

**Half Yearly Site Visit Report on Jeevan Sadhana Vidya Niketan (JSVN) School
& NCLP-Priyobondhu Schools 2022**

1. Name of School and Strength of Students:

SCHOOL	Year 2021	Year 2022
BASISTHA	62	57
PASCHIM KILLING	30	25
ROBINGAON	25	35
DHARBAM	45	45

Combined student strength of the four schools: 162

2. Assam Development Initiative's (ADI) support and role in the management of the Schools:

Since 2009, ADI a Registered Trust, registered in Guwahati in the year 2016 took up the responsibility of managing and operating the JSVN and Priyobondhu Schools. The major operational budget of the JSVN School, Basistha is met by ASHA, an American non-profit organisation and presently, the Priyobondhu schools are running independently. Periodic visit are made by ADI members to ensure the smooth functioning of the schools and to oversee the academic and other extra –curricular activities of the school. ADI participates actively in supporting and motivating the children to exhibit their skills in art and culture by organising programmes on significant days like Children's Day, Republic Day etc.

3. Priyobondhu's Role and Participation in the three Khetri Schools:

The three Khetri schools namely; Dharbam, Robingaon and Paschim Killing were operating under the NCLP model, managed and administered by Priyobondhu, an NGO, actively associated with the functioning of the three remote schools since 2020. ADI team monitors the progress and development of the schools. Besides giving salary to the teachers, the NCLP model also encourages vocational training by engaging vocational trainers to train the girls and boys of the surrounding area thereby equipping them with skills with a view to empower them. However considerable changes in the names, academics and administration of the schools were noticed with the three schools, at present, under a Trust named Archana Borthakur Educational Trust and the schools renamed as:

Priyobondhu Bohumukhi Vidyalay, Dharbam
Priyobondhu Bohumukhi Vidyalay, Robingaon

Priyobondhu Bohumukhi Vidyalay, Paschim Killing

Academics took a transformational change with the schools adopting the 'Assam Jatiya Vidyalay' curriculum. Four unit tests are held in each school and the marks of the unit tests are included in the Annual Examination Report. Slow learners are showing remarkable progress and extra teachers and helps are appointed in each school. Breakfast and lunch is provided in the schools. Hygiene kits and educational accessories are also distributed to the students.

Overall ADI is satisfied with the present state of changes as the main objective of ADI which is Child Development especially in rural areas is met by the new system adopted by Priyobondhu. While looking into the changes, it was found that NCLP, over the time, was irregular in providing aid and meeting the teachers salaries. Faced with such a issue, Archana Borthakur had put up a proposal for the reinstatement of Dharbam and Paschim Killing School Teacher's salaries under financial support of ASHA-ADI in a letter to ADI on the 5th of May 2022. She requests for the exploration of such a possibility. However if the proposal is approved, she requests ADI to initiate funds only through ASHA-ADI without engaging any other organisations.

4. **A Report of the present activities in the four schools for the first six months of the current academic year is as follows:**

PASCHIM KILLING SCHOOL:

Vidisha Sarma has been appointed as the Principal of the school. Protima is continuing with her duties as a regular teacher. Mamoni, another teacher has been appointed and Rehang has left. A Helper has been appointed. Regular classes are going on and as the children at Killing were found to be interested in Martial Arts, Pratap Rehang, a Martial Art Instructor has been appointed to impart training to the children. A

decline in the number of students is observed due to social issues like elopement among students which are somewhat encouraged by parents. Intervention could be done through counselling to both guardians and students.

Priyobondhu took the initiative to erect a boundary fence around the school premises with the barbed wire lying around for some time donated by Vision India.

ROBINGAON SCHOOL:

Meenakshi Nath has been appointed as the Principal of the school. Purnananda Deka and Sumi Baishya continues as regular teachers. Merciful Sangma has been appointed as a teacher and Purnima Baishya engaged as a help. An Art and Craft teacher, Anupam Das has been appointed to provide the necessary skills to the students. The strength of students have increased and overall the school shows good improvement. Infrastructure also is in place.

DHARBAM SCHOOL:

This is the school with the highest student strength of 45. Enrolment was for 60 but with the majority in the pre-primary section being irregular in attendance, the number was placed at 45 by Priyobondhu.

Sachiprova Bharali, Head teacher along with Assistant Teacher, Lalita Terong continues. Lipika has

been appointed as a Guest Faculty and Lakheswari Boro engaged as a help. Priyobondhu is considering to select a principal for this school. An art and Craft teacher, Manjit Bora has been appointed. The much needed well required for the school has been constructed by Priyobondhu and a bamboo fence erected all around the school premises with the guardians of the students joining in the efforts to set it up.

BASISTHA SCHOOL:

Located within the SSA premises, the School's infrastructure has remarkably improved over the last months with donations from various organisations and NGO's. Three ceiling fans and other essential goods were donated and tin roofs were fitted by JCI Kamrup Elite as a part of the organisation's CSR activities.

Class viii students were given a farewell at a school gathering organised by the teachers of the school. On 25th May, a School Health awareness programme was organised by Dispur Nursing Institute. World Environment Day was celebrated along with the students of Dispur Nursing Institute. Shanti Sadhana Ashram organised World Yoga Day where the students participated in the celebrations.

The 1st Unit Test was conducted from 22nd June to 28th June followed by a summer break from 1st July to 31st July. School reopened on 1st of August and Teacher's Day was celebrated on 5th of Sept where the children participated in a number of activities. Half Yearly Exams are scheduled for 19th Sept to 24th Sept.

Head Teacher Jeuti Sharma along with her team comprising Rina Barmon and Shabnam Neog continues. Kamala Rajbongshi, also continues as a Help. Jintu Islam, the Maths Teacher found employment with the Assam Police and resigned. His brother, Hridoy Sigas has joined and lessons were not disrupted.

Although funds from ASHA were received as reported by SSA, the teacher's salary were not released on time for the last five months and after much intervention by ADI, the teachers finally received their salaries on the 14th of September 2022. The Mid-day meal scheme which was on the pipeline for quite some time will start from 25th Sept and arrangements are in place.

Sincere gratitude and regards to ASHA Members

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