

Light of Life Trust

Project Anando – Jalna District

Report: October to December 2015

Programmes/activities organized in this period:

Weekend Empowerment Workshops leading to Personality Development and Aspiration Building : In this quarter in total 44 empowerment workshops were conducted across all the centres in Jalna District. The average attendance of the beneficiaries in the workshops was 68.33%.

Since the first term examinations were scheduled in October the workshop topics in the month of October was 'techniques of writing answers in examination'. In the month of November 2015 (Diwali vacation period) the focus was on Project Making and Festival related greeting card making. In the month of December the focus was on getting the beneficiaries prepared for the upcoming LOLT annual talent competition – Bal Kala Mahotsav hence practice sessions for Group/Solo performances were undertaken and during the last workshop of the month of December the Essay Writing Competition was held at the centre level.



Project Making & Greeting Card making:

This programme was conducted with the beneficiaries in the Diwali vacation period from 10th November to 20th November 2015. 84% beneficiaries participated in this programme.

Objectives

- To involve students in Creative, Innovative & Productive exercises during the vacation period.
- To introduce them to doing Research, Depth & Impact of the subject of any given project.
- To make them capable of making an effective presentation.
- To encourage them to take sincere efforts to conduct a well-planned activity.

The topics given for the project making were :

- ✓ Greenery and environment protection.
- ✓ Social system and culture in India.
- ✓ Social leaders, their background, ideology-philosophy, their work and our learnings.
- ✓ In coming years the role of computers and the importance of knowing it.

Social workers observed that the exercise of project making put the students in the role of a researcher who thoroughly studied the subject and then tried to prepare a report based on the findings. Following this process helped increase the interest in the subject and created a hunger to gain more knowledge.

Few of the beneficiaries really went deeper than expected showing that the exercise served the objectives of developing thirst & hunger for knowledge. The project making activity motivated them to search for study material, references, and data collection independently. It also enhanced the analytical capacities and their capacities for building an argument.

The Greeting Card Making activity gave them an opportunity to express their good wishes through a creative medium and was thoroughly enjoyed by all of them



One Day for Peers Programme

In the month of December 'The One Day for Peers' programme was organized and conducted in all the centres across Jalna District. Each Anando beneficiary was told to invite one of their friends to participate in this programme which focussed around the importance of friendship in one's lives. During the programme an essay writing activity was conducted on the topic - '**Friendship is Relationship**'.

Sessions on awareness in the form of talks, games, question & answer sessions were organized as part of the programme. During the discussions students expressed their thoughts and opinions on who they think are friends. Some students felt that 'a friend is one who always helps', others felt 'friends are those who share their notebooks for completion of homework', a few others felt that 'a true friend is one who always speaks the truth'. All present enjoyed being a part of the programme thoroughly and learnt the importance of having true friendships that can weather all storms and circumstances.



Sports Day

In order to create awareness about the importance of sports in life, how effectively sports can be used to understand the strengths and weakness, also how sports can be useful to build the inherent capacities, two workshops were dedicated to organize sports activities in all the centres in Jalna District in the month of December 2015.

In the two day programme, both national and state level recognized games were encouraged. Games like Kabaddi, Kho-kho, rope-jumping, three leg competition, slow cycling, cricket; lemon and spoon competitions were organized. These activities contributed in building a positive perspective towards sports.

Few educationally less inclined students who are good in sports and play well were encouraged to choose sports as a career. At least now students are looking at sports as a career option. Encouraged students who are not only doing well on Anando platform but they are shining on the school level platforms as well. Sstudents participated very enthusiastically in the games. Good rapport was built up with the students.

Competitions in Rangoli making, Essay writing, & Drawing were also taken for the less sports inclined beneficiaries.



Parent Meetings :

In this reporting period 4 Parents meetings and 6 Corner meetings were conducted in each of the villages are beneficiaries come from. The corner meetings received a good response from the parents.

The agenda for the meetings were:

- To share and discuss the attendance of beneficiaries in SFSEP class and workshops.
- To review of all activities & programmes organized for the beneficiaries in the last month.
- To share the plan for the next month in terms of programmes.
- To share the details of the major events – Bal Kala Mahotsav & Palak Melava.
- To provide special guidance to S.S.C students and their parents.
- To discuss the academic progress and development of the beneficiaries.

Majority of Anando parents are uneducated and work as daily laborers on farms and are unaware about education and its importance. The team spoke to each parent individually to ensure they understood how to ensure their children pursued their studies.

