

Shri Ramesh Bhai Shah and his loving wife Smt Kokila Bhabi from Houston who are in Coimbatore along with a friend Smt Jyotsnaben Patel from Hartford Connecticut visited 2 schools in Kothagiri Sanch.

They were accompanied by Ladies wing secretary Smt Kavita Maheshwari and Member Smt Rajeswari Ravikumar,

The visit was coordinated by Sri Harish Karat and Ms Pungodai ji From Coimbatore Ekal.

From Ramesh Jis Diary

We started in the evening about 2:30 PM, Ms. Sumitra From Sanch Prashikshan joined us in Kothagiri and guided us to reach the schools

1st Village:



Valuvar colony school about 6000 feet above sea level

Sanch: Kothagiri

Anchal: Oity

Students 25

Teacher: Sharmila

Good charts, Mats etc.

Though only 25 children were enrolled in our school, more than 40 children from whole village plus ladies and Village Samiti chief all were present to welcome us.

After tilak and aarhi we were received into a small community hall where senior children welcomed us with some beautiful dance (Karagattam). Children were very enthusiastic and energetic, Tamil pride speech by a 9th grader. Songs and story telling. Ramesh ji conducted a Math quizzes

Time : 5.45 to 6.45..

Kavita ji gave them a cricket set, Football, biscuits and gift for teacher.

Children go to the only 2 Christian schools available in Kothagiri from 7 to 5 pm. Our schools runs from 5.30 to 7.30 pm. Teacher is very much liked and active, she is so good that she is invited once or twice a week to teach in Christian schools. She was offered better salary but she did not accept. She is very much part of the community and prepares children for sports and academic completion to come first. Children come to study even from high school to learn Dance, drama, Yoga etc. A young woman doing B Com comes to help. Being late Jay Lalita Area lots of facilities, water etc.

The Ekal villages are off road and difficult drive, and risky road.

Language: mostly Tamil, no Hindi, some English due to Christian School.

It took more than 10 years to establish School here. They all love Ekal teaching and Teacher.



2nd Village:



Village: Gundur Nagar.
Sanch: Kothagiri
Anchal: Oity
Teacher: Mrs Babita
15 student 12 present
Good charts, Mats etc.

The way to the school was very risky

The slope to the school was very steep. Car stopped and had to go down 100 feet walking. Kokila ji and Jyotsna ji had little difficulty specially coming back.

Teacher had 3 Room house. Uses one room for Ekal School. She has a daughter who is doing her 2nd year Bcom, helps in teaching also. Large family 6 people in House.

We were late to reach at 7.30 pm

3 Children gave a dance performance. We asked them about their ambitions. All want to study more.

Kavita ji had given 2 Badminton sets and gift for the teacher, we had brought some biscuits, which we distributed among the children.

We left around 8.40 pm. Steep road to climb and little rough we made it safely.

Conclusion: Ekal operates in such remote places creates pride for culture, Nation and community. Student attendance in regular schools increases and Ekal students are toping the school in education and curricular activities.

We thank our local team. Harish Karat ji, Vishwanatshan ji, Hema Sateesh Kumar, Bala ji Subramanium and Gopal ji for this arrangement and opportunity to visit schools.

Namaste