

Half Yearly Report **December 2005**

Start of the new session

The new session at Uday started on 1st July 2005. As we had expected earlier the number of parents wanting to send their children to the school had increased considerably. The increase was not only in the villages from where children were coming; a large increase was from Charoda, a village from where only one boy came in the first year. Although we had planned to keep the number of children to 100 in the second year but due to the pressure from the community the number increased to 115. We also had a set back, one boy Kishan from Rawal dropped out as his parents thought that the school was too far from their house.

Now the school has five groups of children. Phulwari, Bagachia, Guldusta, Gul and Khushi. One teacher for each group.

Appointment of new teachers

With increase in the number of children in the school, new teachers were appointed. One of them was an experienced teacher from Bodh Shiksha Samiti and other two inexperienced ones (one male and one female). The appointment was done in three phases - in July, August and October. These two teachers need training. One has already been sent to Bodh Shiksha Samiti for training and the other one will be sent when Bodh or Digantar will conduct the next training.

Partnership with Bodh Shiksha Samiti

Bodh Shiksha Samiti has agreed to help the organization for next one year. BSS will help train our teachers and provide us the technical and academic support. BSS has also agreed to provide salaries to our staff and teachers, and administrative cost for next one year.

Constructions at the school

One more step was taken in the construction of the school. The community generated funds to make a kuttcha boundary wall on the school land. A mud wall had been made on half of the land. The remaining work could not be done as rain had stopped. A total of work worth Rs. 37000 was done.

Workshops

Regular fortnightly workshops are being conducted since July 2005. The teachers present the report of the activities done in last 15 days and the action plan for next 15 days. These workshops are also the forum of discussions on academic, personal and administrative matters. Teachers also present the innovative methods of teaching and new TLM in the workshop and the team of teachers approves the ideas after long discussions.

October Workshop

A six days long workshop was conducted in October 2005. This workshop was conducted in the organization office at Sawai Madhopur. We made reading material for environment studies for children who had reached the stage of reading and writing. The next six days workshop is being planned in the last week of December. We will be working on EVS and art education.

December Workshop

A workshop for six days was organized in the last week of December. We made reading material in environmental studies on the concepts in science equivalent to std. Five of NCERT and SIERT syllabus for self-learning children. Shiv Kumar a noted artist spend two days in the workshop and help us understand art education in elementary school education.

Establishment of office

The organization is in process of establishing an office in Sawai Madhopur.

Interactions with Save the Children Fund, Finland

SCF, Finland an organization committed to work for child rights in the country started communicating with GSK in October for possible partnership and support to the initiatives of the GSK. SCF agreed to support the outreach programme mentioned in the concept note of the organization. A project in collaboration of GSK and SCF to improve the quality of education on 20 selected villages of Sawai Madhopur was finalized in November 2005. The project will start in March 2005.

Community Meetings

The community meetings were stopped due to a dispute between the community members in Feb-March 2005. We restarted the regrouping the community after July 2005. It was still very difficult to make them sit together. So we decided to conduct separate meetings in each village. These meetings have been quite successful. We are at present sharing with them the progress of each child and the academic activities being done.

Consultancy Support

Mr. Shiv Kumar, a noted artist from Jaipur has agreed to spend time with our teachers and children for next one year. He will be working on art education with children for a week every month. Mr. Vinod Padraj (a noted poet in the state) has agreed to help us form a work plan to work on literature.