

MITRANIKETAN NEWS LETTER

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Another X' Mas and New Year is very near to us. Times runs fast. Festivals reunion families and friends. X Mas is one such international festival brings families together sharing love and happiness. New decisions and promises for 2018 for the better life and for caring others. This X'Mas and New year also brings you happiness and fruitful activities at your satisfaction. Mitraniketan wish you a very happy X'Mas and a productive new year 2018.



We at Mitraniketan keep busy with our routine activities and tries to fill the gap which Viswanathan had left. The Mitraniketan community attracts so many people from India and abroad- students, teachers, volunteers and farmers. In 2018 we are waiting for 4 groups of students and teachers from Sweden, Germany, Denmark and Cyprus from January to March and in July. They wanted to do studies on the living of local communities and do volunteer practices. This will be an opportunity to learn from each other and also to fetch income to the community.

THE CONTAINER BAKERY



The German Friends under the leadership of Dr Hans visited Mitraniketan Bakery, The Boys Hostel, and the Marketing Centre during November 2017.

They had a long discussion with Sethu, the Director of Mitraniketan and Reghu about the working of the projects funded by the Friends of Mitraniketan In Germany.

Bakery seems busy with day to day activities along with preparation for X' Mas cakes



Dr Hans and friends had a close look at the Boys Hostel and found it clean and keep good by the students who are 8 to 15 years of age.

Students have planted many trees including banana, Jack fruit and mango around the Hostel

The walls of the Hostel getting wet and keep moisture due to heavy rain. A good roof over the terraced roof using quality GI sheets will make the building secure & safe.

Photo: **Mrs. Sethu & the German friends in the Bakery**

The German Friends agreed to support to make a GI roof over terrace, so that rain water can be collected from the roof, students can use the terrace for drying their clothes, in addition to protecting the building. About 7000 sq ft area is to be covered with new roof and is estimated to be 15000 euro. This will be built in January 2018. We thank our friends group in Germany for the generous support for building this infrastructure for protecting the building.

Mitraniketan People's College



Students of Mitraniketan People's College with their teachers – 2017

KALAVEDI, New York supports a modern Library for Mitraniketan School

A new Library is being set up at Mitraniketan for the benefit of children studying in the Mitraniketan Residential School. The old Boys Hostel located in the campus is renovated for the purpose. The Library will be equipped with Reading rooms, Computer room, and a smart class room. The Kalavedi Inc, a New York based Malayalee organization which supports the Library at Mitraniketan. The building renovation work is over. Interior work and setting up of Library is on. It is expected to be opened by March 2018. Mitraniketan is so grateful to Kalavedi for joining us in our efforts to promote education among the tribal children hailing from forest villages.