

**Narrative Report
January 06- March 06
Child Vikaas International**

- ☞ 64 Tutors have been given tuition fees for the month of December 05, January – March 06.
- ☞ 3 monthly meets of tutors have been organized.

Issue discussed :

- i) Monthly grade sheet
- ii) New teaching methods.
- iii) Preparation for Annual Examination.

- ☞ **Core Team Training:** One core team training has been conducted. 55 girls attended the training programme.

Issue discussed:

- i. Raising self-confidence.
- ii. Preparation for annual examination and role of core team.

- ☞ **Tutors Training :**

The training session conducted by Ms. Reethu Sarawgi on 14.02.2006. The two new methods of teaching – Mathematics through games and matching different words with the help of cards have been introduced to the teachers to be applied in their teaching. The tutors have brought out what they have thought as the positive and the negative aspects of these new methods.

- a) The positive side is that this method will remove the sense of fear and apprehension for learning in the children. They will learn faster and more easily.
- b) The negative side is lack of accessibility of tutors for the training tools, as these are rather expensive.

- ☞ **Monthly test :**

Monthly tests have been taken in January, February and March 2006 and grade sheet of those months have already been sent to you.

- ☞ **Home Visit :**

Regular home visits of 1000 girls have been conducted.

- ☞ **School Visit:** Our Social Workers visited government high school for 9 times during this period.

Issue discussed:

- i. Problems of irregular attendance of students.
- ii. Monthly grade sheet
- iii. Problems of lagging behind children.

Some of the teacher's attitudes have been changed. Some of them have agreed to attend tutors-parent meet. Also they are giving more importance on problems of girl students and willing to implement some programmes to eradicate the problems, such as they are ready to construct separate bathroom and latrine for girl students. One school is ready to renovate their bathroom for girl students and one of the schools has already repaired the doors and windows of female bathroom. They have conducted guardians' meet also where girl students' problems have been given top priority.

☞ During January, February and March 2006 15 guardian- Tutor meetings have been held. Ways and means have been sought out to bridge the communication gap between the guardians and the tutors. The main objective of the programme and the kind of benefits received by the children from it have been clarified.

Outcome: The two sides realized that regular meetings between the guardians and tutors are essential for improving standard of the children.

☞ **Educational Tour:** on 12.02.2006, 14.02.2006 and 15.02.2006 60 children on each day have been taken to visit the Science City in Kolkata. Our children have a new, exciting and learning experience. They are very vocal to express their enthusiasm.

Since January 2006 a considerable amount of changes in the running programme have been deliberated /decided upon on the running programme. This changed programme will be introduced from April 2006. The three months of January, February and March 2006 have been spent mainly in preparation for implementation for the changes.

☞ On 9th January Mr. Bharath Al. Sethuraman, Ms. Reethu Sarawagi and Ms. Usha Ramaswami have visited NISHTHA and discussed on various problems of the programme, their possible solutions, improvement in the quality and the future plans for the programme have been thoroughly discussed. They also have visited Mathematics and English classes' taken by two tutors. They also have talked with the girls in the programme and their mothers.

☞ Ms. Reethu Sarawagi has visited the field in Matsyakhali and Panarala villages and inspected coaching classes – English lessons by Bablu Sardar, natural science lessons by Manas Mondal and Maths lessons by P.K. Naskar.

☞ **28.02.2006:** Ms. Reethu Sarawagi has visited coaching centers in Kalmikhali village and Sima Mondal's English class, Hemanta Mondal's Bengali class and Pronab

Mondal's Mathematics classes. The teachers have been found to be applying the new methods fairly well.

Afterwards an interview of several retired teachers have been taken by Ms. Reethu Sarawgi. Mr. Kanai Shankar Bhattacharjya and Mr. Sailan Kr. Sardar have been selected to collect the syllabus from high schools and divide the same into 20 slots.

☞ **13.03.2006:** A planning session has been conducted by Ms. Reethu Sarawgi with the two retired teachers and ten senior tutors. In the background of the coming changes in the programme adaptation of the syllabus and the routines to absorb the changes have been discussed.

Outcome: The tutors have agreed that a definite routine must be followed for each class to be effective. The whole syllabus is to be divided into 20 slots so that tutors will find it easier to cover it.

But they have raised the problem that it might be difficult to balance the slotted syllabus with school teaching. The new routine may clash with preparation of school lessons. It has been decided after a long discussion that after 2 months there will be a special meeting on this issue. And the two retired teachers have promised that they will definitely attend the meeting and help the tutors to overcome the problems.

☞ Mrs. Usha Ramaswami, our another volunteer has taken English classes for 50 girls every Monday during the 3 months. She also has provided tiffin for the girls. It is a great help to these girls. In the rural area there is nobody to help them to learn English very well.

Outcome: Now 28 girls become very vocal. They are trying to speak English. Their stock of words increase. They have gained confidence.