

Annual Report (Nandlal Master)

July 2013 to June 2014

1. Co-Ordination of NJSS Project:

The work of Asha Rajatalab and NJSS project are executed as planned. Monthly meeting with teacher and staff were conducted. Monthly plan was made and monthly evaluation of work was done for every Asha Social School Adolescent Girls Centre, Self Help Group. Reporting of work and accounts were forwarded to Asha Chicago. The details are as follows:

2. Asha Samajik School:

In this programme two permanent education centers, one in Nagepur and another in Horsos and in addition, two non-formal education centers are in operation. **Around 600**



Children are benefited through there centers. New session has begun in July 2014 and necessary materials have been provided such as books and stationeries to the children and TLM to the teachers. The small children have been provided text books free of cost from the state Govt. Primary education department. All the children in class V will appear for their exams through the Government examination system. Recognition of Asha Social School Nagepur from the state govt. education Department is in process. Formal meetings with the parents and guardians have been conducted. Training for the teachers were conducted and celebration of festivals in the school were done.



3. Construction of Asha School Building of Nagepur:

In order to apply for recognition from the state govt. Education Department there was a need for the Asha Social Schools to have its own building. For constructing the school building Asha Chicago

and other chapters were contacted, a fund of INR 16,50,000/- was received. The construction work begun in June 2013 and chance India group and other local help was sought with a total help of INR 25,00,000/- the Asha school building was completed in march 2014. I have been fully responsible for the construction of this building. This is the first school of Asha India that fulfills the norms and requirements for recognition of the state govt. primary Education Department.

4. Kishori girls center and Kishori Girls Summer Training:-

At present there are 4 such centers in operation. **About 100 girls of ages 14 and above are being benefited they learn embroidery, stitching along with their studies work in these centers.**

The coordination work involves monthly meeting with teachers, contacting the girls and making available essential equipments such as sewing machines. In the previous year self help groups of girls in these centers were formed. where they Savings range from Rs. 50/- or Rs 100/-



per month In the coming years with the generous help of others along with the money saved by these girls a sewing machine for each girl will be bought and give to the girls as her personal belonging.

A summer training program from 26th may to 15th June was organized in which 70 young girls participated where they were taught handy crafts making, Beautician work, Jewelers and Toys making, Dance, Marshall Arts, painting. Nandlal Master was responsible to make and plan this program, arrange teachers and other article of requirements.

5. Co-ordinating Program of chance India:



Under this program 40 villages and 20 city children with good academic record and poor family back ground were selected. All these children are fully supported by chance India and are students of class VI to B.A. These children are study in different schools and

colleges, they are provided with educational materials and they come to Asha Centre, Nagepur for free English and computer Coaching. This year 15 children pass 10th class Board Examination and 5 children pass 12th class Board Examination. Most of them got 80% marks.

6. Self Help Groups (SHG)- related work:

Around 35 SHG are in operation with 500 women. In the monthly meetings of their SHG's women deposit money to a common pool and loan is given to the one who is in need. In totality, these SHGs have deposited around INR 5, 00,000/-.



Nandlal Master has given training time to time and also co-ordinate the SHG work. 30 women from Nagepur SHGs were given commercial Training to make Jewelrys with the help of Union Bank of India. There were training conducted for women

empowerment to address issues like violence against women, women rights and stress on the role of women in the panchayats.

7. MNREGA work and MNREGA Labor Union :

Formation of MNREGA Labor Union in Araji block of Varanasi district was done. This union has 4000 MNREGA Laborers as its members. Nandlal Master has organized Monthly meeting with labor about the MNREGA Act. Training was held to help them operate the Union in a better way. In the meeting and trainings, these laborers were taught about how to apply for work, to get timely payments of their wages and facilities available at the work place Ex. shade



drinking water, medicines, crèche and to get work according to the set standards and to avail benefits available to them. When needed government officials, Village Heads were approached to assure these laborers their rights. Rallies,

demonstrations and procession in favors of the laborers were organized at block, district, State and national levels.

Nandlal Master was invited as a resource person in trainings held on MNREGA in lok Chetana Samiti, Varanasi, Mahila Samiti, Ramnagar, Purvanchal Gramin Chetana Samiti Ghazipur, Sahyog Lucknow, Vanangna, Chitrakoot and other organisation, this year.



8. Group Wedding program without dowry:

A collective marriage program without dowry was organized on 25 may 2014 in which 159 couples got married.

This work took one month preparation. A collective donation for this good cause was raised and it amounted to INR 31, 00,000/- in cash and kind. Nandlal Master took the main responsibility in this work. About 10,000 people took part in this program. Each couple was gifted a bicycle, sewing machine, T.V, fan, Bed, Quilt, Kitchen utensils clothes and other household items.

9. People's movement opposing Coca cola:

A people's movement against Coca Cola in Village Mehdiganj of Varanasi District is in progress since the past 12 years to oppose excessive ground water extraction, pollution and for the closure of the company. Nandlal Master was very



busy in this movement this year, and was collecting data against the company by surveying the adjoining area, presenting the finding of the survey to concerned government Departments. Through the right to information, demands of information were made from pollution department, ground water department, center and state government. With these data and along with the residents of 15 adjoining villages. Nandlal Master applied for closure of the plant. In April IIT BHU also conducted a test in this issue. In Dec 2013 the district administration ordered Coca Cola to vacate the land it had taken in possession illegally. This year on 6th June the pollution Board ordered the closure of its plant. In response Coca Cola has filed a case in National Green Tribunal where the case is pending. Nandlal Master will be very busy in this matter in the coming time.

10. Right to Education and Right to Information:

An information center for all has been started near Araji block office. The center is there to help anyone in order to gain knowledge on right to information Act and also to help in the solving of problems concerning application for right to information. Nandlal Master has participated in various program of right to information conducted by UP government.

The people were imparted information on right to education Act 2009. The formation and operation of school managing committee comes under this and the people were made aware in this regard. Teachers of private schools are also trained in this area.



11. Participation in program of Sajhha Sanskriti Manch:

Nandlal Master holds the responsibility of the position of the secretary of sajha sanskriti manch an umbrella organization consisting of 65 social organizations in varanasi district. Various programs have been conducted by this association suchas pre noters awareness campaigns for lok sabha elections, held an all religion prayer meeting to bring peace in Iraq organizing street plays on various topics.

12. Work as Asha Trustee:

Nandlal Master has taken part in decision making of Asha India trust and has visited others organization supported by the trust and presented report to the concerned chapter.

13. Participation in NAPM programs:

Nandlal Master holds the responsibility of the coordination of NAPM and participated in program of NAPM and pension parishad in Lucknow and Delhi along with more than, 1000 people. He participated in the National conversion in Ahmadabad along with other national and state level meeting and programs.



14. Work for flood relief:

In the month of September 2013 there was severe flood condition in the Ganga River and many villages were badly affected. Flood relief work for one month was conducted; medical camps organized; voluntary help from other village was taken and people in the flood area were helped with essential items as food and clothing.

15. Other program organized Lok Samiti:-

Raza Iftar Party: Roja Iftar program was organized for communal harmony in which 300 people took part.



Mahila Kajali Mahotsav 2013:

To uplift folk culture, this convention was organized in which 1000 women from 25 village participated. Prizes were given winner group.



Rural Sports Program:-

Sport program for the rural youth was organized from 12th to 18th January in which 32 teams participated 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes were given out to honors the winners.

Organizing People Panchayat for Solving Problems:

Family disputes, disputes with neighbors, disputes for land and other such problems were solved without going the police or the judiciary. The process involves identifying a problem, bring both parties together and hold discussion to solve the problem. Such problems come on weekly basis 2 to 3 in a week.

Main programs planned for the 2014-15 period:

- * Coordination of Asha Rajatalab, Lok Samiti and NJSS work.
- * Coordination of the work of chance India Project.
- * To Link SHGs women to income generating program
- * Active participation in Coca Cola movement.
- * Work for Govt. affiliation of Asha Social School
Nagepur and take it to class 8 for girls.
- * Taking MNREGA program to 10 more villages.
- * Setting up a computer room library and science lab in
permanent school Nagepur.
- * To organized fair for children
- * Collective marriage program
- * Participation in sajhha Sanskriti Manch and NAPM programs
- * Participation in other programs of Asha India.

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