

BANYAN SITE VISIT

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Vocational Training Program

- To help the residents in equipping the adequate skills and application in real life
- It is an holistic approach in the form of training to engage them in main stream society.
- The main person involved in the VT program are Porkudi, Chaitali and Lionel

The Unit Functioning in VT

- Tailoring and embroidery
- Block Printing
- Café'
- Beauty Parlor / Massage
- House Keeping
- Spoken English

Training Modules in VT

- Care
- Social Skills
- Work Skills
- Code of Ethics
- Life Skills Training
- Spiritual
- Recreation

VT Review

- There is an evaluation every three months post (after) the initial training package
- There is cross faculty review.
- They have three different modes of review-
 - Viva
 - Practical
 - Theory

VT Review

- VT team has Ceremonies like,
 - Graduation Day
 - Certification
 - Best Individual awards

VT Training Aides

- Karadi Tales has been very supportive in their venture. They provide the Audio-visual interactive tales
- The residents by listening to the tales learn to understand the language, meaning and vocabulary

VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMM

- Akshaya – Partner in Madurai
- Need based concept
- Right now it is urban based
- In future will be based agricultural / rural based

Café'

- One of the other VT program is the Café'
- It was started by the Residents of the Banyan in Kilpauk and it is not open to public now but it serves food for all the visitors.
- Variety of fast food are prepared by the residents like, dosa, idli, pizza, chat items etc
- This café will be started in Kovalam also to enhance job opportunities for the residents there.
- The number of residents in Kilpauk = 47

Future Proposal

- Outreach Program which identifies has adopted the Thiruporur village as it's health center
- This health center will act as a link with a GH for the purpose of receiving / distributing the medicines for any affected person.
- The Kovalam branch with the help from TVS Mentor Mrs Ramachandran and the SHG women will start Siddha Garden for the residents

Future Proposal Cont.....

- There is going to be a replica of Banyan as model across India. Some of them are
 - Karuna Trust, Mysore, Bangalore
 - Ashadeep, Guwahati, Assam
 - Chesta, Delhi, and
 - Udhavum Ullangal, Vellore (it is only for men)
- There is going to be an VT program for the Kovalam marginalized residents with the help of TVS mentor. But this program will be less focused on commercial program. They will be concentrating in home nursing, mason with L&T, Driving, gardening, basket weaving etc.

Recent Phone talk with VT President

- There has tremendous improvement in the sales of the cloth bags, jute bags, embroidery designs.
- There has been on going proposal of NIFT helping them with designs to meet the commercial purpose.
- The Vizhuthugal has realized three kids from the government hostel and this was all done by the residents themselves without the help of the social worker.
- Four residents have got job, one in beauty parlor, 2 of them in house keeping and one of them as warden