

MATHRU School for the Blind, Bangalore, Karnataka – Computer Education Center
(\$1,519 Total Funding) – Phase I

- a. **Project Context:** In order to make the children fit for the present demands of advanced society, MATHRU has introduced computer education using JAWS software from the 3 Grade. 30 students of MATHRU are learning basic computers, M.S. Word, Excel, Power Point and other applications which help them to get job opportunities in corporate and IT sectors. Visually challenged students of MATHRU have shown not only immense interest in learning computers but also shown their efficiency and excellence. This has encouraged MATHRU to start a separate computer lab to teach computers. The objective now would be to expand the lab facilities not only for MATHRU students but also for blind students from other areas during summer holidays. MATHRU's computer lab has a built-up area of 20x20 Feet and can accommodate up to 15 computers. They currently have 3 computers (working in good condition) donated by M.S Ramaiah Institute of Technologies and also one laptop given by Intel technologies Ltd. A computer instructor has been appointed and teaching basic computers. Since 4 years, the progress of the students in computer learning is being evaluated by conducting monthly tests, half yearly and annual examinations.
- b. **Project Objectives**
- i. To upgrade equipment in the existing computer education center
 - ii. Continue training 30 visually impaired students who are learning computers currently
 - iii. Accommodate projected increase in student count as they add one grade every year up to 10th grade
- c. **Project Expenditure (Capital Only)**

#	Description of Item	Amount (Rupees)
1	4 Used Computer Systems (Desktop Configurations)	60,000
2	3 Used Laptops for Braille Tutor Project (Not Funded)	75,000
Totals (Funded Only)		Rs. 60,000
		\$1,519