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6 MONTH URBAN DIRECT PROGRAMME REPORT-OCT.08 TO MAR-09

PRATHAM ORISSA IN ITS FINAL TERM OF DIRECT PROGRAM PREPARING TO ASSESS THE LEARNING LEVEL OF CHILDREN ENROLLED THROUGH THIS PROGRAM. DURING ITS OPERATION IN THE SLUMS OF CUTTACK, BHUBANESWAR AND JOYPORE IT HAS BEEN ABLE TO MOBILIZE A LARGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN TO ENROLL IN OUR PROGRAM TO LEARN BETTER THAN EVER. THE POPULARITY OF THE PROGRAM IS IMMENSE, AS EXPECTED, BECAUSE THE INNOVATIVE METHODS THAT HAVE BEEN ADOPTED IN OUR CURRICULUM IS BETTER AND MAKES LEARNING MORE INTERESTING TO CHILDREN. HOWEVER IT IS TIME TO ASSESS HOW FAR WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MOTIVATE THEM. SINCE THE PROGRAM IS BUILD UPON THE IDEA TO BRING CHILDREN OF ALL CATEGORIES, BE IT IN SLUM AREAS OF URBAN LOCATION OR CHILDREN IN THE VILLAGES, AT A STATE TO ACCOMPLISH LEARNING AT LEAST TILL THE ELEMENTARY LEVEL. IN OUR SISHUVACHAN PROGRAM CHILDREN (AGE GROUP OF 4-6 YEARS) ARE TAUGHT TO READ SIMPLE SENTENCES AND RECOGNIZE NUMBERS FROM 1-20. SINCE THERE IS LITTLE INTEREST SEEM AMONG THE PARENTS IN SLUM AREAS TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO ATTAIN PRIMARY EDUCATION, OUR VOLUNTEERS DOES A LOT TO MOTIVATE THOSE PEOPLE BY INSPIRING THEM ABOUT THE ROLE OF EDUCATION IN THE LIVES OF THEIR CHILDREN.

Program Objectives / Targets

1. ENGLISH – CHILDREN IN THE AGE GROUP OF 6-14 YRS WOULD BE ABLE TO KNOW GENERAL GREETINGS, COMMON ENGLISH WORDS, LEARN LETTER SOUNDS AND POEMS. THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO READ A STD II TEXT WITH FLUENCY.
2. SISHUVACHAN – THE CHILDREN IN THE AGE GROUP OF 4-5 WOULD BE ABLE TO READ SIMPLE SENTENCES AND RECOGNIZE NUMBERS FROM 1-20
3. LIBRARY – BRING THE CHILDREN OF THE AREA IN THE NETWORK OF LIBRARY AND HELP INCULCATE READING HABIT IN THEM. THESE CHILDREN ALSO GET A 1 HOUR SESSION ON L2R TECHNIQUE WHICH HELPS TO INCREASE THEIR READING PROFICIENCY.

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Program Strategy

- A SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED IN CUTTACK AND BHUBANESWAR PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE CLASSES IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN THE NEED OF THE AREA AND DEVISE INTERVENTION STRATEGY ACCORDINGLY.
- THE TEACHERS WERE SELECTED ON THE BASIS OF INTERVIEW WHERE IN ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO UNDERSTAND THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE TEACHING METHODOLOGY AND THEIR DEVOTION TO THE CAUSE.
- THE 70 BASTIS OF CUTTACK & BHUBANESWAR 8 BASTIS WERE DIVIDED INTO 5 AND 2 ZONES .IN EACH ZONE A TM (TRAINER CUM MONITOR) WAS APPOINTED. THE TM WAS REQUIRED TO CLOSELY MONITOR THE CLASSES AND PROVIDE INPUT WHERE IN NECESSARY.
- ON EVERY SATURDAY A MEETING OF TM WAS ORGANIZED WHERE THEY WERE REQUIRED TO DISCUSS THEIR PAST VISIT AND PLAN FOR THE FUTURE WEEK.
- ON EVERY 1ST WEEK OF THE MONTH THE SALARY MEETING IS HELD WHERE IF NECESSARY THE TEACHERS ARE GIVEN INPUT TO IMPROVE THEIR TEACHING METHODOLOGY.

Analysis of the Programme

CUTTACK

- IN ZONE I A TOTAL OF SIX R2L CLASSES, SIX SISHUVACHAN, SIXTEEN LIBRARY AND SEVENTEEN ENGLISH CLASSES WERE HELD.
- IN ZONE II FIFTEEN LIBRARY, FIVE SISHUVACHAN SEVEN R2L AND FIFTEEN ENGLISH CLASSES WERE HELD.
- IN ZONE III THIRTEEN LIBRARIES, SEVEN SISHUVACHAN, EIGHT R2L AND NINE ENGLISH CLASSES ARE IN WERE HELD.
- IN ZONE IV ELEVEN LIBRARY, FIVE SISHUVACHAN, FIVE R2L AND FOURTEEN ENGLISH CLASSES WERE HELD.
- IN ZONE V FIFTEEN LIBRARY, SEVEN SISHUVACHAN, FOUR R2L AND TWELVE ENGLISH WERE HELD.

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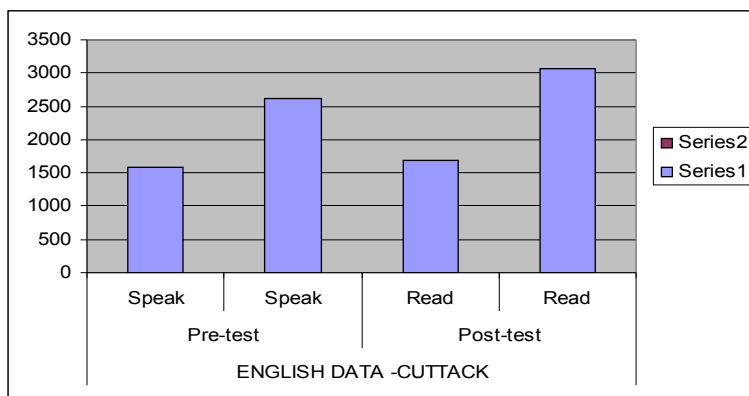
- IN BHUBANESWAR FIVE R2L CLASSES, EIGHT LIBRARIES, EIGHTEEN SISHUVACHAN AND TWENTY-NINE ENGLISH CLASSES WERE FUNCTIONING.

Training and evaluation:- BEFORE STARTING OF R2L, SV AND LIBRARY CLASSES A TRAINING FOR ONE WEEK WAS CONDUCTED IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST . TEACHERS FROM ALL THE SECTIONS WERE ATTAINED THE TRAINING PROGRAM. THE TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR ENGLISH WAS HELD AT THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER. WHILE ALL THE TRAINING PROGRAMME WAS CONDUCTED DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER FOR A ONE WEEK IN BHUBANESWAR. EVERY MONTH ON THE DAY OF RELEASE OF SALARY ATTEMPT IS MADE TO CLEAR THE DOUBTS OF THE TEACHERS REGARDING THE TEACHING METHODOLOGY ALONG WITH GIVING INPUT WHERE IN NECESSARY. THE TEACHERS ARE REQUIRED TO FILL UP THE MONTHLY COUPON PRIOR TO THE RELEASE OF THE SALARY.

English Programme:

SINCE NOVEMBER ATTEMPT HAD BEEN MADE TO HOLD SOME COMBINED ACTIVITIES WITH THE CHILDREN OF THE AREA IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER OR NOT THEY WERE A PART OF PRATHAM'S INITIATIVE. THE INTENTION WAS TO BRING TOGETHER ALL CHILDREN UNDER ONE ROOF AND GIVE THEM AMPLE SCOPE TO HAVE FUN. THIS SPECIAL CLASS HAD A LOT OF RHYMES, POEMS AND GAMES IN IT AND THIS ACTUALLY HELPED TO CONVEY THE PARENTS THAT LEARNING CAN BE FUN. THE TEACHERS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE CHILDREN DESPERATELY WAIT FOR THIS DAY AS THEY ENJOY IT A LOT. BEFORE CLOSING THE REPORT I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT WHAT A VISITOR FROM ROURKELA STEEL PLANT HAD TO SAY WHEN HE CAME TO VISIT THESE CLASSES PRIOR TO THEIR INITIATIVE TO SUPPORT SOME OF THE PRATHAM'S CLASSES IN ROURKELA. HE SAID AND I QUOTE, 'I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT THESE CHILDREN READ IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS BECAUSE THE CONFIDENCE WITH WHICH THEY SPEAK ENGLISH I THOUGHT WAS ONLY TO BE SEEN IN THE CHILDREN STUDYING IN CONVENT OR ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL' THIS IS THE ANALYSIS OF THE DATA OF THE CLASSES BEING RUN IN CUTTACK & BHUBANESWAR (TOTAL 92 CLASSES) COVERING A TOTAL OF 1428 CHILDREN IN THE AGE GROUP OF 6-14 YEARS.

THE REPORT CLEARLY SHOWS AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO WERE ABLE TO SPEAK AND READ ENGLISH BY THE END OF THE POST TEST.



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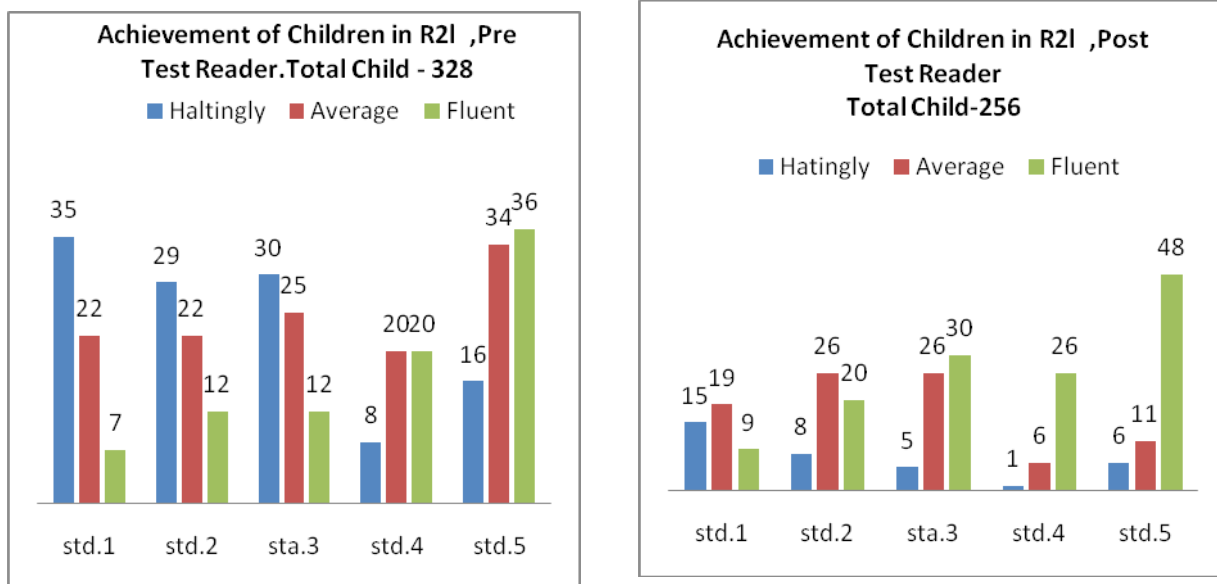
R2L:-The R2L Programme of 2008-09 had been changed to some extent than 2007-08. During 2008-09 in Reading, Comprehension and written some stress were given. How the child reads, how he understands and at a large how he was improving were seen in the classes. During the guardians meeting of the children had been communicated regarding the improvements. UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF PROGRAM COORDINATOR SWARNA PRAVA, ALL THE T.MS. IN CUTTACK AND BHUBANESWAR ARE PERFORMING THEIR DUTIES WELL TOWARDS THE PROGRAM. TMS ACCOMPANIED BY THE TEACHERS REGULARLY VISITED ALL THE CLASSES IN DIFFERENT ZONES AT DIFFERENT TIMES OF THE MONTH. VARIOUS ACTIVITIES ARE ALSO BEING CONDUCTED IN THE CLASS BY TAKING THE CHILDREN TOGETHER IN OPEN PLACES. THIS IN TERMS HELPS TO SPREAD AWARENESS ABOUT PRATHAM. PARENTS OF THE CHILDREN ALSO SEEM TO BE SHOWING A LOT OF INTEREST IN THIS PROGRAM. REGULAR TESTS ARE TAKEN TO IMPROVE THE RETENTION LEVEL OF CHILDREN. AND MORE ATTENTION IS BEING PAID ON WRITING SKILLS AND ORAL VOCABULARY UNDER THIS PROGRAM.

THIS TABLE SHOWS THE ACHIEVEMENT RESULT OF THE PILOT R2L CLASSES

Standard wise break up of children who read haltingly in pre-test					Standard Wise break up of children who read haltingly in post-test				
Reading Quality In Pre-test	Haltingly	Average	Fluent	Total	Reading Quality In post-test	Haltingly	Average	Fluent	Total
std.1	35	22	7	64	std.1	15	19	9	43
std.2	29	22	12	63	std.2	8	26	20	54
sta.3	30	25	12	67	sta.3	5	26	30	61
std.4	8	20	20	48	std.4	1	6	26	33
std.5	16	34	36	86	std.5	6	11	48	65
Total	118	123	87	328		35	88	133	256

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This Graph shows the increase of Reader level in std basis



LIBRARY:-DURING THE LIBRARY PERIOD 30 TO 35 STUDENTS COME FOR LIBRARY BOOKS AND ALSO THEY DISCUSSES WHAT THEY HAVE ALREADY READ. DURING THE WHOLE MONTH THE MIND MAP HAD BEEN DISCUSSION AND BY WHICH THE STUDENTS GET THE FULL KNOWLEDGE ABOUT IT. IN LESSON

“GURUJI PRATHAM PRANAM” STUDENTS GO TO EACH SPECIALIST AND FROM THEM THEY LEARN REGARDING THE KNOWLEDGE FROM EACH FOR “JAHIR VACHAN” CLASS THE ESTEEMED PERSONS OF THE COMMUNITY HAD BEEN CALLED FOR AND THEY READ FROM OUT OF THE LIBRARY BOOKS. THESE TWO PROGRAMME HAD BEEN CONDUCTED TWICE A MONTH AND BY THAT THE PUPILS WERE BEING AWARE. DURING THE LIBRARY CLASS THE L2R PROGRAMME HAD BEEN CONDUCTED IN ONE HOUR. IN LIBRARY MORE THAN 14000 CHILDREN ARE ENROLLED IN ALL SEVEN ZONES.

Sishuvachan:

PROGRAM COORDINATOR ABHIMANYU IMPARTED FRESH TRAINING TO ALL THE TMS FOR SMOOTH FUNCTIONING OF THE PROGRAM. TEACHERS AND VOLUNTEERS WERE BRUSHED UP ON THE EXISTING METHODOLOGY AND IN TERMS CLARIFIED SOME OF THEIR DOUBTS. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED ON THE

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CASE HISTORIES OF SOME CHILDREN WHO WERE NOT DOING WELL BEFORE COMING TO PRATHAM BUT NOW THEY HAVE GAINED KNOWLEDGE ON NUMBERS AND LETTERS. SMALL CHILDREN FROM SLUM AREAS PERFORMING EQUALLY WELL IF COMPARED TO THE CHILDREN WHO ARE GOING TO OTHER PRE/ PRIMARY SCHOOLS. PARENTS ARE ALSO SHOWING MORE INTEREST SENDING THEIR LITTLE CHILDREN WHO WERE SEEMED TO BE RELUCTANT EARLIER. THIS IS BECAUSE THEIR CHILDREN LOVE TO ATTEND SCHOOL AND THEY CAN SEE THE GOOD RESULTS OF LEARNING THAT HAS BROUGHT CHANGES IN THE BEHAVIORS OF THEIR CHILDREN.

Some Common Programs done in every zone;

- ZONE MEETINGS BETWEEN TEACHERS AND T.MS. WERE BEING CONDUCTED AT REGULAR INTERVALS.
- PARENT TEACHERS MEETING WERE DONE.
- TEACHERS IN EVERY ZONE REVISED CHILDREN ON ENGLISH AND ORIYA ACTIVITIES.

. Highlight of some Special Programs done :

- CHILDREN'S DAY, ARE CELEBRATED WITH VIGOR IN THESE AREAS. VARIOUS COMPETITIONS LIKE RUNNING, JUMPING, DRAWING, POEMS ETC WAS HELD ON WITH ARE ORGANIZED IN THESE AREAS WITH AN INTENTION TO PROVIDE SCOPE TO CHILDREN TO UNFOLD & IN LASTLY

INDEPENDENCE DAY WAS CELEBRATED IN ALL THE AREAS WHERE PRATHAM HOLDS ITS CLASSES. SWEETS WERE DISTRIBUTED AMONGST THE CHILDREN.

- IN CUTTACK & BHUBANESWAR A CHILDREN RALLY WAS HELD IN ALL BASTIS. ALL THE TEACHERS, T.MS & PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATORS PARTICIPATED IN THE RALLY. SUBJECT WAS TO SPREAD AWARENESS OF EDUCATION AND GIVING INFORMATION ON PRATHAM. SOME PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE RALLY ARE GIVEN BELOW.

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SWOT Analysis

- LEARNINGS:
- CHALLENGES:
- SUCCESSES/ STRENGTHS
- FAILURES/ WEAKNESSES

Learning

- ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE FROM ALL QUARTERS

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- SOME MORE TRAINING WAS CONDUCTED AT INTERVALS TO IMPROVE THE SKILL AND EFFICIENCY OF THE TEACHERS.
- COMMUNITY TEACHER MOBILIZATIONS AND THE GOOD WILL & INTEREST

Challenges

- WORKING IN DIFFICULT AREAS I.E. ACCESS, GROUPS ETC
- MANAGING THE BIG NETWORK
- COMMUNICATION
- LOCAL FUND GENERATION
- ETHICAL ISSUES I.E. CODE OF CONDUCT

Strength

- STRONG TEAM OF DIVERSE PEOPLE
- LEARNING TO READ METHOD
- NETWORK OF DIFFERENT INSTITUTIONS MEDIA PARTNERSHIP WITH SAMBAD (GAPA UTSAV)

Weakness

- ❖ CHANGE IN APPROACH (SCHOOL COMMUNITY)
- ❖ COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION
- ❖ CAPACITY BUILDING

**Total Class and Children Covered through different Programme
(Oct-08to Mar-09) given bellow**

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MONTH	R2LTOTAL CLASS	TOTAL CHILDREN COVER	LIBRARY	TOTAL CHILDREN COVER	ENGLISH	TOTAL CHILDREN COVER	SHISUVACHAN	TOTAL CHILDREN COVER
OCT-09	26	395	71	3595	63	993	31	479
NOV-09	29	441	71	3845	63	978	30	478
DEC-09	33	516	74	4177	74	990	42	677
JAN-010	35	543	78	4681	63	993	48	759
FEB-010	35	541	78	4656	94	1475	47	678
MAR-010	35	544	78	4893	92	1443	47	765

Future Plan:

- THE PROGRAM IS PLANNED TO SET UP 14 LEARNING CENTER (BHUBANESWAR-4 CUTTACK -10 CENTER) AND COVER LIBRARY CLASSES WITHIN THE AREAS.
- ACTIVE SUPPORT IS BEING SEEKED FROM GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OF CUTTACK, BHUBANESWAR, ROURKELA, SUNDERGARH ETC WHERE THE PROGRAM IS GOING ON TO INTENSIFY ITS SUPPORT FOR THE PROGRAM
- CHILD LABOUR INTENTION IS ON THE BOARD AND PRELIMINARY WORK TO START THE INITIATIVE IN BHUBANESWAR IS IN FULL SWING.

Encloser-1.PCVC REPORT

2. Sundargarh programme Report