NJSS Visit Report (Asha for Education) – 27th Feb to 2st Mar, 2020 (By Attila Csapó, volunteer and President of ChanceIndia Foundation – attila.csapo@chanceindia.org)

Summary of visit, conclusion: The main visit to NJSS school (Asha Samajik Vidyalaya, Nagepur) was done on 27th February. I was visiting the school with Bori Nemeth (also a ChanceIndia Fondation volunteer). We were visiting all the classes, the library, the computer lab and the sewing center at the top floor of this school. We were also talking with Nandlal Master, some teachers and former students of the school. We were very impressed by the experience and have very high opinion about the NJSS project and Nandlal Master’s Work.

Based in our experience we suggest that Asha continue the support of the NJSS project and Nandlal Master’s fellowship.

Detailed School Visit Report:

School building:

The school building was improved and much bigger than it was 7 years ago (our last site visit was in 2013). The difference is quite visible:
Classes:
We were visiting all the classes. There are students in the upper classes who could speak English and have good vocabulary. Every class has its own classroom and teacher, the students have books, workbooks and all the other necessary accessories. The classrooms are basic, but much more comfortable than 7 years ago.
Library:
The school also has a small, but nice library on the first floor. All the students can use it and borrow books for their studies.

Computer Lab:
The students use the computer lab mostly for using a computer program, pre-installed using the Azim Premji Foundation CDs. They can learn The Hindi, English and Math with this program. There is no Internet or any office programs (like Ms Words or OpenOffice) on the computers. I think that
would be very useful if the students could learn how to search on the Internet (and how they can distinguish the real facts form the opinions) and how to use office programs.

**Sewing center:**

The sewing center give some basic education and useful sewing technics for women who could not attend (or finish) regular school before.

**Nandlal Master:**

We were talking with Nandlal Master about the NJSS project and his other social initiatives. We were very impressed how he organizes his projects and how these projects help the community in this village area. We also have personal experience about his work, because we were working together in the ChancelIndia program (see below). Nandlal Master has very good leadership skills and very motivated to help his community.

**ChancelIndia program:**

We met some former students who were supported by ChancelIndia Foundation. All of the supported students already finished the high schools and some of them also has higher education. We are very proud of them.
Happy students and happy visitors:

During our visit we both have the feeling that the students really like to study here and all the teachers are very committed to their work. Nandlal Master with the help of the Asha Foundation achieved a lot in this village area.