

Pachasaale School for Green thinking

Inauguration of Pachasaale Community Hub for Green vision and Life Skills

September 6 2017



Pachasaale , DDS Green school setup some 26 years back for out-of-school working children in the 10-16 age group, with a special focus on girl children has a current strength of 45 children most of who are from tribal communities. Over the years, several reforms have taken place in the government schooling system and as a result, the mainstreaming of schools became possible in every village. Because of this, children attending the Pacha Saale has come down in the last few years as government is doing extensive campaign to send children to local government schools and local hostels. The school which was supported by the state and central government until 2005 has been surviving independently for last 10



years.

It is unfortunate that today the government of India neither promotes agricultural education in its schools nor supports schools such as Pacha Saale which have taken the responsibility of imparting the education and skills that are relevant to the rural children.

While we are really happy about the adequacy of schools in villages, we really hope the government imparts holistic learning that Pacha Saale promoted all these years so that the vision of Pacha Saale is fulfilled. Considering the changing needs of the local communities, the Board of DDS has decided to revamp the school and inaugurated PachaSaale Community Hub for Green vision and Life Skills on September 6 2017.

The ***Pachasaale School for Green thinking*** visions to impart in children and youth the principles of ecology so that they will grow to become responsible citizens with sensitivity towards environment and conservation of natural resources. The concepts and skills will be imparted by most experienced farmers who have won several state and national awards for conserving nature and contributing their communities with health, nutrition and safe environment. We encourage schools to enroll their children for 'Green Thinking' so that it will help them enhance their personalities and understanding on the environment, health and conservation.

The ***Pachasaale Skill Hub*** is the only institution in the Zaheerabad region dedicated to help young women and men from rural areas to learn a number of skills and become skill entrepreneurs to earn a livelihood while serving their own communities. This is an attempt to prevent the much compelling migration of rural youth to cities that seldom assure them secure livelihoods and happiness. Acquiring skills at Pachasaale's skill hub, one need not leave his/her home and family in search of job and instead earn a dignified independent living and much assured economical security within their community. The training will be given by qualified teachers and scientists working in Krishi Vignyan Kendra. On completion of course, the candidates will be awarded with a certificate and the skills he/she acquires will gain them with great confidence to become an entrepreneur to secure a livelihood.

The school was inaugurated by Mr K V Srinath, Director for Rural Self Employment Training Institute from State Bank of India. He appreciated the efforts and said this would help prevent much compelling migration to cities in search of job and he also assured institutional support from for training of skills.

Ms Damayanti Reddy, Principal of a local school too appreciated the initiative to introduce concepts such as agro ecology to school children. She said PachaSaale is an opportunity for schools which don't have scope to teach agriculture.