

Pratham Uttar Pradesh (Half Yearly Report October 2008-March-2009)

Introduction

In the last six months the team of Pratham in Uttar Pradesh has been involved in some of the most ambitious effort ever made in the field of primary education in the state. We have launched the massive Read India campaign (winter camp) - a volunteer based effort with government primary school across the state for std 1-5.

During last six months Pratham U.P. team was involved in various activities some of them are Remedial with U.P. S.S.A., ASER 2008 Survey ,Read India (winter camp) and since November 2008 to April 2009 R2L classes (42) was held in two blocks of district Gautam Budha Nagar for the std 3,4&5.

Followings are the summary of the goals we set out to achieve and the results we accomplished.

Remedial Program of Government of Uttar Pradesh- August to October 2008

Since the last three years the government of Uttar Pradesh has been running a short remedial program for the children in standard 2 who have lagged behind while making the transition from standard from the previous class. The program also aims to revise the competencies achieved in the earlier class before embarking a new curriculum.

This year the program has been expanded to include children of standard 3 and the duration of the program has also been extended to one month from the 15 day program of previous years. Another important feature of the program is that the monitoring structure has been considerably strengthened with the involvement of Pratham's volunteers at district, block and cluster level.

Goal-

The goal of the program were

- All children should be able to read a story of the textbook level
- All children will be able to do addition and subtraction with numbers up to 100.

Pratham's role

State Level-

- Support in finalization of teacher's manuals and monitoring strategy for the campaign.
- Support the training of the district Resource group.

District Level-

- Support the training of the Block Resource Group in the DIETS.
- Monitoring and on field academic support of the schools along with the DRG during the campaign.
- Ensure Shiksha Mitra trainings are being conducted as per timeline

Block Level

- Support the training of Shiksha Mitras/HMs associated with the remedial campaign.
- Training of NPRCs to academically support the program.
- Visit to the schools during the campaign and ensure smooth implementation.

Cluster Level:

- Regular visit to schools to provide academic support to Shiksha Mitras.

ASER -2008:

Goals- To assess learning level of children of 5-14 year's age group.

ASER -08 survey was done by our team. In the survey there are different NGO's, Universities, colleges and volunteers have been participated and in some districts our cluster leader's has done survey. The objective of the survey was to assess learning level of children of 5-14 year's age group. Whole ASER-08 survey was divided in two phases. In first phase we have done survey in 35 districts and in second Phase we have done rest 34 districts of Uttar Pradesh. Our team was also engage in ASER recheck in which we have crosschecked the survey.

November-2008:

During the month of November our team has done various activities, some of them are as follow:

ASER recheck:

Goal- to cross check the ASER survey-08.

In some district **ASER-08 recheck** was being done by our team from November 1st to 10th -2008. Submission of the ASER data was also done in the first two week of this month.

Government primary School Grading

From 20th to 28th November 2008, Government primary School grading was done by our district team members. After it learning level grading was done by our district team of all monitored government primary school of their district on the basis of math learning level.

Training and Meeting at state level:

- ✓ 6 days R2L training was held from 18th to 23rd November, 2008 in Dadri, given by Shakti Team of Delhi. In the training there was 54 participants (including 6 divisional, 2 from each zone).
- ✓ 11th and 12th November, divisional meeting was done in Lucknow for the process of School grading.
- ✓ 21st and 22nd November, state level meeting was done for the structure and design of our future programme.
- ✓ 27th to 29th November divisional training was done in Lucknow for preparation of Winter Camp 2008-09.

December-2008:

R2L:

Goal- children can read write and do math mistics of there standards.

Target group- All children of Std 3, 4, 5.

Our 42 R2L trainee have run the classes in two block of district G B Nagar. All of them have run their classes in different schools of same district. Mridula was taking regular feedback of all the classes from these participants while Nuzhat Malik was coordinating these participants.

Team Building

For the whole team point of view our team was engaged in build up a strong team at Cluster Level, selection of some new Nyay Panchayat Leader was also held in the same month for winter camp 2009.

Read India (winter camps- Dec.08 to March 2009)

Our winter camp has been a period of tremendous learning for all of us – in building large teams, training them, creating material for children and surely for working with children on such a large scale. In the next year we will continue our efforts in view of these learning's and emerging opportunities to work with the government at all level.

Target Group-

All children belonging from Government primary school of std 1&2 who can not recognize no. even 1-20 & not recognize letter in language and for std. 3, 4 & 5 who can count only 1-20/1-100 numbers in math and in language can read only word.

Goal:

Std	Reading goals	Arithmetic goals
STD 1& 2	All children read words.	All children recognize numbers up to 100.
STD 3,4 & 5	All children read paragraphs and "story" level text.	All children can do simple addition and subtraction.

State Level Training

On 15th December 2008 one day orientation of all the Divisional Leader held in Lucknow. Agenda of that training was to build up our upcoming programme (Winter Camp 2008-09).

Division Level Training

In same month training of all team members and district leaders was held in all divisions. In these trainings we emphasized on capacity building of our team members and identification of weak team members also.

January-2009:

State level Meeting:

At Lucknow a State level meeting of all 18 divisionals with state heads held on 15th January. In this meeting regular feedback of winter camp programme, work done during the month & feedback of districts level trainings of cluster leaders have been done.

At Ajmer (Rajasthan) 9 Master Trainers (3 For English, 3 for Hindi and 3 for Mathematics) has been short listed in meeting. These members have attended training from 26th Jan 2009 – 5th February at Ajmer.

District level training:

Districts level three days training of cluster Leaders has been held from 1st January to 14th January depended upon the availability of Government Primary school days. In this training daily practice session in the fields had also included in all three days. Training has been held in 2-3 batches, in every district in each batch there are 15 – 30 trainees have been participated in training.

Other Activities:

In first half of the month our team was engaged in cluster leaders training in batches, after that regular monitoring of winter camp (Read India) have been done by district team and divisional team. Grading of Nyay Panchayat Leader's was also taken place by district team. In last week of the same month operational team have visited Allahabad and Raibareli with Mr. Neeraj Trivedi (Operational Head) to monitor the programme and team has found that siksha mitra are participating actively in Read India programme and they are also running classes according the manual of Read India programme (winter camp) where volunteers was not ready to run classes.

February-2009:

Preparation for JRM visit-

JRM visit has been done to asses the programme of Pratham in U.P. as well as procedure which we are using to work with government and with community.

Before JRM visit we have done some preparatory work for the visit, some of them are as follow

- 1- Field visit by operational and logistic incharge with state heads.
- 2- Have a look on all data, report and material which we have prepared during the programmes, and compile all to present during visit.
- 3- One day orientation of all divisional for JRM visits at Lucknow.

Workshop for grading:

State level- we have done two days workshop at Lucknow for grading of all 18 divisionals. we go field with our divisionals and each divisional run the classes as per winter camp manual, during this process, Operational person and state heads keep watch whole process and give them a grade **-A/B/C where A is for Good, B is for Average and C is stand for Below Average.**

Ingredients for grading was as follow—

S.N	Follow the steps	Class management	Involvement of children	Self motivation	Time management in class	Overall grading
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District level-

As we have done grading of all divisionals at state level after this practice our divisional go back there respective divisions and follow same process for grading of all district teams at division level with 4-5 districts team members collectively.

Cluster level-

After grading of all districts team members at division level, our all district team member come back to there districts and follow the same procedure for grading of cluster leaders.

Winter camp:

Reach- Total 29,082 Gram Panchayats reached through winter camp (Read India) till February 2009.

March-2009:

JRM visit:

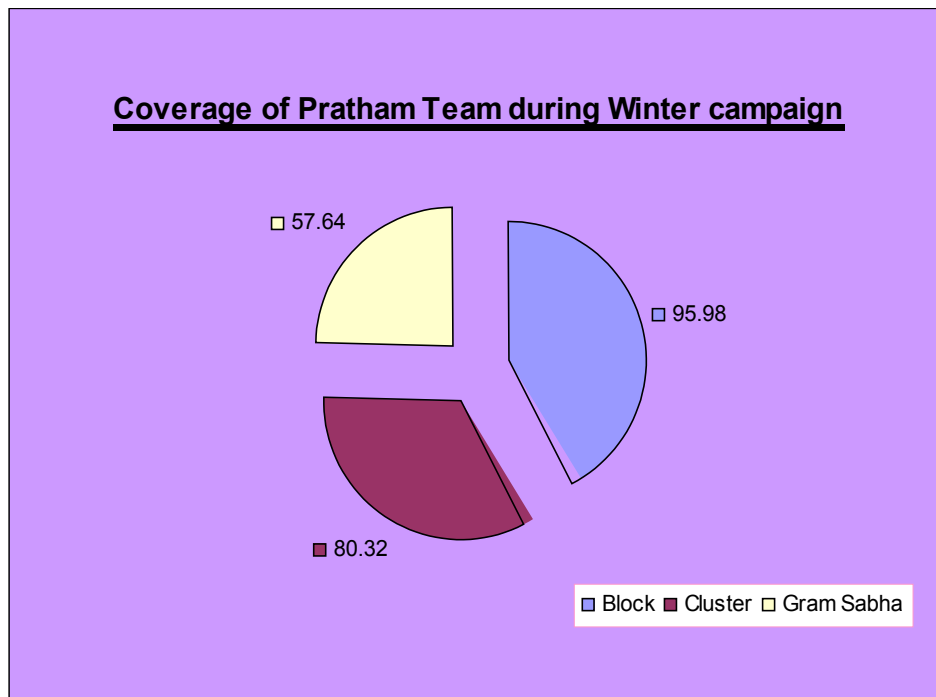
Joint Review Mission was done from 11th to 15th of March in Uttar Pradesh.

There are 3 members in JRM team from outside of U.P. team 1- Petra Hans 2- Mr. Awik Swarnkar 3- Mr. Naresh kumar and from Pratham U.P. there are four member 1- Mr. Ashish kumar sharma 2- Mr. Ajit Bahadur Solanki 3- Mrs. Nuzhat malik 4- Mr. Neeraj Trivedi.

Winter camp-2009

Reach- Total 30078 Gram Panchayats reached through winter camp (Read India) till March 2009.

Coverage- All the 70 districts were covered.



Graph – 1(coverage during winter campaign)

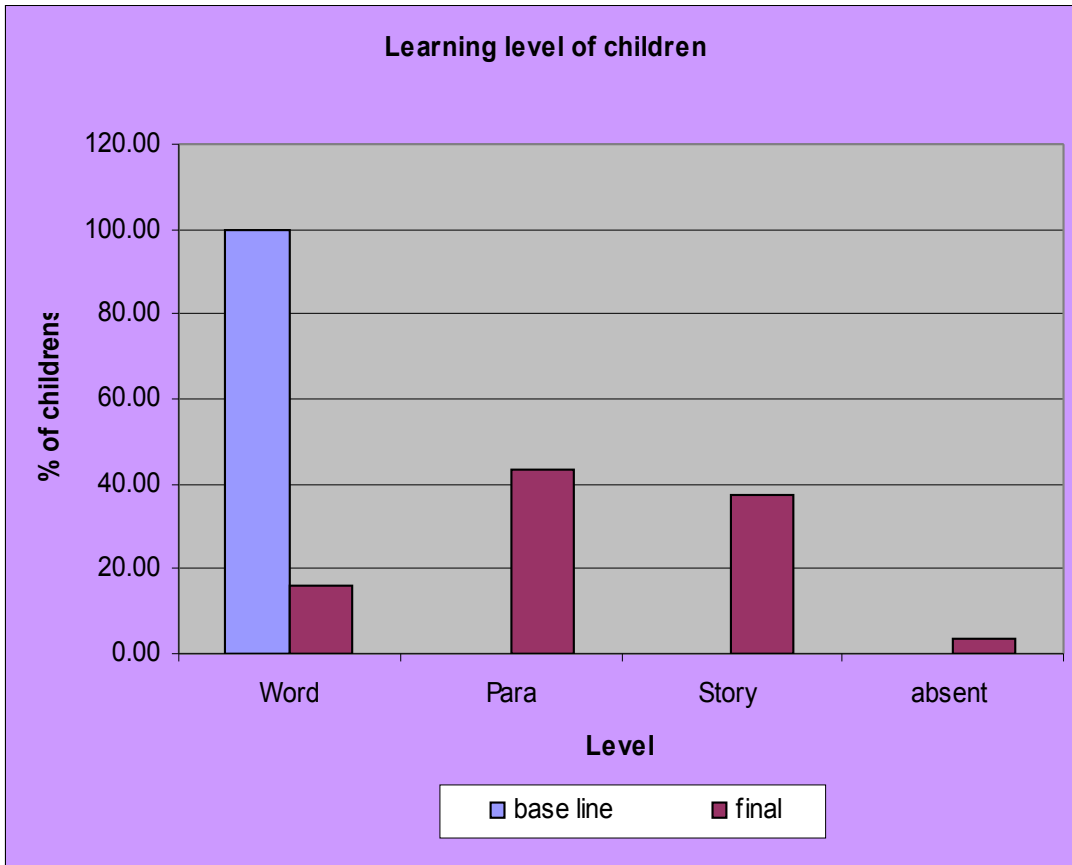
Results:

As per winter camp data of U.P. are as given below table

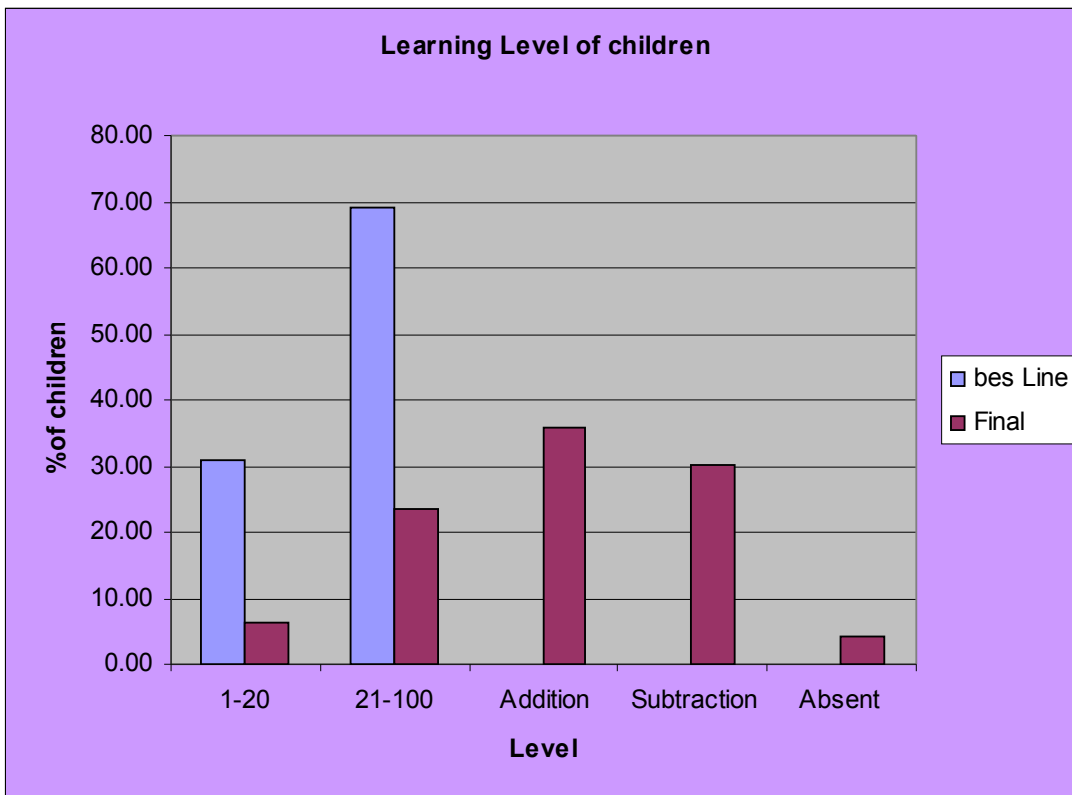
Winter Camp REPORT : All UP : DEC 2008 TO March 2009		
All UP	Winter Camp Data	
ARITHMETIC : Children who can do:	Base Line	Final test
Num recog 1-20	30.9	6.4
Num recog 21-100	69.1	23.5
Add	0.0	35.8
Subtraction	0.0	30.1
Absent Children (In Math)	0.0	4.1
Total percentage	100%	100%
Total children in base line (Target Num recog 1-20 + 21-100)	655385	655385
READING: Children who can do:	Base Line	Final test
Word	100.0	16.1
Para	0.0	43.4
Story	0.0	37.2
Absent Children (In Hindi)	0.0	3.3
Total percentage	100%	100%
Total children in base line (Target only Word level)	557169	557169

Winter Camp REPORT : All UP : DEC 2008 TO March 2009		
All UP	Winter Camp Data	
ARITHMETIC : Children who can do:	Base Line	Final test
Num recog 1-20	202341	41991
Num recog 21-100	453044	154336
Add	0	234673
Subtraction	0	197499
Absent Children (In Math)	0	26886
Total children in base line (Target Num recog 1-20 + 21-100)	655385	655385
READING: Children who can do:	Base Line	Final test
Word	557169	89460
Para		241899
Story	0	207315
Absent Children (In Hindi)	0	18495
Total children in base line (Target only Word level)	557169	557169

Table-1-(Base and Final test data of winter campaign)



Graph-2 (learning level of children's in Base and Final test in Language)



Graph- 3- (learning level of children's in Base and Final test in Math)

Workshop on winter camp wind up and future plan:

State level- we have done two days workshop with all divisional at Jaunpur for winter camp wind up and future plan of U.P. Pratham.

Zonal level- At Dadari and Lucknow one day training of all 70 district leaders and 18 divisional training in two batches 35-35 districts at each zone separately for winter camp wind process and ASER dissemination have been done.

Winter camp wind up process were as follow

- 1- Cluster leader will organize a meeting in each those villages where winter camp classes was run by volunteers, and will discuss about the effort done by that volunteer to improve learning level of children's.
- 2- During the meeting volunteer will be given certificate of voluntarism in Read India campaign.
- 3- Future strategies for improvement of learning level of children's have been discussed during the meeting.
- 4- ASER -08 U.P. and National data and data of volunteer's of Read India (winter camp) of that village will also be discussed in meeting.
- 5- ASER Poster in which basic question have been raised i.e. ***can your child read simple paragraph? Can your child do simple subtractions? Etc...*** will be pasted in the village and a request will be made to all villagers to protect that poster.

District level-

As we have done meeting of our all divisional & district leaders at state level after this practice our divisional & district leader go back there divisions and follow same process for all district teams at district level with districts team members collectively.

Cluster level-

After meeting with district team members at district level, our all district team members give training to cluster leaders.

Future plans

(Nai Disha campaign)

As we have done Nai disha campaign in last years in two phases (2006-07 in 20 districts and again in 2007-08 in 40 districts of U.P.) for std 1 & 2 to improve learning level of children in language and math. Now U.P. S.S.A. government is ready to work with Pratham again for the same for whole 71districts of Uttar Pradesh.

(District Resource Center and Block Resource Center)

Structure of U.P. Pratham team will change, now we are planning to build up the structure of BRC and DRC in the state. There will be 4 DRC and 30 BRC in U.P.