

Parivaar November 2017 Newsletter

As on 1st November '17 there are 1607 resident children at Parivaar, making it the largest and high-quality residential program for children from impoverished strata in West Bengal.

The year 2017 is also a watershed year for Parivaar as we began to expand to a new geography of Madhya Pradesh purchasing 3 acres of land at village Sandalpur in District Dewas along with a plot of land on banks of Narmada at village Navada. In 2017 it has started two Meal cum Education centres for children called 'Sri Ramakrishna Vivekananda Seva Kutir' at Navada and Ekleta – an interior tribal (adivasi) pocket. At these Kutirs more than 250 children are getting nutritious meals (breakfast and lunch). We are planning to set up many such Kutirs in MP. Also, a residential educational institution called 'Nivedita Vidyapeeth' is right now under construction at Sandalpur which will house 500 resident children initially.

<http://parivaar.org/second-front-after-14-years/>

Latest Children Data:

1. As on 1st April '17 there are 1607 children (1034 boys and 573 girls) ageing from 4 years to 21..
2. Out of them 1193 are from highly impoverished tribal pockets from districts of Bankura, Purulia, West Medinipur, Birbhum in West Bengal and East Singhbhum, Saraikela, Ranchi and Giridih in Jharkhand.
3. From non-tribal areas i.e. 416 children, the children have either lost both the parents or have only mother who is in very difficult circumstances of deprivation. These are children of high vulnerability prone to exploitation, child labor, vulnerability of being used by anti-social elements, child labour, conditions of homelessness etc.

Key Achievements

- ▶ 7 batches of Grade 10 children pass with 97% doing on their first attempt despite being very late started in education.
- ▶ 5 batches of Grade 12 children pass with 100% doing on their first attempt despite being very late starter in education.
- ▶ 33 children getting employable after skill programs with NSDC affiliates after their graduation / higher secondary in respectable firms.
- ▶ Some children also working with Parivaar as interns in important roles along with doing their graduation and being developed for frontline leadership in future years.

Skill and Employability Programs

Over last 2 years the senior batches (post-Higher Secondary and University level Under-Graduation) underwent a number of Skill and Employability Programs. Many of these programs were in collaboration with National Skill Development Corporation affiliate partners. In past our kids have undergone Skill Programs in areas like Aviation, Hospitality, Nursing, IT and BPO, Paramedical, Beauty & Wellness, Electronics a& Home Appliances, Computer Hardware & Networking etc. Some went multiple Skill Programs and also multiple job offers. All the candidates after this get jobs. 34 boys and girls have been gainfully employed from amongst our earliest batches into organised sector.

	Stream	Boys	Girls
Post-Secondary Skill and Employability Programs	Aviation	1	1
	Hospitality services	19	12
	BPO	1	4
	Electronics and Home appliances	4	0
	Nursing	0	2
	Sales		2
	IT Services	1	3
		26	24

34 have already got jobs and are now working.

Second Front – After 14 Years

14 years after starting of Parivaar in Bengal, we have started work in a new geography of MP. Here the immediate plan over next one year is to start 10 centres, each of around 100 to 200 children in selected pockets of deprivation and malnourishment in Districts of Madhya Pradesh where Day Boarding (Education cum Meal Programs) for children in the age-group of 4 to 14 will be started. These centres are being named 'Sri Ramakrishna Vivekananda Seva Kutir'.

Our first Kutir has been started in April '17 at our land on banks of Narmada in village Navada. Here children from nearby villages are coming (some from more distant villages are being brought by vehicles we have hired). About 105 children in the age-group of 5 to 11 are attending the Navada centre. They arrive at 8 am when they are given breakfast with milk, then classes follow till 1 pm, following which they are served lunch with roti, sabzi, rice and dal. They are then dropped back between 2 and 3 pm.

The second Kutir has been started on 1st September '17 at village Eklara and is servicing nearby 5 villages which are predominantly adivasi (tribal) and in severe deprivation. Here already 145 children are attending (a vehicle is being hired to ferry from distant villages). The space has been offered by the community.

We witnessed a completely new situation here with villagers objecting to children from lowest castes sitting with those from upper castes while partaking of the meals. We made it clear that it will be this only. I now feel, more strongly than before, that even a simple act of dining together right from childhood can go a long way in a more integrated society.

MP has the worst record as far as child malnourishment is concerned (with 60% children being malnourished), with 28 thousand children in age-group of 0-6 dying last year alone. We have done field-work across the whole district and have identified 10-12 more pockets where we will start similar centres (we need not buy land but will get space from communities or on nominal rent).

This is towards deeper field-engagement in the district as we are building up our main institution here – Nivedita Vidyapeeth (to commemorate Sister Nivedita's 150th birth anniversary) which will initially be a day-boarding educational institution and later a residential facility like Parivaar in Bengal). Children from all these areas and many other districts in MP will admitted into Nivedita Vidyapeeth.

We are also developing a new residential campus for children at village Sandalpur in Dewas district which will initially be for 200 children. We had purchased 3 acres of land for this in June 2016. The construction of this complex – Nivedita Vidyapeeth – is going and our Engineer is already stationed here supervising the construction. This will cost Rs 2 Crore. Contributions towards this are solicited. The work at MP is going on by the support of our local associate – Singaji Society.

Ground work for similar Education cum Meal centre (Kutirs) is being done in Sundarbans (Bengal), Jhargram (Bengal), Birbhum (Bengal), and also Singhbhum (Jharkhand). These will be started in course of this year.

Parivaar Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Seva Kutir, Village Navada, District Dewas, MP



Parivaar Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Seva Kutir, Village Eklara, District Dewas, MP



Sponsoring College Education of 10 girls from Rural Manipur

For the first time Parivaar has also expanded its footprint in the North-East by sponsoring the college education of 10 girls from Manipur in colleges of Bangalore (Rs 50,000 per student). This was through our local partner Sunbird Trust of Manipur who had identified these girls.



Infrastructure Development at Parivaar Bengal

7 new buildings going on at Parivaar Bengal in order to take capacity from 1600 resident children to 2800 resident children by 2020





Parivaar needs your support for the ongoing activities as well as future expansion plans.

One may support a resident child at Parivaar with a donation of Rs 38,000 (USD 650).

For an expected 1800 resident children in coming 12 months the annual expenditure on this will be around Rs 7 Cr (USD 1.2 million). The miscellaneous welfare programs of Parivaar amount to Rs 40 Lacs (USD 75,000)The Seva-Kutirs in MP have monthly costs of Rs 90,000 (for 100 children in Navada) and 130,000 (for 145 children at Eklera).One can sponsor these too.

One may contribute towards infrastructure. We are developing infrastructure of Rs 8.6 Cr in Bengal and Rs 1.56 Cr in MP this year. We are happy to acknowledge and commemorate the donor's support

through suitable plaque. There are several options for sponsoring rooms, halls, furniture, equipment etc. One may mail vinayak@parivaar.org for that.

A	New Residential Blocks for about 400 more girls at Girls' Campus. 22548 Sqft	1200*16989 =	270.57 Lacs
B	Residential Block (for 350 more boys) cum Dining Hall at Boys' campus 22548 Sqft	1200*22548 =	270.57 Lacs
C	New Residential Block at Boys' campus for 400 more boys 17571 sqft	1200*17571 =	210.85 Lacs
D	Assembly and Multi-purpose Hall 5270 sqft	1200*5270 =	63.24 Lacs
E	Boundary Wall, pathways and other Miscellaneous Work and benches etc.		25 Lacs
F	Approx Costs of furnishing the blocks with cots, lockers. Almirahs and Dining Hall with dining tables and benches etc.		45 Lacs
	A + B + C + D + E + F		860.23 Lacs

In Madhya Pradesh

Construction of Nivedita Vidyapeeth (School Building) at Village Sandalpur (District Dewas)

13,000 sq ft in area

Total cost : Rs 1.56 Cr