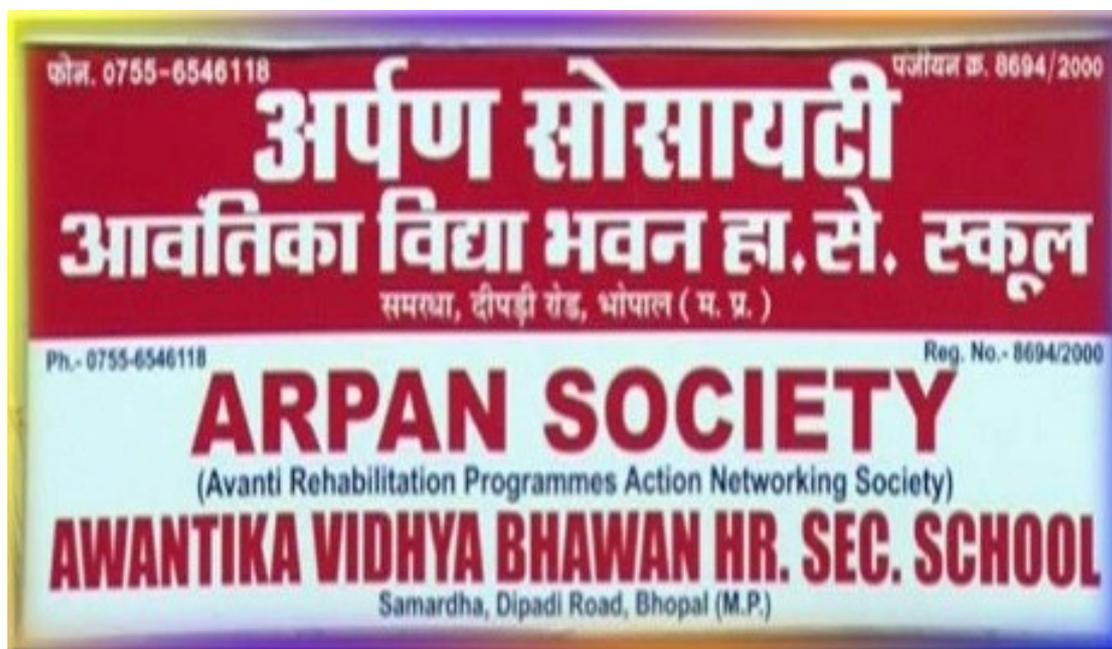


CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of the organization: **Avanti Rehabilitation Projects and Networking (ARPAN) Society**



ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION:

The aims of our group are:

1. To impart quality basic education to the rural poor children
2. To reduce the dropout rate of school children at primary level
3. To provide well-trained teachers
4. To provide basic teaching tools to teachers
5. To teach job-oriented vocational courses as a part of the formal education
6. To provide children with the avenues to achieve their goal and be useful

to their family and society.

7. To train rural women to become self-dependent by training them in

various skills such as tailoring, sewing, zariwork, and crafts. Presently the

group runs a school from class nursery to XII and we are receiving funds

from ASHA for this school.

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Location (village/town):	Samardha Village, 23 km from Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

Description of area:

The AVB is situated on the road connecting Samardha and Deepadi village, located approximately one and two kilometers respectively from the main road (NH12). This is a rural area, and both villages are surrounded by grazing land and farmland where wheat, soybeans, vegetables and other produce are grown. As soon as you leave the highway, the road is now asphalted but; there is no street light, limited electricity and there is no water supply and sanitation facility.

STATISTICS

Number of children currently enrolled in the project: 442

Ages of the children: 2—18yrs

Standards taught: nursery, KG1, KG2 - Class 12

Number of boys: 225

Number of girls: 217

Number of teachers: 18

Number of MALE teachers:3

Number of FEMALE teachers:15

Current Teacher/student ratio 30:1

Salary of Teachers: varies, see budget below

School timings: 8:30-2:00

School days: Monday-Saturday

Over all school attendance percentage: 90%

Medium of Education:-

At present, we have started to teach children in English medium but the facilities which we have been provided are not supportive if this as most of the children are from families of poor farmers and manual labors so they find difficulty in learning. Even then, we are concerned to make these children to have best possible facilities to study in English medium.

- **Is the school in a rural or urban area?**

The school is in rural area.

- **Is it a residential school?**

It's not a residential school as we don't have that facility

- **At how much distance the homes of children are located?**

These are located between the distances of 1 to 25 km

- **How do the children get to school?**

Children come to school by one school bus and two mini vans

- **Please explain how Asha funds were used in the last 6 months.**

Asha funds were utilized for the payment of salary to teaching staff. Please see the details in our attached proposal & expense report.

Major New Interventions done during November 2017 to April, 2018

1. **New Executive Committee:** The school tried to change the overall administrative structure to have a fresh drive to achieve the goal of improving the school and its education system. A new 5 membered Executive Committee was appointed with an expectation of achieving the goal. The names of the members of the Executive Committee as as:

- I. Mr. I.B. Shastri, President
- II. Mr. KP Verma, Secretary
- III. Mr. ShreeshRakhee, Member
- IV. Ms. VandanaShastri
- V. Ms. Deepa Khare



Image (from left to right):Mr. KP Verma, Mr. ShreeshRakhee, Mr. I.B. Shastri, Ms. VandanaShastri, Ms. Deepa Khare

With a commitment of regular meeting and definite time allocation to the school, the impact of the executive committee is now visible in all aspects

of school. Mr. Dhanpat Suranahas been bestowed with the responsibility of Administrator for the school

2. Improved Teaching staff:

Based on the recommendations of the executive committee, the school has now replaced almost all the inexperienced and under-qualified teachers with qualified and trained teachers. Though, this increased the expense of salary disbursement but the



impact was as expected. The exams recently got over and school witnessed increase in passing of the students along with the major increase in the overall marks obtained by maximum students. The new teachers have also taken up the task of getting those students enrolled again who got dropped out of school due to some reason.

3. Eye Checkup Camp: The school organized an eye checkup camp in the school in December, 2017. All the students and local staff were checked by reputed Eye Surgeon of the District Dr. Lalit Srivastava and his team. A good number of students were advised for the spectacles support. The team also identified a young girl student from a very poor family of the school with problem of cataract. The Doctor team operated the girl in their clinic and provided medication support for free.

4. Health Camp: School organized a Health Camp for students and local staff. This camp was led by Dr. Ashok Khare and his team. All the students got consultation on their health problems and supported with basic medicines for free.

5. Meditation and Yoga: School decided to have a regular meditation and yoga sessions to improve the physical and mental wellbeing of the students and teachers. Now, school has a Meditation Session every day in the beginning of the day and Yoga during the sports hours in guidance of a trained youga instructor.

6. Computer lab: The school has started setting up a computer lab in the school to complement the classroom teaching. This initiative also aims to inculcate the habit of using internet based knowledge among the growing students for their curriculum requirement. This internet based learning is also helping teachers to design their class modules in an innovative and interesting way including best possible content available on the internet.

7. Special support to weak students: The school has started a drive to identify weaker students and support them with in-house coaching and extra classes to ensure that none of the students are left behind in learning and growing academically.

8. Talent Identification and Grooming: The school has started identification drive for special talent among student and provide grooming support to them. A number of students have been identified with sports, music, drawing, craft and dance. They are now being provided with expert support groom the talent further to the next level.



9. Vegetable nursery development: The school has started hands on learning to the interested students in raising seasonal vegetable nurseries. Students are now learning it under guidance of an Agriculture expert. The purpose of this activity is to ensure learning of an income generation activity and also nutritional security to the poor families.

10. Awareness campaign for menstrual hygiene: The school has started a routine drive within school and in villages around it on use of sanitary napkins. Female teachers take a special session with girl students to discuss its importance and then girl students in leadership of a female teacher visit a nearby village for awareness among rural young girls and woman. This

drive has been appreciated by the Sarpanch and the panchayats of the nearby areas. Now, Anganwari workers have also joined us in such village meeting.

11. Vocational trainings: School is also committed to improve the livelihood status of the families of the poor students so that a holistic growth of a student is achieved. To continue with the last year courses for rural woman, the school has started vocational training courses on Cooking classes, Beautician course, Mehandi course, Computer, Drawing and few more. The registration have been complete and now we have about 82 woman and girls registered for vocational training.



The financial assistance provided by Asha have been utilized in paying salaries to the teachers and school staff. Since we have replace teachers with better qualification and experience, we had to revise the salary band of them. We are in process of improving knowledge delivery mechanism in the school which again will demand qualified human resource. So, the Executive Committee place a request to Asha for increasing the value of financial assistance to us. A proposed budget request is attached with this document for your review and kind approval

The Executive Committee of Arpan Society, Students of the Awantika Vidya Bhawan as grateful to the Asha for their financial assistance. We shall always ensure that your support is translated into improving quality of the

students of the school and ultimately quality improve producing bright students for the country

Yours sincerely,

President

Arpan society