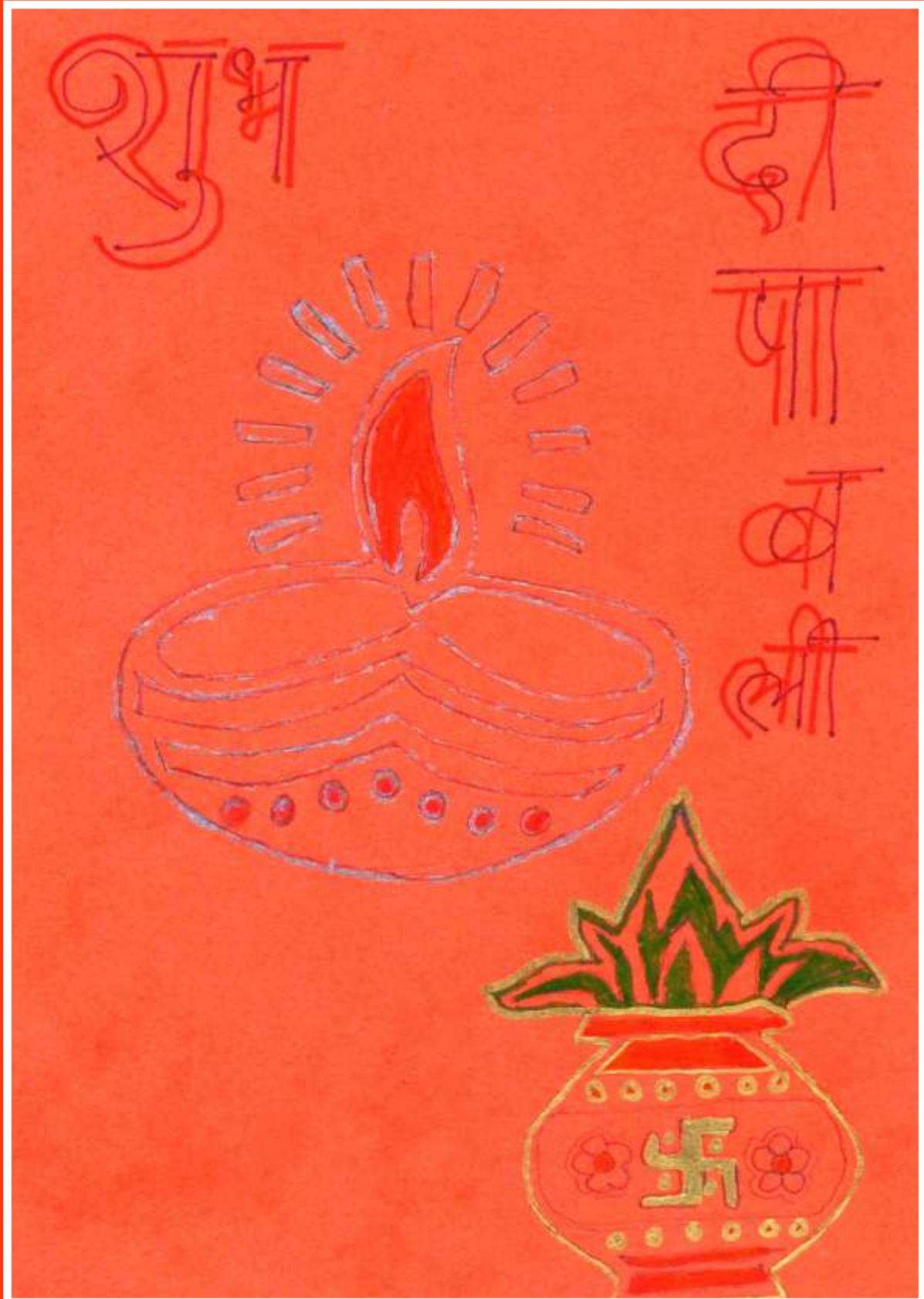


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GLOWING WITH PEACE, JOY AND PROSPERITY.



A REPORT - SPECIAL FOCUS ON EASTERN INDIA



Dear Friends

We are presenting yet another issue of IIMPACT's Quarterly Report. IIMPACT's full fledged venture in the Eastern part of the country was inaugurated in the year 2009 with 30 centres in Gajapati District of Orissa and 30 centres in the Kishenganj district of Bihar. Today IIMPACT is working in two more districts and in a large number of villages in Orissa, West Bengal and Jharkhand.

We would like to make a special mention of the tribal villages of Mayurbanj and Gajapati Districts of Orissa. The villages are situated in dense forests. There is no trace of schools or teachers in most of these areas. One has to walk on foot to reach the villages, sometimes as long as two to three kilometers. IIMPACT's female teachers reach here, some on their bicycles, but have been highly successful in bringing the out-of-school girls to the learning centres. They have developed an amazing rapport with the communities and enjoy great confidence of the girls. In West Bengal, IIMPACT started 30 centers in 24 Parganas District, which is just 45 kms from the state capital, Kolkata, but represents one of the lowest female literacy rates. The centers are held in government primary schools where children of all the communities converge together. In Bihar and Jharkhand also IIMPACT is reaching hundreds of girls who were otherwise out-of-school.

Mrs. Tandon
COO IIMPACT

A GLIMPSE OF TEACHERS TRAINING AT MAYURBHANJ

A teacher's training programme was organized at Mayurbhanj in July 2011. The main focus of the training programme was to train the teachers in Multi-Grade teaching. The training was conducted by Dr. Vir Narayan from the IIMPACT head office who made it a point to share with the teachers IIMPACT's quality education practices and skills. Teachers learned various skills in imparting education to out-of-school girls and developed locally relevant curriculum that will help girls learn better.



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATED AT GAJAPATI

For increasing awareness and involvement among students & also among the community members, IIMPACT always organizes and celebrates different special occasions (for example Independence Day, Teachers Day etc.) in each centre every year. In this current quarter, Independence Day was celebrated with great fervor across all the learning centers. A glimpse from the learning centers at Tribal Gajapati villages can be seen in the photographs below. On this occasion, extra curricular activities like song, dance, debate, painting, quiz, essay writing competition, etc. were organized in the learning centers in which the girls participated with great enthusiasm.



COMMUNITY MEETING AT BALIPADAR VILLAGE



The month of August brought very good news for the inhabitants of this remote village of Gajapati District. IIMPACT started a learning center in this village on 7th August 2011 for the education of the tribal out-of-school girls. The villagers were extremely happy because now their children will not have to roam around in the forest for the whole day. Earlier the parents were very anxious about their children's well being, especially of girls, and had lost all hope when it came to the education of their daughters. This occasion was marked by presence of large number of girls and all the village members who expressed their whole hearted support to the learning center. This was a great occasion to observe how much importance tribal villagers place on education but are helpless due to apathy. With IIMPACT coming in their problem has been solved.

TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATION AT KOLKATA



9 Teachers and 3 supervisors from Mayurbhanj Centers of IIMPACT participated in the Teacher's day celebration at Kolkata from 05.09.2011 to 06.09.2011 organised by Sir Dorabji Tata Trust. During their visit they visited learning centers of NGOs Nabadisha and Loreto. Learning of the participants are as follows:

- ★ Preparation of varieties of contextual TLMs by the children supported by the teacher – NABADISHA
- ★ Peer learning in the group monitored by higher level students and facilitated by the teacher – LORETO
- ★ Teaching without textbooks (curricular materials have been designed by the teacher concerned) – LORETO

VISIT BY IIMPACT BOARD MEMBERS



In the month of July 2011, Mr. Amal Jajodia and Mr.G.Srinivasan, Board Members, IIMPACT along with Mr. Rajesh Das, Programme Officer, IIMPACT visited learning centers in Mayurbhanj District of Orissa. During the visit they gave very constructive feedback on the teaching learning activities in the centers. They visited many remote, inaccessible areas and interacted with the teachers and girls in the learning centers.

VILLAGE EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING



To look into the effectiveness of our programme and participation of the communities in the functioning of learning centres, VECs have been formed across all the project areas. This quarter 100s of VECs meetings were organized across all the projects. The learning center mission is to involve communities in the management process and slowly make them empowered enough to take care of primary education issues in their villages. Through the VEC meetings they discuss the key issues of girl child education, drop-outs and non-starters, monitor girl child enrolment and retention, check teacher absenteeism in schools, encourage maintenance of better school environment etc.

ENCOURAGING THE GIRL CHILD



This is done through prizes and awards presented to the girls. To make the environment around the IIMPACT learning centers more healthy and competitive, various competitions were organized for the girls, such as painting competition, sports competition, song and dance competition in the last quarter. The girls participate in these programmes with great enthusiasm and gusto. They were awarded with prizes and certificates that will go a long way to encourage them and motivate them to excel. Many outstanding students are also encouraged on occasions such as Teachers day, Independence day, etc.

AWARD FUNCTIONS

762 girls have graduated from the IIMPACT learning centres in the year 2011. For celebrating this achievement two felicitation ceremonies were held recently. One at Mehmoodabad near Lucknow and another one at Alwar in Rajasthan.

Mehmoodabad (5th September 2011)

A felicitation ceremony was held at Mehmoodabad on 5th September 2011 which happened to be Teachers Day as well. It was a wonderful experience. First the girls came on the stage and collected their certificates, were given a bag each courtesy ING Vysya Foundation and a watch courtesy Titan Industries. Then all the 120 teachers were on the stage at the same time and were awarded gifts as a token of appreciation.



Alwar 25th September 2011.



The proud village community of Tispur in Nogawan block of Alwar organised the function and celebrated the academic performance of the IIMPACT achievers. The excitement in the air was palpable as everyone came together to applaud the children who performed so brilliantly in the Class 5 Exams this year. The girls were delighted to receive the certificates and the wrist watches courtesy Titan Industries. The day's experience and exposure was highly motivating for each one of them. They are now even more charged and enthusiastic about continuing with their education.

A DAY TO RESPECT THE TEACHERS - CELEBRATIONS !!!!



Small gifts were presented to the teachers as a token of love and respect.
The teachers are from IIMPACT's Mehmoodabad learning centers near Lucknow.

I IMPACT'S NEW INITIATIVE IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS



In September IIMPACT started a new initiative in 15 villages of district Alwar in Rajasthan. IIMPACT has replicated its model learning center project inside 15 government primary schools in the villages here. These centers will be run on the model of IIMPACT for quality education of the out-of-school girls of the surrounding villages with a focus to involve them in meaningful education and at the same time work towards their enrolling in the formal system of education. This project is aimed at increasing people's confidence in mainstream education at the same time increase people's participation in formal education system. The project will work on improving the education that is delivered in mainstream education through trained teachers in innovating teaching and learning activities. This project is supported by DOW AGRO SCIENCES India Ltd. The DOW team members Mr. Mohinder Punia, Mr. Suresh Ramachandran, Mr. Sundar Rajan, Mr. Sanjit Nagarkotti, Mr. Atimanav Gaur were present on the occasion.

ART AND CRAFT AT LEARNING CENTERS IN WEST BENGAL



Art and craft forms important part of education. In our learning centers at West Bengal, special art and craft classes were organized for the enrolled girls in the centers where they learned along with drawing how to develop articles made of mud and other local materials. This increases their creativity and hidden talents sometimes. Some children created very beautiful articles of craft that they very proudly display in their learning centers. Each craft item bears the name of the girls who has created it so that visitors can also appreciate them. Girls made utensils, toys and decoration pieces out of mud.

GLIMPSES OF CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES DURING RABINDRA NATH TAGORES 150 BIRTH ANNIVERSARY AT WEST BENGAL



EDUCATION CAMPAIGN AT MEWAT



During the months of August and September the girls of the learning centers in Mewat, Haryana, took out extensive educational campaigns in the villages.

The children took out these campaigns in order to reach more girls who were not going to schools in and around their villages.

The girls and their teachers urged the community members to send all the girls to the learning centers and support the learning centers in their villages through these campaigns.

Tailoring Centre



The first Tailoring Training centre has been established at Tapkan in Nuh block of Mewat District. Four sewing machines have been donated by Mr. Prem Vasishta. This facility will be availed by the adolescent girls of the nearby IIMPACT learning centres and will run after the school hours.

VISITS TO THE LEARNING CENTRES

Westin Team Visit



Sanjay Sharma - Complex General Manager and Monica Saini- Manager HR, Westin Hotels and Resorts visited a learning centre in Mewat, Haryana in September.

They were so impressed with the girls and their enthusiasm to learn that they spontaneously decided to venture out further to two more learning centres miles away in Mewat, Rajasthan - all on the same day! They closely interacted with the girls at each centre and observed the girls as they deftly operated laptops provided at these centres. They have also decided to sponsor a learning centre in Haryana.

A team from Westin Hotel Gurgaon paid a special visit to Ghaseda. Those who visited were Monika Saini -Manager HR, David Watson- Executive Chef and Miss Saini. This visit was a great hit with our girls and with the village community members present. Special food packets containing sumptuous goodies were relished by the girls.



Ramesh Guhaprasad from DBOI Jaipur



Mathew Kustel-A Visitor from the US (seated in the center)

Pankaj Bansal from Milestone



Milestone is now a sponsor of 6 learning centres in West Bengal.



Thank you for helping us light the lamp of learning this Diwali and for bringing a sparkle to the eyes of all the young girls of IIMPACT.

