

Site Visit Report October 2013.

Email sent by Sanket's (Asha Chicago volunteer) friend:

I got information about 6 classes of Swadhar which are located at Pimpri-Chinchwad. I visited 3 classes out of 6 and got all information about other 3 classes.

Each class is having three shifts.

1. Balwadi (□□□□□□) : Little Kids those don't go to school (Nursery) come here in Balwadi. Between 3 to 5 year old children come here.

2. Setu (□□□□) : Children between age 5-8 year old used to come to Setu. These children are young enough to go to school but due their family problems or lack of interest in study they don't go to school. Such children come here and start their study from beginning. After getting enough knowledge these student are admitted to proper school and Swadhar help them in the procedure of admission. Swadhar help them to have their documents clear such as LC, Swadhar convenience their parents to admit these children in school and Swadhar help parents by asking for concession in fees to school organization and parents who are unable to pay fees at all such children are admitted in Zilla Parishad (Government school).

Number of children admitted in proper school after completing Setu classes are about 5-9 per year from each location of Swadhar

3. Support : Children under this shift go to proper school but to clear their concepts in study these children come here as a tuition, extra classes with free of cost.

These three shifts are conducted at every location.

Education Details:

Syllabus for study is same as Government syllabus. Only Marathi and Mathematics these two subjects are being taught by Swadhar. Way of teaching is so simple and good same as or I say better than private school. Each concept is taught with practical example. I saw their all practical instruments, I saw their work done till now. As there are maximum 20 children come to class so teacher could give attention to every individual properly.

About Assessment:

Assessment is done as below:

Base level of child is decided at the time of admission by taking some tests and then they decide where to start from to treat that particular child.

Weekly report about progress is maintained. Every Friday test is conducted and if child clears that then only they move to next topic. Also they used to take assessment thrice in year in August, November and March.

Classes condition:

All instruments (study material) required, are provided by Swadhar to each and every student. Some students attend classes regularly some couldn't. So on an average only 50-70% student could attend classes. Classes are conducted in Samaj Mandir (□□□□ □□□□□), Mandir (□□□□□). One of the classes I visited is conducted in a tent which is located at Sadguru Nagar, Bhosari. But cleanness is so good and all other people are leaving in tent only. Student come here with great enthusiasm. And only one teacher

is available for every class same teacher is conducting class for every shift . so on an average teacher - student ratio is 1:20.

Qualification of teacher is between SSC to F.Y.

One person is allocated with 3-4 classes to visit their corresponding classes regularly and give weekly report to Swadhar office. And also this person understand the need of class and ask for these demands to Swadhar.

Swadhar provide light food to children such as Biscuit, Chikki so that children with 3-5 year old are attracted to school.

Number of girls are more than boys in each class. Number are listed below:

Sadguru Nagar (Bhosari):

Balwadi: Girls-8 Boys:12 Total 20.

Setu: G:17 B:3 Total 20

Support : G:11 B:9 Total 20

Gandhinaagr (Pimpri)

Total :21

Morwadi (Pimpri)

Total: 24 G:16 B:8

Bijlinagar1 (Chinchwad)

Balwadi: G:16 B:5 Total: 16

Setu: G:12 B:7 Total: 19

Bijlinagar1

Balwadi: G:11 B:12 Total:23

Support: G:18 B:6 Total: 24

Aanand Nagar (Pimpri)

Balwadi G:15 B: 5 Total: 20

Support G:18 B:6 Total:24

Summary:

-Education provided is good. Methods or tricks for better understanding are good.

-All program are pre planned.

-Way of Assessment is also good.

-Interest , response by students is considerable.

-Condition of classes is good enough but not better I would say.

-Teacher:Student ratio 1:20 (On an average).

- All academic programs are conducted at classes similar as private schools.

-Interest of students is better.

-Age range is 3-12.

-Slum children better getting advantage of these classes.