

# Annual Report 2024 - 25



## Community Centers and Activities in Nagapur and Surrounding Villages

No.	Center Name	Village Name	Center Timings	Boys	Girls	Total	Teachers' Names
1	Asha Social School	Nagapur	Summer: 8 AM – 1 PM Winter: 9 AM – 2 PM	155	119	273	Shyamsundar, Sunil, Vidya, Manjita Shama Bano, Seema, Jyoti, Ashish, Manish
2	Asha Gyan Library	Nagapur	10 AM – 4 PM	723	1062	1785	Panchmukhi, Ambika (Children)
3	Kishori Tailoring Center	Benipur	10 AM – 2 PM	—	27	27	Asha Maurya
4	Kishori Tailoring Center	Nagapur	10 AM – 2 PM	—	22	22	Madhubala
5	Kishori Tailoring Center	Kardhana	10 AM – 2 PM	—	21	21	Rajkumari (1)
6	Kishori Tailoring Center	Birbhanpur	10 AM – 2 PM	—	18	18	Prema Devi
7	Kishori Tailoring Center	Harsos	10 AM – 2 PM	—	19	19	Chandrakala
8	Kishori Tailoring Center	Bhikhampur	10 AM – 2 PM	—	25	25	Baby
9	Kishori Tailoring Center	Aswari	10 AM – 2 PM	—	32	32	Seema
10	Kishori Tailoring Center	Chandapur	10 AM – 2 PM	—	21	21	Mainab
11	Kishori Tailoring Center	Dhadhorpur	10 AM – 2 PM	—	24	24	Sitabun Begum
12	Kishori Tailoring Center	Kaparforwa	10 AM – 2 PM	—	18	18	Riya
13	Kishori Tailoring Center	Kheveli	10 AM – 2 PM	—	22	22	Priyanka
14	Kishori Tailoring Center	Jogapur	10 AM – 2 PM	—	25	25	Asha Rani
15	Kishori Tailoring Center	Arjunpur	10 AM – 2 PM	—	20	20	Vimla
16	Kishori Tailoring Center	Uparwar	10 AM – 2 PM	—	24	24	Pushpa
17	Kishori Tailoring Center	Bhatkuri	10 AM – 2 PM	—	20	20	Sheila
18	Kishori Tailoring Center	Baroura Bazar	10 AM – 2 PM	—	19	19	Mangita Devi
19	Kishori Tailoring Center	Lalpur	10 AM – 2 PM	—	23	23	Rajkumari (2)



## Activities of Asha Samajik Vidyalaya, Nagepur



- In the month of April, the academic session began with a survey conducted for student enrollment.
- A timetable was prepared for teaching, and all teachers started teaching their respective subjects accordingly.
- Online classes and computer classes were started smoothly.
- Approximately 100 new students were enrolled from different villages in the month of April.
- A meeting was held with the CLE team to prepare the annual plan for online classes.
- Free distribution of NCERT books was done for students of classes 6, 7, and 8.
- On April 14th, a rally was organized to raise awareness against untouchability and discrimination on the occasion of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Jayanti.
- On April 25th, on the occasion of Menstrual Hygiene Day, senior girls were educated about cleanliness and health, and sanitary pads were distributed.

- ❖ A parent-teacher meeting was held, and report cards were distributed to the guardians.
- ❖ Parents were contacted regarding students' studies, uniforms, books, notebooks, and hygiene.
- ❖ Educational and knowledge-based movies are shown to the children every month.
- ❖ The school remained closed for summer vacation from May 20 to June 30.
- ❖ During the summer break, all teachers completed pending office work.
- ❖ Separate WhatsApp groups were created for students of each class.
- ❖ The Mid-Day Meal (MDM) list of all students was shared with Feeding India (Zomato).
- ❖ All teachers actively participated in the one-month-long Summer Camp.
- ❖ From June 11 to June 16, all teachers attended a training session organized by ISD, Delhi.
- ❖ From June 16 to June 30, all teachers were on vacation.
- ❖ In July, efforts were made to contact new students for admissions.
- ❖ Along with regular classes, online classes, computer education, and kids' play-based learning were restarted.
- ❖ Registration of all students was completed on the school portal.







- ✓ From July 18 to July 26, all teachers participated in the "Constitution through Solutions" training program.
- ✓ From July 15, with the support of Feeding India Zomato Giveback, fresh morning breakfast and cooked lunch were provided to all students.
- ✓ On Independence Day, the national flag was hoisted with the students, and sweets (jalebi) were distributed.
- ✓ Students continued to learn through science labs and kids' play activities.
- ✓ To preserve cultural heritage through music, girls of classes 6, 7, and 8 participated in the *Kajri Mahotsav*, shared messages through their songs, and won second place among 50 teams.



- ❑ To promote environmental protection, students planted banyan, peepal, and neem trees in community spaces.
- ❑ Teachers' Day was celebrated with all students.
- ❑ In September, quarterly exams were conducted for all students.
- ❑ A parent meeting was organized, with the participation of 120 parents.
- ❑ With the support of Prerna Kala Manch, a street play titled *Kamla Ka Kamaal* was performed for the students.
- ❑ Teachers participated in the concluding event of the 100-day Satyagrah organized by the Sarv Sewa Sangh.
- ❑ On September 28, Bhagat Singh's birth anniversary was celebrated as a source of inspiration for youth.



**A community meal was organized with the students on the death anniversary of Badi Mata Ji.**





- ❑ As part of the monthly educational movie screening, students were shown *Master Saheb*.
- ❑ With continued support from Feeding India, daily breakfast and lunch services remained active.
- ❑ Students continued learning through kids' play, online, and computer classes.
- ❑ The half-yearly examination was conducted and evaluated.
- ❑ On Children's Day, stationery items were distributed with the help of Feeding India, and students took out an awareness rally against child labor.
- ❑ To preserve Gandhi's legacy, teachers participated in a 100-day fasting Satyagraha at Rajghat.



- Eye check-ups were conducted for all students.
- On Christmas, the festival was celebrated with all students. Some students dressed as Santa Claus and distributed toffees.
- An Aadhaar camp was organized in the school for students who did not have Aadhaar cards.
- Teachers prepared students for the annual school fair (*Bal Mela*).
- Students of Class 5 were helped to fill out and appear for the Navodaya entrance exam.
- Republic Day was celebrated by taking out a morning rally (*prabhat pheri*) with the students.



- ❖ On Gandhi Ji's death anniversary, a tribute ceremony was organized with both students and teachers.
- ❖ Children from Pondicherry and Kanpur were welcomed with a traditional tilak ceremony.
- ❖ Saraswati Puja was celebrated with joy and participation from all students.
- ❖ On February 22, the school organized a *Bal Mela* (Children's Fair), where students showcased their talents.
- ❖ Students went on an educational tour to Sarvaved Temple, Markandey Mahadev Temple and Ghat, Asha Kathi Center, Sarnath Museum, zoo, and Stupa.
- ❖ Environmentalist Himanshu Ji, who was on a cycle journey from Delhi, was warmly welcomed by the students.
- ❖ The annual examinations were conducted.
- ❖ On March 31, progress reports were distributed to all students.

## Achievements

- ✓ Student participation in cultural programs is increasing.
- ✓ Online classes have sparked greater interest in learning among the children.
- ✓ Students are showing greater interest in studies through the use of the science lab, computer classes, online classes, and kids' play activities.
- ✓ Students themselves take responsibility for distributing breakfast and lunch, as well as maintaining the cleanliness of utensils.
- ✓ Students independently connect the projector for online classes and attend them on their own.





# Kishori Sewing and Embroidery Center

Asha Trust and Lok Samiti are jointly running permanent sewing and embroidery centers in 17 different villages of Arajilne and Sevapuri blocks to make adolescent girls aware, skilled, and self-reliant. Currently, **380 adolescent girls** are receiving training in sewing and embroidery and are shaping a better future for themselves.



## Key Activities Conducted:

- In the month of April, sanitary pads were distributed to adolescent girls and women at all sewing centers, along with guidance on hygiene and nutrition during menstruation.
- Online training on health and menstruation was provided at all centers by the C.L.E. team.
- Alongside sewing and embroidery training, social and national festivals were celebrated at all centers.

- ❑ Girls at the centers were encouraged to plant trees at their homes to promote environmental awareness and care for nature.
- ❑ Parent meetings were conducted with the guardians of the girls enrolled in the sewing centers.
- ❑ In September, preparations for *Balika Mahotsav* (Girls' Festival) were carried out along with regular sewing and embroidery training.
- ❑ To promote peace, harmony, and heritage, hundreds of adolescent girls, along with their teachers, participated in the event organized at Sarva Seva Sangh, Rajghat.



- ❖ In October, *Balika Mahotsav* was celebrated at all sewing centers. Groups of girls from four centers each jointly organized the program at four different locations. Through rallies, street plays, songs, and dances, the girls learned about and demanded their rights.

1. A two-day residential training was organized for sewing teachers to enhance their skills.





- ❑ On the occasion of International Day of the Girl Child, 51 talented students from sewing centers were gifted bicycles to support their education.
- ❑ On *Nirbhaya Day*, the girls took out a bicycle rally to express their demands. The rally passed through various villages and concluded with the submission of a memorandum to the SDM.

- An educational tour was organized for teachers and girls from all sewing centers to Sarvaved Temple, Markandey Mahadev Temple, Kaithi Center, and Sarnath.
- Certificates were distributed to all girls who successfully completed the sewing training.



- ❑ Muslim women are also increasingly participating in the programs.

- ❑ In December, awareness rallies were held in villages focusing on hygiene and health.
- ❑ Educational support, including fees and books, was provided to 10 dropout girls to help them resume their studies.



## Achievements:-

- ✓ Girls now talk openly about menstruation.
- ✓ They are breaking social norms and stepping out for employment.



- ❑ Girls from six sewing centers organized community meals at their respective centers.
- ❑ Girls and teachers from the Kishori centers actively contributed to celebrations like Women's Day and Children's Day.





- ❑ Hundreds of girls participated in the residential training.
- ❑ Active and enthusiastic participation in all programs is evident.



## Challenges:-

- ✓ Social restrictions still prevent many girls from stepping outside their homes.
- ✓ Gender discrimination between boys and girls persists among parents.



**Six girls** who completed their training have opened their own sewing centers. **Four girls** are now employed in private companies.

- ❖ Many girls still lack full freedom to travel far from home.
- ❖ Shortage of sewing machines at the centers causes difficulties in training.





# Self-Help Groups (SHG)



Asha Trust and Lok Samiti are running Self-Help Group (SHG) programs in around 80 villages of Arajilne and Sevapuri blocks. Alongside this, they actively work against domestic violence, child marriage, sexual violence, and alcoholism. The primary aim of operating SHGs is to:



- Free women from the clutches of moneylenders and landlords
- Make women self-reliant

- Bring about a change in their thinking
- Raise awareness of their rights



## Current Reach and Financial Overview

As of now, 310 SHGs are active across these 80 villages, involving around 7,500 women.

### Financial Summary:-

Total Savings	:	₹64,76,700
Total Interest Earned	:	₹94,42,201
Total Penalty Collected	:	₹4,740
Other Income	:	₹9,430
Loans Given	:	₹59,93,000
Current Fund Balance	:	₹14,42,090





## Key Activities Conducted with SHG:



- ❑ A 16-day campaign against violence on women was held in various villages, culminating in a memorandum being submitted to the SDM at Rajatalab.
- ❑ SHG involvement has significantly boosted women's self-reliance.



- National festivals were celebrated with SHG members.
- Internal village disputes were resolved through group discussions and consensus within the organization.
- Women SHG members welcomed Mr. Himanshu during his cycle rally at Mirzamurad Gaur.
- To protect the *Sarva Seva Sangh*, SHG women participated in a protest at Shastri Ghat.



- ❖ Women began saving small amounts regularly after joining SHGs.
- ❖ Women were trained to maintain financial records through group meetings.
- ❖ To provide livelihood opportunities, women were trained in making pickles, papads, and washing powder.
- ❖ Block-level meetings were organized every six months in both Arajiline and Sevapuri.
- ❖ Tree plantation drives were conducted during the monsoon season.
- ❖ Ambedkar Jayanti and Ravidas Jayanti were celebrated in various communities.





# Women's Day Celebration:

A large Women's Day program was held at the Irrigation Dak Bungalow in Rajatalab by Lok Samiti.

- A mass protest rally against alcoholism was taken out from the Irrigation Dak Bungalow to the Rajatalab Tehsil, concluding with a memorandum submitted to the SDM.
- Cultural programs were held at the event venue to voice concerns and raise awareness.
- Topics included women's rights, education, healthcare, justice, equality, and safety.
- Around 3,000 women from 80 villages participated.



## Activities:-



- On **Constitution Day**, pamphlets were distributed in schools and villages, followed by discussions.
- Residential training was conducted for SHG women at the Lok Samiti office.

## Key Achievements of the SHG Movement:

- Freedom from landlords and moneylenders
- 30 women connected to SHGs have started earning livelihoods
- Increased awareness of rights through regular meetings
- Women are becoming self-reliant



- ❑ **pickle-making** Small-scale businesses such as, **washing powder, jam, and papad production** have begun
- ❑ Collective problem-solving and discussions through group meetings
- ❑ **Reduction in child marriage and dowry practices**
- ❑ Women have gained **ownership rights**





# Asha Gyan Pustakalaya



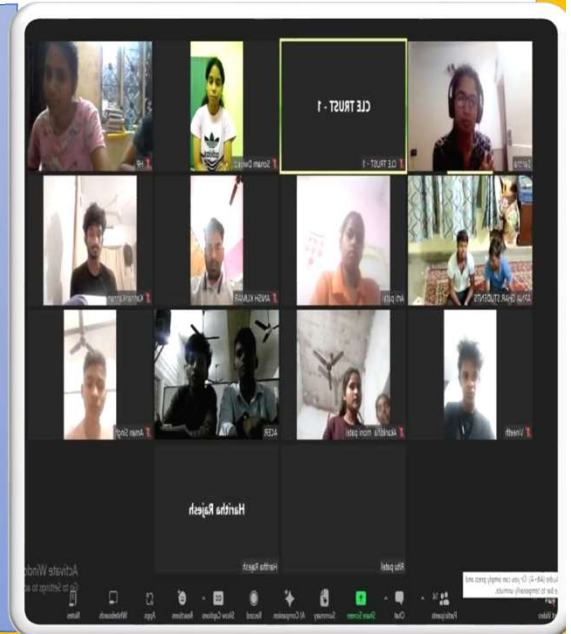
Located in Nagepur, Rajatalab, Varanasi, the Asha Gyan Pustakalaya serves students from rural areas. Currently, the library has reached a membership of 1,800 students. These students, coming from economically weaker sections of dozens of villages in Arajiline, Sevapuri, and Kashi Vidyapeeth blocks, rely on the library as they cannot afford to buy books. By borrowing books from the library, they are pursuing their education and moving toward achieving their goals.



## Library Achievements:



- ❑ Continuous support is being provided to rural students through access to books.
- ❑ In addition to books, online classes are conducted to assist in exam preparation.
- ❑ Several library members are pursuing their graduation through scholarships at reputed universities:
- ❑ Varsha – Azim Premji University, Bangalore
- ❑ Akash Kumar – Banaras Hindu University (BHU)
- ❑ Priya Kumari – Allahabad University
- ❑ Anish Kumar – Azim Premji University, Bhopal
- ❑ Vikas Kumar – Azim Premji University, Bangalore







- **CLE (Community Learning & Engagement) team** supported students' preparation via online classes.
- **52 girls** filled out applications for the **Girl Icon Project**, out of which **17 girls** were selected and received **₹20,000 each** as financial aid and educational support.
- **Khushboo**, a library member, pursued a fashion designing course and is now employed in **Noida**.
- Support was provided for scholarship application forms for deserving students from rural areas.
- **Career counseling** sessions were organized to offer proper guidance.
- Applications for **Azim Premji University scholarships** were filled for students pursuing graduation.

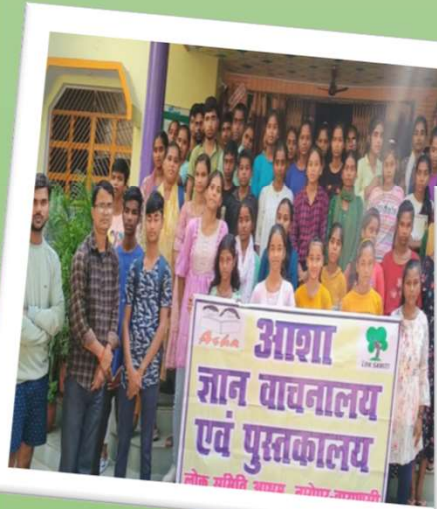


- ❑ **Birth and death anniversaries of national leaders** were observed with events and tributes at the library.
- ❑ **21 bicycles** were distributed to economically weaker girl students to help them travel for their studies.
- ❑ The **CLE team** assisted **10 dropout students** in gaining re-admission.
- ❑ **Akshay Bhai from Asha Boston** visited the library.
- ❑ Former volunteers in service contributed books to the library.
- ❑ The library now also provides **sports equipment** for student recreation.
- ❑ A **felicitation ceremony** was held for students who passed **classes 10 and 12**, wishing them bright futures.



# Challenges:

- ❖ A **shortage of books** is being faced due to the rapid rise in student numbers.
- ❖ Students demand the establishment of a **digital library** where they can sit and study just like in the physical library.
- ❖ **Difficulties in returning books** on time persist.
- ❖ Even today, **rural girls are often not allowed** to study outside their villages.
- ❖ **Girls face time constraints** in accessing the library due to household responsibilities.





# Daily Wage Workers, Youth & Weavers Collective

## work Done in the Year 2024–25

### Work Locations:



The organization is active in 15 villages of Arajiline and Sevapuri Blocks, focusing on youth, daily wage workers, weavers, and unemployment-related issues.



### Youth Engagement:-

- ☐ Community Meetings were held with youth to discuss local issues like cleanliness, health, and the environment.
- ☐ Group trainings, collective meals, and workshops on gender discrimination and constitutional rights were conducted.
- ☐ Educational tours and exposure visits were arranged for youth.
- ☐ To promote communal harmony, Holi Milan and Roza Iftar programs were organized, with participation from both Hindu and Muslim communities.







- **65 new workers** were registered with the Labour Department and issued **Labour Cards**, enabling access to government schemes.
- **195 existing workers' cards** were renewed through village camps.
- **Two children** of labourers were enrolled in **Atal Bihari Vajpayee Residential School** through Labour Card support.

## Work with Daily Wage Workers:



- ❖ **Four daughters** of labourers benefited from the **Chief Minister's Mass Marriage Scheme**.
- ❖ In two cases, **pending wages for 10 days** were recovered legally from contractors using Labour Card provisions.
- ❖ **Community meetings** were held to address public concerns like water drainage and post-marital family disputes.



## Work with Weavers:

- ❑ **45 new weavers** joined the collective.
- ❑ **18 applications** were submitted for **flat-rate electricity** under the Weaver Department, and necessary documentation was facilitated.
- ❑ **Group meetings** were held with weavers to raise their issues.
- ❑ **6 new weaver cards** were issued, and old cards were renewed.
- ❑ **Birth anniversaries of social reformers** like **Sant Ravidas, Jyotiba Phule, and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar** were celebrated collectively with all communities.



## Organizational Reach:

- ❖ **226 youth** connected to the youth collective.
- ❖ **15 villages** actively involved.
- ❖ **365 daily wage workers** are part of the labour group.
- ❖ **195 weavers** associated with the weaver group.





# Kishori Summer Camp 2024

Organized by: Asha Trust & Lok Samiti  
Location: Lok Samiti Ashram, Nagepur, Varanasi  
Date: 10 May – 10 June 2024

For the past 14 years, the Kishori Summer Camp has been conducted to empower adolescent girls from rural areas, focusing on education, skill development, and self-reliance. This year, 105 girls from different villages participated.





## One-Month Training Courses:

- 1) Beautician
- 2) Computer Literacy
- 3) Dance
- 4) Self-Defense



## Special Trainings & Activities:

- 1) Scooter Riding Lessons
- 2) Art & Craft Training
- 3) Career Counseling Sessions
- 4) Police Station Visit
- 5) Workshop on Pandemic Awareness
- 6) Handicrafts Skills
- 7) Music and Singing Classes





## Other Key Activities by Asha Trust & Lok Samiti:



- ❖ **Iftar & Holi Celebrations** promoting communal harmony and Ganga-Jamuni tehzeeb with the participation of hundreds.
- ❖ In collaboration with **Feeding India-Zomato**, fresh breakfast and lunch are being served:

- 1) To all students of **Asha Samajik School, Nagepur**
- 2) At **36 Anganwadi Centers** in Benipur Nyay Panchayat, reaching ~2000 children.





- **Earthen pot water stations** set up in the Ashram for the summer.
- **Voter awareness campaigns** conducted for maximum participation in the Lok Sabha elections.
- **Free seasonal seeds** distributed to farmers.
- Women trained to prepare and sell **washing powder, pickles, marmalade, and papad** for self-reliance.
- **Awareness rallies** organized across Arajiline and Sevapuri blocks against **alcoholism, child marriage, and dowry**.



- ❖ A **three-day workshop on Constitutional Rights** was held at Lok Samiti Ashram.
- ❖ Organized the **“Chirag and Mohabbat”** program for peace and unity in society.
- ❖ **60 students from Denmark** visited Lok Samiti Ashram and nearby villages to observe community work.
- ❖ **Health Camp** conducted with support from Doctor Chamber.





❑ **Free Cataract Camp** with Marwari Hospital:

- 1) 85 elderly screened
- 2) 12 successful cataract surgeries
- 3) Spectacles provided

❑ Participation in **100-Day Satyagraha** to protect Gandhi's legacy.





- ❖ Reception of activist groups on social awareness tours.
- ❖ Mediation and resolution of family/community disputes in villages.
- ❖ Year-end **community feast** with all members at the Ashram.
- ❖ Visitors from outside regions toured Asha & Lok Samiti's community programs.





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