

Success Stories of Students from
IDRF-supported Tribal Girls' Dormitory and
Free Vocational Courses Offered During Summer-time

Anjana is an orphan from the tribal areas of Northeast, who grew up in the tribal girls' hostel while doing her schooling at Shiksha Bharati. She has been a meritorious student throughout and has recently graduated from the university with flying colors.



She has recently got a job-offer with an attractive salary as a yoga instructor at an institute. Despite growing up in adverse conditions, Anjana was able to pursue quality education provided by Shiksha Bharati and IDRF.

Vocational Training Workshops
Banwasi Chhatrawas (IDRF-supported Dormitory)
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Objectives of the Vocational Training:

- To make tribal girls self-reliant
- To increase economic productivity
- To create adequate employment potentialities
- To increase dignity of labor
- To maximum utilization of the available resources as well as waste material

Courses Offered:

About 65 hostel girls participated in the following vocational training workshops:

- Paper Cutting and Crafting- Girls learnt how to make paper bags, paper flowers and greeting cards, etc.
- Sewing- The fundamentals of cutting and tailoring was taught.
- Food Preservation- Making jellies, squashes, pickles, and marmalade was taught.
- Music- The fundamentals like singing skills, rhythm's knowledge, scale of male and female voice, etc. was taught
- Cooking- Making instant and flameless recipes like salads & sandwich was taught
- Computer literacy- The training for Word Processing, Presentation, Spreadsheet, use of internet and emailing was imparted.

Overview of the vocational training workshops:

The tribal students are making the products learnt at the various workshops. Visitors are showing interest in these products and even buying them during their visits to the campus. The girls are not just getting encouragement to make more of these products, but are also thinking of earning extra income to save for their higher education, while studying at this school.



Computer Literacy Classes



Sewing Classes



Food Preservation



Paper Cutting and Crafting

Food Preservation

During summer vacations students of grades 8th to 12th participated in the food preservation workshop organized by the school. The participants were taught: making of pickles, jams, sauces, marmalades, and squashes, etc. They learnt these things with great perseverance and have started making pickles, jams, sauces, etc. on a regular-basis. These items are bottled and preserved well and consumed by girls along with their meals. Whenever any visitors to the school and dormitory come, they are encouraged to buy these products made by the students. Some of the girls want to use their talents to start small business enterprises after they finish their schooling and return home. They want to become self-dependent and contribute towards the family's income with the skills they have learnt at the school and not be a financial burden on their parents.



Aarti – Class (XII)

Paper Cutting and Crafting

In the paper cutting and crafting course we learnt to make the envelopes of different designs & paper bags by quilting the paper. We also learnt to make paper-flowers for decoration purposes. Many of us tried our hand at making boxes by folding & cutting paper. After the completion of the course we are making beautiful greeting cards, paper flowers, paper baskets and gift boxes, etc. Some of us are even considering making paper items and putting up an exhibition to sell our products. I think I know that I am going to start a small business of making paper crafts when I complete my schooling here.



Diksha – Class (XI)