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TRANSFORM KIS' FUTURE WITH YOUR SUPPORT: JOIN KIS IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Join KIS for an exciting opportunity to amplify the impact of your philanthropic and CSR efforts. Kodaikanal International School (KIS) is eager to forge partnerships that support our mission to nurture transformative leaders for a just and sustainable world.

Why Partner with KIS?

KIS is more than a school; it's a catalyst for positive global change. Our educational mission extends to empowering students to be leaders, caring individuals, and champions for justice and sustainability. Investing in our initiatives means investing in a future where education seeds a legacy of learning, empowerment, and excellence.

Empowering Through Philanthropy: Our Initiatives

- **Scholarships:** By supporting deserving students from diverse backgrounds, your investments uplift society and provide hope for the future.
- **KIS Center for Environment and Humanity (CEH):** KIS CEH spearheads environmental education and conservation in the Palani Hills through place-based experiential learning, emphasizing the unique setting and challenges of the Western Ghats.

- **Community Programmes (SEED):** Through our Social and Environmental Experience Department, we work on initiatives that foster interactions with people and institutions of Kodai, enriching both KIS students and our local community.
- **School Infrastructure:** Your support can enhance learning-based infrastructure projects, creating spaces that transform education and prepare young people for college and for life.

Let's embark on this transformative journey together. Explore the programs that you can support through your philanthropic and CSR contributions.

A SCHOOL THE WORLD NEEDS

Education with a Global Perspective

With a rich heritage spanning over a century, Kodaikanal International School (KIS) has been producing graduates who can thrive far beyond the classroom.

The school's greatest strength lies in its learning as a community – living together in an assortment of cultures, distinct faiths and varied experiences from across the globe. Embedded in a comprehensive educational system focused on the individual, the school's commitment to quality education, global diversity, and a continuous learning process empowers its students to be citizens of the world. The natural beauty and moderate montane climate of Kodaikanal adds to the warmth of its international community life. It is an ideal setting for learning!

KIS Vision

We strive to be a school the world needs: Our graduates will be transformative leaders, caring humans and thoughtful ambassadors for a just, sustainable and peaceful world.

KIS Mission

Kodaikanal International School (KIS) is committed to empowering young people from diverse backgrounds with vision, knowledge, compassion and cross-cultural understanding. We are a community that welcomes everyone and seeks our purpose in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

A range of scholarships, based on both merit and need, are a strategic tool for KIS to recruit and retain talented students from socio-economic backgrounds that would otherwise make our education unaffordable. Scholarships serve as more than just financial aid; they are gateways to opportunity, leveling the playing field for students from all backgrounds. These awards provide essential support for students aspiring to pursue an education at KIS, easing the financial burden associated with tuition, fees, and other expenses.

At KIS, we recognize our responsibility to the broader community and have made provisions to support the education of students from diverse countries and varying socio-economic backgrounds. Supported by philanthropic contributions, we allocate a substantial percentage of our financial income to financial aid and scholarships. These scholarships are vital tools for promoting diversity and inclusion within our school. By offering financial support to students from underrepresented or marginalized groups, our scholarships not only facilitate access to KIS education but also help create a diverse and inclusive learning environment.

Named Scholarships

Donors who wish to establish a named scholarship at KIS are expected to fund at least 75% to 100% of the annual costs for tuition and boarding for a minimum period of 10 years. KIS scholarships may cover part or all of the tuition fees, while the recipient is generally expected to pay the development fee. However, in exceptional cases of severe socio-economic need combined with high academic merit, the scholarship may also include the development fee. Typically, scholarships are awarded to new students entering Grades 9, 10, or 11, and donors must commit to a scholarship gift lasting two, three, or four years. The chart below illustrates the projected scholarship requirements based on the year of entry.



IRINA

KIS is something out of this world. As an International Baccalaureate student, I've been immersed not only in rigorous academics but also in a wealth of **ENRICHING EXPERIENCES**. This is a school that prioritizes well-rounded development, offering many extra-curricular activities for every passion and interest.

But it doesn't stop there. KIS truly brings education to life with its adventure-filled hiking trips and a vibrant multicultural environment that fosters **GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES**. The friendships and cultural insights I've gained here are priceless.

KIS is more than a school; it's a **TRANSFORMATIVE JOURNEY**.

Class of 2025
Russia

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Named Scholarship Requirements

Annual full Scholarships for one student (INR/USD)*	AY 24/25	AY 25/26	Total over two years	Total over four years
Grades 9 and 10	INR 14,27,000 USD 17,000	INR 15,69,000 USD 18,800		INR 73,16,400 USD 87,300
Grades 11 and 12	INR 17,00,000 USD 20,300	INR 18,70,000 USD 22,300	INR 35,70,000 USD 42,600	

*Assuming an annual increase of 10% in fees.

General Scholarship Fund

Donors can contribute to the school’s pooled Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships to students meeting specific criteria. Contributions of any size are welcomed and directly support the educational opportunities for eligible students.



DIVYA

My time at KIS was nothing short of transformative. Beyond academic excellence, KIS fosters a culture of **CURIOSITY** and **UNDERSTANDING**. The supportive faculty encourages us to question and comprehend the relevance of knowledge in our lives. The vibrant community embraces diverse cultures, and adventurous experiences like hiking forge lifelong friendships. KIS goes beyond the classroom, shaping us into independent, culturally aware individuals ready to conquer the world.

Class of 2024
India



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KIS CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND HUMANITY

Located in the Palani Hills—a biodiversity hotspot in the southern Western Ghats— The Kodaikanal International School (KIS) Center for Environment and Humanity (CEH) is dedicated to fostering environmental awareness, education, and action in Kodaikanal and its surrounding communities. We aim to engage students, local residents, visitors, and decision-makers in understanding the unique ecology of the Palani Hills, the threats it faces, and the sustainability practices necessary for local and global environmental protection. The Center offers experiential learning programs, research opportunities, and leads community-driven conservation projects, all designed to develop practical solutions to pressing environmental issues.

Several projects are currently in the pipeline, with substantial multi-crore capital costs being scoped by appointed architects and planning teams. Your support for these projects would be invaluable. Please note that donations are restricted, meaning funds can only be used for purposes specified by donors.



Kodaikanal International School

**Center for
Environment
and Humanity**



Infrastructure Project

We plan to enhance the KIS Center for Environment and Humanity (KIS CEH) at Swedish Hill with a focus on transforming it into a world-class environmental research and education facility. Key components include major renovations to the existing heritage building and minimal new construction designed to improve both sustainability and functionality.

We are prioritizing environmentally-focused and student-centered infrastructure improvements to create a campus that is self-sufficient. Beyond serving as a hub for learning and collaboration, the campus will function as a living demonstration of sustainable building and land management, showcasing energy, water, and waste independence in Kodaikanal.

The upgraded facility will feature a visitor center, indoor and outdoor learning spaces, an environmental science lab, a conference hall, and accommodation for up to 40 students.

In addition, the outdoor space will include the following:

- An outdoor exhibit on biodiversity conservation and innovative sustainable technologies.
- Showcase of solar technologies including conventional solar photovoltaics above auditorium, cafeteria and on solar gazebos, solar BIPV skylights above visitors' center/reception, solar site lighting.
- Eco-friendly pavers for walking trails and driveways/ parking.
- Zero energy natural waste-water treatment and re-use system.

- Eco-friendly storm water management including bio-swales, ponds and sumps.
- Vegetation and landscaping that demonstrates local land-use including shola forests, farms, and orchards.

Total Projected Cost: Rs 12 Cr
(Approx. USD 1,500,000)

Please see the specific projects requiring funding in the next section.

This estimate includes costs for building renovations, internal fixtures, and technology. Please note that the final costing will be provided upon completion of the technical design phase.

Rendering of the outdoor space of the new KIS Center for Environment and Humanity.





Renderings of the outdoor spaces of the new KIS Center for Environment and Humanity.



Renderings of some of the indoor spaces.



Renewable Technologies

The installation of solar photovoltaic panels above the auditorium and cafeteria, along with solar gazebos and solar-integrated skylights at the visitor center, will showcase renewable energy solutions in action. These technologies will not only reduce the campus's carbon footprint but also serve as a model of sustainable energy use for the community. The natural wastewater treatment and reuse system will further minimize environmental impact, providing a live demonstration of how to manage resources efficiently and sustainably, contributing to environmental protection.

Projected Cost: Rs. 92 Lakhs
(Approx. USD 110,000)

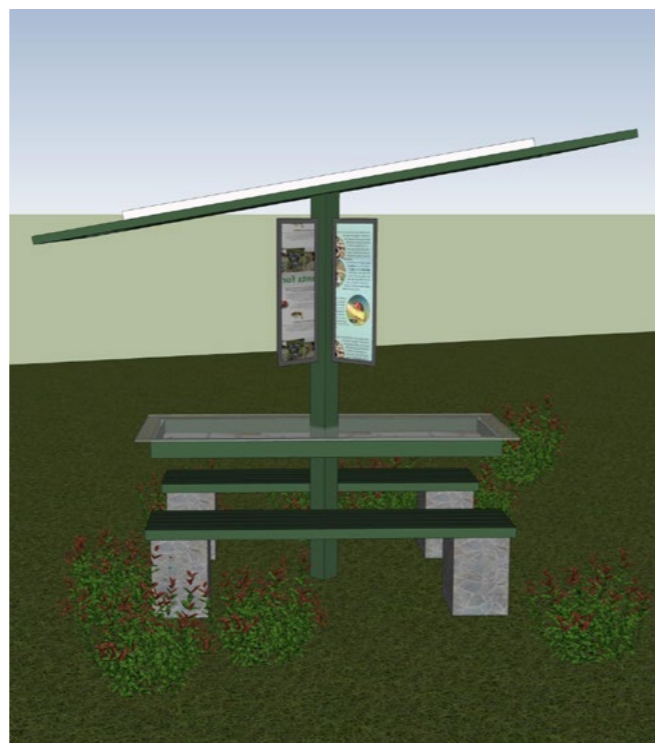
Solar Energy Technology:
Rs. 69.5 Lakhs (Approx. \$83,000)

Circular Water Technology:
Rs. 22.5 Lakhs (Approx. \$27,000)

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*Circular Water Technology Reference Picture:
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Solar Technology Reference Picture: For illustration purposes only.

Biodiversity Research and Learning

These spaces will be the heart of learning at CEH and will include an environmental science lab, biodiversity exhibits and training rooms, and a library. It will enable CEH to host deep dive workshops and courses that empower students and the local community. The library will provide access to valuable research, and the biodiversity exhibit will serve as an interactive space for learning about the rich flora and fauna of the region, promoting conservation awareness. The science lab will be a hub for hands-on environmental research and experimentation providing practical skills and contributing to ongoing conservation efforts in the Palani Hills.

Projected Cost: Rs. 52 Lakhs
(Approx. USD 62,000)

Environmental Science Lab:
Rs. 12 Lakhs (Approx. \$14,000)

**Biodiversity Exhibits, Library, and
Training Rooms:**
Rs. 40 Lakhs (Approx. \$48,000)

This estimate includes costs for building renovations, internal fixtures, and technology. Please note that the final costing will be provided upon completion of the technical design phase.



*Biodiversity Exhibits, Library, and Training Rooms Initial Renderings.
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Indian Climate Experience

KIS CEH has crafted the Indian Climate Experience, a comprehensive and immersive exhibition that weaves together science, culture, civic engagement, and technology. This experience is designed to deepen students' understanding of the profound impacts of climate change, both globally and specifically in Kodaikanal. Through interactive exhibits, immersive displays, and thought-provoking installations, the Indian Climate Experience showcases the progress and lessons learned from climate action in the Palani Hills, India, and beyond. Highlights include "Life in a Forest," featuring camera trap footage of local wildlife, and a bicycle-powered wind turbine that demonstrates alternative energy. The exhibit will be housed on the ground floor of KIS CEH, a 2,200-square-foot open-concept space.

The space will feature 19 interactive exhibits. Here are a few examples of the topics for these exhibits:

- Welcome video:** The Palani Hills. This video is designed to immerse visitors in the exhibit, and set the context for the Indian Climate Experience with community consultation outputs, drone footage and a welcome animation.
- Captured Carbon Exhibit:** To demonstrate how different elements retain heat through large shatter-proof glass jars, a sun lamp, thermometers. This will be communicated through touch and feel, a small science experiment.
- Slices of Soil Exhibit:** To demonstrate the concept of fast carbon, and how soil is connected to the mitigation and adaptation of carbon emissions through the cycle of carbon sequestration, tree felling and burning, and grasslands.
- Biodiversity & Climate Change Exhibit:** To connect the biodiversity of the Palani Hills to the mitigation of climate change, and to get the visitors to feel what it is like to be in a forest.
- Life in a Forest:** To connect the biodiversity of the Palani Hills to the mitigation of climate change. To understand natural environments without human presence or intervention.
- Birds and Biodiversity:** To make visitors aware about birds as a key indicator of healthy ecosystems. The exhibit will encourage visitors to support endemic bird populations through small acts like plating native trees and keeping bird baths at home.
- "Your community needs all of you!" Exhibit:** To demonstrate the power of collaboration and community efforts through a short collaborative game.

To experience the 3D rendering of the Indian Climate Experience, please [click here](#).

Projected Cost: Rs 2.6 Cr
(Approx. USD 310,000)

This estimate includes costs for materials, labor, transportation, and production of the exhibition.



3D rendering of the Indian Climate Experience.



Exhibit examples of the Indian Climate Experience.



Junior Naturalist Action Network (J-NAN)

The Junior Naturalist Action Network (J-NAN) selects 50 students annually from Kodaikanal and its surrounding areas who aspire to higher education and careers in sustainability, conservation, or environmental science. This program specifically targets students from government and government-aided schools, with the aim of fostering a prosperous future for Kodaikanal by nurturing knowledgeable and skilled local youth. Over a 23-week certificate course each academic year, J-NAN equips students with the knowledge and skills to become environmental champions within their communities, preparing them to lead sustainable initiatives and projects. We are currently actively seeking support for the JNAN Class of 2026 (2025-26 Academic Year).

Annual Budget Requirement:

Rs 20 Lakhs (Approx. USD 24,000)

This budget is allocated to cover scientific tools and equipment, workshops, field trips, guest speakers, educational materials, and student activities.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Through our Social and Environmental Experience (SEED) department, KIS actively engages in initiatives that foster meaningful interactions between our students and the Kodai community, mutually enriching both parties. By integrating real-world experiences, the KIS Social Experience program blends comprehensive classroom teaching with a variety of community-oriented programs and activities. Participating in this program not only helps our students engage thoughtfully with others and respect the natural world, it also prepares them to be responsible local and global citizens.

These activities contribute significantly to the local community by:

- Improving educational facilities within the community: Enhancing learning environments that benefit local children, fostering a better educational infrastructure.
- Establishing and implementing education and outreach programs at government-aided schools: These programs offer development training in spoken English, computer skills, visual arts, public health, and physical education, which raise the educational standards and opportunities for local students.
- Providing vocational training to young people from hill communities: This training equips local youth with practical skills that enhance their livelihood potential, promoting economic development and sustainability in their communities.

Annual Budget Requirement per program:

Rs 15 Lakhs (Approx. USD 18,000)

This budget is allocated to cover scientific tools and equipment, workshops, field trips, guest speakers, educational materials, and student activities.

Please reach out to us for details on each of these projects, which are designed to align with the academic priorities and available funding for each year.



SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

The KIS Strategic Master Plan 2030 is designed to guide the planning, ideation, and management of our buildings and spaces for the next decade. This framework supports strategic growth in alignment with our mission and vision. The campus master plan is a phased approach to develop the school's major facilities over a 10-year period. The plan:

- Acknowledges our school's unique attributes and the vital role played by our history, character, and guiding principles;
- Recognizes that the most cherished memories of our graduates happen "in places and spaces," and that how we create those places and spaces is central to our identity;
- Responds to the challenges of climate change, providing a structured approach to our commitment to addressing and adapting to these changes.

The school requires funding to sustain and upgrade our marquee assets and to equip them with world-class facilities. Several projects are currently in the pipeline, with substantial multi-crore capital costs being scoped by appointed architects and planning teams. Your support for these projects would be invaluable. Please note that donations are restricted, meaning funds can only be used for purposes specified by donors.

Naming Opportunities:

KIS offers naming opportunities to recognize exceptional philanthropic contributions that honor the school's heritage and legacy. Facilities and spaces can be named in a way that aligns with the overall mission, vision, and values of KIS. These opportunities allow donors to leave a lasting mark on our community and support our goals by directly linking their legacy to our educational environment. Prospective donors are encouraged to consult with us to explore how their support can be commemorated in a manner that best fits their intentions and the strategic needs of the school.



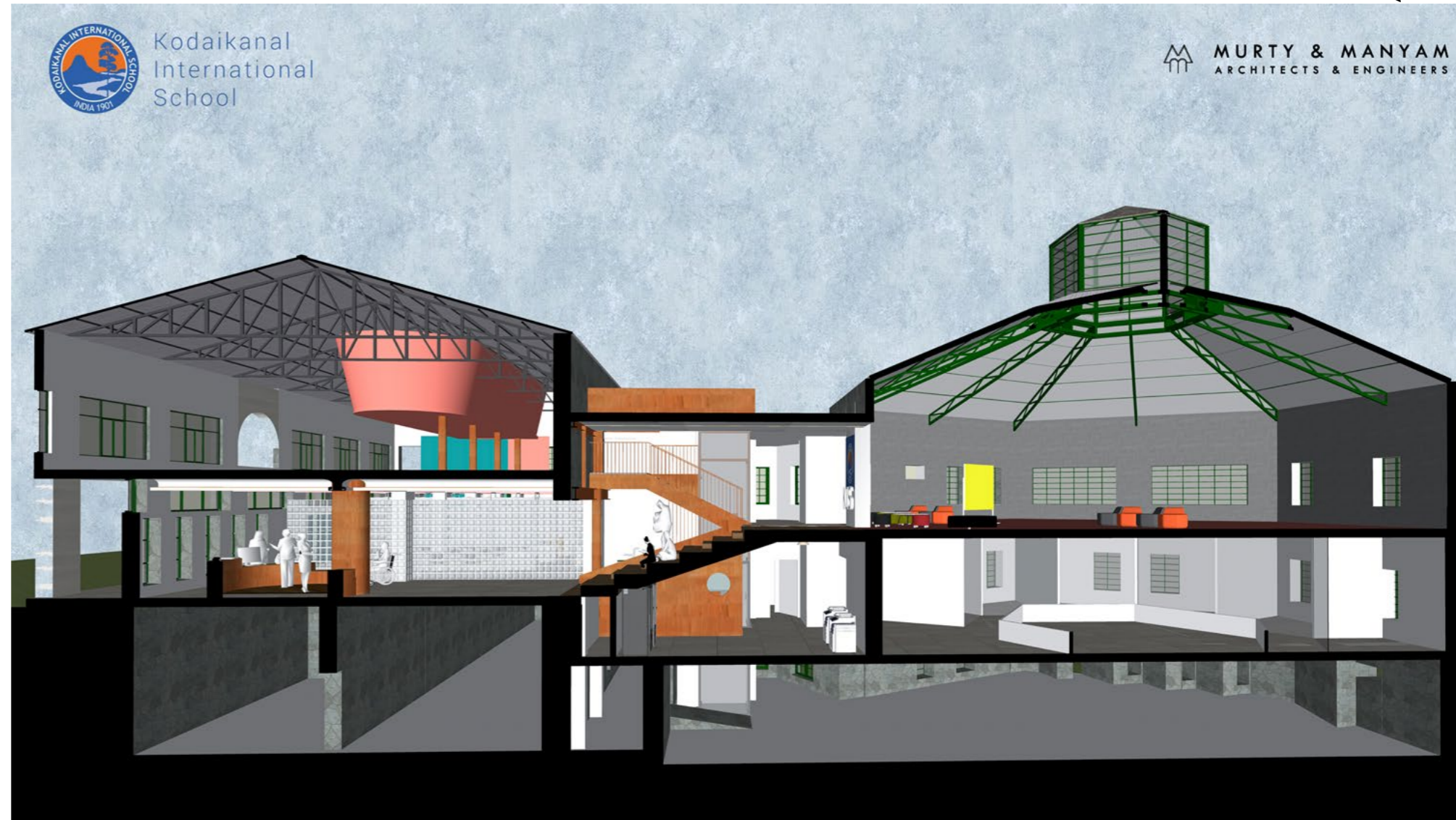
Center for Learning Excellence

The School is planning significant upgrades to the Library and its learning resources to enhance our students' learning opportunities. We aim to redevelop the existing facilities in the Library Block and the Business Center/IT Block to establish a state-of-the-art Center for Learning Excellence. This new facility will be designed as a welcoming and flexible multi-user space suitable for all categories of students and staff. It will feature world-class technology and equipment to support innovation, research, learning, skills development, training, and the sharing of best practices.

Construction is scheduled to begin on-site in January 2025, with completion targeted for March 2026 to coincide with KIS's 125th anniversary.

This new facility will include:

- **AI and Digital Design Lab:** A cutting-edge space for exploring artificial intelligence and digital design.
- **Makerspace:** An area for hands-on creation, prototyping, and innovation.
- **Media Communication Hub:** A versatile space for media creation equipped with advanced technology and flexible design.
- **Library:** A resource-rich environment for research, study, and collaborative work.
- **Extended Reality (XR) Space:** A versatile area for immersive learning, virtual field trips, and interactive simulations.
- **Learning Lounge:** A comfortable space for relaxation, informal learning, and reflection.



Initial rendering of the new Center for Learning for Excellence.

AI and Digital Design Lab

The AI and Digital Design lab at Kodaikanal International School (KIS) is envisioned as a cutting-edge facility dedicated to advancing research and development in artificial intelligence and digital design. This state-of-the-art lab will serve as a hub for computational experiments and collaborative work, offering students hands-on experience in these rapidly evolving fields. By integrating advanced digital tools and technologies, the lab will effectively bridge classroom learning with real-world applications, showcasing the practical transformation of theoretical knowledge. This initiative aims to prepare students for future academic and professional endeavors while fostering a deep passion for technology, innovation, and digital creativity.

Requirements:

- **Strong Networking Infrastructure:** Reliable and high-speed internet, including wireless connectivity, to support seamless digital operations.
- **Adequate Cooling Systems:** Efficient cooling systems to manage the heat generated by high-performance equipment.
- **Experimentation Area:** Designated spaces for running experiments and testing AI models.
- **Collaboration Spaces:** Areas for group meetings, discussions, and collaborative projects to encourage teamwork and innovation.
- **Flexible Layout:** Configurable workspaces to adapt to different research needs and team sizes.

- **Classroom Space:** A dedicated classroom area within the lab, equipped with video and conferencing tools, separate from the main lab area.
- **High-Performance Computing:** Space for 1-2 computers with powerful processors for handling large data sources and a server with substantial memory.

Design Considerations:

- **Flexibility:** The lab will be designed to adapt to various research needs and team sizes, ensuring versatility in its use.
- **Future Expansion:** Provisions will be made for potential future expansions and technological upgrades, ensuring the lab remains at the forefront of technological advancements.

Projected Cost:

Rs 1.6 Cr (Approx. USD 190,000)

This estimate includes costs for building renovations, internal fixtures, and technology. Please note that the final costing will be provided upon completion of the technical design phase.



AI and Digital Design Lab. Reference image only.

Makerspace

The Makerspace at Kodaikanal International School (KIS) will be a dynamic and collaborative environment designed to foster hands-on learning, experimentation, and innovation. This space will be equipped with tools and resources to support the creation of projects, prototypes, and designs across various disciplines. The Makerspace will consist of two distinct areas: the Ideation Space and the Prototype and Fabrication Lab.

- **Ideation Space:** A collaborative area where students and faculty can brainstorm, conceptualize, and develop new ideas. It will support the initial stages of the design process, encouraging creativity and problem-solving.
- **Prototype and Fabrication Lab:** A specialized area where students can create, test, and refine prototypes of their designs and ideas. It will facilitate the fabrication of physical models and components, supporting practical application of concepts.

Prototype and Fabrication Lab Requirements:

- **Design and Assembly Tables:** Surfaces equipped with tools and storage for working on prototypes.
- **Storage/Display Spaces:** For tools and equipment such as 3D printers, laser cutters, CNC machines, and carpentry tools (drills, saws, etc.).

Ideation Space Requirements:

- **Collaborative and Creative Work Areas:** Whiteboards/Chalkboards/Pin-up Walls for sketching ideas and brainstorming. Flexible seating and tables arranged to facilitate group discussions and collaborative work.
- **Interactive Displays:** Screens and projectors for sharing presentations during brainstorming sessions.

Design Considerations:

- **Flexibility:** These spaces will be adaptable to various types of projects and design processes.
- **Collaboration:** The layout will be designed to facilitate teamwork and idea sharing.

Projected Cost:

Rs. 2.56 Cr (Approx. USD 305,000)

This estimate includes costs for building renovations, internal fixtures, and technology. Please note that the final costing will be provided upon completion of the technical design phase.



Ideation Space. Reference image only.



Maker Space. Reference image only.

Media and Communication Hub

The Communication Hub/Media Center is envisioned as a dynamic and versatile space that fosters creativity, collaboration, and innovation. This space will serve as a central point for students, staff, and faculty to engage with various forms of media, technology, and communication tools.

This space fulfills several key objectives. Multifunctionality is paramount; the space should support a variety of uses, including individual work, group collaboration, media production, presentations, and small events. Technology Integration is essential, with the incorporation of cutting-edge technology to facilitate media creation, communication, and learning. Flexibility and adaptability are crucial, requiring the design of spaces that can be easily reconfigured to accommodate different activities and evolving needs.

The Spaces

- Film/Photography Classroom
- Video Conferencing and 1:1, 2:1, and 4:1 Recording Studios
- Campfire space/Classroom
- Watering Hole

Film/Photography Classroom:

The Film/Photography Classroom is a specialized space designed to facilitate high-quality photography and video recording with professional-grade equipment and optimal acoustics. This room will be equipped with a seamless green screen backdrop, to superimpose various backgrounds and effects during video production.

The Film/Photography Classroom is intended to be a versatile and professional environment that empowers students, faculty, and staff to create high-quality video content and photography for a variety of purposes, from the school yearbook and educational videos to promotional materials. Its

design will prioritize ease of use, flexibility, and the highest standards of production quality.

Video Conferencing and 1:1, 2:1, and 4:1 Recording Studios

Three recording spaces are dedicated room designed to facilitate intimate and high-quality audio and video recordings, ideal for interviews, podcasts, vlogs, music recordings, content creation and recordings for IB submissions (languages). This space will be equipped with professional-grade recording equipment, acoustically treated to ensure the best possible sound quality, and designed for comfort and ease of use. These rooms will frequently double as multi-use spaces for small meetings and video conferences.

Campfire Space/Classroom

The Campfire Space is a unique and inviting area designed to facilitate informal gatherings, storytelling sessions, brainstorming meetings, and collaborative discussions. This space aims to recreate the warmth and intimacy of a traditional campfire setting, fostering open communication and creative exchange among participants. This space will generally serve as a classroom and should seat 20 people.

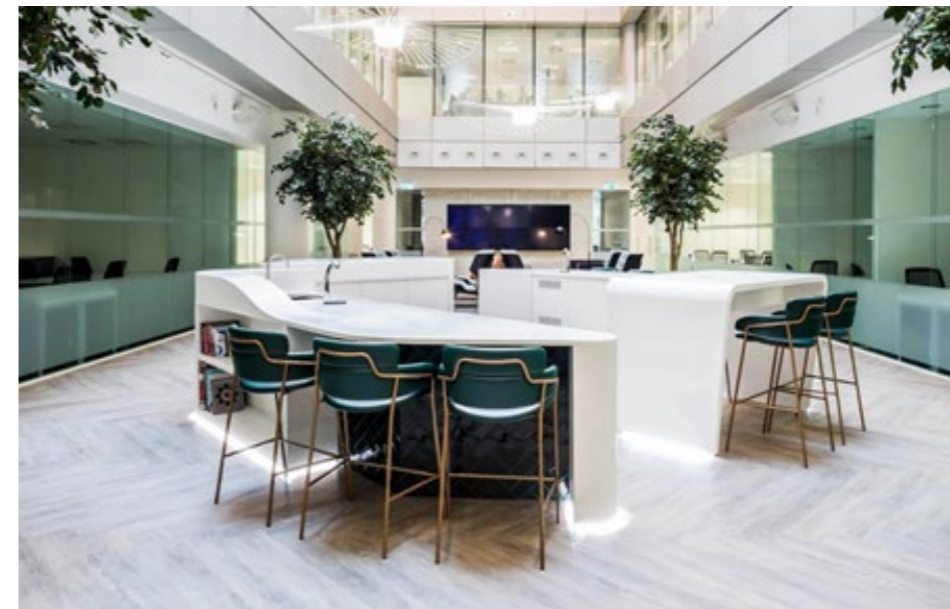
Watering Hole

A watering hole space in a workspace is a designated area designed to encourage informal interactions, spontaneous conversations, and social networking among students and staff. Inspired by the concept of a natural gathering spot where individuals come together, a watering hole space aims to facilitate casual encounters and foster a sense of community. This space will be located in the center of the Communication Hub/Media Center to maximize its use and impact.

Projected Cost:

Rs. 2.33 Cr (Approx. USD 278,000)

This estimate includes costs for building renovations, internal fixtures, and technology. Please note that the final costing will be provided upon completion of the technical design phase.



Watering Hole.
Reference image only.



Recording Studio.
Reference image only.

Library

We envision the KIS library to be a dynamic and versatile space that blends technology and comfort. The layout will feature modular furniture for flexible reconfiguration, accommodating various activities from silent study to collaborative projects. Digital integration is a must with extensive e-book collections and AI-driven research assistants.

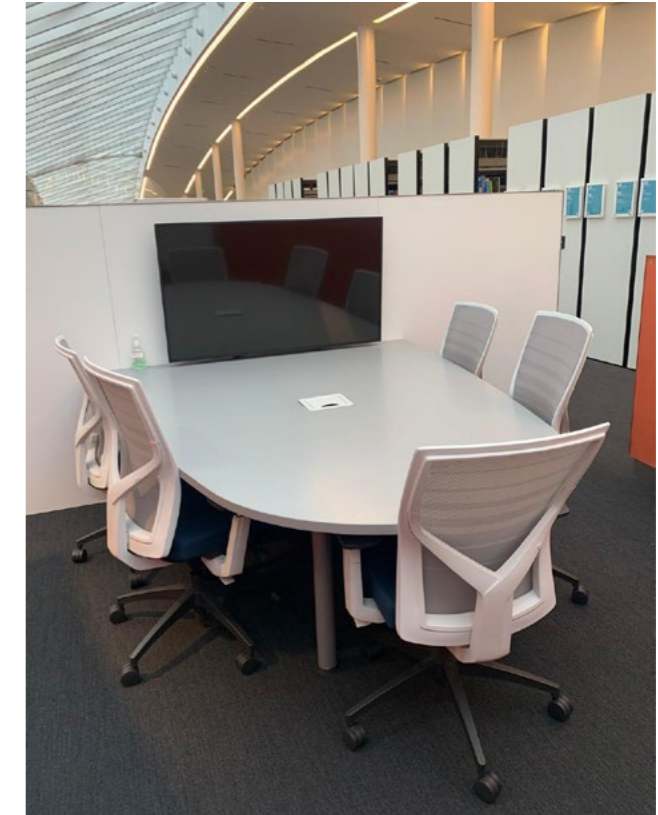
Designed with sustainability in mind, the library boasts energy-efficient architecture, smart systems for lighting and climate control. We envision a café for social interaction which will make the library a central hub for academic excellence, creativity, and connectivity.

Spaces:

- Modern Welcome Desk with AI Lobby Assistant
- Large Collaboration Space
- Group Spaces
- 1:1 Collaboration (Cave)
- Private Pods
- Café



Large Collaborative Space. Reference image only.



Group Space. Reference image only.



Library Lobby. Reference image only.



1:1 Collaboration Space. Reference image only.

Modern Welcome Desk with AI Lobby Assistant:

The modern welcome desk will serve as the vibrant centerpiece of the library's entrance, blending cutting-edge technology with sleek, contemporary design.

- **Interactive Touchscreen Display:** A large, interactive touchscreen display with an AI lobby assistant. This assistant can answer questions, provide directions, and offer recommendations for library resources.
- **Voice-Activated Assistance:** The AI can also be activated by voice, offering hands-free interaction for visitors. It can respond to queries in multiple languages, catering to the international student body.
- **Real-Time Information:** The AI assistant provides real-time updates on library events, available resources, and study room bookings. It can also help with frequently asked questions about library policies and services.
- **Self-Service Stations:** Integrated self-service kiosks for checking in and out books and other materials, equipped with scanners for quick and easy processing.
- **Library/Student ID Card Reader:** A card reader allows students to quickly scan their ID cards for easy access to their accounts and borrowing history.
- **Resource Display:** A rotating display of new arrivals, featured books, and upcoming events could be integrated into the desk, keeping students informed and engaged.

Large Collaboration Space:

The large collaboration space is an expansive,

open area designed for large-scale group studies (8-12 students) or individual studies. Enhanced with robust Wi-Fi connectivity, this space will support interaction and engagement for students. Acoustic panels and strategically placed partitions/bookshelves will ensure that conversations remain private and noise levels are managed, promoting a productive and focused environment.

Group Spaces:

These dynamic group spaces are designed to foster collaboration and teamwork among students (3-8 students). Enhanced with robust Wi-Fi connectivity, this space supports seamless interaction and engagement for students. Acoustic panels and strategically placed partitions ensure that conversations remain private and noise levels are managed, promoting a productive and focused environment.

1:1 Collaboration (Cave):

The 1:1 collaboration spaces, or "Caves," are intimate, semi-enclosed areas designed for focused, private discussions and mentoring sessions. These cozy nooks are equipped with comfortable seating, small tables, and wiring for use of tablets and laptops. The Caves offer a quiet, distraction-free environment ideal for one-on-one tutoring, meetings, or 1:1 projects, ensuring privacy and concentration.

Private Pods:

These private pods are enclosed space designed to offer individuals a quiet, focused environment for studying, reading, or working. Combining privacy with modern amenities, these pods cater to the needs of students seeking solitude without distraction.

Design Considerations for all these study spaces:

- **Ergonomic Chairs:** Comfortable, adjustable chairs that provide support for extended study sessions.
- **Adjustable Tables:** Height-adjustable tables to accommodate various tasks and user preferences.
- **Modern Design:** A contemporary design that is visually appealing and conducive to a collaborative atmosphere.
- **Flexible Seating:** Modular furniture, including tables and chairs that can be easily rearranged for special events.
- **Adjustable Lighting:** LED lighting with adjustable brightness to cater to different activities and preferences.
- **Charging Stations:** Ample power outlets and USB ports for charging laptops, tablets, and other electronic devices.
- **Strong Networking Infrastructure:** Reliable and high-speed internet connectivity.
- **Natural Light:** Incorporation of windows to provide natural light, with options for shading to control brightness.
- **Climate Control:** Individual climate control settings to ensure a comfortable temperature and proper ventilation.

Projected Cost: Rs 1.87 Cr
(Approx. USD 223,000)

This estimate includes costs for building renovations, internal fixtures, and technology. Please note that the final costing will be provided upon completion of the technical design phase.



Library Space. Reference image only.

Extended Reality (XR) Space

The Extended Reality (XR) Space at KIS is a specialized area within our academic environment where students, teachers and the community can engage with digital content overlaid on the real world through XR technology. This space is designed to facilitate interactive learning, collaboration, and experimentation in a way that blends the physical and digital worlds.

Student Experiences in an XR Space

- **Immersive Learning:** Students can explore complex concepts in 3D, such as virtual anatomy or physics simulations, allowing for a deeper understanding through hands-on interaction.
- **Virtual Field Trips:** XR enables visits to distant or inaccessible locations, like ancient ruins or the ocean floor, enhancing lessons in history, science, and geography.
- **Collaborative Problem Solving:** XR tools facilitate teamwork in solving problems, such as experimenting with physics principles or designing engineering prototypes.
- **Interactive Storytelling:** Students can immerse themselves in historical events or literary scenes, fostering engagement and empathy in subjects like social studies and language arts. This approach will connect field trips to storytelling, allowing students to experience the narrative context of their excursions and deepen their understanding of the subjects they are exploring.

- **Simulation-Based Learning:** XR allows students to practice real-world scenarios, like virtual surgeries or chemistry experiments, safely and cost-effectively.
- **Augmented Labs:** XR enhances traditional labs with interactive overlays, making abstract concepts more tangible and experiments more intuitive. This technology also supports collaborative problem-solving, enabling students to work together in real-time to tackle complex challenges and develop solutions, enhancing their learning experience.
- **Cross-Disciplinary Projects:** XR supports collaboration across subjects, enabling students to create projects that blend science, technology, art, and more.
- **Learning and Designing XR Experiences:** Students can engage in creating and understanding XR experiences as part of computer sciences or arts classes, developing skills in designing immersive environments and interactive content that enhances their technical and creative abilities.

Projected Cost:

Rs 2.31 Cr (Approx. USD 276,000)

This estimate includes costs for building renovations, internal fixtures, and technology. Please note that the final costing will be provided upon completion of the technical design phase.



XR Lab Reference.
Reference image only.



Learning Lounge

The Learning Lounge at KIS will be a multifunctional space that fosters academic collaboration, thoughtful discussions, and personal growth. It will reflect the global and multicultural environment of our school, providing a comfortable and stimulating atmosphere conducive to both individual study and group interaction.

This lounge should inspire and motivate students to engage in learning. The design will encourage both collaboration and personal reflection, creating a dynamic space that adapts to the evolving needs of the student body.

Designated learning spaces in the lounge

- **Socratic Method Space (e.g., Harkness Method):** A designated area for Socratic Method discussions, which will also be used for council meetings and similar group activities, accommodating up to 15 participants. The design should be circular or semi-circular seating arrangement with space for a second circle around the inner circle to facilitate dialogue and interaction, with acoustics designed to support clear communication.
- **Small/Medium Collaboration Spaces:** Various sized spaces that provide a range of small to medium-sized collaboration spaces, accommodating different group sizes. These should be equipped with necessary tools such as whiteboards, screens, and flexible furniture to support varied collaborative needs.
- **Sitting Area for Relaxation and Reflection:** A calm and quiet area dedicated to relaxation and personal reflection, offering a break from academic activities. The seating should be comfortable with soft furnishings, surrounded by calming design elements like plants or artwork. This

space should encourage mindfulness and provide a retreat for students to relax and rejuvenate.

Design Considerations for all learning spaces:

- **Space Allocation:** Flexible zoning to accommodate diverse activities, including areas for specialized learning methods, possibly with the use of glass partitions.
- **Open Community Space:** A wide, open area where the school community can engage in various learning methods. This space should be versatile and adaptable, allowing for different configurations depending on the activity.
- **Natural Light:** Maximize the use of natural light to create an inviting and energizing environment.

- **Flexible Seating:** A variety of seating options, including lounge chairs, study tables, and group discussion pods that can be reconfigured as needed.
- **Technology Integration:** Easy access to power outlets and integrate charging stations for personal devices. Consider incorporating smart boards or projectors for presentations.
- **Noise Management:** Soundproofing materials or partitions/walls that can open and close to manage noise levels, ensuring a conducive environment for study and discussion.
- **Digital Displays:** Screens for displaying school news, global events, or educational content.

Projected Cost:

Rs 1.58 Cr (Approx. USD 189,000)

This estimate includes costs for building renovations, internal fixtures, and technology. Please note that the final costing will be provided upon completion of the technical design phase.



Library Space.
Reference image only.

The Sandy Schoeninger Center

Join KIS in celebrating Ms. Sandy Schoeninger, whose profound impact on our community continues to inspire generations of students. We are proud to announce that the Covered Courts on Highclerc Campus will be renamed the Sandy Schoeninger Center: a multi-use facility that will embody her values and commitment to student development and provide an inspiring environment that reflects Ms. Schoeninger's spirit and fosters personal growth in all our students. Together, we can ensure that her influence resonates for future generations, creating a space where students can thrive in sports and beyond.

Ms. Sandy Schoeninger was a transformative figure in the lives of generations of students at KIS. Through her unwavering commitment to physical education she instilled values of self-discipline, teamwork, inclusivity, and integrity. She personally designed and equipped the first workout space at KIS, shaping a nurturing community for all.

Her legacy includes advocating for quality sports programs and equipment, sponsoring underprivileged athletes, and fostering a welcoming atmosphere that encouraged personal growth through her involvement in various school activities.

The Sandy Schoeninger Center

The Sandy Schoeninger Center will serve as a testament to her enduring spirit and commitment to the KIS community. Funds raised will support a comprehensive renovation of the facility, including the development of an elevated fitness center with a new structure and façade, the installation of state-of-the-art gym equipment, and the creation of an elevated dance studio. Additional enhancements will include a rock climbing/bouldering wall, upgraded WPC cladding on the bleachers, an augmented sound system for better acoustics during events, automated motorized shutters facing the Chapel, a new flooring solution, and improvements to the center entrance and front façade.

Your support will not only honor Ms. Schoeninger's legacy but also ensure a vibrant and inspiring space for future generations of students.

The architect for this project has been selected, marking an important milestone in our development process. Construction is set to launch in January 2025, with a completion target of March 2026 to align with KIS's 125th anniversary celebrations.

This new facility will include:

- An elevated fitness center with a new structure and façade
- Installation of state-of-the-art gym equipment
- An elevated dance studio
- A rock climbing/bouldering wall
- New WPC cladding on the bleachers
- A robust sound system for better acoustics during events
- Automated motorized shutters facing the Chapel
- A new flooring solution
- A new entrance and front façade



Elevated Fitness Center

The elevated fitness center will be a state-of-the-art facility designed to enhance the health and wellness of our students and community. It will feature a dedicated strength training area equipped with weight machines, benches, and racks, alongside a free weight training area for varied workout options. A cardio area will include treadmills, elliptical trainers, and other machines to promote cardiovascular fitness, while a functional training space will provide room for stretching and functional exercises. To accommodate personal needs, the center will include changing rooms with lockers and restrooms with shower facilities. The design emphasizes natural light, with glass walls and windows allowing daylight to flood the space, creating an inviting atmosphere. Aesthetically pleasing ceilings will provide both style and artificial lighting, while mirrors will enable students to monitor their form during workouts. Additionally, wall panels will feature inspirational quotes and artwork, serving as focal points that motivate and uplift users throughout their fitness journey. This thoughtfully designed environment will not only promote physical well-being but also foster a positive and motivating atmosphere for all users.

Projected Cost:

Elevated Fitness Center (Structure and Facade): Rs. 80 Lakhs
(Approx. \$95,000)

Gym Equipment: Rs. 45 Lakhs
(Approx. \$53,000)

This estimate includes costs for building renovations, internal fixtures, and technology. Please note that the final costing will be provided upon completion of the technical design phase.



Reference images only.

Elevated Dance Studio

The elevated dance studio will be a vibrant and versatile space dedicated to nurturing the artistic expression and physical development of our students. This studio will feature a spacious dance floor designed for various dance styles, ensuring ample room for movement and choreography. Mirrored walls will enhance the experience by allowing dancers to monitor their techniques and performance in real-time, promoting self-improvement and confidence. The studio will be equipped with a quality sound system, providing clear and immersive audio to elevate each class and rehearsal. Natural light will flood the space through large windows, creating an uplifting atmosphere that inspires creativity. Additionally, the studio will have adjustable lighting options to accommodate different moods and activities, whether for energetic dance classes or more intimate performances.

This thoughtfully designed dance studio will be a hub for artistic exploration, collaboration, and personal growth, encouraging students to express themselves through movement and creativity.

Projected Cost:

Rs. 50 Lakhs (Approx. \$60,000)

This estimate includes costs for building renovations, internal fixtures, and technology. Please note that the final costing will be provided upon completion of the technical design phase.



Dance Studio. Reference image only.

Rock Climbing/Bouldering Wall

The rock climbing/bouldering wall will be an exciting and dynamic addition to the The Sandy Schoeninger Center, providing students with a unique opportunity to engage in a physically challenging and mentally stimulating activity. This wall will feature a variety of climbing routes with varying degrees of difficulty, allowing climbers of all skill levels to improve their technique, strength, and confidence. Safety will be a top priority, with cushioned flooring and crash pads to ensure a secure landing area for bouldering enthusiasts.

This bouldering wall will not only promote physical fitness but also foster teamwork, resilience, and a sense of community among students as they challenge themselves and support one another in their climbing journeys.

Projected Cost:

Rs. 55 Lakhs (Approx. \$65,000)

This estimate includes costs for building renovations, internal fixtures, and technology. Please note that the final costing will be provided upon completion of the technical design phase.



Rock Climbing/Bouldering Wall. Reference image only.

New Flooring Solution

The new flooring in the center will be a vital component designed to enhance both safety and performance for all users. Selected for its durability and resilience, the new flooring will feature shock-absorbent properties, reducing impact on joints and minimizing the risk of injury during high-intensity workouts.

In addition to its functional benefits, the flooring will contribute to the overall aesthetic of the fitness center, with a modern design that complements the facility's vibrant atmosphere.

Furthermore, the flooring will be designed with safety in mind, featuring a non-slip surface that ensures stability during classes and activities, even in wet conditions. This is particularly important in Kodaikanal, where the weather can be unpredictable; the flooring will help maintain a safe environment during rainy days.

Projected Cost:

Rs. 50 Lakhs (Approx. \$60,000)

This estimate includes costs for building renovations, internal fixtures, and technology. Please note that the final costing will be provided upon completion of the technical design phase.

WPC Cladding on Bleachers

The upgraded WPC (Wood-Plastic Composite) cladding on the bleachers will enhance both the aesthetic appeal and functionality of the seating area in the Sandy Schoeninger Center.

This durable and eco-friendly material will provide a modern look, seamlessly blending with the overall design of the facility while offering a warm and inviting atmosphere. The WPC cladding is designed to withstand the rigors of daily use, ensuring longevity and minimal maintenance, making it an ideal choice for a high-traffic environment. By incorporating WPC cladding on the bleachers, we are not only prioritizing aesthetics and durability but also creating a comfortable and appealing space for students and spectators to gather, cheer, and engage in the vibrant activities taking place in our center.

Projected Cost:

Rs. 40 Lakhs (Approx. \$47,000)

This estimate includes costs for building renovations, internal fixtures, and technology. Please note that the final costing will be provided upon completion of the technical design phase.

New Sound System

The new sound system will be a key feature designed to enhance the overall experience for students and participants during workouts, classes, and events. This state-of-the-art audio system will provide high-quality sound distribution throughout the facility, ensuring that every beat and instruction is crystal clear, whether in the fitness area, dance studio, or climbing wall. With strategically placed speakers, the sound system will create an immersive auditory environment that motivates and energizes users during their activities. Additionally, the system will be versatile, allowing for seamless integration with various audio sources, including music playlists, instructional recordings, and live announcements.

Projected Cost:

Rs. 25 Lakhs (Approx. \$30,000)

Please note that the final costing will be provided upon completion of the technical design phase.

Automated Motorized Shutters

The automated motorized shutters will bring a blend of convenience, safety, and energy efficiency to the facility. These innovative shutters will allow for easy control of natural light and ventilation, enabling users to adjust the ambiance of the space according to their preferences and the specific needs of different activities. With the touch of a button, the shutters can be opened or closed.

In addition to enhancing user comfort, the motorized shutters will play a crucial role in protecting the facility during the monsoon season, effectively shielding the interior from heavy rain and moisture. This feature will help maintain a safe and dry environment for students and visitors, ensuring that activities can continue without disruption. On pleasant days when the weather in Kodaikanal is inviting, the shutters can be easily opened to create an open-air feel, fostering a connection with the natural surroundings and enhancing the overall experience.

Projected Cost:

Rs. 60 Lakhs (Approx. \$71,000)

This estimate includes costs for building renovations, internal fixtures, and technology. Please note that the final costing will be provided upon completion of the technical design phase.



WPC Cladding on Bleachers.
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