

Vijan Shikshan Kendra: Progress Report

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Center Number 1.

Location: Bunkar Colony, Rasoolpura, Varanasi

Teacher: Nigaar Salma

Time: 2 to 4 pm

Period: July 2003 – 2004

Subjects: Hindi, Urdu, Math, Social Science, Health science

Name of students	Age
1. Nurunnisa	35
2. vaje bun	20
3. Nagina bano	16
4. Parveen Jahan	16
5. Farzana Bibi	17
6. Aamna Bibi	15
7. Hasina	14
8. Ruby Jafreen	12
9. Shama Parveen	12
10. Jasmeen Jahan	16
11. Firoza Bano	13
12. Seema Parveen	12
13. Rehana	30
14. Zareena	35
15. Shabnam	10
16. Saba	8
17. Aamna bibi	15
18. Farida bano	12
19. Waheeda bano	13
20. Naseerunissa	12

Progress: attempts at letter writing, reading the newspaper, addition, subtraction, carry-over multiplication have been taught. The students are learning division.

Future plans: To appear for Standard V examination.

Other activities: Celebrated Independence Day, Teachers' Day, and National Literacy Day.

Training: The women and girls are being told about self help groups and the importance of savings. Other individuals associated with our group have been helping in this work, such as Satyapriya, Kudasiya etc. In addition, the women are being taught stitching and knitting, as well as painting.

Center Number 2:**Location:** Vyaspur**Teacher:** Savitri**Time:** 2 to 4 pm**Period:** July 2002 to June 2003**Teaching material:** Slates, Charts, Notebooks**Subjects taught:** Hindi, English, Mathematics, Social Science**Student names:**

1. Shanichari
2. Lalti
3. Kumari Sunita
4. Kumari Maya
5. Usha
6. Itwari
7. Pinki
8. Suman
9. Afsana
10. Anjum Bano
11. Aasafa
12. Gajala
13. Farida
14. Mulayam
15. Riyazuddin
16. Roshan Jahan
17. Rizwana
18. Prakash Kumar
19. Pintu
20. Sadhana
21. Samir
22. Irfan
23. Sanjay

Current status: The above listed children were taught in the center from July 2002 to June 2003. Out of these, 20 of them have been encouraged and enrolled in formal schools.

Other activities: The children organized a cultural program on the occasion of Independence Day and Republic Day. Flag hoisting was done, tricolor caps and flags had also been made. Cleaning of the surroundings was done. Toffees and biscuits were distributed. Due to our work in enrolling children in formal schools, the need for the center no longer exists. Therefore the Vyaspur center was not continued for the next period.

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Location: Meeraghat (Nakkhighat), Varanasi

Teacher: Mumtaz Begum

Time: 12 noon to 2 pm

Period: July 2003 to 2004

Teaching material: Slate, blackboard, charts, etc

Subjects: Hindi, Mathematics, Social Science, Health Science

Names of students and father's name:

1. Farzana – 8 years – Kadir
2. Fatima – 12 – Shamsuddin
3. Afsana – 6 – Kadir
4. Neha – 4 – Kadir
5. Wazir – 13 – Kadir
6. Nargid – 12 – Ziauddin (parents are dumb)
7. Masser Jahan – 8 – Ziauddin
8. Farzana – 14 – Nizamuddin
9. Shabnam – 6 – Nur Mohammed
10. Nargis – 12 – Habibun
11. Wazir – 13 – Kadir
12. Wasim – 10 –
13. Shahabuddin – 8 – Nizam Mohammed
14. Shoaib – 8 – Nur Mohammed
15. Shahid Jamal – 10 – Nizamuddin
16. Hassan Abbas – 10 – Aslam

Women:

1. Rehana
2. Afsari
3. Shama Pakhib
4. Nur Jahan
5. Shahnaz
6. Shabnam
7. Savitri

About Nakkhighat (Meeraghat): This area is very backward, extends from Thana Alaipuri area upto the banks of Varuna river. It falls under Malin Basti, municipal ward no 14J35/31. The population is around 5000. Out of these 60% are Muslim Ansaris (weavers), 20% Rajbhar, 10% Khatik, 10% Pasi, 3-4 houses are of Yadavs, 2 of Pathans etc. A Government primary school started in this area 3 years ago, in which 440 students are enrolled according to the registers. It has only 2 rooms and 4 teachers, which includes trainees (shiksha-mitra?). The school is near the railway line and GT road, located on the outskirts of the neighbourhood, due to which the guardians are wary of sending their children. This area, especially Meeraghat, is prone to floods. Practically all areas next to the Varuna river get flooded. The water from this years flood is yet to recede, creating a

filthy atmosphere. The children play in the filth and in the water all day. The population density is high. Due to the palms around, consumers of toddy and country liquor frequent this area. Hence the teenage girls do not go to school out of fear. All children above the age of 13-14 are uneducated. In the entire population, literacy is not more than 4-5%. Only 2-4 women are educated.

This year during the flood 'Vikan' organized relief work and distributed food grains, clothes, bedding etc. During that time, the local people requested to start an education center. Taking into consideration the needs of the area, the Meeraghat center was set up and started functioning. There are no 'madrasas' in the area.

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