

Meeting Minutes for Asha Chennai on 17th, Nov 2024

Minutes of the meeting held in person & via GoogleMeet on Sunday 17th November 2024 at 9.30 AM

Following were present

Kasturi
Komalavalli
Murali
Rajaraman
Shiva
Sriram
Sundaram
Venkat

0. Ratification of the Minutes of the meeting held on 20/10/2024

The minutes of the meeting dated 20/10/2024 were ratified unanimously

1. Staff Changes and Loans

Grant of loans of Rs 60,000 each to two teachers in Sangamam for house repair and vehicle, respectively, was unanimously approved subject to terms and conditions as applicable.

2. Fund Raising -Updates Maha Cements, Tech Mahindra, IIT Alumni, IITM Pravartak

Komalavalli stated that she was still hopeful getting funds from Maha Cements towards construction of toilets and for Cauvery. We are hoping that people from Tech Mahindra would be visiting shortly and another promising donor could be Rotary Utsav. Rajaram stated that he made a presentation to solicit funds from IIT Alumni across batches. The wheels of such activities grind slowly.

3. Asha India Conference Selection of Participants Proposal for Expenditure on Air Travel

Sundaram presented the results of his survey to find out who among the volunteers, co-ordinators and lead teachers were willing and found it convenient to attend the conference. Since Tamulpur cannot be reached by rail without spending almost 3 days each way, it was decided to sponsor air travel. However, those who could contribute fully or partially towards the airfare were requested to do so. The list of seven participants was also decided.

4 Content Updates -- MESL activities, Lesson Plans for CS Teaching, Mapping for new textbooks and Asha Kanini v4.

Progress on MESL activities is satisfactory. Asha Kanini v4 was expected to be ready by the end of December 24. Mapping for new textbooks had not begun yet.

5. Review of the just completed Oral Assessment

Oral assessment was over at field level, Gomathi and Rohit are engaged in data cleansing. The oral assessment data should be ready soon.

6. PR assets status -- Flyer, corporate presentation, Annual report, Kanini website, main website

Flyers are ready. Rajaraman stated that he had tweaked the presentation made to IIT Alumni in Hyderabad to make it suitable for corporate presentation. Updates of our Websites were well underway with assistance from software people in our office, since Lokesh, our Volunteer Webmaster, was not easily available

7. Preparation for December Training

CS Training is scheduled to be held from 19th December 24 to 21st December 24. Computer Teachers and Karadi Path from all projects would be attending. Logistics was being handled by Srinivasan and the other coordinators including Manoharan and the content by Kumari.

8. Updates on Govt Discussions

Murali stated that there was no problem getting permission from District Education Authorities. Permission letters had been received from Villupuram and Tiruvannamalai Dt CEOs

9. Career Counselling Dheya Foundation

In the absence of Kalayan who initiated this programme, Rajaraman described the process adopted by Dheya Foundation in Career counselling. In addition to the scholarship students, this was recently offered to RTC Students as well. The students had taken psychometric tests in the week preceding Nov 10th. On Nov 10th two people from Dheya Foundation came and explained the results of the psychometric test and also gave motivational talks to the students. Scores from these tests were used to indicate the most suitable career option for each.

10. Any other topic as it comes up.

Rajaraman mentioned that state authorities approached him to explore the possibility of participation in Winter Camp to be held for the students studying in Schools Of Excellence in mid December in Ooty or similar attractive places. No confirmation had been received on date, venue etc.