Yelahanka Chatralayam

Visit By

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Details

- Girls Hostel for about 50 girls
- Current occupancy is at 25 girls
- Girls range in age from about 5 to 15 years
- Headed up by Swamini Saraswatiji
- We were hosted for ~3 hours by:
 - Resident Supervisor ("Mother")
 - Volunteer Resident Teacher teaches English
 - Sri S. Jothi, coordinator for Chatralayams in South India



Jothi Vasan Neerja Res Teacher "Mother"

Agenda:

- ► Introduction to the girls
- ▶ Dance Recital
- ► Had snacks and coffee
- ► Tour of the residence
- ► Tour of the expansion building, next door



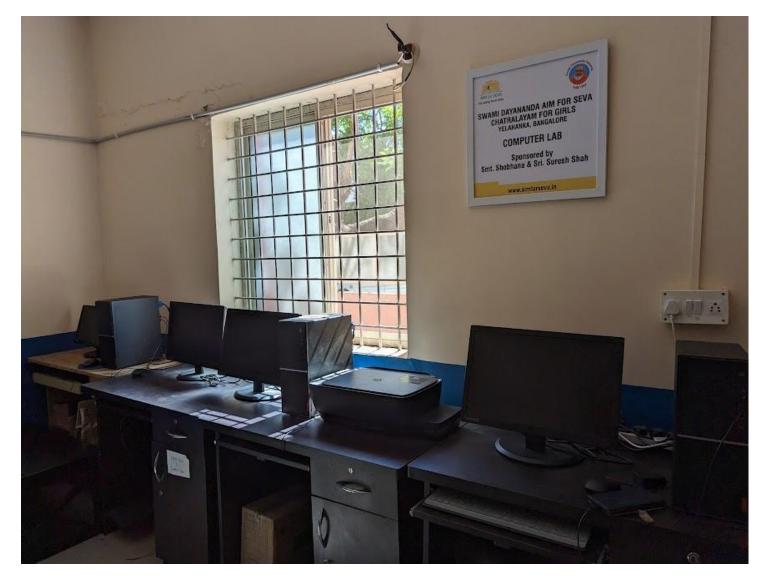
Girls introducing themselves - name, age, where they are from,



Volunteer Dance teacher had recently taught them all 52 Bharatnatyam "mudras"

- Dormitory Style
- Resident full time chaperone
 - Coordinates daily routine
 - Supervises all activities at the Chatralayam
 - "Mother" for all the girls
 - Coordinates the volunteers





- Computer Lab in the Chatralayam donated by a local sponsor
- Taught by a local volunteer



• Individual daily tasks & responsibilities (like home)



• Healthy Menu

CONCLUSIONS:

- Girls looked happy, healthy
- Emotionally secure parent visits on holidays
- Quite talkative and responsive
- Good study curriculum taught at nearby government school
- Good daily routine
- Good vehicle for volunteers:
 - Healthcare
 - Dance
 - English teaching
 - Computer
 - ...

