## Visit to Tribal School 2023

Education is the most powerful weapon to change the world. Education is the beginning of getting out of life's hardships and breaking free from the cycle of poverty. Giving free education to the poor and needy people help them to lead a better life. Education promotes gender equality and helps create a society that empowers even the underprivileged.

To help underprivileged tribal children our School's Interact Club decided to provide required stationery items for the whole academic year. After a long process of planning we provided stationery items to the tribal children of The Victoria Armstrong Memorial Nursery and Primary School, Kotagiri, run by Nilgiris Adivasi Welfare Association on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

We started from our school at 9.00 a.m. and picked up the stationery items from Coonoor Printing Press, Coonoor, worth Rs. 42, 258 .00 which includes Note Books, Handwriting Notebooks, Diaries, Colour Pencils, Crayons and Charts etc. We reached tribal school at 10.30 a.m. The Children with their Principal Mrs. B. Poovizy welcomed us with their tribal dances (Toda, Kota, Irula and Kurumba). Then Meenakshi Shyju and G. Praneet of Class XII performed classical dance. Songs performed by Laurent Jude Francis and Krister Issac Gangadharan amused the children.

Being the first week of school young children of LKG and UKG were not able to cope up with the new situation. As they were crying continuously our Class XII students spent secure and affectionate time with them which ended with a very emotional tie within few hours of interaction. We offered Biscuits and Chocolates to the children from Kindergarten to Grade V.

Our XII Standard Home Science students visited ICDS scheme's CDPO Office and met Child Development Project Officer's assistant and got the details regarding growth chart and other services provided by the scheme.

Children greeted with us handmade bouquet as a token of thanks. After providing lunch for the staff of Tribal School we proceeded to a Tribal Villages named Kozhikarai and Kozhithorai.

In Kozhikarai we were welcomed by the ICDS Anganwadi Teacher Ms. Prema and her team. Many Lactating women with their attended a small meeting conducted by Ms. S.J. Parameswari. She gave speech on the "Importance of Iron Rich Foods".

Then we visited Kozhithorai Tribal Village and interacted with the tribal people and came to know about their life style. All our students enjoyed nature and riverside lunch. We returned to our school by 6.30 p.m.