



# **BRINGING BACK THE SMILES**

A Proposal  
For  
Child Labour Elimination

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## **PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR TRANSIT SCHOOLS**

### **Goal**

To provide opportunities for school dropouts to complete their school certificate exams

### **Background**

In rural areas Government schools promote children without any restriction till 8<sup>th</sup> std. This decision can perhaps prevent children from dropping out, as failures in exams become child labourers. But such children also cannot expect to clear 10<sup>th</sup> std. state level exams. They loose hope and are excluded from further consideration by school and government. This results in *early marriage or child labour for girl children* while such *male children* often end up *migrating in search of work*.

One of the major reasons for child labour is illiteracy among parents. 10<sup>th</sup> failed children, if not attended to at the right time and motivated to study, will become not only child labourers, but end up with *unemployable qualifications*. These first generation learners are targeted and given special attention through Transit schools.

### **Major issues which are anti children and go against their real development are**

- Poor quality of teachers and schools
- Rural children have very low self esteem and confidence which leads them to school dropout.
- Methodology of teaching are more mark oriented rather than life skill based and play way method
- disconnection between education and employment
- loss of relevant skills among educated children
- lack of community and social support to child rights

## **SANKALP JYOTI, TRANSIT SCHOOLS – CURRENT SCENARIO**

SJ firmly believes that ‘ANY CHILD OUT OF SCHOOL IS A CHILD LABOURER’. There are numerous instances of children attending school up to 8th or 9th or 10th standard and discontinuing studies and going for work due to their parents’ inability to spend on their children’s education further or insensitivity to child rights. SJ plays an important role at this juncture. SJ has set up *transit schools for children between 14 to 18 yrs* who have been abandoned by parents as misfit. Children are given efficient coaching by qualified teachers to complete their studies and enroll them in higher classes. Transit schools run by SJ, promotes and enhances valuable human resources. Future generations are enabled to stand up with self esteem and self confidence.

### **Child rights protection through SJ’s Transit Schools**

Survey conducted by SJ is used to identify failures between 14-18 yrs of age. Once the target group is identified, our volunteers and organizers visit them individually and motivate them to join our transit schools to complete common minimum board exam. Coaching in Transit schools is *absolutely free* and noon meals is also provided free of cost. Children willingly join our school and parents also agree to send them to SJ’s transit schools as private tutorials charge them heavily.

### **Key objectives of SJ’s Transit schools**

**Key objectives** of SJ Transit Schools are as below:

- To help First generation learners.
- Radical shift to a relaxed and free classroom environment as measured by joyful teaching methods, participation of children
- Building capacities of teachers to present the syllabus on a life-skill platform using joyful learning techniques as a means of high achievement
- Distinctly minimum higher achievement levels in formal education, both in terms of quality of learning levels and marks obtained in public exams

- Transformation in parental attitudes and support through counseling and involvement, as measured by better home environments and higher performance of even “difficult” children.
- Distinctly higher proportion of children graduating to higher education including vocational, technical and professional courses
- Radical improvement in psychological status of children in terms of greater self esteem and enthusiasm, lower stress levels
- Build capacities of local communities to uphold child rights, sustainable in future

### **Methodology**

1. Counseling support for parents and “difficult” children
2. Training of teachers on the above joyful and innovative modules.
3. Try and accommodate children in existing schools but in separate classroom. Individual attention to all students. Focus on clearing board exam and motivating the children to pursue higher studies.
4. Importance will be given to extracurricular activities like sports and arts.
5. Training for parents on supportive environment at home

### **Resource Persons**

1. Two teachers for 30 students per transit school.
2. Monitoring officers to monitor the performance of children in school, check on attendance, dropouts (if any) and also look into the accounts. The salary for this resource person will be funded by SANKALP JYOTI.
3. Part time consultants who will motivate and train teachers every three months.

### **Estimated Budget for ONE Transit School**

#### **Non – Recurring-A**

<b>Items for ONE School</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Table-1, Chair – 4, Mat – 4, Pot, Tumbler, Clock	8000.00
Teaching Materials (Charts, Maps, Globe, etc.,)	3000.00
Teachers Orientation / Training	5000.00
Competitions / Other Activities	2000.00
Rent of the Transit School	5000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>23000.00</b>

### **Recurring Expenditure-B**

	<i>Amount per Month</i>	<i>Amount per year</i>
Teachers (2 for 30 students)	5000.00	60000.00
Lunch (Rs 7 per student 22 days) (for 11 months in a year)	4620.00	50820.00
Stationeries (for 11 months in a year)	250.00	2750.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>9870.00</b>	<b>1,13,570.00</b>

### **HUMAN RESOURCE EXPENDITURE-C**

TRANSIT SCHOOL SUPERVISOR- 2(FOR 11 MONTH)	12000.00	132000.00
PART TIME ACCOUNTANT (FOR 11 MONTH)		18000.00

### **BUDGET ABSTRACT FOR ONE YEAR – FIVE TRANSIT SCHOOLS (PHASE I)**

<b>Block</b>	<b><i>Naubatpur &amp; Maner</i></b>
<b>No. of Schools</b>	<b><i>11</i></b>
<b>Amount Per Year (A+ B+C)</b>	<b><i>16,52,270.00</i></b>

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