agriculture, Construction or related activity.
- Many children admitted to the school are first generation learners in their families.
- They are able to afford to come to a school like Isha Vidhya thanks to the full scholarship support provided to needy students.
- English is the medium of instruction in the school.
- The school uses several methodologies, activity based learning tools & digital content to teach English & the other subjects, thus augmenting the regular curriculum.
- Facilities include Science Lab, Math Lab, Computer Lab, Digital Classrooms, Library & Sports facilities
- All-round development is emphasized through sports, yoga, arts & crafts, environmental awareness, health & hygiene
- Presently, the school has classes from LKG to Standard 6. (2 sections each from LKG to Std. 2 and 1 each from Std. 3 to 6). Higher classes will be added as the children progress.
- Student strength is 378, (225 boys and 153 are girls).
- 23 teachers & 10 non-teaching staff are employed.
- At full strength, there would be 1100 children in 2 sections each from LKG to Std. 12.



School Building, Classrooms, Labs



Activity & Play in Kinder Garten

Math Lab

A day in the life of an Isha Vidhya Student- Sanjeeth

Little Sanjeeth at Home & Off to School



At School



From the Bus

Morning Assembly

Yoga

Computer Lab



Classroom Activity



Meal time



Learning thru' Activities

Sanjeeth comes from Jarugu, a dry and impoverished village, 7 Kms from Dharamapuri town. 4-year old Sanjeeth lives with his paternal grandparents in a small house. Sanjeeth's father had committed suicide when Sanjeeth was a year old. His mother re-married, but abandoned Sanjeeth. His grandfather retired as an office staff of a government school. The family survives on his meager monthly pension. His grandmother was constantly worried about Sajeeth's future. Now she feels renewed hope thanks to the admission and scholarship that Sanjeeth has been awarded at Isha Vidhya Infosys School.

Sanjeeth is a smart child and has made many friends. He enjoys coming to school and is doing quite well in his studies.

COMPUTER AIDED LEARNING LAB



- Computer-based education is an integral part of the curriculum from Std. 1 upwards

Math Lab

- Math concepts are understood better when children get to use the materials in the Math Lab.
- Children get to like Math as learning it is easier this way.



Library



- The Library plays a key role in helping children learn English & Tamil
- For most children English is never heard spoken or used outside the school
- But learning English can make all the difference to their future

Shared Experiences:

*I love my new school. I like all my teachers. I play a lot, learn English and Tamil, and watch DVDs. I have many friends- **Vidul.R.K, Student, LKG***



*I can see a big difference in my daughter after joining Isha Vidhya. Previously, she used to study only out of compulsion and fear of her teachers, but now she learns with interest and seems to enjoy it - **Mrs.Madhu Mani, Mother of Kumutha Priya, UKG***



Madhumani, Kumutha's mother



Mother and her child at home



Kumutha off to School



*I have worked for many years as a teacher at other schools, but being in Isha Vidhya is something very different. The training they give us here has been very useful. We find ourselves turning into students and bubbling with energy. We have adapted ourselves to the new methods, which include not beating, or using harsh words with students, and I have seen remarkable growth in the students because of this approach. The children are very frank and open because they have no fear of the teachers or the Principal -**Mr. Umopathy, Principal***

Fund utilisation for the Academic Year 2013-14:

Funds have been utilised to purchase the following :

<i>Fixed Assets -Head wise Breakup</i>	<i>Amount (Rs.)</i>	<i>Amount (US\$)</i>
Compound Fencing & Gate	672,082	11,201
Furniture & Fittings- Classrooms, Labs, Office	1,071,833	17,864
Computer Lab eqpt. & UPS	441,682	7,361
Electrical & Electronic items	43,154	719
Math Lab Materials	98,250	1,638
English Lab, Classroom Learning Materials	50,162	836
Library Furniture & Computers	250,000	4,167
Play Equipment & Play Area Preparation	234,650	3,911
Bore Wells & Pump sets	166,723	2,779
Sundry Assets - Carpets, footwear stands, fire-extinguishers, School Bell, etc.	188,393	3,140
Construction approvals, power, etc.	541,342	9,022
Total	3,758,271	62,638

Major contributors to the above include:

1. Donations through Global Giving - Rs. 360,000 (US\$ 6000)
2. MPhasis - Rs. 200,000 (US\$ 3333)
3. Central Warehousing Corporation- Rs. 250,000 (US\$ 4166)

Major donations in **Kind** not included in the above are:

1. Infosys Foundation - School Building
2. HP - 20 new computers for Computer Lab
3. MPhasis - Used Computers for other office, staff-room reqts.

You are making it happen!



Isha Vidhya acknowledges the support of the numerous donors, volunteers and corporate Sponsors without which the project would not be possible. Special recognition is given to the following

- **Infosys** Foundation, which has fully sponsored construction of the IV school building
- Donations through **Global Giving**, aggregating \$5,999/Rs.3,60,000 have been utilized in the following in combination with other general donations received:
 - classroom furniture & fittings,
 - Math Lab material,
 - English & Classroom Learning material,
 - Water supply provision
 - Compound fencing
- **HP** has sponsored 20 new Computers for the computer lab.
- Donations from **Mphasis** were used to procure UPS for the computer lab. Used computers were put to use in the Admin office & Staff Room.
- **Central Warehousing Corporation** sponsored furniture & computers for the Library
- **Individual donors** have sponsored scholarships for 80 children in the school.

Thank you for giving the children an opportunity to learn!

