

Girls' Education Programme
Supported by : Child Vikaas International
Activity Report
For the month of January 07 - March 07

During this period 6 tutors meet were organized.

Subject discussed:

- ☞ Monthly grade sheet.
- ☞ Preparation for Annual Examination.
- ☞ Teaching methods.
- ☞ Relation between parents and tutors.
- ☞ Special Coaching Camp.
- ☞ Regular problems.

Some of the senior tutors took leadership in those meets.

Regular home visit were conducted. That period was very crucial because Annual examination took place during that period and also it was harvest season. Boro crop is the main crop of this area. The main objective of home visits was to keep the girls attendance regular in school and tuition classes.

Father's meet: 18 father's meets were organized. Total 576 fathers attended and several problems were discussed such as girls' attendance in school and tuition classes, monthly grade sheet, father's responsibility, annual examination etc.

School visit:

11 schools were visited during this period.

Issue discussed:

- ☞ Grade Sheet of monthly examination.
- ☞ Students attendance in school
- ☞ Home task of the girls.
- ☞ Other problems.

Coaching visit :

Mr. Samir Ghosh, retired Head Master visited several coaching centres and solved many problems of tutors. He also attended twice Matangini Hazra High School as requested by the teachers to train them up on Math and Science subject.

Training of Tutors :

7 training programmes were conducted for tutors. Each was attended by 15/20 tutors. Our expert, Ms. Rithu Sarawgi conducted 5 of them and rests were managed by Mr. Samir Ghosh.

Tutors were trained on teaching method of English and Science subject.

As usual Mrs. Usha Ramaswami taught English to the girls. She took classes on every Monday and also distributed tiffin to her students. In the month of March there was no Special English class.

On last 10.02.2007 Mrs. Shantha Kumar, Board Members of CVI visited NISHTHA. She visited our field area to understand the teaching method of tutors. She inspired the teachers and girls and appreciated the methods and teaching materials.

She also discussed on various issues of Girls' Education Programme. She gifted the girl students very interesting and attractive CD on learning English.

Special care was taken for the students of Madhyamik students. Special coaching classes were conducted for them. Special home visits also were conducted for these students to encourage the parents to create education friendly environment in those families. They also were requested not to send them to the field and to take care of their daughter's health during examination.

64 tutors were given tuition fees for the month of January, February and March 2007.

Important Incidents :

Asmina Khatun (Grade sheet no.402) D/O Rahim Ali, Vill. Balakhali. Her marriage was fixed. Because the family of groom did not want to wait. We came to know about this only 5 days before the marriage. With the help of local leaders we succeeded in postponing the marriage and Asmina appeared in Madhyamik Examination.

Case Study:

Nilanjana Das of Bamungachhi village (Grade sheet no.110), a student of class IX was all on a sudden became mentally and physically weak. Throughout the day she liked to lie on the bed and seldom spoke. When our social worker went to see her, she out rightly told that she would not appear in the final examination. Her condition made our social worker quite worried. So after giving a serious thought the social worker decided to give her some counseling. After that she disclosed to the social worker that she had no capability

of doing any work or appearing in the examination. She said that she would not be able to do any work, as she did not have any qualification.

As the professional counselor was very expensive, we consulted him. He advised us to apply some techniques so that the root cause of her problem could be known. The counselor also told that something might have happened to her. She was debarred from doing some of her choicest works and from that a problem was created in her mind that she would not be able to do any work. After giving her some small jobs to do and also giving her necessary company and proper counseling her self-confidence slightly reappeared. She sat in the examination.

We have seen such cases but in those cases the victims were married women. They became traumatized after being thrashed severely in their in-laws and facing continuous torture. But according to counselor, this age was very tender, so any shock might cause mental problem.