

## Site Visit Report: Diksha, Patna, India

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### Site Visit Observation:

I had a wonderful experience at Diksha, Patna Center and I was impressed with the effort put up by its members. During site visit, I volunteered for teaching science and math to class 10<sup>th</sup> students. The nice thing about teaching there is they have classified all the students into groups based on their knowledge and not based on which class they are currently in. For example, if the student is in std IX in school and doesn't know basics of std V, the student will be put up in a group which teaches basics of std V. This is needed as the students who come there study in government schools where the quality of education is compromised and so the students' basics are not very strong. In vocational training (VT), a group of 30 girls of different ages are taught about computer from working in windows to making power point presentations.

The students also have a play day set aside where the students take part in the extra-curricular activities. The kids participate in activities like drama, poem recitation, dancing, singing and many more.

I got the chance to attend some of the classes and interacted with teachers and children both. The whole environment is friendly. Teachers are encouraging and they teach in a way that sparks children's interest in the subject. The children are also eager to learn and ask questions to have a better understanding. Students are motivated to participate in quiz competitions on national level. One of the student received prize in the design competition held at IIM Ahmedabad.

Overall, my impression of the center is that the students are nurtured on both academic and extracurricular front here. This provides them with higher quality of education and help build their confidence and personality. The pictures below display children studying, taking part in activities.

Teaching class 10<sup>th</sup> students



Children learning





They even gave me a demo of a poem they learnt in class.



Play day activities

Children playing carom



When I visited the center, I saw them rehearsing play, dance, songs for 26<sup>th</sup> January. Here are some pictures of that:

Dance rehearsal



Play rehearsal



Reciting poems



