

# Isha Foundation to start English medium schools in villages

The first school will come up at Santhegounden Palayam village

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**COIMBATORE:** In an attempt to introduce English education to rural children, the Isha Foundation will establish schools in various villages in Tamil Nadu, Founder of Isha Foundation, Jaggi Vasudev, said here on Sunday.

The first school under this initiative, Isha Vidhya Matriculation School, would be set up at Santhegounden Palayam village near Alandurai.

Under the Isha Education Initiative, 207 schools (one in each taluk) would be set up in five years, Jaggi Vasudev said. The schools would provide English medium education along with computer training.

There were no English-medium schools in rural areas, he observed, adding that the initiative would tap the potential of the villages. "India needs English-speaking, computer literate youngsters. This education outreach programme will help create a resource base and provide education facilities that are on par with the global standards," he said.

The school would provide mid-day meals to students. It would also inculcate in children an interest in yoga, music and arts, Jaggi Vasudev said.

The school at Santhegounden Palayam will start functioning by June. Standards I and II will be offered at first and later be upgraded to higher classes.



**NEW BEGINNING:** Volunteers of Isha Foundation performing 'Bhoomi Puja' at Santhegounden Palayam, near Alandurai, in Coimbatore on Sunday, where the first school under the Isha Education Initiative will be established.

The teaching staff would be trained not just as specialists of certain subjects, but facilitators of the learning process, he remarked. The subjects would be taught mostly

through the use of software. The school would provide one computer for ten children.

The corporate sector should come forward in extending similar

services to society. They should invest in education and health, as the greatest strength of the country was its human resources, Jaggi Vasudev said.