



# Progress Report on Rural Schools

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**The Rural Schools ensure quality education to out-of-school children (6-14 years) which enables them to transit smoothly into Government schools.**

**Most of these children are first generation learners and the Rural Schools gives them the confidence to persist with their schooling.**



This year, a survey was carried out in 14 villages of Kotra and Jhadol blocks.



A total of 1,828 households with 2,478 children (6-14 years) were surveyed.

53% children were found out of school. Of these 36% children have never been to a school.



In Kotra block of Udaipur, one of the most underdeveloped regions of India, the percentage of out of school children is 65%, while in Jhadol it is 38%

In the last six months 1,946 (32%) children were newly enrolled and of these 48% are girls.

Currently 177 rural schools or Shiksha Kendras (SKs) are reaching out to 6,003 children.



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- Level 0 is when a child enters the SK and can barely read or write.
- Level 1 the child can read and write small words, do simple counting and identify some numbers.
- Level 2 is when a child can read/write and understand simple sentences and can do simple calculations.
- Level 3 a child can read and understand simple texts, articulate him/her by writing a group of sentences and understand the concepts of multiplication, division, etc.



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In May 2012, a total of 4,696 children appeared for the annual evaluation.

1,080 (23%) children reached to Level 3.

Once children reach to level 3, it means they have achieved basic competencies in Hindi and Mathematics. They are encouraged to enroll in government school.

During the reporting period 1,139 children were enrolled in government schools.

Of these 61% children got admission in class 5 & class 6.







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## Mahesh Kumar

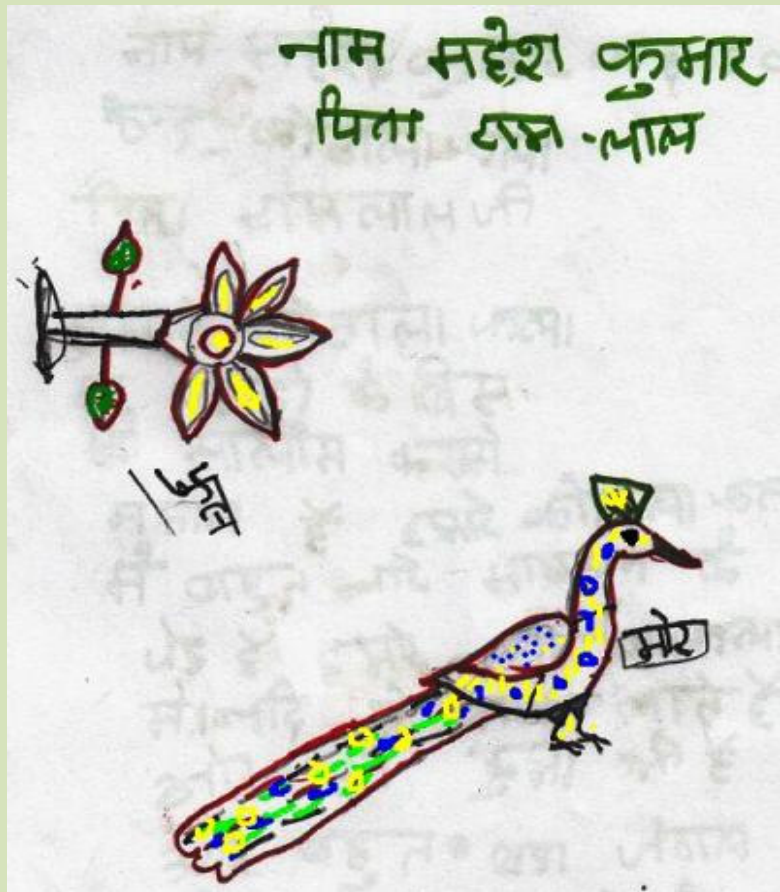
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Mahesh is a resident of Raya hamlet located in Kherwara block. Every day he travels 5km. to reach Seva Mandir's Rural School in Kotala hamlet. There is one Government school in Raya hamlet and he along with his brother studied there for 2 years.

He shared his and his brother's experience of attending Government School, 'we could not learn much in this school because the teacher was irregular and he was not teaching properly. We were not interested in going to school at all.'

His father then enrolled both of his sons in Seva Mandir's Rural School in 2009. Along with both brothers, four other children of the same village joined Seva Mandir Rural school. This year all these children graduated and joined Government school in higher classes.

**One of his drawings was selected and sent to School magazine last year.**





This year an extra focus on the teachers' capacities for English teaching were given in few sessions. Dictionaries were distributed for additional vocabulary practice.



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