

Proposal (August 2018 – July 2019)

After receiving the report from Nandlal Master, Asha Bangalore team has decided on the fellowship and other amounts for Nandlal Master in the 2018-2019 cycle. The cycle starts in August 2018 and ends in July 2019. Asha Bangalore has been supporting him for last six years. Asha Bangalore volunteer Padmanava Sen visited Nagepur village and his running projects) in Rajatalab 3 times in last two years. Nandlal Master visited Asha Bangalore once in 2018.

The amounts sent to Nandlal Master over the years. The honorarium including travel costs are upgraded every year looking at the inflation rate. The proposed number in 2018-2019 is less than the maximum amount decided by Asha ARC for fellowship.

Years	Honorarium (including travel)	Educational Visit
2014-2015 (sent)	23800/month	0
2015-2016 (sent)	25500/month	0
2016-2017 (sent)	27000/month	0
2017-2018 (sent)	28500/month	0
2018-2019 (proposed)	29800/month	26,000

The yearly amount for honorarium = $29800 \times 12 = 3,57,600$

Adding 3.5% administrative cost of Asha Trust, total is (357600×1.035) or around 3,70,000 INR

The breakdown of the education visit reimbursement of INR 26000

Item	Amount
Registration fee (LN conference)	7000
Flights ticket fare (Varanasi to Bangalore round trip, no confirmed train tickets available)	13808
Bus tickets	1386
Auto & Taxi fare	2200
Food and others	1606
Total	26000

Total amount proposed for August 2018 to July 2019 cycle= INR 3,96,000

26000 for direct educational visit reimbursement of June 18

3,70,000 for Fellowship that includes travel and conveyance costs (and Asha Trust administrative cost of 3.5%) - August 2018 to July 2019

Yearly Report from Nandlal Master **(July 2017 to June 2018)**

Coordinate work of ASHA Trust & NJSS: This year under the project of Asha Rajatalab & NJSS (Navjyoti) we have prepared and implemented our plan. Meetings with teachers and workers were organized every month. At every center like ASHA school, Self-help groups, Girls organization, we organized meetings for planning, their implementation and evaluation regularly on monthly basis. Under this, the main work was to report ASHA Chicago Chapters and accounting of whole project. The following works have been done during the period so far:

- **ASHA Samajik Vidyalaya :** At present, under ASHA Rajatlab and NJSS project, one permanent center in Nagepur village and a temporary center in Harsos village is running with a strength of 350 students. In the month of July, a new session has been started and essential arrangements like study material for students, appointment of teachers, purchasing of books and notebooks, and other school-related arrangements were made. We have prepared necessary documents and contacted Officer of Basic education to provide government affiliation for Asha social school, under the Right to Education Act. At the same time, meetings were held with children along with their parents. Teachers were given training and the celebration of school festivals were done responsibly. The school in Harsos village has been closed in the month of April as suggested by Chicago chapters.
- **Making of furniture in ASHA Samajik School (Nagepur) :** For the sitting arrangements of student wooden tables and benches has been made for which purchasing raw materials and processing them in school campus was the main responsibility.
- **Library and Computer lab for students :** From months ago, it was being planned to construct a computer lab and library for childrens in Asha social school. A new lab with 10 computers has been built using money from the general fund of ASHA for Education. Along with this, a library has also been opened for children from LKG to college, in which other than students from Asha social school, about 300 poor children from other nearby schools has become its member. Making availability of books in the library and regular communication with childrens were the major responsibilities. From time to time, training programs were organized on their education, career and other social issues.

- **Organizing the Kishori Center and summer training workshop :** At present, a total of 8 teenage centers are running, in which around 250 teenage girls above age of 14 years are learning the sewing, embroidery and getting educated. Responsibilities for operating of these centers, such as monthly meeting with the teachers of Kishori center, contacting the girls, arranging sewing machines and other important things was carried on successfully. Teenagers were also trained on leadership development twice.
- **Awareness Program on Health and Menstruation for Teenagers :** This year special awareness program was organized for the girls of the teenager centre and women from villages, on their health, especially on menstruation. In collaboration with the MUHEEM Organization, meetings, trainings and workshops were organized on the topic of menstruation at all the teenage centers and the girls were made aware. Cotton Sanitary Pads are also being made by the girls at selected centers.
- **Teenager summer training program :** Teenage summer training program was organized from 15th May to 15th June 2018, in which about 80 adolescents has participated. In the camp, trainings were given for computer work, handicraft, beautician, martial arts, dance, painting, scooter or bike running. The main responsibility for the operation of this camp was mine. I had responsibilities like arranging teachers, purchasing training goods and making plans with the help of everyone.
- **To conduct education and training programs for the youth :** The work is being done with the youth of eight villages, by making organizing them for their education, career, gender equality and other social issues.
- **Self Help Groups:** At present, 75 women self-help groups are running, with a strength of more than 1500 women. Every month the money from groups is deposited and women are trading among themselves as per their need. The saving of all the groups collectively is more than twelve lakhs rupees (1.2 million). Training of group operations was given to the officers of these groups. At the same time, the upcoming plan was made by meeting with them and fellow workers from time to time. In order to empower women in these groups, training programs were organized on issues such as violence against women, women's rights, their participation in Panchayat, and also participated in various events organized by them. Preparations are also underway to create a federation of these groups.

An annual conference of Self Help Group was organized in the month of March, in which about 1500 women participated.

- **Sakhi Chaupal House started:** Sakhi Chaupal House has been started this year at Lok Samiti Ashram Nagepur. At this center programs like meetings, seminars, workshops and trainings on the issues related to women's rights are being organized.
- **Organizing Balika Mahotsav:** Kishori Balika Mahotsav was organized in eight villages where the Kishori sewing centers are being run, in which from the preparations of the event to organize them was the main responsibility. Girls got good leadership development and confidence in this program compared to the last year.
- **Organizing a without Dowry Group Wedding:** On 10th May 2018, a dowry free mass wedding was organized, in which 51 married couples got married. I was highly engaged in this work more than a month. The crowdfunding of around 18 lakh get collected in the form of marriage related goods, food grains and some cash, and I took over the main responsibility of the entire program. The marriage ceremony was completed with the help of people, in which around ten thousand people had lunch and each newly married couple were provided gifts like bicycle, sewing machine, TV, fan, bed, quilts, utensils, clothes and other household items. This year, there was a significant success in inter-caste marriage of two couples.
- **Participation in the programs of Sajha Sankriti Manch :** There is a common platform for about 65 self-help groups and organizations in Banaras district known as Sajha Sanskriti Manch. Various events were organized from time to time by the forum such as Protests against government and administration on issues of rights to education, corruption, human rights and violence against women in the form of street plays, education meetings, seminars were organized, in which I always ensured my active participation.
- **Participation in the Indo-Pak Peace program :** The 300 KM pedestrian journey from the Sabarmati Ashram (Ahmedabad) to Pakistan Border Nalawat (June 15 to June 30) under the leadership of Raman Magsaysay Award winner Dr. Sandeep Pandey by National Coordination of Public Movements for India-Pakistan Friendship (NAPM) was organized, in which there was my highly active participation.

Other programs organized by Lok Samiti :

Organizing Lok Panchayat for problem solving : In villages there are fight cum quarrels on small issues like family disputes, marriage disputes, land disputes, etc., on which unnecessary expenses are spent in the police and court. Here, we have taken this initiative that if there is any such problem, then we try to resolve the issue by talking with both parties collectively and onwards resolved through the panchayat by interacting with both sides. In a week, at least two to three such cases appears in which we have to take the initiative.

Organizing health inspection camps : A health inspection camp was organized in Asha Ashram (Nagaepur) and in different villages with the help of Shah Hospital, Aghor Foundation and District Health Center (Araaji Line Block) of Doctors Chambers (Rajatlab), in which children, women and unhealthy people were examined, get proper health advises and free distribution of essential medicines was ensured.

Environmental protection and plantation programs: In the monsoon session environment protection mass awareness rally was organized and plantation was done from village to village, by the childrens of the school, the girls of the Kishori organization and women in the organization. Over one thousand trees were planted throughout the monsoon session.

Some important plans for upcoming year:

- **Coordinating the work of ASHA Rajatlab, Lok Samiti & NJSS**
- **Working on qualitative education with the children of ASHA Rajatlab School**
- **Organizing the library efficiently and connect more youth with it**
- **Working on Gender equality through groups of teenage girls and boys**
- **To make federation of women (members of women self-help groups)**
- **Starting some Employment programme for women of self-help groups**
- **Organizing without dowry mass marriage program**
- **Participating in programmes of Sajha Sanskriti Manch and NAPM**
- **Participating in programmes organized by ASHA India**
- **To work for environment protection**
- **Working on menstruation and health of adolescent girls and women.**