

Activity Report
April 2004 June 2004

Tuition fees for the month of May have already been given in the month of June to 86 tutors.

Tuition fees for the month of June will be handed over to those 86 tutors in the month of July 2004.

During the month of May tuition fees could not be handed over to 85 girl students, as they did not attend the tutorial classes.

Books and exercise books have been distributed among 1000 girl students.

3 training sessions were organized to know how efficient education volunteers and role of core team could be made.

In this connection we like to point out that this training was given to those core team members who have some talents so that they could train their peer educators more efficiently.

On an average 57 students were present in each session.

We organized 4 education interface meetings in which 195 stakeholders, parents, and tutors were present. In these interface meetings problems regarding admission of the students in the school were discussed. Discussion was also held on the problems of continued studies by the girls students in the schools.

3 meetings were organized in which tutors and school teachers were present. In these meetings the way to improve the grades obtained by the students was discussed. And problems of admission of the girls' students in high schools was also highlighted.

We had organized 10 village level meetings where parents were requested to attend. In some cases Panchayet Members also participated. In these meetings 385 parents were present.

During the months of April to June when the students got admitted in the schools, we faced some unwarranted problems. Some of the guardians did not

allow their wards to get admitted in the schools as the latter already reached their marriageable age. Some of these students were good in studies.

Some of the guardians did not want to admit their children in the schools because they did not have admission fees with them.

For the purchase of books a grant of Rs.125/- per student was given but this amount was too low. To purchase all books it required about Rs.500 to Rs.1000/- So the guardian would have to bear the lion share of this expenditure. But some of the guardians expressed their inability to bear such a huge amount.

The parents of the 3 sick students told that their daughters would not be able to study because they were sick. So it would be share wastage of time and money if they were admitted in the school.

As the high school is far off from many villages the parents were not willing to send their daughters to such a distant schools.

The amount that was kept in out budget for the purchase of uniform for the students was not sufficient. So all the students could not be given uniform. The guardians of those students who could not get the uniform were not willing to provide uniform to their wards and these students were also not willing to go to school without uniform.

After all these above problems were discussed in meetings mentioned earlier and we reached to the following solutions :

1. We requested the school authorities to give some concession in the admission fee of the students. The school authority however agreed to our request and we also arranged rest of the amount by taking loan. In this way the problem was solved and all the students except 27 could be admitted in the schools.
2. The Head Master of 2 schools promised in the meeting that they would procure some books and exercise books for some of the students.
3. In the meeting all the members present reminded the parents about their responsibility to educate their daughters and therefore whatever small amounts would be required by them to spend for the education of their daughters, should be borne by them. The parents agreed to purchase the remaining books for their daughters.
4. Monthly test for the month of April and May could not be done. However, the grade sheet for the monthly test for the month of June will be sent shortly.

5. This year we have rearranged the tutors-students systems. The tutors have been given students of the same class or at the most two different classes. So that they can easily teach the students.
6. In case of 3 villages, tutors could not be arranged as these villages were situated in very remote areas.
7. To tackle the various problems of the students regular home visits have been arranged.
8. For the same reason regular school visits have also been arranged.
9. The Headmaster of the largest school in our project area has taken great interest on the education of these female students. He has also agreed to train the tutors so that the latter can efficiently teach their students.