

July 2025: Renovation of the Government High School, Marsur, Anekal



The Government High School in Marsur GP, set up in 1991, has 185 students enrolled in Grades 8 to 10. Despite Marsur being notified as a model panchayat for the Taluka, the School was in a dilapidated condition.

The walls in the building had developed significant cracks making it unsafe for the students and staff, the roof had water leakage issues, there was no kitchen making it difficult to store and serve food received under the mid-day meal program from the Akshaya Patra Foundation, the washroom doors and windows were badly damaged, the furniture was unusable and all students attended the classes sitting on the floor. There was also a stagnant open drain just outside the school, making it extremely unsafe. These infrastructure issues had also gained significant media attention.

Through the *Saksham* initiative, IIM Bangalore, with financial support of ₹ 13L from IMI Process Automation, under their CSR initiative and Hoovinahole Foundation as the implementation partner, worked on rejuvenating the school. The entire school was painted, damaged windows were replaced, a separate kitchen room was constructed, and rooftop waterproofing was done. We've repaired the damaged compound walls, repainted them, and added terracotta designs to improve the overall look of the school. A new gate has been installed, and the school signage has also been updated. The washrooms are repaired with new doors and windows, and unusable furniture was

replaced with 30 new pieces of desks and benches. The sewage system outside the school was also refurbished to make the surroundings safer and more hygienic.

The School and the Community organised a felicitation ceremony for the donors, development partners and knowledge partners, which was attended by the Honourable Member of Legislative Assembly for Anekal, Shri B Shivanna, the Block Education Officer for Anekal, Shri Venkatesh N, Gram Panchayat Members and other well-wishers, parents and community members.

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