

Annual Report

July 2016 to June 2017

Coordination work of ASHA Rajatalab and NJSS:

As done in the previous years, annual plan was made for this year's work of ASHA Rajatalb and NJSS Project. Monthly meeting with all the teachers and staff, were conducted. Monthly work plan with staff was made for effective working of ASHA Social School, Adolescent Girls' Center, S.H.G. Monthly evaluation was done and reports were sent to ASHA Chicago Chapter. Accounts of the complete were prepared.

Following works were done:

ASHA Social School: Two permanent centers, one in Nagepur and another in Harsos village are operating under ASHA Rajatalab and NJSS Project. There are approximately 450 students in these centers. New session



started in July and necessary things were provided such as books, stationery and teaching aid. The district education officer was contacted to apply for government recognition for ASHA Social School at Nagepur. Time to time meetings with the

guardians were conducted. Trainings for the teachers were conducted, yearly school programs were organized.

Furniture for ASHA Social School, Nagepur were made: Tables and chairs for the students were made. Purchase of wood and arrangements for furnitures to be made at the premises were done.

Solar Light was also provided for ASHA Social School, Nagepur.

Computer Lab and Library made: A plan to have a good computer lab and a library for ASHA School, Nagepur had been for a long time. A Lab with 10 computers was constructed with the help of ASHA for Education General Fund. A library for students from LKG to college level was also opened. Including ASHA school children there are total of 300 poor students who are members of this library.



Adolescent Girls Center and Adolescent Girls Training Program:

There are 08 adolescent girls training centers at present. 250 girls of age more than 14 are being trained and benefited by this center. Along with regular studies, these girls are being trained for tailoring and embroidery. The responsibility of managing this center was taken by me. Regular meeting with the trainers and teachers were done. The girls were contacted. Sewing machines and other necessary things were arranged for the center. The

adolescent girls underwent two leadership development trainings.

Adolescent girls summer training program: This year summer



training camp was organized from 20th May to 15th June, 90 girls took part. The girls learned about computer operations, handicraft making, beautician training, jewelry making, dance, martial arts, painting etc. I took the role of organizing this training. Teachers were arranged, necessary thing were arranged and planning with teachers was done.

Training program for youth conducted: Some young boys of the village were identified who are studying in different schools.



I decided to educate them on social issues too. Discussion on gender issues and the personal problems of these boys were addressed. Help is extended to these boys so that they can make further plans in life and studies too.

Self Help Groups: 70 SHGs are in operation in which are more than 1200 women members. Every month meetings are held, the women make their contributions and the women in need take a loan from the collected amount. The total savings of these SHGs are INR 12,00,000. The office bearers of these SHGs were given regular trainings and meetings with all members were held on regular basis. The women of these SHGs are educated on issues such as violence against women, womens rights, their role and

involvement in panchayats. These members have organized



their cultural programs too. Preparations are on for forming a federation of these SHGs. The annual SHG Convention was organized in the month of March. 1500 members participated in this program.

Drive against sale of liquor: In the month of March the Supreme Court had ordered that all liquor shops on national highways should be closed so these shop owners started to shift their shops in the villages. The women of our union and the villagers together organized a drive against these shops and pressurized them to close. Plans are to further this drive in other places and villages in a big way.



Programs on Girl Child Day: Girl child day was celebrated by organizing programs in all 08 centers for adolescent girls. I had taken the responsibility for the program. The girls participated in these programs and had opportunity to gain confidence in performing. Their leadership was also boosted.



Collective marriage without dowry: This year on 10th May 81 pairs were married in Collective marriage program. The preparations for the program took more than one month. A collection of INR 25,00,000 was collected from general public in terms of cash, household items and grains. I took the main responsibility of the program. This collection was used for the marriage. Around 10,000 invitied participated in the wedding feast. Each pair was gifted with a bicycle, sewing machine, T.V., electrical fan, bed-set, mattress, quilt, kitchen utensils, clothes and other household necessities.



Drive against Coca Cola: A drive against the Coca Cola company factory in Mehendiganj, Varanasi is being carried on since the past 12 years. This plant is effecting ground water and is polluting the environment. Success came when the Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board ordered closure of the plant on 06 June 2014. Coca Cola approached the Green Tribunal with the matter but was ordered to shut down completely the INR

2,35,00,00,000 plant. I was instrumental in preparing the papers and to apply for the complete closure of the company, here. The local residents were also involved in the drive, protests and meetings were organized time to time.



Participation in Sajha Sanskriti Manch Programs: Sajha Sanskriti



manch is an umbrella for 65 Social organizations of Varanasi. Various programs were conducted under this banner such as on human rights, violence against women, issues on land and forest.

Street plays, discussions, forums, meetings have been organized and I have participated in them.

Programs organized by Lok Samiti: Organised lok panchayat for dispute settlements. There are various kinds of disputes in the villages such as family dispute, spouse dispute, dispute over land



etc. People normally carry their issues to the Police or the Court where unnecessary money and time is spent. We encourage people in such matters to come to us, both the parties are asked to sit together and a solution is sought on mutual basis. There are many such cases that come to us even on weekly basis.

Voters' awareness campaign: This year Uttar Pradesh Legislative elections were held so voters' awareness campaign was organized. Voters were encouraged to give their votes so as to have more people to vote.

Health Check up Camp organized: in collaboration with Doctors' Chambers and Government Health Center, Arazilines, Varanasi, 02 Health Check p Camps were organized in Nagepur. Check up of children, women and the sick were done. Free doctor's consultation and necessary medicines were provided.



Environment conservation and trees planting program:



Awareness rally on environment conservation was organized, trees were planted in many villages during the monsoon session by school children, adolescent girls and womens' union.

More information visit :

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Main programs of the New Year

- Cordination of ASHA Rajatalab, Lok Samiti and NJSS
- Work for gender equality with adolescent boys and girls through their Unions
- Organise three months' educational tour with a view to get knowledge on new techniques of education, learn to be self dependent, self employment of girls and women
- Formation of federation of SHG members
- Help SHG members to be self employed
- Continue drive against Coca Cola
- Collective marriage
- Participation in Sajha Sanskriti Manch and NAPM programs
- Participation in other programs of ASHA India
- Work on environment conservation

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