



Intact Matriculation School for Tribal Children

Intact Matriculation School in Vellimalai village in Kalrayan hills offers consistent schooling for tribal children. The goal is, tribal children to be able to reach the same education levels as the children in other cities and towns to have equal opportunities for higher education and employment. The School is providing education from Kindergarten till Higher secondary (Standard 12)

Origin

In response to the persistent requests from parents in Kalrayan hills **Intact Nursery & Primary School** was inaugurated in June 2006 in Vellimalai. Then land was procured in 2007 and the school building constructed in different stages and inaugurated in 2009 all with support of Intact Schweiz. The school was upgraded into a Matriculation school from June 2019. The school is open for all tribal children. The aim is to provide good education which will guarantee them good career and future. There are 367 children attending the school who travel from several remote villages in KalrayanHills.



A child's story

Srikanth is 6 years old, living with his grandmother in Kodundurai village of Kalrayanhills. His parents deserted him, due to conjugal reasons. His grandmother working as a labourer in a Chicken farm. Srikanth loves the school and living with friends in the hostel. He visits grandmother during school holidays. He is a sponsored child. His ambition is to become a policeman or a soldier!



Sponsorship

Intact school is a self-financing institution which means Intact and Parents should take the responsibility of sustaining this important school project.

It was a happy and well timed event that **Please Sound** organisation from Italy came forward to support poor tribal children with educational sponsorship in Intact MatriculationSchool from June 2018. This Sponsorship support includes school expenses, learning materials, transportation and accommodation facilities. During the academic year 2019-20 Please Sound has sponsored 194 children to study in Intact school.



Apart from sponsorship Please Sound also contributes to infrastructure development such as Computer laboratory, additions to library books and security installations.



Curriculum

The school offers two Kindergarten sections and seven regular grades (VII) for this year. The grades will be increasing progressively every year. English is the medium of instruction and it is a challenge for a tribal child where it needs supplementary support from family and other facilitators. But most of the parents in Kalrayan hills have never attended school which poses a great challenge for teachers.

Food for all

School provides free lunch for all children. This project was initiated since 2014 based on the need. Since the children have to get up early to make it to school in time and more often came with empty stomach, bringing just the Rice cooked the previous night for lunch this project was initiated with the support of Rosenblads. A healthy and balanced lunch is provided to all children and staff on working days without cost.

About Intact

Intact, a non-profit, charity organisation, was established in 1992 by Thomas Ebenezer who, by helping those in need of food, shelter and a sense of security, is living his dream.

Intact works to empower marginalised individuals in society, with focus on people with disabilities, mountain tribes and poor women by creating opportunities for independent living.

Intact wants to achieve a society where everyone, regardless of caste, ethnicity, gender, religion, colour and ability is accepted and given equal opportunities to develop to their full potential – **without discrimination.**