

## **Online Site Visit Report (through Zoom) for Supporting classes organized by India Sponsorship Committee (ISC), Pune, Maharashtra.**

Virtual Site Visit was organized on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

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An online Zoom Meeting was organized for site visit on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 9.00 PM PST (9.30 AM IST).

The meeting was started with introduction of the Support Class of 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Std organized in Pandu Laman Community by Kranti. The place where the classes are conducted is owned by the Pandu Laman community, which they offered free of cost. Some kids are coming from various communities for which they have to walk for 1 / 2 kilometers.

Teacher Reshma who was with ISC for last 20years explained about the activities in detail as following:

The support classes from 1<sup>st</sup> Std till 10<sup>th</sup> Std are conducted from 9.00 am to 11.00 am. The main everyday focus is on Math and English. For the other subjects, the teachers help the kids before the exams with the notes and explaining the textbook lessons as per the requirement.

Before admitting any kids, ISC checks their background as the support is really needed. Organizers also meets parents whenever necessary to update them about the progress of their kid. Also, after kids complete their 10<sup>th</sup> Std, ISC keeps follow up with them, helping them for their future.

Once the kid gets into the class, teachers test his /her knowledge and capacity and accordingly they place the kid in the appropriate supporting class.

General experience is the kids from support class can help their fellow students in their school in studies.

Gender Sensitization sessions are conducted weekly or fortnightly in the classes from 8<sup>th</sup> Std to 10<sup>th</sup> Std. The content of the sessions is as per the modules created at the start of the year. ISC also conducts various events, activities as support to those sessions.

From last one and half year, due to lockdown, schools are closed, some parents lost their jobs so there are so many mental health issues with children as well as parents. ISC teachers help the families to overcome those issues and coop with the situation.

As due to the lockdown schools are closed since last one and half year. The support classes just started from June 2021. So now they are working on the basics of English and math like reciting Tables.

During lockdown, teachers continued the support classes by sharing video clips to the children who were part of the support classes and had completed their 10<sup>th</sup> Std who had phone and internet access and those were helping the kids around them by sharing and explaining the videos. We were impressed with the values shared with those children who wants to help the next generation kids.

ISC started Mobile Library in those communities. Mobile Van with 1000 + books visits the community every week or fortnight. Kids can sit in the van or around and read books. Sometimes teachers also accompany the van and conducts various activities to encourage reading.

Few children who are in support class and who had passed their 10<sup>th</sup> Std but still connected with the support class expressed their experience with us.

Girls Nishika Chavhan, Nikita Rathod, Gayatri Rathod, Prerana passed their 10<sup>th</sup> Std with First Class and now pursuing their college education in commerce. They helped in household chores while continuing their education. So, their parents changed their minds and started supporting them for further education. And now their younger siblings are following their path.

Karan Rathod who is younger brother of Nikita Rathod is now in 10<sup>th</sup> Std who had followed his elder sister and attended the support class since 1<sup>st</sup> Std.

Arjun is in 8<sup>th</sup> Std coming to the support class from last two months who is also following a path of his sister.

In summary, we believe that ISC staff is doing their best to support the children in the brick klin communities. Along with developing their interest in education they are helping in various aspects of life like knowing their rights and responsibilities.

