

Dear Friend

We at Jan Seva Mandal, Nandurbar, have launched an education support programme for Adivasi children in primary schools of 20 villages.

The Covid scourge afflicts everyone. Formal schools have stopped functioning and we don't know when they'll resume. These children have no equipment to access "digital classes". Servers or electricity supply are not dependable. Our programme for them may interest you (see below).

Fortunately the Covid epidemic has not afflicted the Adivasi Villages in any significant way. But these people suffer shutdown in employment and educational institutions. Hence we can freely visit the villages, organize the educational programme and provide the essential materials for our classes to function.

Our specially designed educational programme has attractive pictorial learning charts, at least one laptop for digital education in each class, accessible handbooks, textbooks, stationery for every class.

We train local Adivasi youth, majority of them being Women, to conduct the learning programme.

We can do more with your help

Thanks

Fr. Godfrey D'Lima

Project Director

TEACHING ADIVASI CHILDREN @ HOME

Jan Seva Mandal, Nandurbar's Education to the Margins Programme

1. CONTEXT

The prime solution to the educational lockdown during the Covid Epidemic 2020 was proposed as digital, online learning [programmes](#) forgetting the condition of masses of poor learners who neither have steady electricity nor reliable servers. Even if they did they would not have the expensive sophisticated equipment to connect with digital broadcasts.

For these learners at the margins Jan Seva Mandal has formulated an educational strategy to organize learning activity conforming to meet the needs of the rural and Adivasi children.

TEACHING ADIVASI CHILDREN @ HOME - SALIENT FEATURES

1. With the cooperation of village parents their **children sit in whatever sheltered place is available for children to sit without crowding. Increasingly the Government schools are opening their premises for our classes.** The standards covered are I-IV only.
2. We **use specially designed teaching-learning materials** that are easy to set up anywhere the children are able to gather for the classes.
3. **We appoint and train a local youth (educated lady or if not available a gent)** in the to assist children in basic learning of English, Marathi, and Maths. Health, social themes and livelihood topics are also taken up.
6. We have trained **3 Supervisors to visit this village learning Programme** daily and guide the local Tutor. They are equipped with Programmed laptops to screen audio-visual learning contents especially for English.
7. Our **Supervisors report to Jan Seva Mandal every 15 days.**
8. **After the COVID lockdown is lifted we continue the tutorials in the local village school.**

2. WHO BENEFITS FROM TE.A.C.H?

Adivasi children at primary school level in 20 villages of Nandurbar District learn. During the lockdown we expect the average attendance to be 20 children given the ban on class infrastructure and other restrictions on normal classroom activity. 400 children take part in this innovative learning system.

3. HOW IS TE.A.C.H. ORGANISED?

1. Local educated Adivasi youth enlist the cooperation of Parents and Children to run the Programme 5 days a week.

2. Jan Seva Mandal has trainings for the youth at the Nandurbar Jan Seva Mandal Training Centre once a month and locally through 3 Supervisors experienced in conducting such Tutorials in convenient clusters. The Programme Director Fr.Godfrey D’Lima guides the training.
3. Learning materials are provided by Jan Seva Mandal to each Tutorial. Supervisors are equipped with Laptops for specially designed English teaching. Livelihood activities are conducted seasonally beginning with Kitchen Garden planting of vegetable seeds. The Programme explores innovative possibilities for learning activities. Parents equip the children with stationery and books to write on. They are contacted by the local Teacher and the Supervisor to motivate their participation and support.
4. Every week the Supervisors report to Jan Seva Mandal’s Programme Director on the progress of each class in their respective beats, evaluate progress and share guidelines for improvements in the Programme.
5. The Supervisors conduct on a monthly basis instructions for parents on topics of education, organic farming and other socially relevant themes.
6. The Programme Director is overall in charge of the organization, functioning, provision of teaching aids, evaluation and course improvements of the Programme.
7. **BUDGET OF TE.A.C.H. (For 10 Months)**
 - i) 20 Villages have a local Adivasi Teacher organizing and conducting the learning Programme.
Stipend @ Rs 1700/- per month for 10 months:
Rs.1700 x 20 Teachers x 10 months..... = Rs.3,40,000
 - ii) Training of Adivasi Teachers with 10 in-service overnight trainings.
Travel @ Rs.450 per Training x Rs.200 for Board & Lodge
X 20 Teachers= Rs. 1,30,000
 - iii) Stipend to Supervisors per month @ Rs.8,000 including travel to 6 villages respectively.
Rs.8,000 Monthly Stipend x 3 Supervisors x 11 months.....= Rs.2,64,000
 - iv) Programme Director stipend @ **Rs.10,000 per month for 12 months.....= Rs.1,20,000**
 - v) Supervision Travel of Director, Transport of Learning Items, etc..... = **Rs. 1,00,000**
 - vi) Teaching Learning Materials @ Rs. 2,000 per Tutorial.
Rs.2000 for Teaching Aids x 20 Tutorials.....= Rs. 40,000

TOTAL COST OF THE TE.A.C.H. PROGRAMME.....= Rs. 9,94,000
Cost per child for 400 learners for 10 months= Rs. 2,485.00
Cost per child per month.....= Rs. 248.5

4. IMPACT OF TE.A.C.H.

1. This innovative initiative overcomes the lack of organized learning for children who do not have the means to access digital or online learning.
2. Adivasi children are encouraged to learn even as they enjoy the freedom of being out of formal learning environment.
3. TE.A.C.H. accompanies village children through the covid breakdown of formal learning to link again with the school system when it is allowed to function.
4. Learning skills in children are kept alive.
5. Children are better prepared to take up formal school learning when schools begin to function.
6. Adivasi Parents learn to cooperate with such educational programmes providing greater support to their children’s learning in the absence of the formal school.
7. We hope many other organizations are able to organize similar initiatives.
8. **Our Village Tutorials during the lockdown are offering guided study hours in villages especially where our Boarding students reside.**
9. **Adivasi parents benefit from instructions and demonstrations of eco-sensitive farming methods for enhancing livelihood.**

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