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School on Wheels Program for children of migratory workers

Tata Consulting Engineers launched the School on Wheels program in Pune, partnering with NGO, Door Step School.

The program aims to provide mobile schooling facilities, where a bus visits construction settlements to provide basic education to the children who live there. Children of construction and migratory workers find it difficult to attend school as their parents often move from site to site and they have to care for their younger siblings while the parents are at work. The concept of a school that goes to the site is to provide access to basic education for these children.

The interior of the bus is remodelled into a classroom and it also serves as a mobile library. Mr Amit Sharma, MD, TCE along with the BU heads at Pune office Mr K Ramesh, Mr Vikram Bapat & Mr Arun Prabhudesai, inaugurated the bus in the office premises. The bus went to the site, where the first class was conducted.

The kids got to interact with the MD and other senior leaders. The employee volunteers distributed snacks and stationery kits to the children. The bus covers 75 students everyday with 3 classes of 25 children each.

The 'School on Wheels' program is one of TCE's flagship CSR projects and was inaugurated during the Tata Volunteering Week 6 (Sept-Oct), in the spirit of volunteering and social responsibility. TCE Pune volunteers' design solutions included vinyl flooring; cabinets for storage, open roof top for light and ventilation, storage space in the rear, provision for a genset in the luggage haul area, audio visual provision for installation of LED screen, etc. This was indeed a proud moment as volunteers happily took selfies near the bus. The children were equally thrilled to get a swanky new classroom right at their doorstep.