



RITINJALI

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NATHUPUR PAHARI

The Learning Centre has braved the vagaries of weather quite stoically and has functioned without a break. The average attendance of the children has been about 70%. Children are divided according to their need into 2 levels and lessons in English, Hindi and Math are imparted according to the plans drawn up by the teachers. The emphasis is to provide both literacy and numeracy and to equip the students with skills in the academic domain that they can employ right away in real life situations. In addition the children were taught poems and songs. There were drawing activities that the children enjoyed thoroughly and games such as whisper, Musical dance and Anthakshari to add to the joy of learning. Stories were narrated to them to impart good values and to inculcate good habits. The children were also taken to The Indira Gandhi Centre for the Arts to see different kinds of Art Exhibitions. They also drew pictures of their choice that included some based on Modern Art.

SECTOR-51, GURGAON

The Centre has 30 children on the rolls and about 26 of them are regular in attendance. The teacher met with the parents and encouraged them to send their children regularly to the Centre.

Christmas was a joyous occasion for the children. They sang songs and recited poems and drew and coloured X- mas trees on cards. Chocolates were distributed to all the children. They made colourful greeting cards and ushered in the New Year with a lot of hope.

Lessons in English and Hindi to equip them with literacy and basic numeracy are conducted regularly. Poems are taught and stories are narrated too. In addition there is great emphasis on instilling basic values in children. They are also encouraged to keep their

hair and nails short and to maintain personal hygiene. On the occasion of Republic Day, children made flags and sang songs and enjoyed the sweets distributed by Ritinjali.

DALIL EKTA CAMP

It is heartening that close to 55 of the 60 students enrolled at the Centre are regular in attendance.

The teacher has met with the parents and they have been encouraged to send their children to the Centre regularly. The children had an enjoyable time on the occasion of Christmas. They drew pictures and made Christmas cards and New Year Greetings. Sweets were distributed to all the children. They learnt many poems and celebrated Christmas with song and dance.

Mrs. Dhar visited the Centre with a volunteer. Clothes were given to the children and they listened keenly to the poems and songs of the children. On Republic Day, the children sang patriotic songs and enjoyed the sweets distributed by Ritinjali. On Wednesdays and Mondays the children go to VasantValley School after the school hours for lessons and games.

Drishti

Observers from Ritinjali visited 20 Elementary and Secondary schools in 4 administrative blocks of Jhalawar district to get a firsthand account of the implementation of the life skills sessions. It was observed that Ritinjali's books on Life Skills were used as reference material to teach the students.



Our observers also visited 12 schools in 4 blocks of Baran District to get feedback on the life skills sessions and to gauge their efficacy in enhancing the communication skills of the students.

In Kota district, 4 schools were visited by our observers to get an update on the life skills programme.



KUSUMPUR PAHARI

The Learning Centre at KusumpurPahari has been abuzz with activity. The festival season had the children highly enthused. Imbued with the Christmas spirit, children danced to the tune of 'Jingle Bells' and greeted Santa Claus with joy. The art teacher held a demonstration to draw and spray paint a Christmas tree. Volunteers from 'Black Book' conducted a drawing workshop. They made masks of different animals and showed the children how to make patterns with paper by cutting and pasting strips on chart paper. They also distributed woollen scarves and eatables to the children.

There was a spate of volunteers from different organisations who visited the Centre. Volunteers from RBS distributed warm clothes and sweaters to the children. They also presented the Centre with two boards, two computers and some stationery.

Shibha with Abhishekh who are regular volunteers talked about good habits and showed the children an episode from 'The Jungle Book'. There was animated discussion on the episode and the children shared their viewpoints of the film clip with the volunteers. Shikha and Abhishek also give the children milk, biscuits and fruits on a daily basis.

Mr. Karan who comes twice a week taught the children how to draw using a computer and how to take print outs from the computer.

On the occasion of Republic Day, the children made flags, sang patriotic songs and danced. Sweets were distributed to all present.

The Centre now has 70 children on the rolls and with regular house visits to encourage the parents to send their children to the Centre, the attendance has been pretty healthy through the month. After the morning prayer and devotional and patriotic songs, classes in English, Hindi, Math and SST are held separately for levels I and II, both of which have about 35 children. The OBE students have been clubbed with level II. Games and activities intersperse the academic classes. There is also great emphasis on good habits and good behavior and on personal hygiene.

NIGHT SCHOOL

The classes for the Night School boys are being conducted regularly at Navyug School, Laxmi Bai Nagar. 16 boys are regular in attendance and despite the severe winter chill they troop in for their classes after their long hours of tedious work at the INA Market. 5 of the boys have given their names to appear for exams in the NIOS and Open School Schemes.

Lessons in English, Hindi and Math are conducted to equip the boys with basic literacy and numeracy. Knowledge of alphabets and formation of words and sentences was the focus of language studies in addition to reading and writing of the same. Counting of 3 digit numbers and the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division help the boys handle their accounts in their work places.

The boys are politically quite aware and discussions on the upcoming elections are often held. The boys are keen to exercise their vote and are keen observers of the political developments in the Capital. Some of them have political leanings and are active participants in marches.

The boys work hard at their jobs and are encouraged to live healthy lives. One of the boys, Sunder who was out of a job for a while has been absorbed by Nature's Basket in Gurgaon. His employers are happy with his service and have opened a Bank Account for him in HDFC Bank. They are very happy to learn that organizations like Ritinjali are working hard for the upliftment of such boys.

Some of the boys have asked for blankets which Ritinjali will provide them with at the earliest.

The boys have aspirations and the learning that the Night School provides helps to sharpen their skill sets. They are constantly on the look out to better their lot in life with better employment.

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At Ritinjali we are doing our best but we can do better with your help. Ritinjali is always looking for helping hands to create a world where everybody gets equal opportunities. If you wish to spare some of your valuable time in teaching someone some valuable lessons in life. For any details or queries, please contact:

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