

Chasing the goal of Universal Quality Education...

Securing universal and elementary education is a fundamental right and key element of our country's plans and policies since 1960s and beyond. The previous two decades have seen a massive push by the government to promote literacy with higher spending and new schemes such as the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan. There have been significant changes in terms of literacy and enrolment rate but challenges remain. There are still huge numbers of drop outs from the schools especially in rural areas. Enrolment in government schools still suffers because of a lot of cultural and social barriers. Apart from this, there is still a persistent gender gap in access to education. In Bihar, enrolment in primary education is still quite low as compared to other states and national average. Gross enrolment ratio of Bihar for higher education is close to 13

percent while the national average is close to 24 percent.

Understanding the importance of maximum enrolment towards achieving universalization of education, AIPAD team in Bhagalpur aggressively organised enrolment camps and shiksha rallies throughout the five blocks of our project area. During our team interaction with the teachers and head masters of various schools, there was an expressed need to convince and motivate parents and children about their education and schooling. AIPAD team strategically chose months of April to June to organise rallies and camps since these are the months for maximum enrolment.

Shiksha Rallies are carried out with teachers, PRI members, students and other media representatives and they all move from one part of the village/panchayat to the other, covering an area of approximately 2-4

News Feed

'प्ले स्कूल' की तरह चलेंगे आंगनबाड़ी केंद्र

राज्य ब्यूरो, पटना : अब प्ले स्कूल की तरह राज्य के आंगनबाड़ी केंद्र चलेंगे। इसका उद्देश्य बच्चों में शारीरिक, मानसिक और भावात्मक विकास को गति देना है। इसके लिए बच्चों को पोषाहार के साथ-साथ अभ्यास पुस्तिकाएं मुहैया कराई जाएंगी। जिसमें बच्चे रंग भरेंगे। रोचक कहानियां सुनेंगे। झुले झूलेंगे और खेलकूद करेंगे। राज्य सरकार पहली बार यह व्यवस्था सभी 92 हजार आंगनबाड़ी केंद्रों पर 3 से 6 आयु वर्ग के करीब 40 लाख बच्चों के लिए करने जा रही है। समाज कल्याण विभाग ने प्रथम संस्था के सहयोग से मनोरंजक अभ्यास पुस्तिकाएं तैयार कराई हैं। इन्हें आंगनबाड़ी केंद्रों पर बच्चों के लिए उपलब्ध कराया जा रहा है। पाठ्य सामग्री के आधार पर पहले आंगनबाड़ी सेविकाओं को प्रशिक्षित किया जाएगा। विभागीय मंत्री मंजु वर्मा के



मुताबिक आंगनबाड़ी सेविकाएं प्रशिक्षण के आधार पर बच्चों को कहानी, कविता सुनाएंगी और चित्रों में रंग भरने के बारे में बताएंगी। फूलों, फलों, पक्षियों और पशुओं के बारे में बताएंगी और उन सब की पहचान कराएंगी। इसके अलावा मैं और मेरा परिवार, भोजन, हमारा शरीर, धरती, आकाश, मेला-उत्सव, पेड़-पौधे, यातायात के साधन आदि के बारे में भी जानकारी अभ्यास पुस्तिकाओं के जरिये बच्चों को दी जाएगी।

Education Data 2016 for the benefits received by students (distributed in April-May 2017)

Block Name	Students who received Scholarship	Students who received Poshak Rashi (uniform amount)	Cycles distributed under Cycle Yojna	Student's Adhar Cards made
Jagdishpur	21278	23741	1197	16950
Kahalgaon	41046	46592	1179	22070
Pirpanti	45567	45567	843	39876
Sanhoula	36538	36748	354	18990
Shahkund	2485	19900	2837	19076
TOTAL	146914	172548	6410	116962

Enrolment data - 2017

Block Name	Total no of Enrolment of School	Total No of Enrolment of AWC
Jagdishpur	572	323
Kahalgaon	3540	2065
Pirpanti	3692	2190
Sanhoula	2800	380
Shahkund	1099	84
TOTAL	11,703	5042

kms in each rally. Around 500-600 people participated in these rallies from each block. Densely populated and remote areas are normally chosen as the location for these rallies. Students move across

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the community with the banners and chanting slogans containing enrolment and sanitation issues'. These rallies give students a sense of empowerment and generate awareness among parents regarding the importance of education.

Similarly, enrolment camps were also organised on a massive scale across all the blocks during the same time. Before organizing these camps, door to door visits were done by the team members in the panchayats so that both parents and children are fully aware about these camps and are motivated enough to bring their children to the camps. All the relevant information about the admission was given to the parents and children in these camps. For cases where documents were missing, authentication letter was

provided by the Mukhiya of that particular panchayat through the help of AIPAD team members so that the admission could take place promptly and without any hassle.

Through the education camps and rallies, AIPAD team is addressing various social factors surrounding the education of children so as to increase the awareness about education and its role in the betterment of one's life. Many a times, parents ask their children to drop out of schools so as to help them financially by working as a laborer or some other occupation. Therefore, AIPAD team is specially addressing such cases and motivating such families to understand the importance of free and compulsory education and various government schemes

ensuring quality education for their children. Though the main focus of the camps is maximum enrolment from April to June, but our team will be helping in enrolment of children throughout the year.



Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram camps in Jagdishpur

Out of every 100 babies born in India annually, 6 to 7 have a birth defect. This would translate to around 17 lakhs birth defects annually in the country and accounts for 9.6% of all the newborn deaths.¹ Developmental delays are common in early childhood affecting at least 10 percent of the children. These delays if not intervened timely may lead to permanent disabilities including cognitive, hearing or vision impairment. Early detection and management of diseases including deficiencies bring added value in preventing these conditions to progress to its more severe and debilitating form and thereby reducing hospitalization and improving implementation of Right to Education.

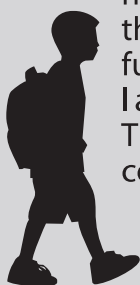
Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) as an initiative under NRHM aims at early

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Stakeholder's Speak



My name is Archana Kumari. I have studied till class 8th from Murkusia School. Even though I wanted to, I could not take admission in class 9th as the high school was very far from my house. The AIPAD team visited us and told my parents about the Bicycle Yojna which made it possible for me to study further. I took admission in the Mahuadih High School. Today I am in class 10th and easily commute to school on my bicycle. Thank you AIPAD Team for making my dream to study further come true.



Student Name: Archana Kumari, 16 years
Class: 10th, Utkranit Middle School, Mahuadih, Pirpainti

My name is Anjali Kumari. I am a student of Parasbanna Middle School. Me and my parents did not have a bank account, due to which I was not able to get the scholarship & uniform amount from the government. I met the AIPAD team in school and they helped me in opening the bank account. Today I am happy to have a bank account and have received the scholarship and uniform money in my account. A big thank you to the AIPAD Team!



Student Name: Anjali Kumari, 13 years
Class: 7th, Middle School, Parasbanna

1. www.nrhm.gov.in

identification and early intervention for children from birth to 18 years to cover 4 'D's viz. Defects at birth, Deficiencies, Diseases, Development delays including disability. The services aim to cover children of 0-6 years of age in rural areas and urban slums in addition to children enrolled in classes 1st to 12th in Government and Government aided Schools.

Understanding the need for early detection of diseases in children and objectives of RBSK, AIPAD team in Jagdishpur organised student health check-up camps throughout the month of May, in 113 schools including primary, middle and high schools. With the help and support of PHC block level doctor in charge, Dr Uday Shankar Sharma, student health check-up camps were organised in all these schools and students were checked against defects at birth, deficiencies of any kind, diseases and development delays. A team of doctors including Dr Sharma, Dr Rahet Nazat and one ANM, Ms Savita Devi were present in all these camps for the check ups. Health cards of all the students were being made in these camps which contained information about their weight, height, body

temperature, blood pressure and any other type of abnormality or disease. Students with specific problems were referred for early detection to the PHC. In the same camps, iron and vitamins tablets along with medicines such as OFloxacin, Paracetamol and cough syrups were distributed to the students. AIPAD team created awareness about these camps in their community meetings and through household visits so that no student is left outside the

coverage of the services that he/she is entitled to.

In total 5634 students have been checked in these camps in about 113 schools. Out of which 2323 students got tablets and were diagnosed with some problem or deficiency. AIPAD is planning to help and organise such camps in all other blocks as well so that mortality in children can be checked and necessary prevention can be further taken.

Bihar Student Credit Cards enabling higher education

One of the seven resolutions taken by the Bihar government, Bihar Student Credit Card (BSCC) was launched on 2nd October 2016 and it promises Rs four lakh interest free loans to 12th pass students for pursuing higher education. Under the scheme, an allowance of Rs 1,000 per month is also provided to unemployed students in the age group of 20 to 25 for two years to help them search for jobs. Apart from that, students can get free training under Kaushal Yojna as a part of skill development programme. This scheme is an initiative to combat financial hurdles towards higher education. Any student who is not able to pursue higher education because of financial constraints can avail the benefits of this scheme by going through some normal proceedings. This scheme is an attempt to fight against illiteracy and unemployment in Bihar.

AIPAD team in Pirpainti block planned to organize a camp and create awareness about BSCC yojna and help students get benefits of this scheme. Getting



the official permission from BDO and with the help of District Resource and Counselling center (DRCC), a camp was organized on 12th April 2016 at Inter level Boys High School of Mahesh ram panchayat, Pirpainti. AIPAD team created awareness and motivated the students to reach the venue to understand the proceedings for availing the credit card scheme. Mr Mitesh Rai from DRCC and two teachers from the school facilitated the camp and around 78 students filled their application form for availing the BSCC scheme.

AIPAD plans to conduct such camps on massive scale in all the blocks so that the benefits of BSCC yojna should reach to every struggling student in the region and students can pursue their academic and career goals.



AIPAD Through The Lens



Enrollment drive at M.S. Chhoti Naki, Sanhoula



Hygiene Awareness Program :
Usages of Sanitary napkins in
KGBV Simanpur Panchayat, Pirpainti



Enrollment camp at M.S. Koritola, Jagdishpur



Disability Certification Camp : Ekchari Diyara



Shiksha Rally M.S. Kamalpur, Hajipur, Panchayat, Shahkund



Shiksha rally at M.S. Tadar, Sanhoula



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