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Context

In foothills of Vazhapady, Panchayat Union Primary school is located in Puzhudhikuttai, a beautiful village. Most of the population inhabiting the village belongs to tribes. The main occupation of local people is farming

Challenges

- Inadequate access to technology, lack of ICT classrooms
- Respiratory problems caused by chalk dust



- No access to quality drinking water for students
- Low pupil attendance
- Lack of harmony between school and parents



Leadership practices

- New uniforms for children with belt, tie and shoes-so that children feel confident about themselves
- ICT integration: computers received from donors, SMART TV brought by external resource persons
- White boards and projector screens to prevent allergy due to chalk dust
- Introducing activities like 'Be honest'; Student Cabinet; Herbal garden; bird watching programme; field trips, heritage walks; monthly food festivals etc



Outcomes

- Student learning has improved as a result of ICT integrated teaching-learning processes
- Students attend school regularly
- Inculcated value of responsibility among students
- Beyond text book knowledge, students are familiar with nature, birds and archeology
- Student enrollment is higher than last year's student enrollment

Beliefs as a School Leader

- We can attract students by introducing innovative classroom activities
- Use of educational technology makes teaching much simpler

