

Apna Skool

(Jagriti Bal Vikas Samiti)

Monthly Report March 2017

Apna Skool is glad to share its monthly report for the month of March 2017 chronicling the major events and activities that took place in the said month. We would love to hear your feedback and criticism.

- **Educational Trip Kanpur Zoo (2 & 9 March 2017)**

This month around 350 children studying in Classes 1-3 at various centres visited the Kanpur Zoo. The trip was conducted in 2 parts- on 2nd and 9th of March. Children enjoyed witnessing a variety of animals, especially the colourful fish in the aquarium. The children enjoyed various swings at the zoo and also took note of the names of the animals that they saw. In the end, everyone had lunch and then left for their centres.

- **Board Examination (16 March to 1 April 2017)**

5 Apna Skool alumni- now studying in mainstream schools with Apna Skool's support- appeared in Class 10 board examination conducted by the UP Board. The students who took the exam are Manvi from Dhamikheda centre and Rahul, Niranjan, Ajay and Amit from Apna Skool Tatiyaganj centre.

- **NIOS Annual Exam for Class 3 and 5 (March 20-26)**

Total of 40 students from Apna Skool appeared in examinations conducted by National Institute of Open Schooling under Open Basic Education (OBE) programme. 29 students appeared in Level A (Class 3) and 11 students took Level B (Class 5) examinations.

- **Computer Classes**

Students of Class 4 to 8 continued attending weekly computer classes at Apna Skool Tatiyaganj held on Sundays.

- **Vaccination**

15 children were administered measles vaccine and booster doses at Apna Skool centre at Indra-2 brick field with the help of Asha Bahu Arti.

- **International Women's Day (8 March)**

Apna Skool observed International Women's Day at its various centres. The teachers told the children and their parents that men and women are equal and hence girls should also be given equal care and attention. They should also be encouraged to study and in other fields also.

All the children and their parents at Apna Skool Taityaganj were shown the movie *Dangal* to inspire the girls and to demonstrate before the parents that even girls can achieve wonderful feats in unconventional fields too. All the mothers were gifted a hand-bag each. All the kids promised to teach their parents and other workers at the brick kilns to write their names.

- **Holi Milan (15 March)**

All the students were told the mythological story behind the festival of Holi. Kids were also made aware of the hazards of playing with colours in Holi. This is a festival of love and brotherhood and represents triumph of goodness over evil. Kids ran a cleanliness drive at the centre and in their neighbourhood. They applied *gulal* to each other and ate sweets and *gujhia*.



- **Martyr's Day (23 March)**

Apna Skool observed Martyr's Day on March 23- the day when Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev were hanged till death. Teachers told the kids about

them and other revolutionaries and their contribution in India's freedom struggle. Kids drew the pictures of the martyrs.

- **Birthday Celebration (31 March 2017)**

Along with Hema- a student of Class 8- birthday of all the kids at Tatiyaganj centre was celebrated collectively on March 31. At Apna Skool, collective birthday celebration is done as most of the kids do not have a recorded accurate date of birth.

- **Visitor- Mr. Nilesh Hiremath (21 to 26 March) an alumnus of IIT Kanpur currently working in Pune.**

Smokeless Rocket Stove Workshop –

Nilesh Hiremath- an IIT Kanpur alumnus- visited Apna Skool to help erect a wooden collapsible and transferable classroom at Saran brick field. Along with that, he conducted demo-cum-training sessions at Tatiyaganj, Gangaganj and Saran centres for the kids and their parents teaching them to make smokeless rocket stove. In each session, first a video was shown explaining the design and construction of the stove. After that, stoves were made with the help of the kids and their parents to demonstrate the construction of the stove. Later, tea and meals were prepared on the stoves constructed.

