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We acknowledge Azim Premji Foundation for extending philanthropic support and availing the opportunities for working with the adolescent girls and women in particular to bring them gender justice by enhancing their capacities, knowledge level to raise voices, come forward and mitigating gender gaps and gender based violence that impacts them in different ways.

We are very much thankful to an individual donor based at Germany namely Mr. Arcot Moganavelu Punithavelu for taking interest in the organizational works and his generous support for promoting girls education and availing them opportunities of coaching classes in free to have better learning outcome in the core subjects i.e. English, Maths and Science. This will further support them in the preparation of the entrance exams and/or to the aspirants seeking admission in the recognized educational institution to attain higher education and/or competitive exams for their academic success.

JIV Daya Foundation (JDF) supported Pre-School and Nutrition Programme has been one of the important interventions with the children from the most marginalized communities i.e. Musahar community by the organization to ensure nutritional supplement for the enrolled children's physical and mental development and imparting pre-school education at the community level itself.

We are thankful to the networks and like-minded organization like CREA-New Delhi for having support to run '16 days campaign against gender based violence'. With Milaan Foundation-Lucknow we worked to promote leadership among the adolescent girls, knowledge building and developing them as local resource at the community level.

The organization recognizes the invaluable support provided by District Administrative Officials, Government Health Department Officials, block and Gram Panchayat level government functionaries, health workers, ASHAs, ANMs, AWWs, community-based organizations (CBOs) their leaders, our team members and volunteers during the time.

Thanks

(Bindu Singh)
Secretary-Gramya Sansthan

Message

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to share our Annual Report for the year 2023-24. Gramya Sansthan remains committed to addressing the needs of the most marginalized communities, especially children, adolescent girls and women. This year, we continued to focus on their well-being through various interventions. Our Educational Learning Centers supported by Asha for Education, provided education to children up to 14 years old in different villages.

Dalit Muslim Adivasi (DMA) Project supported by Azim Premji Foundation and running by the organization in collaboration with Gramin Vikas Sansthan (GVS) has been another major intervention during the year with the adolescent girls and women. Key thematic areas under the project include addressing gender based discrimination and gender-based violence, menstrual hygiene management, raising awareness about sexual and reproductive health rights and improving access to the government services.

For promotion girls education and availing them opportunities for quality learning and preparing them to qualify for the entrance exams and for their academic success, we run free Coaching Centers for 6th to 8th Class students, preferably girls to achieve desired learning level in core subjects i.e. Maths, English and Science, supported by an individual donation from Germany.

In collaboration with CREA New Delhi, we conducted major campaign '16 Days Campaign against Gender based Violence' comprised of series of activities. We joined hands with relevant institution, network partner(s) for working on the several issues and raising awareness, promoting male participation in the reproductive health.

We initiated skill training for adivasi/banwasi women, who are among the most marginalized. Through the USHA Silai School, we trained selected women as Master Trainers to impart training on sewing to other women and girls in their communities and facilitated them to set-up Silai School as entrepreneur for an alternative for their small earning.

JIV Daya Foundation (JDF) supports a project for providing supplementary nutrition to malnourished children up to five years age. Regular interaction meetings and advocacy dialogues between beneficiaries and service providers have helped bridge gaps, increase the reach of government benefits, and expand coverage areas. Community mobilization and voluntary support from stakeholders have been crucial to our efforts.

We hope to continue strengthening our cooperation and support, achieving new milestones, and bringing lasting change to the lives of those who rely on us.

Thank you and regards,

Bindu Singh
Secretary, Gramya Sansthan

Project's implemented During the Year

DMA Project-Chandauli

Gramya Sansthan focuses on empowering adolescent girls and women from marginalized communities through the formation of groups and collectives. These groups address reproductive health rights, improve health, education, and nutrition services, expand outreach efforts, promote girls' education, advocate for gender equality, protect against violence, combat gender-based discrimination, and foster leadership development among group leaders. In Chakiya and Naugarh blocks of Chandauli district, we have been facilitating capacity building for adolescent girls and women over the years. Based on our work with these communities, Gramya Sansthan is implemented a project Dalit Muslim Adivasi (henceforth DMA) Project in collaboration with Gramin Vikas Sansthan (GVS) and supported by Azim Premji Foundation in Chandauli district of U.P.

The main objectives of the project are pointed below:

1. To raise awareness among adolescent girls and women in the target community about gender and related issues through adolescent and women groups, and to develop the leadership capacity of group leaders.
2. To empower girls and women to voice their concerns against gender-based violence and handle incidents of violence, while providing information about relevant laws and helpline numbers for protection.
3. To educate adolescent girls and women about myths and harmful practices related to menstruation, and to promote healthy menstrual hygiene management (MHM) practices through information dissemination.
4. To create awareness about Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) and increase access to basic government services for the intended beneficiaries.

Coverage/reach of the project:

- 20 Villages/Gram Panchayats across Naugarh and Chakiya block of Chandauli district, 10 Villages/GPs in each block.
- 1000 and above number of adolescent girls and till the reporting period against targeted 1200 nos. in 03 years and around 600 number of women members through homogenous group.
- Approx. 100 number of Households on an average in each Village/GP through project's interventions and 2000 nos. of households in totality in 20 Villages/GPs.

Activities implemented during the period:

Routine activities carried out at the village and targeted communities:

- Formation of the Adolescent Girls Groups (AGGs):
- Formation of the Women's Groups:

Group Formation and Members data:

Sl. No.	Block	# of Village/GPs covered	Adolescent Girls Group (AGG)		Women's Groups	
			# of Formed Group	Total Members	# of Formed Group	Total Members
1	Naugarh	10	20	405	19	301
2	Chakiya	10	23	538	21	350
	Total	20	43	943	40	651

2 Days Leadership Training of the AGG Leaders on MHM, SRHR & GBV:

To foster leadership among Adolescent Girls Groups (AGG), two-day training sessions were conducted in the month of May 2023 and October 2023 for AGG Leaders from Naugarh and Chakiya blocks. Organized in two batches, the training took place at the project's office located in Laltapur village, Naugarh block, Chandauli which provided necessary facilities.

The training aimed to develop an understanding of gender aspects, discrimination, and violence against girls and women. It also covered topics like Sexual Reproductive Health & Rights (SRHR), Government Acts, and relevant information. The Trainer/Resource person conducted the residential training, which encouraged girls to express themselves, share experiences of gender-based discrimination and actively participate in group discussions, presentations and learning with each other.

Result:

- Total 78 AGG Leaders and 5 staff participated in the training:
- The AGG Leaders learned about leadership, thematic issues especially about gender permeated in the society and importance of gender equality for their development.



AGG Leaders participating in the Training on Leadership development

2 Days Leadership Training of the Women Leaders on Gender, SRHR & GBV:

In May 2023, two-day training was conducted for the identified women leaders at organization's project office located in Laltapur Village, Naugarh block-Chandauli. The training aimed to enhance their understanding of project thematic issues, including gender justice, menstrual hygiene management (MHM), and sexual reproductive health and rights (SRHR). Recognizing the crucial role of mothers, particularly in matters concerning to girl children, the project sought to involve women as a primary target group to drive interventions and bring about change at the family and societal levels.

Result:

- Total 41 women leaders and 4 staff participated in the training
- The women leaders learned about their role as leader to strengthen the women's group, gender based violence, discrimination and its effect upon their lives, government laws for protecting them against the violence and helpline numbers.



Women Group Leaders participating in two days Leadership Training

Exposure visits of the AGGs Leaders/ Members to the AFHS Clinic(s).

In the year, two exposure visits were conducted at the Government Hospitals i.e. CHC, Naugarh and District Combined Hospital (DCH) and PHC Chakiya in Sep-2023. The purpose of the exposure was:

- (i) To provide firsthand experience of government health services to adolescent girls in Naugarh and Chakiya blocks.
- (ii) Establish contacts with service providers, particularly focusing on Adolescent Friendly Health Services (AFHS).

Result:

- Total 52 Adolescent girls participated in the exposure visits in Naugarh and Chakiya.
- Information sessions by female doctors, technical staff, and nurses on health and nutrition, cleanliness during menstruation, a nutritious diet, and addressing health issues like anemia. Information on free health checkups and medical facilities shared.



IEC and Printing Materials on the thematic issues:

The IEC material was printed for the 'International Girl Child Day' celebration and other events and campaigns during the year. Help Desk Center was also to be started from the 2nd year of project. For this, thematic banner, posters, brochure etc. were designed for printing and displaying and distribution during the time.

Block level Meeting for learning and sharing with the Govt. Officials:

For the purpose of strengthening linkages with the government official based at the block level and related to the different depts particularly of BDO Office, Health department, ICDS department, interaction meetings were done by the project's core team i.e. Project Coordinator, Field Coordinator and Secretary cum head of the organization. Issue were discussion related to the irregularities in access of the IFA Tablets, Sanitary Pads to the non-going school girls by the service providers at the village level. The concerning officials' attention was drawn through the meetings. Discussion was also held with the health officials to schedule date(s) in the month Sep-2023 for the 'Exposure Visit of the Adolescent Girls at AFHS Clinic' and services available in the government hospitals in the two blocks.

District level Meeting for learning and sharing with the Govt. Officials:

Meeting with the district level officials were conducted. Gramya Sansthan is nominated under several Government Committees like in the District Health Society (DHS), Gender Committee, RKS and so on. Organizational Head and/or core team member(s) participated in the meeting during the time. Issues pertaining to the target groups i.e. women and girls were raised. For example- access to the government services by the targeted groups & community people, need of information dissemination on the government welfare schemes at the village level, infrastructural development at the government hospital or CHC, regular service of lady doctor/gynaecologist at the CHCs. 'International Girl Child Day' was planned to be organized in joint collaboration with the Women Welfare Department, Chandauli. For this district level senior government officials were invited to participate as guests for the occasion. Briefing about the DMA Project was given to them in district level meetings.

Celebration of 'International Girls Child Day'

On the occasion of the "International Day of the Girl Child" on October 11th, Gramya Sansthan and Women Welfare Department, district-Chandauli jointly organized a district-level program under the 'DMA Project' at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Chandauli. The event aimed to raise awareness about the equal opportunities and status of girls in society, emphasizing their right to education and the removal of obstacles to their career development.

The occasion was graced with the senior government officials from the respective department Hon'ble Additional District Judge and the Secretary of District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Chandauli. Other guests for the occasions were the SDM, Circle Officer from the Police Department, Mr. Prabhat Kumar, DPO, District Child Protection Officer, Women Welfare Officer and District Social Welfare Officer, Women Welfare Department.

There were other stakeholders CWC member, Dharmendra ji, and Dr. Kiran Tripathi, Ms. Rizwana Divisional Technical Advisor (Unicef), Media personnel. The guests expressed their views and thoughts. Bindu Singh, the head of Gramya Sansthan, highlighted the challenges girls face, calling for equality, access to healthcare and education, and empowerment against gender-based violence.

Result:

- Recognition and appreciation of the active AGG Leaders by the government officials
- Participation of around 200 adolescent girls from Naugarh and Chakiya blocks, along with the project's staff and organization team members.
- Girls Leaders exhibited their talent and thoughts and raised voices before large audience & stakeholders on girls' issues, challenges that enhanced confidence level.



District level Govt. Official and respected guests at the district level event on International Girls Child Day-2023

Routine activities at the community/village level:

- Monthly meetings with the AGGs on Thematic issues
- Monthly meetings with the Women Group on Thematic issues
- Participation in the Village Health Sanitation and Nutrition Day (VHSND)
- Linking of the eligible beneficiaries with the government schemes and benefits
- Community level support to run the campaign(s) initiated by the Govt. Deptt.
- Interaction with the local stakeholders and front line service providers



Meeting with the Adolescent Girls Group in the village

VHSND participation and monitoring:



Adolescent Girls and Women getting benefits of immunization and other services provided during VHSND

Change Stories

Escape of a Girl from a Deceptive Relation:

This is the story of Radhika (changed name), a 19 years old girl from scheduled caste from Bodalpur village, Naugarh block, Chandauli district. In her family, her parents Namvar and Sunita Devi, sustains their livelihood through agricultural labor. Radhika, who studied up to the 8th standard, had to drop out after failing class 10th help her family with farm work and household chores.

During a visit to her aunt's house, Radhika met a boy named Raja, and they started a relationship. Despite her fears of family disapproval, their bond grew as they continued to meet secretly for a year. However, her brother discovered Raja during one of his visits, leading to a violent altercation and straining their relationship.

Radhika attended a meeting by Gramya Sansthan, where she learned about gender issues and the importance of making informed decisions. In a discussion, it was suggested to her that before moving forward she must check the genuine nature and truthfulness of the boy she was is in relation and dreaming of getting married. Motivated to test Raja's sincerity, Radhika used a friend's help to discover Raja's deceitful nature, leading her to end the relationship.

Radhika now engages in sewing work and lives happily with her family. Her experience, supported by guidance from the organization, serves as a lesson in making wise decisions and avoiding hasty, emotion-driven commitments.

Change Stories

A Woman's Story Enduring Domestic Violence Fought And Changed Her Life:

Sarita (changed name), a 40-year-old woman from Shikarganj village in Chandauli district, Uttar Pradesh, faced severe domestic violence from her husband, Munna, who was addicted to alcohol. Sarita, belonging to the Scheduled Caste (Chamar), had five children, with two adopted by her brother-in-law for better education. Her husband's daily alcohol-fueled violence left her without support from her parents.

After being thrown out and severely beaten by Munna, resulting in a cracked spinal cord, Sarita sought refuge with her family. Her family, somewhat aware of protective laws from attending village meetings, called the police using emergency helpline 112. The police intervened, finding Munna at fault.

Sarita agreed to return to her in-laws' house on the condition that Munna would stop drinking, refrain from abuse, and care for their children. Munna agreed, and the conditions were documented on stamp paper. Currently, Sarita is back with her in-laws, and Munna has significantly reduced his alcohol consumption and ceased his violent behavior, leading to a positive change in their family life.

Asha for Education supported Project

Children's Education

Gramya Sansthan has been working for the elementary education (upto class 8th) of the children belong to marginalized and deprived communities in Naugarh and Chakiya block in partnership with Asha for Education, Chicago Chapter for last 15 years. For this, we run the Educational Centers locally known/called as 'Chirag Kendra' amid the target communities. Elementary education is a fundamental right for all children. Right to Education (RTE) Act of 2009 mandates free and compulsory education for children aged 6 to 14 years. However, despite various provisions of the RTE Act, access to education remains challenging, particularly for the children living in remote villages, challenging geographical condition, limited resources and poor socio-economic status of the families.

Methodology adopted for quality Teaching and Learning process:

Routine teaching work was carried out the Teachers dividing the enrolled children into groups based on their knowledge and/or learning level. To make learning more interesting, appropriate methods were adopted that were known to the children like using environmental objects, pictures and other supporting materials. Teaching Learning Materials (TLMs) were also prepared by the teachers as per age and grade of the children for classroom activities and increasing learning.

It was tried to ensure teaching as simple, accessible and reciting practical examples and encouraging the children for learning by doing. Many opportunities were provided to strengthen their basic knowledge and thus the children were found curious to learn. Various activities, including songs, poems and stories were incorporated for teaching the chapter/lessons. Subject-wise monthly plan was prepared for each group of children. Teachers followed the lesson plan, and monthly tests were administered at the end of each month to assess the level of learning. Based on the test results, the plan for the next month was prepared to mitigate the gaps and better learning.

Children's Data of the Educational Centers for the year 2023-24 are given below:

Sr. No.	Educational Center name	New Enrolled Children during the Year 2023-24			Total Children of the Educational Centers in the Year 2023-24		
		# of Boys	# of Girls	Total	Total # of Boys	Total # of Girls	Total
1.	Lalatapur Primary	28	27	55	84	75	159
2.	Lalatapur Junior	0	0	0	17	25	42
3.	Jhumariya	10	12	22	29	32	61
4.	Amadahan	13	13	26	53	49	102
5.	Basauli	5	3	8	17	23	40
6.	Ganeshpur	4	6	10	28	31	59
7.	Kelhadiya	0	0	0	15	11	26
	Total	60	61	121	243	246	489

Celebration of the Important Days:

Gramya Sansthan also organizes events on the important days like Birth Anniversaries of the Great Leaders, special days apart from the classroom activities with the children at the Educational Centers, to ensure the children's participation along with their parents and local community members so that they can also be aware of the eminent personalities, great leaders, their thoughts & key messages. On these days it is remembered their significant contribution in the nation building and well-being of the people of our country and abroad as well.

14th April, Ambedkar Jayanti:

Every year on April 14th, India celebrates Ambedkar Jayanti to honor the birth anniversary of Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar. This day recognizes the significant contributions and legacy of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, who tirelessly fought against social discrimination, untouchability, and caste-based inequalities. Through his work, children learn about the Indian Constitution and its importance. Dr. Ambedkar's pivotal role in drafting the Constitution and his advocacy for the rights of the underprivileged continue to inspire people throughout the nation. Information was given on the constitutional values i.e. Justice, Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. This day was organized across all the centers with the children and parents. Approx. 400 numbers of participants including the children of the centers in major proportion, their parents and staff members participated in the event.



Participant during the day reciting the Preamble of Indian Constitution recitation

5th June, World Environment Day:

World Environment Day was celebrated on 5th June 2024. Its main objective was to increase public awareness towards the environment and encourage tree plantation for environmental protection. World Environment Day reminds us of our collective responsibility to preserve the planet for future generations, inspiring positive changes and environmental conservation around the world. On this occasion, it was discussed with the participants that pollution is spreading in the environment due to various reasons and there is a great need for environmental protection. All people were called upon to plant trees and take care of them. Total approx. 50 numbers of participants attended the event.

15th August, the Independence Day:

India celebrates its Independence Day on August 15th. To mark this occasion, participatory activities were organized by the organizational team at various Educational Centers in different villages. Children, parents, and local stakeholders actively took part in these events. The village representative, along with members of the parents' committee, hoisted the flag. The children presented various programs, including speeches and national songs. Local representatives and some parents also shared their views. Sweets were distributed to everyone to celebrate the occasion.



26th January, the Republic Day (26th January):

On 26th January, Republic Day was celebrated with various programs involving children, parents, and regional public representatives. The flag was hoisted by representatives and guardians. The children performed a variety of programs, including the national anthem, speeches in both Hindi and English, street plays, and pyramid formations. Physical training (PT) exercises and a parade were also conducted. Representatives, parents, and teachers shared their views to inspire and motivate the children. The celebration concluded with the distribution of sweets to everyone present.



2nd October, Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri:

On October 2nd, the birth anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri were commemorated with activities organized by the children of the educational center. These activities helped the children learn about the ideologies, good deeds, and achievements of these great leaders, as well as their significant contributions to the nation.

14th November, Children's Day:

Children's Day in India, celebrated on November 14th, coincides with the birth anniversary of Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, the country's first Prime Minister, affectionately known as "Chacha Nehru" (Uncle Nehru) by children. The day emphasizes the importance of nurturing and protecting children's rights and creating an environment for their growth and development. Various activities were organized for the children, including garlanding the portrait of Pt. Nehru, singing songs, and delivering speeches.

12th January, National Youth Day and 12th August, International Youth Day (12th Aug):

National Youth Day, celebrated annually on January 12th in India, marks the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, one of the most esteemed spiritual leaders and social reformers. On this day, the youth from various villages come together to commemorate his legacy. Discussions were held about significant contribution of Swami Vivekananda to Indian youth. Several of his famous quotes, wisdom and moral teachings were remembered and shared, serving as inspiration and guidance for the young generation. On this day opening of Chirag Coaching Center was also done in Laltapur, Naugarh-Chandauli.



International Youth Day Celebration at Laltapur, Naugarh-Chandauli

24th January, National Girl Child Day and 11th Oct, International Girl Child Day:

To celebrate National Girl Child Day and International Girl Child Day, various activities were organized with the girls at the Educational Centers. During group meetings with adolescent girls in each village, the significance of these days was highlighted. Key messages focused on gender equality, educational opportunities, development, and the rights to protection and participation were shared and discussed.



Collective meeting with the adolescent girls at panchayat level

5th February, Sant Ravidas Jayanti:

Sant Ravidas Jayanti is celebrated to honor the birth anniversary of Sant Ravidas. It is observed nationwide by his followers, with particular significance in states like Uttar Pradesh, where his teachings have a profound impact. Sant Ravidas's messages of righteousness, compassion and devotion to the divine continue to inspire many. Activities were organized with children and teachers at the centers to commemorate this occasion.

Parent Contact / Meetings:

Parent and guardian meetings are a routine part of the project, focusing on various important topics and decisions. Discussions cover the children's educational progress, attendance at the centers, and upcoming examinations. Information about the upcoming 'Bal Mahotsav,' an annual large-scale event for all children enrolled in the Educational Centers and local communities, was also shared.

Exam-related discussions included sharing children's test results with their parents, with special attention given to those whose children were struggling. The meeting provided the results of all children. The project sought voluntary support and community contributions for the event in the form of food grains, vegetables, and wood for cooking. Parents took on the responsibility of cooking and feeding all the children collectively. Invitations to attend the Bal Mela were extended to parents from all centers. Regular attendance of children was a frequent topic in meetings, identifying those who were not attending school regularly.

Teaching Work:

Children were grouped according to their learning levels rather than their ages to facilitate more effective teaching. Teachers at the Educational Centers utilized local resources and specially prepared teaching materials to enhance the learning experience. This approach helped connect the children with their familiar environment, making it easier for them to grasp the lessons. The Education Core Committee, consisting of a group of teachers, conducted regular learning assessments to determine the children's learning status.

Tests, biannual exams, and annual exams were administered to evaluate progress. Subject-specific plans were created for each group, incorporating local games, teaching materials, and familiar objects to make learning enjoyable. This process promoted joyful learning and provided children with practical knowledge in addition to textbook content.



Educational Centre (Chirag Kendra) Teaching Photo:

Tests were conducted to assess children's readiness and knowledge levels. Teachers prepared question papers based on their subjects and administered the tests. Results from these tests informed planning for subsequent lessons. At the end of each month, reports and action plans for the next month were submitted to the office. Teaching-learning materials (TLM) were used based on children's interests, abilities, and local environment. Timely sports and cultural programs were organized. Children's Assemblies were held every Saturday with the consent of all children, providing opportunities for them to participate in various activities, enhancing their communication skills and overcoming hesitation.

Daily prayer meetings at each center included discussions on cleanliness, regular attendance, and home study habits. General knowledge quizzes were organized in two groups—older and younger children—tailored to their abilities. Questions covered local, block, and district-level knowledge, aiming to broaden children's understanding and retention of general knowledge topics.

Exposure Visit of the Children:

To increase the historical knowledge and availing opportunities to the children studying in the Educational Centers running by the organization to let them know about many important facts and information, an educational tour (exposure visit) was conducted on 8th Nov 2023. This year, children got opportunity to visit historic place in the region known as Chunar Fort that is situated in Mirzapur district of Uttar Pradesh. A tourist guide accompanied during the tour and he provided all sorts of information, historic fact about the fort. Stone are famous that are found nearby the fort.

It is very good for carving out sculpture since ages. Reference is found that around 3000 years back, the stones found here were used by during the Maurya dynasty, the great emperor. This fort is situated in Kaimur Mountain range. Approx. 109 number of participants participated in the educational tour including the children and staff.



Exposure Visit of the Children-Group Photo

Children's Examinations:

Half-yearly and Annual examinations were conducted based on the curriculum taught to the children. The Education Core Team prepared the question papers for these exams. Prior to the exams, a meeting was held with the teachers responsible for preparation, distributing copies, and administering the exams according to the number of children. During the exams, all teachers remained at their respective centers to supervise and evaluate the children. Each center had one designated teacher overseeing the entire examination process, ensuring its smooth conduct. After evaluating the answer sheets, the results were compiled in a collective meeting.

Following the half-yearly exams, report cards were prepared and discussed with parents during meetings. Parents were informed about their children's academic progress. Discussions were held specifically with parents of children needing extra support in their studies. For parents unable to attend meetings, report cards were sent home with the children for signature and return. The annual exam results were also recorded on these report cards and provided to the children accordingly.

Center Evaluation:

The Educational Core Committee conducted evaluations to ensure quality education at the centers, providing necessary feedback and recommendations. The evaluations covered all aspects of center activities, including children's progress, notebook assessments, knowledge levels, teaching methods, maintenance of teaching materials, and center records. Each child's notebook was reviewed for uniqueness. Performances were varied among the children as noted. Some of the students had good learning level and some of them were slow learner and improvement was needed by making extra efforts.

Suggestions were given to correct errors in words, quantities, and sentences, and each subject group was evaluated individually. Team members provided feedback in these registers, and after meetings with all teachers, weaknesses were addressed through planned improvements. Mr. Amit from Asha for Education visited our Educational centers in July 2023 to know the progress of the children through the project's intervention and impact on the local communities. Interaction with the children teachers was done. Valuable inputs were provided by the visitors for the respective center on the basis of observation.



Bal Mahotsav (Bal Mela)-2024:

Gramya Sansthan, in collaboration with 'Asha for Education', organized a two-day 'Bal Mahotsav' from 1st to 2nd March 2024, at one of the Educational Centers, that is also organization's office premises in Laltapur village of Naugarh block. This event was planned for the children enrolled in the Chirag Kendra (Educational Centers) running in different villages. These centers provide basic education to children belonging to families of marginalized & deprived communities, to participate in co-curricular & creative activities.



Children of the Educational Centers (Chirag Kendra) and the Guests' participation in 'Bal Mahotsav'-2024

'Bal Mahotsav' aimed to showcase children's natural talents, involve them in child-friendly activities, and encourage their overall development. The event featured a variety of activities, including recreational sports, pyramid building by boys and girls group, PT exercises, theme songs, dance, group dance and dramatic enactments on issues such as education, gender equality, and de-addiction. Additionally, children participated in a puppet show, musical chair game, rangoli making, poster making. Kabaddi competition was organized for Primary and Junior section boys and girls respectively.

Other activities like different kinds of races (Jalebi race, Frog race, Balloon race, Coin race and Bottle race etc) were conducted. Competitions in mathematics and general knowledge were also included. The event was marked with presence of local people's representatives i.e. Mr. Yashwant, Gram Pradhan, Mr. Jai Prakash Yadav, Mr. Anant Bhargav, Chauki Incharge, Amdahan Charanpur-Naugarh, Regional Youth Welfare Officer and Bindu Singh, Secretary-Gramya Sansthan. This year a girl student was i.e. Anshika was nominated as special guest for the occasion and as representative of the children.

Prize items were also distributed to the participants in 1st, 2nd and 3rd Categories by the guest invited/participated on the concluding day of the event. The local community people, pass out children from the Educational Centers, parents supported in preparing food, organizing the events. Contribution from the families of the children in terms of rice, potato was collected. Wooden sticks were provided by the families of the children that are usually collected from jungle area for cooking of meal.

Thus, the event enhances cooperation from the local communities and parents and encourages their participation to witness the children's performance that lasts long and creates a supportive environment.



Prize distribution to the winning participants/children by the respected guest during 'Bal Mahotsav'

List of the winners participated in the sports activities, games conducted on the occasion:

Sports/ Competition name	1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize
Frog Race -Boys	Manjit-Amdahan	Akash-Laltapur	Andeep-Kelhadiya
Frog Race –Girls	Neha-Basauli	Kajal-Amdaha	Priya-Laltapur
Baloon Race	Anish-Amdaha	Golu-Ganeshpur	Suraj-Jhumariya
Math Competition-Primary	Sahil-Amdaha	Akriti-Laltapur	Priyanshu-Laltapur
Math Competition-Junior	Nitish-Laltapur	Suhani-Laltapur	Priti-Jhumariya
Jalebi Race-Boys	Shailesh-Laltapur	Andeep-Kelhadiya	Sonu-Ganeshpur
Jalebi Race-Girls	Sadhana-Laltapur	Neha-Amdaha	Anjali-Kelhadiya
Musical Chair Race	Kajal-Laltapur	Pradeep-Kehadiya	Nitesh-Ganeshpur
Rangoli Competition	Basauli Team	Ganeshpur Team	Jhumariya Team
Coin Race	Neeraj-Jhumariya	Ragini-Amdaha	Sunita-Laltapur
Bottle Race	Anuradha-Kelhadiya	Anajali-Amdaha	N.A.
Pitch Hunting	Nishant-Laltapur	N.A.	N.A.
G.K. Competition	Anshu-Laltapur	Vasundhara-Laltapur	Ragini-Amdaha
Saree Competition	Rahul-Laltapur	Shyam Sundar-Laltapur	Ram Kishun-Jhumariya
Rope Pulling-Junior	Laltapur Team	Jhumariya Team	N.A.
Kabaddi Competition-Primary-Boys	Basauli Team	Kelhadiya Team	N.A.
Kabaddi Competition-Primary-Boys	Laltapur Team	Jhumariya Team	N.A.
Kabaddi Competition-Primary-Girls	<i>Laltapur Team</i>	Jhumariya	N.A.

Women's Day Celebration-2024:

On the occasion of 'International Women's Day, Gramya Sansthan organized a women's conference under the theme 'Inclusion and equality of women everywhere' at its office located at Laltapur under Naugarh block. The objective of the program was to make women aware of issues like their rights, equality, self-respect and freedom from exploitation and violence. The chief guest of this program was Sub-Divisional Magistrate Naugarh Mr. Alok Kumar. Along with this, among the special guests in the program were Gramya Sansthan and senior associates Kanchan Sinha and Anjali Sinha, public representative Jai Prakash alias Sheru, media representatives.

The program was inaugurated by lighting the lamp by the invited guests. Thereafter, all the guests were welcomed by putting on badges and the girls presented a welcome song and a beautiful group dance.



The chief guest while addressing asked to the women to be aware of their rights, along with this he gave information regarding the reservation passed by the Parliament for women so that they can be properly represented. The head of the organization, Bindu Singh, briefly told about the historical background of Women's Day. A long time ago, women had raised their voice for equal wages, 8 hours of work and against exploitation, for which many women sacrificed their lives. This day is celebrated all over the world to celebrate their long struggle and victory over the issues.



Even today women do not have equal opportunities and equal rights, although many provisions have been made for them in the constitution and many laws which are not followed. On this occasion women group leaders Laxmina, Pyari, Ramrati presented the issue-related organization song 'Lekar Mazdooron Ka Jhanda Bahina Ladbo Ladiya Ho' and other songs. Special guests congratulated all the women participants in their speeches one by one and addressed them which was inspiring for all.

Result: Approximately 350 number of participants, with greater proportion of women from different villages of Naugarh block and adolescent girls participated in the event.

Girls Education Project:

Brief Introduction

A new project was started in the month of Jan-2024 for promoting girls' education belonging to the targeted communities in Naugarh block of district-Chandauli. Gramya Sansthan has already been working with the children of marginalized and deprived communities for a long time to ensure their elementary education (upto class 8th) by running educational centers in the respective villages.

Project's Goal:

The overall goal of the project is "To promoting girls' education belong to the most needy and marginalized communities and improve their learning level in core subjects through innovative teaching & learning process for the girls of 6th to 08th class in the working areas"

Following activities were carried out under the project:

- **Establishment of Community Learning Centers:** Two Community Learning Centers (Coaching Centers) proposed under the project for the girls' education were established with required teaching and learning facilities. One center got established in Laltapur village and another center in Jhumariya village of Naugarh block of Chandauli district. Support was provided e.g. related to sitting and learning materials. It was proposed to reach out to approximately 200 numbers of girls/students in a year under the project.



- **Recruitment of the Teachers and Coordinator:** In order to run the Coaching Classes, Teachers for the core subjects i.e. Science, Maths and English were appointed adopting the process of written test, personal interviews and demonstration in the class. Preference was given to the local area candidates, experienced in teaching work and interested to perform the assigned tasks. For regular monitoring of the classroom activities, handholding to the teachers, need assessment, reporting and other desired task completion, and a coordinator/Project Incharge was also recruited by the organization.

- Inauguration of the Coaching Centers:** Inauguration ceremony were organized by the organizational team for the starting of the coaching center named after the Educational Center called 'Chirag Kendra'. On this occasion, panchayat representative, police officials based at Naugarh area, senior community members, parents and children participated. It was appreciated by all that children especially girls will be benefitted through the coaching classes and it would support them in the school education, entrance exams and other competitive exams on the basis of improved learning level in core subjects.



- Running of the Coaching Classes:** As per schedule/time table, the coaching classes run by the subject teachers of Science, Maths and English under Girls Education Project. Computer classes were additionally being run at the coaching center. Keeping in view of the school time, coaching class time was scheduled after that so that girls/students can attend these classes without any obstacle. Feedback was also taken by the enrolled students to bring improvement in teaching and learning process. Tests were also conducted on regular intervals to know the progress in comparison to their base line conducted for each & every student in concerning subjects in the starting.



Pre-School and Nutrition Programme:

Gramya Sansthan is running 'Pre-School and Nutrition Programme' for the children from 06 months of 05 years age in partnership with **IIV Daya Foundation** in 05 identified villages of Naugarh block, Chandauli with coverage of approximately 200 number of children. As per the project's mandate, preference is given to Musahar family children. They are the most marginalized people even in today's context.

Children from other marginalized communities Kol, Kharwar and dalit are also taken as beneficiaries under the project. In this initiative, recommended quantity of Milk and Biscuits were being provided to the targeted number of children on regular basis at the village level. The purpose of the above project is to reduce malnourishment among the children and promoting Pre-School education that helps to the children to adopt positive behavioral practice and getting them enrolled in the formal school education.

Villages wise children's data:

SR NO	Village name	Total Girls	Total Boys	Total Children
1	Jaljalawa	23	18	41
2	Pathraur	20	20	40
3	Nonvat	19	22	41
4	Basauli	20	20	40
5	Danogarh	17	24	41
	Total	99	104	203

Key interventions under the Project:



Milk Preparation by the Village Volunteer at the Village Center



Distribution of Milk and Biscuit to the Children

Community level meetings: In order to maintain personal hygiene by the children and sending them regular at the Center, time by time meeting with the parents/guardian was help by the Village Volunteers and organizational core team members. Issues were discussed like regular presence of the children, cleanliness at the family level, adopting good habits e.g. taking bath, handwashing and food intake etc.

Distribution of Dress material: It was proposed to provide dress material to the children enrolled under the project. T-shirts and Pants were provided to the children during the period so that they can wear it to maintain uniformity for better visibility of the project's intervention, rising interest among the children towards good habits and learning and fulfilling their clothing needs to some extent.

Photos:



Community level meeting with the Parents/Guardian



Distribution of Dress Materials to the Children

Changes than can be perceived through the project's support:



Figure 1: Before the Project's Intervention



Figure 2: After the Project's Intervention

Overall impact of the project:

- Weight and Height gain among the 90% children through supplementary nutrition
- Increase awareness level towards health & hygiene among the children
- Attendance of the children at Milk distribution centers was found 90% and above.

Case Studies:

Case Study-1

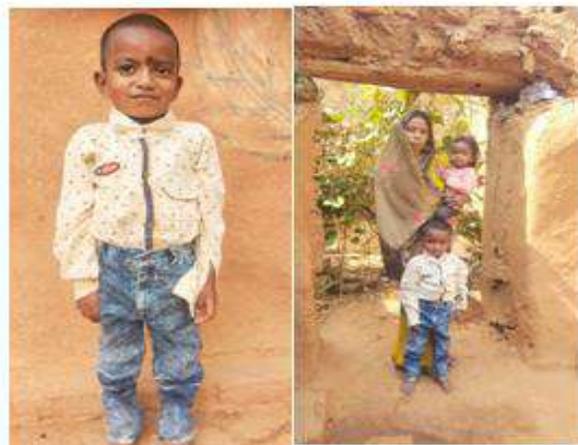
Name- UMESH
Date of Birth - 09-01-2019
Mother's Name- Geeta
Father's Name- Sharda
Village- Nonvat
Documented by: Kalyan, Volunteer



Umesh is 05 years old. There are total 05 members in the family and they reside in Nonvat village of Naugarh block, Chandauli. The family somehow lives in a one-room house made of mud walls and a thatched roof. His mother Geeta is working mainly in domestic chores. She also support in earning livelihood with his husband named Sharda. They belong to Musabar community (called Banwasi in local), comes under scheduled caste category and considered as one of the most excluded communities. Umesh's father is just 5th pass and his mother is illiterate. They do traditional works of plucking leaves and making products called Dona and Pattal for earning that does not fulfill their basic needs for whole year, so they also do daily wages works in seasons. Prior to joining in the programme, Umesh used to be sick frequently. After taking Amul Spray Milk and Biscuit provided at the centers on regular basis, his health status got improved. In the starting his Weight was 8 kg and Height was 85 Cm and at present his Weight is 14 Kg and Height is 91 Cm. His family members are very much thankful to Pre School & Nutrition Programme supported by JIV Daya Foundation for the valuable support.

Case Study-2

Name- ANURAG
Date of Birth - 23.07.2020
Mother's Name- Mamita
Father's Name- Vinod
Village- Basauli
Documented by: Jai Prakash, Volunteer



Anurag is 04 years old boy. He has two brothers and one sister and total 05 members in the family. They live in Basauli village of Naugarh block, Chandauli. The family somehow lives in a one-room house made of mud walls and a thatched roof. His mother Mamita is housewife and apart from doing domestic chores, she also support in earning livelihood with his husband named Vinod. They are landless and totally depend upon daily wages work to earn family livelihood. They belong to Kol caste (also called Adivasi in local) notified under scheduled caste category. Both father and mother is not literate. They collect Mahua and other local product(s) and sell it out for small income in season. Apart from this, they also do MGNREGA works, crop harvesting and agriculture labour works to meet out family needs. His father shares that prior to join in the programme, his son Anurag was malnourished, anemic and sick. After joining the programme and regular intake of Amul Spray Milk and Biscuit provided at the centers in the village, his health got improved gradually. In the starting, his Weight was 10.50 Kg and Height 82 Cm and now after the one year his Weight is 15 Kg and Height is 88 Cm that shows the result. The family members expressing their gratitude towards the Pre School & Nutrition Programme supported by JIV Daya Foundation for the valuable support that brings remarkable changes.

16 Days Campaign against Gender Based Violence (25th Nov to 10th Dec 2023):

Gramya Sansthan in collaboration with CREA, New Delhi conducted a 16-day campaign to address gender-based violence. The campaign featured various activities, beginning on November 25, 2023, with a cycle rally on the occasion of 'Mahila Hinsa Virodh Diwas' in Naugarh block of Chandauli district.

Approximately 200 participants, predominantly adolescent girls, took part, reciting slogans to raise awareness about gender inequality, gender-based violence, and the importance of girls' education and equal opportunities. The rally concluded at the Naugarh Block Police Station, where a meeting was held with key government officials, including the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, District Probation Officer, Police Officials, CWC Member, public representative, media personnel, and the project team.

During the campaign other activities like Candle March in Naugarh and Chakiya Blocks, Panchayat Level Meetings with the local stakeholders, Wall Writing/Slogan Writing, Block level Interaction Meeting with the stakeholders were conducted. Media coverage was done by the local media personnel of the activities conducted under the campaign. It helped to reach out to the wider audience to make them aware on the issues of violence against girls & women.

Result:

- Total 200 and above number of adolescent girls participated in different activities.
- Mass awareness among the local communities and stakeholders on the issues pertaining to the gender disparity and gender based violence.
- Participation of the key government officials related to the district, tehsil and block level in the events/collective meetings.
- Recognition of the organizational focused efforts on the key/challenging issues by the senior government officials and their cooperation throughout the campaign.

Photos:



Cycle Rally by the Girls in Naugarh block during 16 Days Campaign against Gender Based Violence



Collective Meeting with the Adolescent Girls & Govt. Officials at Meeting Hall of Naugarh Police Station-16 days Campaign

Mahila Swasthya Adhikar Manch:

The 'Mahila Swasthya Adhikar Manch', is a women's collective. This collective (women's forum) engage active women group members and their leaders to realize collective strength of the women at the local level and raising voice on the common issues in order to address them by the concerning/responsible authority. Gramya Sansthan has been working with such forum for a long time in a facilitating role and capacity building of the representatives and office bearers through different project's intervention and routine interventions at the local level in the working villages and gram panchayats.

Their efforts were largely focused on the women's health government service deliveries, realizing of the government schemes benefits, grievance redressal through the uses of emergency help line numbers, raising complaint with the government authority and/or relevant government department(s) i.e. Health, ICDS, Panchayati Raj, Rural development, Education and so on. To achieve their objectives, the organization collaborated with the active & trained women leaders in respective villages to led the initiative at different level i.e. gram panchayat to block, tehsil and district level as required. Monthly meetings were held to deepen their understanding of these critical issues and to prepare them for collective initiative(s).

As part of the Mahila Swasthya Adhikar Manch, selected women leaders from each village were democratically elected as panchayat leaders. These panchayat leaders then participated in a block-level committee, where 5-6 women leaders were chosen to tackle specific issues, resulting in a total of 29 women leaders. From this block-level group, district-level leaders were selected, with 2 women leaders appointed to address each issue, forming a district committee of 10 leaders.

Block Committee Members:

Total Village representation	Total Gram Panchayat	Total Women Leader	Scheduled Caste	Other Backward Caste	Muslims
13	10	30	30	-	02

District Committee Members:

Total Village representation	Total Gram Panchayat	Total Women Leader	Scheduled Caste	Other Backward Caste	Muslims
05	05	10	10	-	-

Key Highlights of the Women's Collective Initiatives:

- Focused on monitoring health schemes and services at the village level.
- Raising village level issues pertaining to drinking water crisis, drainage system, road connectivity inside of the hamlets under the Gram Panchayats.
- Demand for realizing the entitlements under MGNREGA, Rashan, ICDS, VHND etc.
- Participation in Tehsil Divas/Samadhan Diwas, district level meetings as & when require by the women group leaders.
- Knowledge building on the beneficial schemes and information dissemination at local level and helpline numbers to use them as and when needed.



Thanks