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Site Visit Report

Project Visited: Sshrishti Learning Center, New Delhi  
Date of Visit: 10<sup>th</sup> August 2011  
Visit By: Amrish Garg (Asha volunteer from Princeton chapter of Asha) and his friend, Samir Biswas, who is a resident of New Delhi

We went without any prior contact with Sshrishti as we wanted the visit to be a surprise.

From Qutub Minar we took an auto to Kishangarh and after getting down at Gaushala we walked over to the Learning Center. We must have reached around 11:30 AM. In the office, we talked for a few minutes with Mr. Rakesh Ramwani, Project Coordinator, who told us there were 4 classes (LKG, UKG, Grade I and Grade II) in progress at that location and that the classes ran from 8:30am to 2:30pm. We expressed interest in visiting all the classes.

The Grade II Class taught by Ms. Kavita had 11 students, 7 boys, and 4 girls, and they were learning English. The students were dressed in school uniform and seated at desks. On cue from the teacher, they greeted us. They appeared happy and confident. On being asked, they told us their names one at a time. The names were:

Mayank  
Amisha Kumari  
Dheeraj Kumar  
Rajneesh Kumar  
Manoj Kumar  
Amrit Kumari  
Bapparaj  
Kartik Kaushal  
Rohit Kumar  
Babita Devi  
Lakshmi Devi

Thereafter, we visited the other 3 classes. Ms. Madhuri Gupta was teaching the UKG Class. There were 17 students learning General

Knowledge and Drawing in that class. In the LKG Class, Ms. Nirmala was teaching math to 16 students. The Grade I students, 19 in number, were learning mathematics from Ms. Rushma Sharma.

I took photographs of all the classes before getting back to Mr. Ramwani. Ms. Roopali Singh (in charge of fundraising) also joined the conversation. We were told that the students came from families with inadequate means and were charged a nominal tuition. Sshrishti provided them with uniforms and meals. Class III and IV students were going to a Govt. School.

Ms. Sanghamitra Bose was told of our visit over the phone. She was at a different site and was expected later in the day.

Ms. Roopali Singh invited us to another site within walking distance but we declined because we were impressed by what we had already seen. She gave us a copy of their Annual Report for 2010-2011.

Overall, both my friend and I felt that the children were learning in a structured fashion in a caring and supportive atmosphere and Sshrishti deserved praise for the accomplishment.

After a few days, I talked to Ms. Bose over the phone and complimented her on the work being done by Sshrishti.

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