

# **Site Visit Report: Asha for Education San Francisco - Digambarpur Angikar Projects**

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**Project:** Digambarpur Angikar Projects, West Bengal

## **1. Introduction**

This report details a site visit conducted by representatives from the Asha for Education San Francisco chapter to two Digambarpur Angikar project centers in West Bengal: Ghutiari Sharif and Mullickpur. The purpose of the visit was to observe the centers in action, interact with pares, and gather information to support ongoing and future initiatives.

## **2. Centers Visited**

1. **Ghutiari Sharif**
2. **Mullickpur**

## **3. Observations and Interactions**

Upon arrival at both centers, the teachers and the students gave a warm welcome to the Asha volunteers.

The Asha team observed both the centers in operation, engaging in direct conversations with teachers, students, and family members. Key observations included:

- **Student Presentations:** Children at the centers presented rhymes, showcasing their learning.
- **Academic Review:** We had the opportunity to review student work in their workbooks, gaining insight into their educational progress.
- **Midday Meal Program:** The team witnessed the feeding of lunch to the children, highlighting the nutritional support provided by the centers.

The interactions provided valuable insights into the daily functioning and impact of the Digambarpur Angikar projects on the local community.

## **4. Feedback, Suggestions, and Angikar's Response**

Following the visit, specific feedback and suggestions for improvements were provided by Mr.Sourav Sanigraha:

### **1. Ghutiari Sharif - Play Area & Shade Costs:**

**a. Play Area (Slide & Swing):** Estimated cost for purchase and installation is Rs. 50,000.00.

**b. Shade for Play Area:** Estimated cost is Rs. 1,08,500.00 (calculated at Rs. 175.00 per square foot for 620 square feet, using TATA sheet).

## **2. Ghutiari Sharif - First Floor School Construction & Operations:**

**Construction Estimate:** The estimated cost for constructing the first floor (55' x 45' = 2475 sq. ft.) of the existing school building is Rs. 15,46,875.00 (at Rs. 625.00 per square foot, including all finishing work).

- a. **Expected Students:** Angikar is confident of enrolling over 100 students for the first year across Standards I to IV.
- b. **Teachers & Salary:** An additional 5 teachers will be required, with an expected salary of Rs. 6,000.00 per month per teacher.
- c. **Expected Fees:** A monthly fee of Rs. 100.00 will be charged per student.
- d. **Fee Utilization:** All collected fees will be allocated towards the school's recurring expenses and infrastructure development.

## **3. Mullickpur - School Premises Relocation: \***

**Suggestion by Asha Volunteers:** It was strongly suggested that Mullickpur relocate to a more suitable school premises, ideally away from the railway station and further into the interior. Angikar is actively searching for another suitable location.

**4. Ghutiari Sharif - Additional Requirement (Existing School):** Replacement of existing windows with aluminum sliding windows and fiberglass. \*

**Cost Estimate:** For 14 windows (totaling 300 sq. ft.), the estimated cost is Rs. 96,000.00 (at Rs. 320.00 per square foot).

## **5. Conclusion**

The site visit provided a comprehensive overview of the Digambarpur Angikar projects at Ghutiari Sharif and Mullickpur. The interactions with the school community were positive, demonstrating the impact of the initiatives. The detailed feedback and Angikar's responses will be crucial for the Asha for Education San Francisco chapter in planning and supporting future development and operational needs for these vital educational centers.

## 6. Site Visit Pictures



