

Conference call with Diksha

Date: Nov 22nd, 2014

Attendees: Gaurav, Prasoon, Nishant, Gautam, Avikaran

Nishant and Gautam introduced about new initiatives at Patna center

1. Diksha has received support from American Embassy for the Patna Center for Business English program for youth. Avikaran is the new lead with this project initiative. Avikaran has been involved with Diksha Patna center since its inception and is now rejoining Diksha Patna center. He is also the board member of Diksha. In this program 30-40 youth will be trained and provided English classes, business skills, leadership, and management. This will make them better in communication and enhance the personality.
2. Currently mobilizing the group and forming the batch of students for youth program.
3. Selection process- 20 students and two batches... criteria- economic criteria (Rs 25,000 p/m or below for a family of 4) and then take test.
4. Will there be any students from Diksha Khel center? Some diksha students from vocational training will be part of this program. Most of the other Diksha khel center students are very young to join the program.
5. Bal Sansad concept (children parliament) has become very popular among children here. Children have started taking more responsibility, kids gave a presentation about the progress of center last week. Twinkle (who is deputy PM of Bal Sansad) has been selected to attend Peoples SAARC Summit at Kathmandu along with other fellow student Mithun at Diksha.
6. Another initiative is Bagicha (concept developed by avikaran, library project) which is supported by Maurya hotel family. Bagicha project is located 1 km away from Diksha khel center.
7. There is an overlap of students in all these three projects (Diksha Khel center, Business English program for youth, Bagicha); two projects are located on same building while Bagicha is located 1 km away.
8. Gaurav- Financial health of diksha?
Diksha Khel center- Asha Purdue
Library project- support from maurya hotel family
Business English program for youth- US embassy
In kind support- Bank of commerce- projector, computers
9. Gautam- with Avikaran, Gunjan, Madhu joining that has helped in improving the organizational and management aspects for diksha
10. Action items:
Avikaran, Gautam- to send Diksha proposal for renewal
Gaurav- To confirm the status of grant letter with Nikitha
Gautam- to resend progress report minimizing the size so it can be uploaded on web
Prasoon, Gaurav- to send matching donation info to Nishant