

Report of the first term:

Attendance and enrolment:

After the summer vacation the school opened on the 15th of June. Typically every summer most of our students along with their families migrate to their native villages. They drift back into the city through June and July. So till 15th of July the number of students coming to the centre remain low. This year we initiated an intensive community outreach programme from July and as a result we have got 88 new admissions during the last one month. However, most of them were not fit for class I, therefore they were admitted into Sshrishti Ladli, our centre for the beginners. In six months most of these children will move to class I of Sshrishti Learning Centre. 21 out of these 88 new children have been admitted in class I&II of Sshrishti Learning Centre.

At present the strength of SLC is as follows:

Girls: 31

Boys:55

Total: 86

Avg. attendance: 75 %

Education:

Regular classes of I – IV have been continuing. Subjects taught are English, Hindi, Maths, Environmental Science, and computers. School timing: 8.30 to 2.30pm.

Extracurricular Activities:

Every day after lunch children have 45 minutes of extracurricular activities. Drawing, indoor games, music & dance, GK and spoken English are taken during this period.

Introduction of class V:

Class V through 'National Institute of Open Schooling' has been started this term. There are 22 students who would be appearing for this examination in March 2010. We have also applied to NIOS to become one of their accredited centres.

Mrs. Archana Sinha is the special teacher for this class. She is teaching all the subjects. Volunteers are sometimes taking supplementary English classes.

Nutrition: Children are now getting a glass of milk at 11 am and their regular lunch at 1.15pm. We are also starting a course of multivitamin supplement for all the students from 17th. Aug. The prolonged extreme heat and lack of power has been very hard on the teachers and students. We would be giving the supplement for a month to raise their resistance and fill any gap in nutrition.

Conveyance: Although most of the students come to the school by walking we had to hire from this month a school cab at Rs.5000 per month for transportation of 10 small children from a slum at a distance. We are hoping this number will go up to 14. Our school van and driver is engaged in transporting volunteers, bringing food and drinking water to our centres and for sundry other activities related to administration and coordination.
So in effect our conveyance cost is now more than last term,

Celebration:

Independence Day will be celebrated in the centre with cultural programme and thereafter some older boys would be flying kites. Some of our students will participate in the celebrations organized by residents of B1 block of Vasant Kunj Area.

The staff of SLC:

Project coordinator: Roopali Singh B.A

Teachers:

Hindi: Vani Rathore. M.A (Hindi) M.A (History) B. Ed

Teacher Class V: Archana Sinha: M.A. B.Ed

Maths& Eng: Sandhya Sharma: M.A , B.Ed

EVS: Subrata Pattanayak: BA, B. Ed

English : Rashmi Sharma: B.A

English: Alicia Kern (Volunteer)

English: Priya (Volunteer supervisor)

Computers: Tobias Bothe (Volunteer)

Cleaner cum cook: Vinod Choudhury

Driver: Rajesh

Workshop: In July one day teacher's workshop was conducted by a trainer from the organization Pratham.

Parent Teacher Meeting: On the second Saturday of July Parent teacher meeting was held and the children put up a cultural show for their parents.

Difficulties faced: Severe power cuts of five to six hours daily with high heat and humidity is making it extremely difficult to hold classes. Even the power back up runs out after two hours. Hopefully in a month's time the situation will improve.