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The current nutritional plan currently being implemented would be looked into and an appropriate culturally suitable plan will be prepared for the improving the nutritional intake of the people based on the study.

Focus would be given on the nutritional requirements of mother

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• The growth of children will be monitored using Growth Chart.

Growing of nutritional herbs and trees

Education

Vivekananda Girijana Kalyana Kendra's tryst with education began 25 years ago as informal night classes for a handful of children. In t has grown to accommodate a full-fledged education programme that has taken into account the special needs of tribal children and factored in approaches and strategies that fulfill these needs. VGKK attempts to impart quality education using joyful learning methods, is culture sensitive and in long term equips the tribal with skills for livelihood security.

VGKK has recognized that early education is probably the most important phase in a student's life and the determining factor for a child to remain interested in education. It has therefore paid a lot of attention and initiated a number of innovative measures for this crucial phase.

An important innovation has been designing textbooks for junior classes in Soliganudi (the Soliga dialect), which uses symbols they recognize like trees, animals, and fruits, and it written in a language they identify with. These have been developed in collaboration with the Central Institute of Indian Languages.

The experiences of BR Hills will be used for starting educational intervention among the Great Andamanese. The services of Prof. Subbakrishna of CIIL will be taken for the development of primer in local language. The teacher will be trained to use the primer. She will also be given appropriate teaching skills.