

Site Visit Report

Organization visited: Parmarth Samaj Sevi Sansthan (PSSS)

Places visited: Kishor Kaushal Vikas Kendra in Madhogarh, Jalaun district

Date of visit: April 2, 2026

Background: Parmarth Samaj Sevi Sansthan (PSSS) is a grassroots advocacy organization that has been working since 1996 for the weaker and deprived sections of society (Dalits/Adivasis and women) in the water-stressed Bundelkhand region of UP and MP. For details, please click [here](#). With the support of the Princeton Chapter of Asha for Education (AfE), Kishor Kaushal Vikas Kendra (an after-school support center for supplemental learning in mathematics, science and English) came into existence in Madhogarh for students from surrounding villages and was fully operational in 2018. Our partnership continued even when physical site visits were not feasible due to Covid. The last in-person site visit was in May 2024. All relevant documentation on the partnership is available at this [site](#).

Instruction in the use of computers is increasingly viewed as very important. The effort got a boost when Abhimanyu Bajpai attended the Right Start CS Training Workshop conducted by Dr. Rajaraman's Asha Chennai staff in December 2025 at Tiruvallur (near Chennai). Thereafter, Dr. Rajaraman arranged for the shipment of about 10 laptops to PSSS at no cost through his relationship with Amazon India.

Site visit: On April 2, I took the Gatiman Express from New Delhi to Jhansi at 8:10 AM reaching Jhansi at about 12:30 PM.

I was met by a representative of PSSS and accompanied him to the PSSS office from where Sanjay Singh (head of PSSS) and I traveled by car to the project site in Madhogarh, Jalaun district, a journey that took about 2 hours.

The visit was pre-arranged and I was welcomed by the site coordinator, Anil Singh and his staff. The students were yet to arrive for their classes. I talked to Abhimanyu about his training at Asha Chennai. Then Shri Anil Singh took me to the second floor (in US terminology) and gave me a tour of the classrooms being used for

primary and middle grades (this endeavor is run as a private school and is not supported by Asha).

Thereafter, I visited the four classrooms where the classes were in progress but stayed at the back to avoid creating any disruption. I probably spent 5 to 10 minutes in each classroom.

The next item on the agenda was to visit the computer room equipped with laptops sourced through the help received from Dr. Rajaraman.

Finally, I sat down with Shri Anil Singh and Shri Sanjay Singh to review the highlights of 2025-26 and the budget proposal for 2026-27.

It was getting to be about 5:00 PM and the classes were about to end. I left for Jhansi with Shri Sanjay Singh and after spending some time in his office took the night train Gita Jayanti Express back to New Delhi.

Observations:

- (1) PSSS is an effective organization in Bundelkhand. Because of its record of social work, it has the respect of rural communities in the region and the families are willing to send their children (boys and girls) to the Learning Center. The provision of transportation is of special importance for girl students.
- (2) The success of RTE is critically dependent upon organizations such as PSSS that can make the communities aware of their rights.
- (3) Kishor Kaushal Vikas Kendra is working well.
- (4) We should continue to offer support to PSSS in education-oriented projects that have goals consistent with the mission of AfE.

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