

Prajnalaya half yearly report 2009

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Academic facts:

- CURRENTLY PRAJNALAYA IS SERVING AROUND 235 STUDENTS FROM NURSERY LEVEL TO CLASS X.
- ITS FIRST BATCH OF STUDENTS APPEARED IN CLASS X BOARD EXAM IN 2008.
- THESE STUDENTS ARE FROM FAMILIES FROM VARIETY OF FINANCIAL CONDITION.
- AT THIS POINT, IT HAS 73 RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS.
- OF THEM AROUND 16 STUDENTS ARE STAYING FULL TIME WITH PRAJNALAYA AS THEY ARE MOSTLY HOMELESS OR ORPHANS WITH NO IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS. PRAJNALAYA BEARS FULL COST OF UPBRINGING SUCH KIDS
- IT ALSO SUBSIDIZES HEAVILY TO BEAR THE TEACHING AND BOARDING COST OF MOST OF THE OTHER STUDENTS WHO ARE MOSTLY FROM A BACKGROUND WHERE THEIR EDUCATION COULD NOT BE AFFORDED.
- PRAJNALAYA HAS CURRENTLY 21 FULL TIME TEACHERS APART FROM THE OTHER STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS. IT TRIES TO KEEP MOST OF ITS TEACHERS TO CONCENTRATE ON ACADEMIC SIDES OF THE INSTITUTION WHILE THE OTHER VOLUNTEERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS HELP IN MANAGING THE OTHER ACTIVITIES.

Construction of the Girl's hostel.

PRAJNALAYA MAKE SHIFT HOSTEL (A MIX OF BAMBOO AND THATCHED STRUCTURES) WAS BADLY DAMAGED BY STORM IN THE YEAR 2008. FOR FEW MONTHS THE RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS HAD TO SHARE THE CLASSROOMS DURING THE DAY AS THE SHELTER FOR THE NIGHTS. FORTUNATELY PRAJNALAYA RECEIVED HELPED FROM ASHA FOR EDUCATION AND ALSO FROM THE LOCAL MP/MLA FUND. THE NEWLY BUILT GIRL'S HOSTEL IS SHOWN BELOW.



Newly built concrete girls' hostel (the hall with higher roof towards left of center)



Inside Girl's hostel with some of the residents

- CURRENTLY ITS BOYS' HOSTEL IS STILL HOUSED IN THE BAMBOO STRUCTURE AND DIRT FLOOR.



Inside the Boys' hostel



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- The local MLA/MP fund has provided INR 500,000 with which a concrete building is being built and the boys' hostel would be moved there.



New boys' hostel being built from MLA/MP fund

- THE KITCHEN IS COMMON FOR ALL THE RESIDENTS BOTH BOYS & GIRLS. IT'S A SEMI OPEN SHADE WITH BAMBOO WALLS AND TIN ROOF. COOKING IS DONE WITH FIRE WOOD.



Kitchen & dining area



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Some of the students (with the current boys' hostel in the background)

