

ATOOT SHIKSHA ABHIYAN **EMPOWERING GIRLS THROUGH EDUCATION**

**JOINT OPERATION FOR SOCIAL HELP
(JOSH)**



BACKGROUND

The Atoot Shiksha Campaign is an initiative aimed at re-enrolling girls who have either dropped out of school or have never been enrolled. Through this program, JOSH offers these girls a second opportunity to dream and reach their full potential.

Education can take various forms, including formal education (such as schooling or university), non-formal education (such as workshops or community learning), and informal education (learning from everyday experiences or self-directed study). JOSH helps in providing holistic education through regular class room transaction as well as training sessions on various life skills and relevant thematic issues, such as legal aid, sexual and reproductive health and understanding gender rights



WHY IS EDUCATION SO CRITICAL ?

Education empowers individuals and communities, driving economic development. For women, especially from marginalized backgrounds, it provides essential knowledge and skills to improve their lives and challenge societal norms. Education enables informed decision-making, better job opportunities, and advocacy for rights, fostering leadership and contributing to a more equitable society.

PERSONAL GROWTH

Education fosters critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity, promoting personal growth and self-discovery.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

A well-educated workforce is essential for a thriving economy, driving innovation and competitiveness.



TYPES OF INTERVENTION



Atoot Shiksha initiative has three main components- classroom teaching which includes 480 hours of teaching, solving of past year question papers, evaluation and assignments; trainings on various issues and handholding on completion of NIOS registration.

CLASSROOM TEACHING SUPPORT

Structured classes for all students, which includes 480 hours of classroom teaching, evaluation, test paper solving and others

LIFE SKILL TRAININGS

Thematic and life skill trainings of girls, on issues like understanding gender, legal aid, sexual and reproductive health and rights

ENROLLMENT THROUGH NIOS

JOSH on completion of one instructional year, facilitates enrollment of the students into the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS). They are supported through the application process and with complete fees for the enrollment and examination.



FILLING THE GAPS IN LEARNING

The classroom teaching for the dropped out girls, helps them to reach the educational levels of the class they have dropped out from. Girls are taught all subjects to equip them to appear for 10th and 12th grade examination

FORMING POSITIVE AND CAREER ORIENTED ATTITUDE

When the girls drop out of school, they are often married off early and they lack access to any career opportunities. Constant push back from the society and family makes them lose any career seeking attitude. Life skill training and counselling helps them to start seeking career opportunities and take up jobs

HONING SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL SKILLS

Various life skill and thematic workshops conducted during the period of the one year session, helps girls to gain necessary knowledge and skills to navigate life better and also provide them a support network of peers and seniors

COMPLETION OF A DEGREE

The NIOS enrolment into helps girls to get back into the fold of formal education, thereby completing a degree, 10th and 12th grade. This is mandatory to access any form of job opportunities.

MAIN OUTCOME OF THE PROGRAM





DETAILS OF THE CURRENT BATCH OF GIRLS

1.

TAKING THE 10TH GRADE

Of the 38 girls enrolled in the course, 27 of them are studying to appear for 10th board examination through NIOS

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TAKING THE 12TH GRADE

Of the 38 girls enrolled in the course, 11 girls are appearing for 12th grade board examination through NIOS

MAIN REASONS FOR GIRLS DROPPING OUT OF EDUCATION

FAMILY RESTRICTIONS

Girls have been pulled out of school due to various family problems, which includes financial hardships, death in the family, patriarchal mindset and others

LACK OF EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

Girls often are dropping out of school because of their inability to cope up with pressures of study, especially in higher grades of 9th and 11th. They lack tuition or educational support to deal with increasing demand of high classes

LACK OF HEALTHCARE AND NUTRITION

Girls are also dropping out of school due to lack of access to healthcare. Many girls have reported prolonged period of absence from school due to major illness leading to them dropping out of school

STORIES OF CHANGE



VINNI

Vinni is 20 years old and dropped out of school in 9th grade as she could not cope with the increasing academic requirements of the higher grade. She come from a resource poor family and has an elder brother who is extremely abusive towards her. He beats her up on the slightest of chance. JOSH intervened and spoke to the parents to resist this behaviour of their son. We also spoke to them to allow Vinni to join the out of school program so that she can get back to education and not be dependent on anyone. Her brother refused, but she has been supported by her mother to continue with her education. Vinni engages in different activities organised by JOSH and also is preparing to appear for her 10th board examination soon.



STORIES OF CHANGE

BABITA



Babita is 27 years old and lives in Trilokpuri. She dropped out of school, because she was married off at a very early age. She tried to get back to study after her marriage, but did not receive any support from his in-laws. Babita got to know about JOSH and its program for drop out girls. during a mobilisation drive in the community. She reached out to us, but her in-laws refused to let her join the program. We then met and spoke with her husband separately, and convinced him to allow her and support her to enroll back to education. Babita is now enrolled and is preparing to take her 10th boards examination. Her husband drops and picks her up from the study centre at JOSH. She is happy to have got a second chance.

STORIES OF CHANGE

MEENAKSHI



Meenakshi is 21 years old and lives in Trilokpuri with her grandparents. She lost both her parents at a young age. Life with her grandparents has been tough, as she has to take care of them constantly. When we met with her, she expressed her deep desire to study. Her grandparents pulled her out of school after 11th grade as they could not afford the fees and other expenses. When we approached the grandparents, they refused to send her to this program, saying that she needs to be married rather than study. When we insisted and assured them that passing her boards would only help her, they finally gave in. She is now preparing to take her 12th board exams and is also taking computer and english classes at JOSH. She wants to join a job soon as she passes her boards.

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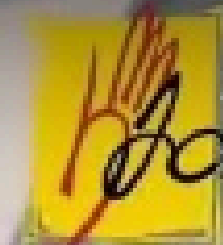
ANA FATIMA



Ana is 18 years old and belongs to a Muslim family. Their family migrated from Uttar Pradesh, due to which she missed her school there. On arriving in Delhi, she tried to get admission in the Delhi schools, but due to lack of proper documents, no school admitted her. She was left hopeless, when one day she came across JOSH's program. She joined the Atoot Shiksha program and is now preparing to take her 12th board exams. Also, during the course of this program, Ana exhibited exemplary participation and engagement on various issues. Seeing this she was also inducted into the fellowship program of JOSH, where she is not only studying but also working in her community and is supported by a small stipend. She is able to take care of her basic needs using the stipend.



Atoot Shiksha Abhiyaan



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THE PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR

JOSH proposes to continue to work with girls who have dropped out due various reasons and would extend education, social, emotional and life skills to the girls to give them a second chance to a life with the kind support of ASHA for Education. **This year the initiative will scale the reach out to from 38 girls to 45 girls.**

ASHA FOR EDUCATION (May 2025- Apr 2026)				(May 2024 - Apr 2025)	
Budget for 45 Girls Student				Budget for 38 girls	
Budget Line	Unit	Rate	Amount	Rate	Amount
Teacher Honorarium	12	26400	316800	24000	288000
Resource Centre Rent and Maintenance	12	26400	316800	25000	300000
Printing Postage and Photocopy	12	6400	76800	5000	60000
Mobilisation	2	4000	8000	4000	8000
Local travel	12	0	0	1700	20400
Enrollment and Examination Fees	45	3700	166500	3700	140600
Program Coordinator	12	17000	204000	15000	180000
Audit fee	1	11000	11000	10000	10000
Total			1099900		1007000