

- 13.5 lakh people positively impacted by AIPAD through entitlements & awareness
- Around 3124 women got Ante-natal check-ups done through Swasthya Slate
- Around 10,000 people received pension benefits
- Around 1.5 lakh children covered under the sanitation campaign & rallies
- Around 45,000 children received scholarship and other education entitlements

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Annual Training for Team AIPAD

A two day exposure cum training programme was organized by NJKF for the AIPAD team from 13th December to 15th December 2017. The training programme was organised in Bodhgaya. It aimed at bringing together the entire team of AIPAD and providing them a platform for learning new strategies and approaches from the eminent resource persons, understanding and comprehending grassroots and community based leadership skills so as to implement the

same in their own area of work. The overarching objective of this programme was to further motivate and strengthen the leadership qualities of the team members, especially the local youth. The training programme broadly focused on the self-development of the team members and providing guidance to enhance their skills. The idea behind this training was to strengthen and encourage leadership skills of the local youth so that they are motivated and empowered enough to

further help and support their communities, even after the project is over. The whole team of AIPAD including Chief Operating Officer Shubhra Singh, Programme Assistant Anuja Tripathi of NJKF, State Programme Manager Ratnish Verma and Project Manager Sanjay Yadav from Nidan, along with MIS officer, project coordinators, technical engineer and front line workers were present in the training programme.

The two day training programme created a lot of enthusiasm and

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In the SPOT light

(This column features positive & impactful initiatives contributing to the success of the AIPAD Program)

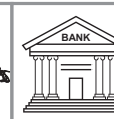


Advocacy group, Baluchak Panchayat, Jagdishpur

We would like to share an inspiring work of advocacy group members of Jagdishpur block of Baluchak panchayat who independently addressed the issues of mid-day meal and were successful in solving the issues.

Members of the advocacy group observed that in Baluchak middle school, mid-day meal was not being prepared according to the government issued menu. They visited the school couple of times

and witnessed the issue. After that, they directly spoke to the Headmaster of the school and brought this issue to his notice. The Head master assured them to look into the matter. Members rigorously followed up with the Headmaster and made sure that this issue is being given utmost importance. After few days, these members again visited the same school and found out that good quality food was being served as per the menu.



motivation among the team members. Day one of the programme i-e 13th December, started with a session on impactful communication and its effectiveness by communication expert from Unicef, Mr. Amitabh Pandey. Mr. Amitabh Pandey addressed the team and opened the session by explaining the importance of communication and how it forms an integral part of any social action. He explained the process and steps of an effective communication and ways of using it while in the field addressing communities or conducting awareness campaigns. He elaborated that communication is basically communication change and this change is essential for making impact in all fields of social change, like health, education, or social security. By drawing on the insights from our own work, he further explained that the key of good communication is active listening and one must understand the difference between listening and hearing. Group games and pictorial representation were used in the whole process which helped the team members to stay enthusiastic throughout the session. The whole session was collaborative in nature wherein the team members equally participated and could immediately connect with the learnings. Session one ended with a vote of thanks by Mr. Ratnish Verma to Mr. Amitabh Pandey for sharing such an

extensive knowledge on communication.

Second session of day one was held by CEO of Reliance Jio, Bihar and Jharkhand circle, Mr. Pravir Kumar. Mr. Pravir Kumar has more than 20 years of experience in business operations. He spoke to the team about strategic planning on how to reach out to the last mile population and make maximum impact on people's lives. By drawing on insights from his own life and his career, he explained to the team that nothing is impossible if one is hardworking and has a clear focus to reach one's goal and passion. He further motivated the team to be innovative and unique in their strategies and approaches so that they are able to reach maximum people and communities. The whole session was very enriching and left the team highly motivated and enthusiastic. The day ended with presenting a memento and a vote of thanks to Mr. Pravir Kumar.

Day two i-e 14th December opened with Ms. Shubhra Singh addressing the team. She talked about developing professional and leadership skills within one self. She explained to the team that it is very essential to enhance one's skills and capabilities for development of the individual as well as the work. She further elaborated that it is important to observe any situation or problem and then analyse it properly before moving towards its solution. After this session,

Project coordinators (PC) started with their block wise presentations on their work and challenges if any. Each PC presented their work properly along with the data and figures. Various issues such as maintenance of PC registers, flow of information among the team members, tracking MIS data etc. were discussed.

Session two of day two started with the discussion of the previous year's achievements and targets as against last year's work plan. The whole team discussed last year's progress in terms of impact, outreach and collaborated in formulating 2018's work plan. Activities and targets of 2018 were thoroughly discussed and the work plan of 2018 was formulated in a participative way.

News Feed

After Uniforms and Bicycles, now amount for books will also be transferred in to accounts of the students:

Bihar government has urged the central government to permit direct transfer of amount meant for these books to the students' accounts. If the central government agrees, then this money will be transferred directly to the account of 20 million students studying in Bihar, just like bicycles and uniforms. (To know more, please follow : <https://khabar.ndtv.com/news/bihar/>)

Soochna Kendra: Changing the information landscape in villages of Bhagalpur

The boarder objective of AIPAD is to act as a bridge between government and beneficiaries and thereby help in improving the accessibility of government schemes. In spite of having numerous social security schemes for the poor, majority of the underprivileged population struggles in availing benefits of the schemes. Even after having the right information, beneficiaries face a lot of issues in terms of not knowing the right document, or in cases of a missing document or even getting approvals on their documents from their PRI members.

AIPAD has established 'Soochna Kendras' or information centres in all the five blocks of its project area that will help in removing these barriers to information access and reaching out to the last mile population. Apart from providing all the necessary information about the schemes, their procedures, their forms and eligibility criteria, these information centres are an attempt by AIPAD to address the issues of the people so that the information gathering process becomes real easy and maximum people can avail their entitlements. Soochna Kendras are providing a platform for rural people to enquire about their

problems or issues concerning entitlements. These centres are well equipped with all the necessary facilities such as computers with internet, printers, photocopy machines, application forms etc. One person from the AIPAD team is present in these centres. These centres are established in government or community spaces keeping in mind the sustainability goal of these centres. Soochna Kendras are not only achieving the broader objective of reaching out to people, but also achieving the sustainability goal of our project.

In this series, AIPAD has already initiated four Kendras and the fifth Soochna Kendra was opened in Panchayat Bhawan campus of Dariyapur Panchayat Shakund block on 18th November, 2017. MLA Sultanganj, Shri Subodh Rai was the chief guest in the inaugural ceremony of the Kendra. Mr. Sanjay Yadav, programme manager AIPAD, welcomed our chief guest and explained the objectives of this Kendra and how it is going to benefit people. Md. Haasin Akhtar, Mukhiya Harnath Panchayat and President of Mukhiya Sangha Shahkund block, Mr. Alok Kumar, Mukhiya Daiyapur Panchayat and other PRI representatives participated



Shree Subodh Rai inaugurating the Soochna Kendra

in the inaugural ceremony. Ward members along with AWWs and around 150 community members were also present.

Shree Subodh Rai addressed the gathering and appreciated the work that AIPAD has been doing over the years. He emphasised on the fact that these information centres are established for the people and will make people aware and responsible. In the same ceremony, Shree Subodh Rai and Md. Haasin Akhtar flagged off our Soochna cycle. A vote of thanks was given by our project coordinator at the end of the ceremony.

AIPAD Through The Lens



Annual review & planning meet of AIPAD team at Sambodhi Retreat Bodh Gaya



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