# CSR Activity conducted by WIPS WR on 21.09.2014 at Kushtarog Niwaran Samiti, Shantivan – Panvel

Shantivan mainly caters to the needs of leprosy patients who are isolated from the mainstreams of society. Apart from treating leprosy patients, the centre has other units carrying out various social welfare activities:-

- Snehalatha Nisargopachar Kendra (naturopathy clinic)
- Ramkrushna Niketan Old Age Home
- Rajiv-Rajan Adharghar (Bedridden patients looked after till end)
- Sane Guruji Vachanalay
- Residential school for Adivasis

The rehabilitated leprosy ex-patients at Shantivan cultivate the land, weave carpets, sew clothes and manage the dairy farm. Among the activities conducted by Shantivan to remove misconceptions about leprosy is inviting school children for a camp. In the Shram Sanskar Shibirs, the childrens work along with Shantivan's inmates and are familiarised with various activities of the ashram.

Shri Annasaheb Sahasraduddhe Adivasi Ashramshala was established in 1994 to serve the needs of the adivasi community which traditionally is not attracted to education and cannot incur expenditure on growing children without gainful work. Approximately 425 students from class 1 to 10 live in campus. The adivasi children belong to the poorest strata of society, with a unique distinction of being the first generation to attend formal school. Given a choice, the parents would not like to send them to school, since they contribute to the economic well being of their families. Along with their parents, they work in brick kilns, coal mines, road building sites, farms, etc., as a team and are paid on a piece meal basis by the contractor.

Immense persuasion was required initially before their parents released the children for education in a residential school. The school has:-

- a. Vocational training center
- b. Language laboratory
- c. Computer laboratory
- d. Library
- e. Science laboratory
- f. Spinning wheel center
- g. Dining hall & kitchen with solar lights & solar heater
- h. Residential dormitories for girls & boys
- i. Assembly hall

#### Meeting with the Trustees:

REB members of WIPS, WR visited Shantivan on 21.09.2014 and held a detailed Meeting with trustees thereof for rendering support by providing required infrastructure to the residential school for Adivasis / underprivileged children. An amount of Rs. 50,000/- donated for the Adivasi Ashramshala through which one cupboard, computer with computer trolley and bookshelf were purchased for the school. WIPS, WR also sponsored for one day meal under the Midday meal project for the school children by paying Rs. 6,000/-. To support the leprosy cured patients REB members have purchased handmade showpieces, bed sheets, towels, Manure, Incense Sticks, cloth bags, etc. from the center. Few of the snap shots taken are as below:



With In/charge of Old Age Home:





### Library:



School Children:





#### Computer Room:

#### Donation:



# A MIDDAY MEAL

#### FOR

#### SHRI ANNASAHEB SAHASTRABUDDHE ADIVASI ASHRAMSHALA CHILDREN

SPONSORED BY

## FORUM OF WIPS (WR)

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