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Roshni Nadar Malhotra's visit to Sitapur



Roshni Nadar Malhotra with School Principal, Teachers and SHIKSHA Initiative Team Members at Primary School, Kamlapur

Roshni Nadar Malhotra, a Trustee of the Shiv Nadar Foundation visited government primary schools (P.S.), namely P.S. Kamlapur, P.S. Kasmanda I and SHIKSHA+ Centre of village Narayanpur on February 28, 2018, wherein ICT enabled education has been introduced by SHIKSHA Initiative. While interacting with the school principal and teachers, Roshni laid emphasis on the importance of teacher's training and their regularity. She also got the opportunity to interact with some of the parents who shared that how ICT classes have made their life easy, as now their children themselves

get ready for the school and never miss it. One of the parents shared that his wife learnt good morning greeting form their child. Moreover, Roshni and other team members present during the visit were pleased to note the progress of SHIKSHA+ learners who could write their names.

Further, she visited Block Resource Centre, Kamlapur where expansion team provides training programs for teachers. She also interacted with Mr. Girjesh Mishra, ABRC (Assistant Block Resource Coordinator) and asked him to share his opinion on implementation of SHIKSHA Initiative by government. ABRC expressed that SHIKSHA Initiative is quite impactful and it not only makes learning relevant, but also eventful.

Concluding her visit, she interacted with SHIKSHA Initiative team members and appreciated their efforts. She mentioned that it is very challenging to work in the field but all the team members are doing remarkable work and because of team's hard work and determination we are moving ahead to bring an enormous change i.e. eradication of illiteracy.



Roshni Nadar Malhotra at Block Resource Centre, Kamlapur with ABRC

Eye Check-up Camp in Centre of Excellence (CoE)

SHIKSHA⁺ is an adult literacy programme which uses an ICT approach to enhance the learning and instill learning retention among adults who have not attended a formal school. Learners in SHIKSHA⁺ platform vary in culture, age, socio-economic status, language, gender, ability/disability and personal interests. Age is a crucial factor in SHIKSHA⁺ that affect the learning of adults. Thus, in different instances, SHIKSHA⁺ learners have shared that due to their poor eyesight they face difficulty in studying. It is in this respect, SHIKSHA Initiative in collaboration with MAX Hospital organized a free eye checkup camp for SHIKSHA⁺ learners of Gautam Buddha Nagar. The objective of the camp is not just to provide eye checkup services but to

create an environment where the learners gets sensitized about health issues.

About 396 (Male 185, Female 211) people of village Jaracha, Bishara, Noorpur, Hridayapur and Chhauhas have been examined. The heads of all the villages actively collaborated in smooth operation of the camp in their respective villages. The patients were examined by Dr. Shilpi Aggarwal and assisted by other technical staff. The camp was facilitated by Bhawana Sharma (Senior Field Officer), Seema Sisodiya (SHIKSHA⁺ Instructor), Ramlakhan (Senior Field Officer), Sandeep Kumar (Field Officer) and Vijay Anand Verma (Adult Literacy Head). ■



शिक्षा इनिशिएटिव (शिव नाडर फाउंडेशन) के द्वारा निःशुल्क नेत्र जांच शिविर का आयोजन

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ग्रेटर नोएडा (24 टाइम्स न्यूज़) | शिक्षा इनिशिएटिव (शिव नाडर फाउंडेशन) द्वारा संचालित कार्यक्रम के तहत उत्तर प्रदेश में प्रभावी एवं गुणवत्ता पूर्ण शिक्षा के लिए कार्यक्रम संचालित किया जा रहा है। इसके तहत गौतम बुद्ध नगर, बुलंदशहर एवं सीतापुर में 58 प्रौढ़ शिक्षा केंद्र संचालित है जिनमें 870 महिला एवं पुरुषों को साक्षर बनाया जा रहा है।

इसी कार्यक्रम के तहत प्रौढ़ लोगों में पढ़ने लिखने के समय आने वाली परेशानियों में से एक परेशानी आँखों से ना दिखने की समस्या है। इसी को दूर करने के लिए ग्रामीणजन के लिए नेत्र जांच शिविर लगाये जा रहे हैं। अब तक मैक्स हॉस्पिटल के सहयोग से दादरी के ग्राम जारचा, बिसहारा, नूरपुर के 255 लोगों की नेत्र जांच की गयी। जिसमें इन सभी ग्राम के प्रधानों ने सक्रीय सहयोग किया।

इसी कड़ी में दिनांक 13/02/2018 को दादरी के ग्राम छोटस में मैक्स हॉस्पिटल (सूरजपुर) के सहयोग से निशुल्क नेत्र जांच शिविर का आयोजन किया गया। डॉक्टर शिल्पी अग्रवाल द्वारा 103 महिला एवं पुरुषों की नेत्रों की जांच की गयी। इस अवसर पर हॉस्पिटल के मार्केटिंग डिपार्टमेंट के श्री मनीष दिवेदी भी मौजूद रहे।

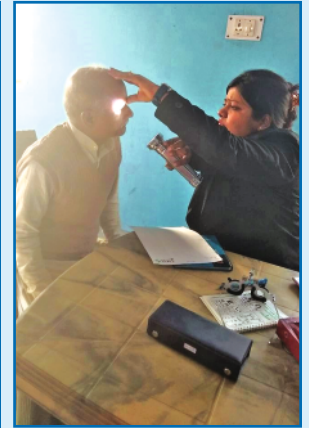
शिविर का संचालन भावना शर्मा (शिक्षा इनिशिएटिव) के द्वारा किया गया जिसमें उनके सहयोगी सीमा शिशोदिया, पूनम राना, प्रियंका गहलोट, रामलखन शुक्ला, संदीप शर्मा रहे। जिसमें शिक्षा प्लस प्रोग्राम के प्रमुख विजय आनंद वर्मा भी इस अवसर पर मौजूद रहे।

शिक्षा इनिशिएटिव के प्रोजेक्ट डायरेक्टर रोबिन सरकार का कहना है की, प्रौढ़ शिक्षा और स्वास्थ्य की परस्पर निर्भरता है और अच्छी शिक्षा के लिए बेहतर स्वास्थ्य निष्पत्ती ही एक बेहतर शुरुआत है शिक्षा इनिशिएटिव के साथ मैक्स हॉस्पिटल की ये मुहिम सराहनीय है।

भावना शर्मा ने बताया की आने वाले सप्ताह में इस तरह के कैंप अन्य कठहरा (दादरी) हृदयपुर, सराय बूल्हा, वैर, तातपुर, रूतेमपुर सिकन्दराबाद में भी आयोजित किए जाएंगे।

महिलाओं को साक्षर बनाया जाएगा

दादरी : शिक्षा इनिशिएटिव शिव नाडर फाउंडेशन द्वारा प्रदेश में गुणवत्तायुक्त शिक्षा के कार्यक्रम के लिए करीब 58 प्रौढ़ शिक्षा केंद्र संचालित किए गए हैं। इन केंद्रों पर महिला व पुरुषों को साक्षर बनाया जाएगा। दादरी के चिटहरा व कटहरा गांव में शिव नाडर द्वारा चलाए जा रहे केंद्र में करीब 255 महिला पुरुषों की आँखों की जांच की गई तथा निशुल्क दवा बांटी गई। शिक्षा इनिशिएटिव शिव नाडर फाउंडेशन के प्रोजेक्ट डायरेक्टर रोबिन सरकार ने बताया कि प्रौढ़ शिक्षा व स्वास्थ्य के बिना समाज का विकास संभव नहीं। अच्छी शिक्षा ग्रहण करने के लिए मनुष्य का स्वस्थ रहना आवश्यक है इसलिए सभी को शिक्षा व स्वास्थ्य के प्रति सचेत रहना चाहिए। इस मौके पर भावना शर्मा, सीमा सिसोदिया, रामलखन, संदीप कुमार, विजय आनंद आदि का सहयोग सराहनीय रहा।



हुई मुफ्त जांच

एनबीटी न्यूज़, ग्रेटर नोएडा : शिव नाडर फाउंडेशन ने जारचा कस्बे, बिसाहड़ा व नूरपुर में आँखों की जांच के लिए शिविर लगाया। मैक्स हॉस्पिटल के सहयोग से लगे इस शिविर में डॉ. शिल्पी अग्रवाल ने लोगों की जांच की। शिविर का संचालन करने वाली भावना शर्मा ने बताया कि आने वाले सप्ताह में कठहरा, दादरी, वैर, लालपुर, सलेमपुर सिकंदराबाद में भी ऐसे कैंप लगाए जाएंगे।

Shiv Nadar Foundation Leadership Conclave 2018

Shiv Nadar Foundation Leadership Conclave is a platform for all the leaders to come together and reflect on what has been achieved, to learn from experiences outside the work domains and bond with each other. The Conclave is a forum to recognize highly committed colleagues who have been instrumental in driving the foundation towards achieving its vision. It is envisioned as an opportunity for the best minds of the foundation to come together.



With this context, SHIKSHA Initiative team members also participated in Shiv Nadar Foundation Leadership Conclave, on February 17, 2018 held at Shiv Nadar School Noida. During the event, Robin Sarkar, Project Director gave a



SHIKSHA Initiative Team in Shiv Nadar Foundation Leadership Conclave 2018

presentation on current status and action plan of SHIKSHA Initiative.

The Happy Workplace Conclave

Globally, studies have shown that workforce happiness is one of the most powerful drivers of organisational performance. People, who work with a sense of mental well-being, are more creative, innovative and productive. They cope with work related stress better, so important to sustain peak performance especially during economic downturns.

Straight Drive organized “The Happy Workplace Conclave” on February 23, 2018 at Pride Plaza Hotel, Delhi. The objective of the conclave was to help participants bring pride and purpose to boost performance at the workplace. SHIKSHA Initiative team comprising of Lalitendra Bhartiya (Deputy Project Manager) and Al Furqan Shah Khan (Associate Project Manager) participated in the event. ■

Rajiv Swarup's visit to SHIKSHA Initiative

On February 6, 2018, Mr. Rajiv Swarup (President, Shiv Nadar University) visited SHIKSHA enabled primary schools (P.S.) – P.S. Chithera and P.S. Bishara with Robin Sarkar (Project Director, SHIKSHA Initiative). During the visit, he was apprised with the technology that SHIKSHA Initiative uses in the ICT integrated class rooms. He had the opportunity to spectate live teacher-student transaction in the ICT integrated class room. Later, he visited one of the SHIKSHA⁺ centres at village Bishara, and witnessed an adult literacy session. He was pleased to note the extent of involvement of students, teachers and SHIKSHA⁺ learners in digital content. ■



Mr. Rajiv Swarup (President, SNU) being acquainted with SHIKSHA Initiative Intervention by Robin Sarkar (Project Director, SHIKSHA Initiative)

Meeting with Government Officials

1. Meeting with Chief Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh on February 1, 2018

Mr. Rajiv Kumar (Chief Secretary, Government of U.P) called a meeting of all the government departments and development partners working in the state. The objective of the meeting was to develop a sync between both, so they can work together for the development of the state. He asked both the stakeholders to develop a joint action plan stating the specific roles of government department and development partner with the timeline and its outcome. During the discussion of education domain, he asked to develop digital content for Grade I to VIII which is accessible to teachers, parents and children. Mayank Sinha (Senior Project Manager, SHIKSHA Initiative) explained him about the work of SHIKSHA Initiative and expressed that SHIKSHA Initiative has already developed SCERT approved ICT content of Grade I and II of U.P text books and is already implementing it in government primary schools of Hardoi, Sitapur, Bulandshahr and Gautam Budh Nagar Districts of U.P.

Robin Sarkar (Project Director, SHIKSHA Initiative) explained about the SHIKSHA Initiative to everyone followed by other partners. Furthermore, discussion happened on the format of Action Plan and post discussion common action plan format was provided by Department of Basic Education to all development partners and asked to submit it till February 12, 2018.

(The action plan of SHIKSHA Initiative is already submitted to the department)

2. Meeting with Department of Basic education on February 7, 2018



Meeting of SCERT and Development Partners with DoBE

This meeting was held at Department of Basic Education (DoBE), Lucknow (U.P) and was headed by Special Secretary of Basic Education, GoUP Mr. Rajalingam. Moreover, Dr. Sarvendra Vikram Bahadur Singh (Director, SCERT), Mr. Ajay Kumar Singh (Joint Director, SCERT), researchers of SCERT and development partners - Shiv Nadar Foundation, HCL foundation, UNICEF, Tata Trust were present in the meeting. The main agenda of the meeting was to understand the work of varied development partners and to initiate the action plan of their domains.

3. Meeting with Secretary of Basic Education on February 7, 2018

SHIKSHA Initiative team comprising of Robin Sarkar (Project Director) and Mayank Sinha (Senior Project Manager) conducted a meeting with Ms. Manisha Trighatia (Secretary, Basic Education, Government of Uttar Pradesh). During the meeting, she stated that the department is looking for a program which is scalable at a low cost and in addition it must be robust in terms of involved peripherals. SHIKSHA Initiative team members explained about their work and mentioned that it is an ICT enabled literacy program targeting entire community right from children (through intervention in Primary schools) to adults (through SHIKSHA⁺ intervention). Ms. Trighatia acknowledged the work of SHIKSHA Initiative.

4. Workshop with SCERT to imprint the QR code in SCERT books of Uttar Pradesh on February 7, 2018

SCERT U.P. has decided to integrate QR code in its books so that teachers and parents can use that material for their reference. By scanning the QR code, it will take the user to a URL from where material can be accessed. For this task, SCERT invited Shiv Nadar Foundation (SNF) and 10 teachers from the government primary schools where our program is being implemented. SCERT has asked to use SHIKSHA Initiative content of SNF for the QR code material. As a result, SNF has agreed to provide the content for QR code material and the prerequisite work has been commenced.

5. Meeting with SCERT and other Development Partners on February 27, 2018

This meeting was held at SCERT, Lucknow (U.P) and was headed by Mr. Ajay Kumar Singh (Joint Director, SCERT). Development partners who are working with SCERT, U.P. i.e. Shiv Nadar Foundation, Stir Education, Pratham Education Foundation, Care India, Language Learning Foundation and Millions Spark Foundation were invited for this meeting. The main agenda of this meeting was to initiate a combined project/study in the respective geographical



Meeting with SCERT and Development Partners

locations of the development partners, to study the education status of schools in respect to learning outcome of Grade I and II.

Mr. Ajay said that all the development partners are using their own methodology to improve the status of education and everyone use their own tool to assess the outcome of the project. He proposed to develop a common tool (paper) of assessment with the input of all the development partners which will assess the learning outcome of children. He also proposed that these tools will be available for the teacher through an application (App) and for this he asked Shiv Nadar Foundation, Stir Education and Millions Spark Foundation to help in developing this application. ■

STORIES from the Field



Subhan, Grade II,
Shivam Public
School, Wair,
Sikandrabad

This story is about one of the brightest student of Shivam Public School - Subhan who is seven years old and studies in Grade II. He lives with his parents and 2 siblings in Hasanpur, Sikandrabad, district Bulandshahr. His father works as a carpenter and mother is a housewife. Subhan, the youngest in all the siblings is intelligent in studies and always outshine

in all the extra-curricular activities. Moreover, he is very humble and is always ready to help his classmates.

Subhan came first in the competition organized by SHIKSHA Initiative on the occasion of Children's day. To acknowledge the winners, certificate distribution ceremony was organized and on this day Subhan's father Zaheer also came to the school. During the event, his father shared that earlier Subhan was not good in studies but since he started studying with computer (ICT) in the class, gradually he has improved and today a remarkable change can be observed in him.

Further, he asked Daya Shankar (Field Officer), till which class is teaching done through ICT. To which Daya Shankar responded Grade I and II are taught through ICT which dismayed Zaheer.

Probing further, he asked again why you don't teach students of other classes through ICT. Daya Shankar explained him about SHIKSHA Initiative and its objective of targeting grade I and II students. After hearing the reply, Zaheer responded, then I will have to enroll Subhan for further studies in another school where teaching is done through ICT. Field Officer, Teachers and Principal of the school explained him that quality of education is good in other classes. But Zaheer said that after knowing about SHIKSHA Initiative and positive impact of ICT, I would like to walk on this path only. Daya Shankar was pleased to see that one step of SHIKSHA Initiative has changed the perspective of people towards ICT which will further have a long term impact in coming times. ■

– **DAYA SHANKAR PRAJAPATI**
Field Officer

SHIKSHA Initiative Program Status (as on 28th February 2018)

	SHIKSHA Elementary		SHIKSHA ⁺	
	CoE	Expansion	CoE	Expansion
No. of District	2	1	2	1
No. of Block	2	3	2	1
No. of Villages	50	134	10	33
No. of Schools/ Batches	35	102	42	59
No. of Students benefitted/ Learners	2280	5069	410	616
Total staff	52	21	10	21
Attendance (Present %) Month –January**	65.28%	47.75%	76.66%	74.89%

Product Knowledge Test

In February 2018, Product Knowledge test was conducted for field team in CoE and Expansion to check their knowledge and understanding regarding the model of SHIKSHA Initiative. Product Knowledge Test is conducted twice in an academic year, once in the beginning and another at the end of academic year. In February 2018 test, questions were asked not only related to CMS rather it was more diverse with questions from varied domains i.e. CMS, Data indicators and subject knowledge till Grade V. ■