

Building International Support For Adivasi Ashram Shalla in Chikhale Village

People interested in supporting the Institute of Cultural Affairs India's Adivasi Ashram Shalla in Chikhale Village can share their resources and talents in which a wide variety of ways. The concept of this proposal emerged during a visit to the school's cultural program in January 2020. Many of the people listed as interested in this project were able to attend that event, others were not. In the coming months, those who want to continue to participate in supporting the school can share their ideas among themselves and begin to formulate an implementation plan for the next school year which begins in June 2020.

Task Arenas

1. **Global Classroom Language Sophistication:** Devise practical ways to assist the school faculty to enhance the English language capacity of the 11th and 12th grade students. This skill will allow the students to participate in conversations with students from the United States as well as increase their long-term employability.
2. **School Building Structural Expansion:** Assist in funding the necessary structural maintenance and upgrades to the building to maintain a safe and healthy environment at the school's campus. The land is being resurveyed to allow for expanding the footprint of the building.
3. **Annual Cultural Program Enhancement:** Provide financial and technical assistance to the school faculty and students in ways that improve the annual cultural program and the sports day events. In recent years, the programs have cost about \$1,500/year.
4. **Post-graduation Vocational Enrichment Programs:** Many of the graduates are eager to participate in training, counseling, aptitude testing and support for their careers after they complete their education at the Chikhale School.
5. **International Adivasi Educational Exchanges:** Provide linkages with other schools in similar environments to share methods and insights.
6. **Coordinated Structural Resource Augmentation:** Develop communication and reporting mechanisms to maintain responsible management of program resources and an updated social media presence.
 - a. Additional background information about the Chikhale School is available on-line at: <https://emergingecology.org/globalclassroom>.
 - b. Emerging Ecology, a 501-c-3 organization in the US whose charter includes support for the school, has served as the North American fiscal agent for the school since 2013. On-line donations can be made at <https://emergingecology.org/donate>.

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