

Project update – Oct 15, 2002:

- VIDE sponsored teachers started working in the school between Nov 2001 and Dec 2001.
- 3 teachers were appointed and they teach Mathematics, Science and Social Studies for the 10th and the 7th standard students with emphasis on the 10th class students.
- The government appointed teachers started teaching only in February.
- VIDE teachers are mainly local and help students before and after school hours to prepare for their examinations.
- The school had teachers for only 4 months prior to the exams and as expected their foundation is very weak

Results:

Out of 55 students who appeared for the SSC examination 24 students passed. 32 boys and 23 girls appeared for the examination. 20 boys and 3 girls passed the examination.

What went well:

As a result of the project students put in extra effort before and after school hours. With the school building having facilities such as electricity and VIDE teachers providing guidance and supervision beyond school hours, students (especially boys) have spent more time studying. The results demonstrate that the help these boys received has helped.

Trouble spots:

- As can be seen from the results, there is a need for greater emphasis on the education of the girl child.
- Need to curb the dropout rate which is at 40% at primary level (standard 1 to 5) and about 20% in high school (standards 6 to 10)

What is proposed for improving the current situation

- Mr. V.P.RamaRao is trying to have independent appraisal of teachers by local experts to ensure quality. Feedback should be provided to both the teachers and the school / VIDE contacts.
- Curb the dropout by making the school more attractive by providing better play facilities, science lab and library.