

FRIENDS OF SHAMAYITA MATH

Bridging India and Denmark

Friends of Shamayita Math is a Danish friendship organization that collaborates with the Indian NGO Shamayita Math, situated 250 km north of Kolkata in the state of West Bengal. Shamayita Math is a community center that works to develop a very poor area in India. Shamayita Math runs a large school for girls, a small hospital with mobile clinics, local village schools, a school for autistic children and many other activities, that supports poor and underprivileged people in the community to ensure that they have a better life.



In Friends of Shamayita Math we have close contact with our Indian collaborators. This close contact ensures that we can support the projects that Shamayita Math prioritizes, and that the money we collect are used at the right places.

Read more about our organization and Shamayita Math at:

www.friendsofshamayitamath.dk

www.shamayitamath.org

You can become a member of the organization by transferring 100 DKK. to bank registration number.: 6610, account number.: 0002874766. You can also transfer via mobile pay to Bente Hagelund with the number. 20862300.

VOLUNTEER

Make an effort in India

The school for girls, with about 600 students, is the flagship of Shamayita Math. Besides the school there is a hospital, the school for autistic children, village schools, farming projects, self help groups for village women and many other projects.

This means, that almost all types of competencies are of use, if you want to volunteer at Shamayita Math. More than 20 volunteers from Denmark have been at Shamayita Math in time spans from a few weeks to six months. Our volunteers have had all ages from 20 to 65 years. Among others there have been students, teachers, gardeners, dentists and many others.



There is accommodation in the form of rooms or small apartments for visitors and vegetarian meals three times a day. If necessary, there is access to the doctors at the local hospital.

If you wish to hear more about your opportunities as a volunteer, please contact the volunteer responsible Lise Hagelund at the e-mail address: hagelund.lise@gmail.com

All are welcome to visit Shamayita Math. The organization greatly appreciates the international exchange between Denmark and India.

STUDY VISIT

Use your education to make a difference

In the different departments at Shamayita Math there is a great focus in development and new perspectives. That is why Shamayita Math is an obvious place to choose for a study visit during your education. Students from many different fields have visited the place. Amongst these are anthropologists from the University of Copenhagen and students from international studies at Roskilde University who have collected data for their master thesis or other projects at Shamayita Math.

Two teacher students from Metropol had one of their intern stays at the school for girls. They primarily worked with experimental and problem solving math with the aim of teaching the local teachers the new methods and give the students a different experience with education.

There is an official collaboration agreement with the girl school Shamayita Math Convent School and the teacher education at the Metropolitan University College. We are currently working to get more official agreements of collaborations e.g. with nurses' education at the Shamayita Math hospital. These agreements make it possible to get credit and SU during the stay.



There is a lot of opportunities to stay at Shamayita Math as a part of your studies, so you can experience the different life and culture. You will meet a great openness for your ideas and thoughts.

You can contact the volunteer responsible Lise Hagelund to get answers for your questions about the opportunities at: hagelund.lise@gmail.com.

PROJECTS

We support where it is most needed

Many poor village children in this part of India does not go to school. To give more children this opportunity Friends of Shamayita Math has supported the building of a school in the Dangapara village. In this school, there is more than 40 students from pre-school to 4th grade. We now support the running of the school with books, uniforms and a daily hot meal. A meal that can secure the child comes to the school instead of being send to work with the rest of the family. Students and parents are taught about hygiene, and the children get a health check-up every second month.



In addition to this, Friends of Shamayitha Math in collaboration with the Rotary club at Christianshavn supported the following projects:

- Eye operating equipment for cataract operations
- Furniture for Monodeep – a school for autistic children
- Playground for Monodeep
- Drinking water facilities in another village school in Hanspahari