

Summary of Site Visit by Padmanava on January 2, 2015

1. Discussed with Mina di for current issues. The questions from Atlanta and additional queries regarding the self-defense training.
2. Collected annual report and the audit report
3. Visited the Night shelter. Kids performed. Music, Dances, Then, some recent issues are discussed with Govt inspection Took few photos for younger kids.
4. Checked other place for boys they selected for rent
5. Went back to Nishtha office, the self-defense training was just started. Talked to the girls. Being their last session they merged all 3 groups. (70% jagaran girls). Also talked to Kasturi and Anindita - the trainers
6. Went to Damdama, the jagaran kids started telling the tragic stories of violence that happened to their friends/relatives and how they are trying to raise awareness, more performance from them (took a video).
7. Talked to the girls in spoken English and computer classes. They were telling their experiences and it was good.
8. went to see some of their homes. the ones badly damaged after floods and how they survive out of the new embroidery work. It pays really less <2000/month with full family effort.
9. Went to a Matri dal meeting. They enacted a drama on women torture. I was spellbound and people started crying after it ended.
10. Had some detailed discussions with mothers why they should let their daughters dream beyond marriages.
11. Came back and had detailed discussions about the training to the trainers. They were really worried about the night shelter kids' vulnerability. Also, one of them runs a govt home in Liluah. They gave some private home contact which can help Nishtha.
12. More discussion en-route home in the car with the trainers affiliated to INSPIRATION.



Minadi with the new center for Boys



Padmanava with Girls from Nishtha Project Jagaran