VARUN Site Visit Report.

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Pathraur, tehsil-Navgarh, Dist.Chandauli. (UP)
The village is located in an isolated forest area, 35 km from tehsil H Q, connected by motorable road semi-finished. It is 115 km from district HQ. No Electricity, no telephone line. Mobile signal of state run BSNL works for few hours/day. District administration presence is nil. Only forest guards and forest officers are seen on the desolate road. The writer saw some patches of road being repaired manually thro, Govt. contractor. The school visited-Basic Primary School- Pathraur.total student: 42, boys-25, girls-17. class one-12/11, boys/ girls. Class two-5/3, class three-4/3, class four-4/nil. Class five-nil student. Is clear that school drop out are high, inspite of Govt run Mid-day meal scheme. Asha has a teacher Mr.Surendra Kumar who is teaching since 2007, he is a local tribal, passed 12 standard. In view of Govt. posting of two teachers, he will have to be deployed.

Samudayeek Siksha Kendra, Sukhdevpur-Sivpur.district Chandauli.tehsil-Navgarh.
Distance from Dist. HQ-120km. Total students- 30,12/18 -boys/ girls. This is an Asha run school located in a mud walled tilled roof hutments - situated in open agriculture field. Accessibility to the school is only by foot. Please see pictures in exibhits. Class wise boys/girls strength is- class one- 4/6 ,class two-2/5 , class three-1/6 , class-four-5/1.class- five-nil. Asha has a full time teacher - local tribal-passed - 12th class-cycles 7km to school one way from Jamshot village. Mr.Manmohan Singh is hard working as he handles all classes single handedly, students are happy and learning is good as tests on numbers/ tables on random students had good scores. Although teacher/ student ratio is higher in Pathraur the performance of students were better in Shukhdevpur.

Pictures
Approaching Pathraur:
Sarva Siksha Kendra, Sukdeopur (below)

Class 4 school. Kid with his sister (below)

Mr. Manmohan Singh, school teacher (above).
School at Pathraur with painted school name.

Mr. Surendra Kumar

Dr. SP Singh (below)