The Jackfruit Project
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- was founded to support Snehi Bhavan, a home for abandoned or abused tribal and dalit girls
- provides basic needs, facility improvements, educational enrichment, and vocational mentoring
Snehi Bhavan

....houses 13 to 16 girls in a small building.

....was established and is directed by Sajini Mathews with the help of her husband, Mathews.

....until 2007, was supported only by Mathews’ wages as a day laborer.

....was in a state of crisis before the founding of the project.
So far The Jackfruit Project has raised money for ...
Basic Needs ...

- a healthier diet
- clothing
- bed rolls
- kitchenware.
Renovations...

- a new kitchen
- new toilets and washroom
- a water harvesting system
More Renovations ...

- a large common room used for eating, sleeping and studying.
Education and Mentoring ...

- Pay school fees
- Mentors and tutors have assisted the girls in working toward their personal, educational and/or professional goals.
Enrichment ...

- classes and field trips for raising cultural awareness and self esteem.
Tools for learning ...

- a computer
- a scanner
- a sewing machine.
JACKFRUIT PROJECT GOALS

- **Short term:**
  - Continue to provide basic support for the home until it can become self-sustaining.
  - Increase funding for education and health care.

- **Long term:**
  - Enable the home to become self-sustaining by financing the purchase of rubber tree acreage.
Paula’s Visit to Snehi Bhavan
Bob Briere’s Visit to Snehi Bhavan
Sachi Bhavan
Location