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## Not just monetary aid but a chance at life



A BETTER LIFE: Enabling them to compete with the best

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These children now get a chance to access the best of facilities.

Synopsys Inc., today announced its partnership with Parikrma Humanity Foundation wherein it provided sponsorship for an entire class at the TNT Parikrma Centre for Learning at Koramangala. The sponsorship would entail imparting ICSE education, providing three meals a day and offering complete health care and family care for 30 slum children for a year. Dr. Aart de Geus, Chairman and CEO of Synopsys Inc., said that the philanthropic goal focuses primarily on education with an emphasis on mathematics and science to develop a new generation of skilled technologists who can contribute to society. "We not only provide monetary grants, but also offer the critical element of time through employee volunteer hours and leadership programmes."

### Equal opportunities

Said Shukla Bose, CEO of Parikrma, "The slum children are starting to realise that they are no different from others who have the advantage of privileged education. Our aim is to show that even the poorest children have the capacity to compete and excel, besides being a part of emerging India. By sponsoring a classroom, Synopsys has also chosen to support a leadership programme that will create a long lasting change. Ms. Bose said that Parikrma manages Centres for Learning that imparts ICSE education to slum children. At the moment Parikrma has four such centres for 740 children coming from 26 slum communities. With dropouts less than one per cent and over 97 per cent attendance all through the year, the Parikrma Model is starting to attract attention as one that can be replicated and applied to any school that serves the poor, she added. What is impressive is that these children are now speaking in English and are competing, on an equal footing, with their counterparts in other schools in various inter-school competitions, she said. Given the right start and enough opportunities, children from underprivileged backgrounds prove they can do as well as anyone else.

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