

NEWSLETTER JULY 2010

IIMPACT GIRLS ACHIEVE GREAT RESULTS!



Kaimunnisha 90.70%

Nazreen 90.30%

Shabba 89.14%







Our Girls Have Done It Once Again!

They worked hard throughout the year preparing for the local government board exams. This year 368 girls appeared for the class V examinations - 205 from Alwar, Rajasthan and 163 from our centres in Mehmoodabad, U.P. - 354 girls scored a 1st division and a mere fourteen a 2nd division.

Credit goes not only to the girls alone, but to their dedicated teachers, IIMPACT supervisors, the parents and other supportive members of the community. Together they all ensured that a conducive atmosphere for learning was continuously maintained, nutritious food served and lanterns provided when darkness set in.

A SNAPSHOT OF THE RESULTS

TOTAL GIRLS APPEARED IN CLASS V EXAM	i l	FIRST DIVISION	SECOND DIVISION
368	368	354	14

ANOTHER MILESTONE: OVER 13000 GIRLS IN IIMPACT CENTRES

IIMPACT now runs 445 Learning Centres and educates over 13000 girls. These are girls who have never previously been to school and an IIMPACT learning center in their village provides a new lease of life.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW HUBS

DISTRICT KISHANGANJ OF BIHAR







The programme benefits 1000 out of school girls in this area. A mere 18% of the female population is literate here, making it the least educated district in the country.

IIMPACT started 30 learning centers in the most backward villages of District Kishanganj in Bihar. Inauguration of the centers was organized on 4th Feb 2010 at village Singhia.



The inaugural function was graced by Mr. P.D. Rai, Member of Parliament from Sikkim, his wife Jean Anil Tandon, President of IIMPACT, Nirmala Tandon, Chief Operating Officer of IIMPACT, Junned Khan, Programme Manager of IIMPACT and Kalyan Jee Singh, Project Officer of IIMPACT. From Azad India Foundation, our local partner NGO, Mrs. Yuman Hussain, Director AIF and Mr. Jawed Azad were also present.

DISTRICT GAJAPATI-ORISSA





In January 2010, IIMPACT started 20 learning centers in the tribal, hilly villages of District Gajapati in Orissa. This entire area is set in the most inaccessible, mountainous terrain and represents very low female literacy rates. The schools are either completely absent in the tribal forest villages or are too far for the girls to travel to. A formal inauguration of the project was organized on 23rd February 2010 at Haraguda Village of Mohana Block of District Gajapati.

Hundreds of men, women and children came in their best attire. Our partner NGO, CCWD is doing commendable work in bringing the light of education to such distant and forgotten villages in the midst of the inaccessible forests enabling IIMPACT to change the mindset of the village people towards girl child education.

DISTRICT SHRAVASTI - UTTAR PRADESH



IIMPACT started 30 learning centers in villages of Shravasti District. These centers provide education to around 950 out of school girls in this neglected area which has an 18% female literacy rate. IIMPACT has selected the backward Jamunaha block of Shravasti District to establish the learning centers. The block has about 71 villages almost all of which are reeling under acute poverty. The number of out of school girls is naturally very high in these villages.

IIMPACT conducted a survey of 30 villages here in January 2010 in partnership with a local NGO, DEHAT. The survey helped create a list of all out of school girls, establish contact with the community and to identify teachers for the project.



NEW INITIATIVES

MOBILE SCIENCE LAB PROJECT IN COLLABORATION WITH AGASTYA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION WITH THE SUPPORT OF ING VYSYA FOUNDATION

IIMPACT has joined hands with Agastya International Foundation to implement its model Mobile Science Labs project at Mehmoodabad, Lucknow courtesy ING VYSYA FOUNDATION. Science education will be imparted to rural children at their door steps.



SOLAR POWERED COMPUTER AIDED LEARNING CENTRES - PROJECT AT ALWAR, RAJASTHAN:

IIMPACT planned the launching of Computer Aided Learning Centers in Alwar, Rajasthan, in order to overcome the problem of electricity shortage using solar energy. This will introduce a new paradigm in the way education is imparted in the rural areas. In the first phase a pilot project is being established in 10 learning centers of Alwar, Rajasthan. Under this project a fan, a light and a computer, with the most interesting education software will be established in each of the 10 selected learning centers. The solar powering of the learning centers is being conducted with the help of Bangalore based company SELCO Solar Pvt. Ltd

WORKSHOPS

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR CMC MEMBERS



A two day training programme was conducted in the month of January at Kundi in Ranchi for the members of the Center Monitoring Committees. The main focus of the training programme was to enable CMC members to ensure regular functioning of the centres and elicit community participation in the effective running of the centres

TEACHER TRAINING AT RANCHI

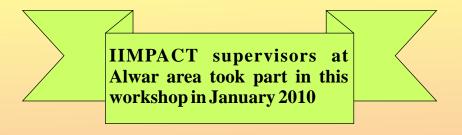
A five day residential refresher training program was conducted in January 2010 at Ranchi. The objective of the training was to prepare teachers for Class III Semester II level of education.



TEACHER'S REFRESHER TRAINING AT MEWAT, HARYANA

Various aspects of teaching are taken care of during refresher training sessions including usage of TLM, knowledge sharing of teachers with relation to the children and community members. This helps in the total skill development of the teachers and better management of the centres.

STAFF CAPACITY BUILDING ON COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION





EXPOSURE VISIT FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Parents visited villages in Rajasthan where IIMPACT centers have been operating for the last 7 years in collaboration with partner NGO IBTADA. They met with teachers, community members and children educated by IIMPACT gaining a better understanding of how IIMPACT Centers benefit their daughters.

TLM WORKSHOP AT MEWAT

Organized during the month of March 2010 in the three blocks of Mewat in three phases. In Nagina, a two days workshop was conducted and teachers from all the ten centres participated in the same. The workshop was managed by Mr. Fakrudeen, Block Coordinator Nuh along with Mr. Arshad.

VISITORS TO THE LEARNING CENTRES

Mr. N.C. Banerjee, IIM- A 73rd batch visited two IIMPACT Learning centres at Alwar, Rajasthan with his wife Priti and son Abhijit-President EPICS Society, Singapore



MONICA & KRISHAN DHAWAN VISIT THEIR CENTERS

Mrs. Monica Dhawan and Mr. Krishan Dhawan along with Mrs. Nirmala Tandon visited their sponsored centre.



DEUTSCHE BANK GROUP OFFICIALS VISITED THEIR CENTRES IN JAIPUR



Senior officials from Deutsche Bank Group (DBOI Global Services Pvt Ltd) visited the Learning Centres supported by the group in Jaipur with Mrs. Nirmala Tandon and Mrs. Urvashi Nair from IIMPACT.

Mr. James Crabb, Managing Director and Chief Operations Officer, Global Business, Mr. Arindam Banerrji, Managing Director, Global Head, Mr. Anurag Shukla, Director, Mr. Balakrishan Shenoy-Director Assett Management and Operations (his 2nd visit to IIMPACT centres), Ms Raakhee Jayakrishnan, Vice President, Mr. Deepak Sharma, Vice President Business Management and Nandita Dutta, Senior Analyst- Communication Team were all extended a very warm traditional welcome on arrival on both occasions

MR. R.P. JINDAL VISITED THE LEARNING CENTRES AT RAISAR, JAIPUR



Mr. R.P. Jindal, Chief Engineer from Punjab State Electricity Board (Retd.) visited a few IIMPACT Learning Centers at Jaipur.

NETWORK 18HR GROUP HEAD AT MEWAT

Mr. Rajneesh Singh, Group Head HR - Network 18 and his wife Arti visited a few Learning Centres in Mewat Haryana with Urvashi Nair from IIMPACT.

They were impressed with the girls' confidence levels and knowledge acquired through the IIMPACT program.

Mr. Rajender Saluja, an HR Consultant also took some time out to visit these centres.

NEW DONORS JOIN HANDS WITH IMPACT

EPICS SOCIETY, SINGAPORE: CENTRES AT JAIPUR

TEGA INDUSTRIES, KOLKATA: CENTRES AT KISHANGANJ,

NPS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, SINGAPORE: CENTRE AT JAIPUR

IDG VENTURES INDIA ADVISORS PVT LTD: CENTRES AT RANCHI

APPLE POINT SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS

SOCIAL MEDIA WORKSHOP IN MUMBAI CONDUCTED BY BETH KANTER

To help Non Profits harness the power of the web, NASSCOM Foundation had organized a workshop in Mumbai on 13th February 2010, with one of the most respected technology consultants for non-profits worldwide – Beth Kanter. IIMPACT's Director Marketing- Mrs. Urvashi Nair attended this workshop

NASSCOM FOUNDATION CHOOSES IIMPACT AS THE WINNER OF THE 'GIFT' A DONATION OF SOFTWARE PROGRAMME

The contest was held at NASSCOM India Leadership Forum where the delegates participated in a lucky draw. The winners had an option to 'gift' a donation of software worth Rs. 40,000 to any Indian non-profit of their choice. IIMPACT has been selected as one of the three non-profits in India for winning the prize of 'Software worth Rs. 40,000'. Mr. Noshir Kaka form McKinsey, who is one of the winners, decided to gift the same to IIMPACT.

PAN IIM GOLF TOURNAMENT 2010- ITC CLASSIC GOLF RESORT, GURGAON

PAN IIM Golf tournament 2010 was held at Classic Golf Resort in the month of March. Vikas Nanda, MD- Deutsche Bank Overseas India shared his extremely positive experience working with IIMPACT with the 100 participants present while Urvashi Nair, Director Marketing and IIMPACT's long time friend Karti Inamdar distributed information on IIMPACT. Mr. Anil Tandon, President IIMPACT also addressed the gathering providing a quick update on IIMPACT's achievements over the last year.

IIMPACT CHILDREN WIN CARBON CREDITS

In IIMPACT learning centers, environment plays a very important role. Centers are in the middle of the villages and are made from organic materials. IIMPACT uses thatched mud structures to run the Learning Centers. The teachers pay specific attention to inculcate environment friendly education to the children. Children are specifically made aware of the importance of:

- ★ Safe drinking water ★ Hygiene and cleanliness
- ★ Water conservation ★ Protection from infectious diseases
- ★ Safe eating and nutrition ★ Plantation



EVIDENCE OF CHANGE-ASTUDY CONDUCTED BY YOUNG VOLUNTEERS

A group of young volunteers took on the task of carrying out an independent study of the social transformation that has taken place within some of the sample areas IIMPACT has been operating in. These volunteers looked closely for changes in the life style, cultural changes, community attitudes etc by examining these from the perspective of those directly influenced. They spent time in the villages of Alwar in Rajasthan and Mewat in Haryana as part of the first phase of this rapid survey.

CELEBRATIONS

NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

The children in all the IIMPACT learning centres celebrated and welcomed the New Year with hope, enthusiasm, prayers and wishes for a good beginning. In all the centres teachers told the children about the coming of the New Year.

REPUBLIC DAY AT ALWAR-ACITATION



The function celebrated at all learning centres with great enthusiasm. The community also actively participated in the arrangements of the celebration to be held in their respective villages. The spirit of celebration was clearly visible in all centres.



SPORTS AT MEHMOODABAD

Annual sports programmes were organized from 26th to 29th January 2010 in the learning centers of Mehmoodabad area. The girls from our centers participated in various sports activities like 100mts race, 3-legged race and spoon balance race. Each activity

was organized for two age groups i.e. 8-10 years and 11-14 years. Center Monitoring Committee members, supervisors, and teachers gave away the prizes. Geometry boxes, pencil boxes and paint boxes were distributed as prizes by IIMPACT



Across the learning centers, girls from different communities celebrated Holi together. They sang songs, played with colors with each other and went around the village communities wishing one another.

IIMPACT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING



Venue: IIM Bangalore

Date: Saturday, February 27, 2010

R Ambarish (in Chair), Abhaya Borwankar, Amal Jajodia, Anil Tandon, Arvind Mahajan, Avinash Mulky, Bhaskar Bhat, Devraj Singh, Harish Kumar, Piroja Mehta, Rahul Tandon, Satish Kumar, G Srinivasan, D. N. Suresh, Minati, Nirmala Tandon and Urvashi Nair attended the meeting

A CASE STUDY

A TREAT FOR THE GIRLS - SCHOOL BAGS

The IIMPACT learning center at Manikapur village has been running from 5th November 2007. The girls' attendance has been very good ever since the center was set up - however one thing that has always bothered all concerned was the safe keeping of the books – not one child possessed a school bag.

In the beginning of the year a Center Management Committee (CMC) was formed in this village comprising the community elders and parents of the girls. During their meeting the supervisor requested the CMC members to make some arrangements for the safety of the books. The



members also expressed that in order to keep the books safe girls needed bags. All the parents promised that within one month bags would be organized for their daughters.

Today, due to support of the parents and hard work of the teacher and supervisors, every child has a bag at this center. The girls and teacher also participated in sewing the bags – so strong was their dedication towards education.

This center is sponsored by R. Jhunjhunwala Foundation.



OUR PARTNER NGOS:

IBTADA ★ NALANDA ★ SARD ★ AZAD INDIA FOUNDATION ★ CCWD ★ DEHAT