

Asha Education Project, Mirzapur

Brief Description

1. Asha Samajik Shikshan Kendra: Bakiabad:

This centre is located in the eastern part of Chunar, Mirzapur district, about 3 kilometres off the main road. Approximately 80–85 families from the Musahar community reside here, earning their livelihoods primarily through daily wage labour and collecting firewood from the forest. The learning centre operates in a space provided by Mrs. Rita Devi, a local villager and chairperson of our Self-Help Group. On average, 50–55 children attend the centre regularly. Since the nearest government school is more than 2 kilometres away, these children are unable to access it. The centre is facilitated by teacher Pooja.

2 Asha Samajik Shikshan Kendra: Shekhwan:

Situated 3 kilometres from the Ahraura market in Mirzapur district, this centre serves a small settlement of about 30 families, predominantly from the Musahar community. Their livelihoods depend on daily wage labour and woodcutting. Classes are conducted in a tin shed set up beside a Peepal tree platform, provided by teacher Anita. Approximately 35–40 children attend the centre; while some are enrolled in government schools, they rarely attend school regularly.

3. Asha Samajik Shikshan Kendra: Patwai:

This settlement, 2 kilometres from Ahraura market, is home to nearly 100 households from various communities, including Musahar, Arakh, Pal, Nishad, Maurya, and Bind. The primary livelihoods here are daily wage work and employment in stone cutting. Approximately 60–70 children attend the centre regularly. The nearest government school is located 1 kilometre away, and some children are enrolled there. The centre operates in the house and verandah of local resident Mr. Sharma and is facilitated by teacher Rahul.

4. Asha Samajik Shikshan Kendra: Pachengda:

Situated 5 kilometres from Ahraura market, this settlement comprises around 45 families, mostly from the Musahar community. The government school is 4 kilometres away, and none of the children attend it. About 35–40 children regularly come to the centre, which operates in a space voluntarily provided by local resident Shri Shyam Sundar. Teacher Himmat manages this centre.

5. Asha Samajik Shikshan Kendra: Rastogia

This centre caters to a community with a unique social structure. About 10–12 families live here permanently, contributing 15–18 children who attend throughout the year. Between October and June, around 50 migrant families arrive, working in dance, singing, and orchestra groups. They bring along 30–35 children, raising the total number of learners at the centre to 40–50 during this period. These families hail from districts such as Bhabhua, Bihar, Ballia, Ghazipur, and Azamgarh and belong to diverse communities, including Muslim, Chamar, Gond, and Rajbhar. The centre operates in a portion of a house voluntarily provided by local resident Sanjay and is facilitated by teacher Deepak.

Other than these 5 education centers we are also willing to run regular center at Bawanji village near Ahraura from next session:

Asha Samajik Shikshan Kendra: Bawanji:

Located on the hill behind Ahraura police station, this settlement consists of about 60 Musahar families. Their main sources of income include stone cutting, daily wage labour and agricultural work. There are 30–35 children, with nearly half enrolled in government schools. Classes can be conducted at the home of local resident Shri Nandlal, with the nearby Neem tree platform can also be utilised. Volunteer Reshma regularly visits this place.

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