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Department of Basic Education, Uttar Pradesh Launches 'UMANG'



Dr. Sarvendra Vikram Bahadur Singh, Director, Basic Education Launching UMANG Program along with Additional Director Basic Education, Mr. Amrendra and Ms. Lalita Pradeep

SHIKSHA Initiative team visited Department of Basic Education, Uttar Pradesh on April 24, 2019. During the meet, Dr. Sarvendra Vikram Bahadur Singh-Director, Department of Basic Education (DoBE), Ms. Lalita Pradeep-Additional Director, DoBE, Mr. Amrendra Singh- Additional Director, DoBE, Mr. Robin Sarkar-Project Director, SHIKSHA Initiative along with other team members of SHIKSHA Initiative were present. Mr. Robin explained in detail about the program UMANG and introduced the members present with the UMANG kit. He also shared the results of last year

UMANG program together with learnings and improvements made in the process.

During the meet, Dr. Sarvendra formally launched UMANG program and requested Mr. Robin to implement this across the state and asked about the support required to launch this program widely. In his concluding remarks, Dr. Sarvendra appreciated the program and efforts of SHIKSHA Initiative team members.

– MANJULA YADAV,
Project Associate

'UMANG' - Promoting Student Engagement through Active Learning

In the year of 2018, SHIKSHA Initiative introduced UMANG with an objective to engage students of grade 1 and 2 through fun-filled activities. Started as a pilot last year, program has received an overwhelmingly positive response from the students and teachers. Similarly, realizing the need for holistic development of children, it was decided to introduce it this year as well with more research and analysis.

UMANG is a 25 days programme which run in the schools from second week of April till summer vacations start. During the programme, various recreational activities are conducted to attract students to the school. The program focuses on the basics of elementary education and teach Hindi, English, Mathematics and Behavioral aspect in the class. In order to engage students, varied TLM (Teaching Learning Material) like Flash Card, PDF files, Presentation, Video (Rhyme, Story, Energizer), Daily Sports, Outdoor Activity, Worksheet, Ice Breaker and digital content developed by SHIKSHA is used in the classroom. All these activities helps in making the class entertaining and engaging. In addition, it is an attempt to make learning process simple and effective in the education system.

Objective: The primary objective of the UMANG is to make students (being at school for first time) comfortable and familiar with school setup and to provide opportunity for teacher to know their students and engage them in a conversation. It also support teachers to re-teach critical topics and help to identify gaps in their teaching by reflecting on results. Furthermore, UMANG facilitates students to practice concepts/terms and develop skills like listening, writing, speaking, following instructions etc. Hence, it encourage non-enrolled students to enroll through word of mouth.

Orientation: To facilitate the stakeholders, an orientation program was conducted on April 12, 2019 in CoE (SNU), followed by April 16, 2019 in Expansion (Sitapur). The Senior Field Supervisors (SFS), Field Supervisors (FS), Resource Coordinators (RC) and Field Officers (FO) participated in



Students performing different activities during UMANG

orientation with full enthusiasm. In expansion, FS and RC further trained teachers of government schools in Sitapur.

Implementation: During class observation, the impact of UMANG is clearly visible as the students of both grades are participating in activities with full enthusiasm. They can be seen enjoying the activities in the classroom. Moreover, teachers are also very energetic during the classes and as per the program design they are creating a classroom corner in which drawings, craft

material made by students are displayed. On the last day of the UMANG, this corner will be shown to parents of the students as it will persuade them towards education and school. Looking at the results of the program so far, it can be said that it has succeeded in achieving its goals completely. Program is conceptualized and designed by the SHIKSHA Initiative Academic Team. ■

– SWATI SINGH
(Project Associate)/
DEEPAK KUMAR,
(Senior Field Supervisor)

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Million Sparks Foundation (MSF) is a non-profit organization working with a mission to impact the learning outcomes of school children through building the capacity of teachers. The capacity building is done through a mobile application centric platform called ChalkLit- their technological solution. It is a mobile- centric technology interface with complete web support where teacher's access comprehensive grade specific curriculum aligned lesson planning resources and content, certified topic focused multi grade and multi-level trainings, and a personalized social micro-learning network. It has an easy to use interface to guide content consumption by teachers.

Dr. Abhinav Mathur, Founder Director, MSF visited two Primary schools of SHIKSHA Initiative i.e. Bhagat Convent and P.S. Chitehra and one Adult Literacy Center in village-Dhoom Manikpur on April 29, 2019. SHIKSHA Initiative team members apprised him about the SHIKSHA model, its content and technology used. During his visit, UMANG was being implemented in the classes and he was really impressed with the intervention. During the discussion, it was decided that Million Sparks Foundation will collaborate with SHIKSHA and get UMANG on their technological platform and support in disseminating it in the schools. In long run, this platform will be explored further in providing teachers training in future. ■

– AL FURQAN SHAH KHAN,
Deputy Project Manager



Dr. Abhinav Mathur observing SHIKSHA Initiative class

SHIKSHA Initiative Program Status (as on 30th April 2019)

SHIKSHA Elementary	Outreach (Till 31 st March 2018)		Session 2019-20 (Till April 2019)	
	CoE	Expansion	CoE	Expansion
No. of Districts	2	4	2	1
No. of Blocks	2	6	2	6
No. of Village covered	50	1095	50	390
No. of Schools	50	365	40	130
No. of students benefitted	10000+	21100+	2535	8200+
No. of Teachers trained	60	795	50	252
Attendance (Present %) Month- March 2018-19**	–	–	66%	51%
Total No. of Staff	–	–	45	20
SHIKSHA ⁺	Outreach (Till 31 st March 2018)		Session 2019-20 (Till April 2019)	
	CoE	Expansion	CoE	Expansion
No. of Districts	2	1	2	1
No. of Blocks	2	1	2	1
No. of Village covered	20	36	13	52
No. of Batches	80	57	74	277
No. of Learners	847	611	548	3236
Attendance (Present %) Month- March 2019**	–	–	71%	87%
Total No. of Staff	–	–	4	10

Note- Student and learner's data include data from session 2018-19 as well
Source: DMAT and Ops.

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SHIKSHA+ program rally in Dhoom Manikpur

On April 22, 2019, Somvati (Jan Shikshak), Seema (Instructor) and learners from Dhoom Manikpur SHIKSHA+ batch took the ownership of community mobilization by organizing a rally. The objective of the rally was to generate awareness about literacy, its importance and how to enroll in SHIKSHA+ program. During the rally, learners held the placards and banners depicting the message of literacy. The learners of the program enthusiastically took part in reaching out to the villagers with a strong message of 'Eradication of Illiteracy'. The rally was successful as it motivated the villagers and sensitized the community members about the program. ■

– **BHAWANA SHARMA,**
Resource Coordinator

Expansion of SHIKSHA+ in District Jail, Bulandshahr

Education is an important factor which plays a significant role in the development of an individual as well as a country. With an aim of eradicating illiteracy, SHIKSHA+ expanded its operation and started a digital classroom in District Jail, Bulandshahr. To initiate the programme, literate prisoners were identified and two-day training was imparted to them on April 4-5, 2019. The objective of the training was to give them clarity on the programme, use of digital content, pedagogy and technology. Digital content, hardware and stationery required for the smooth operation of the program was provided by SHIKSHA Initiative, which includes slate, slate pencil, projector, speaker, etc. Furthermore, to formalize this collaboration, a letter of intent was signed between SHIKSHA Initiative and Jail Authorities on April 8, 2019 to run the program for the Adult illiterate inmates. ■

– **RAM LAKHAN SHUKLA,**
Senior Field Supervisor

Quiz

- How many volunteers (Janshikshak) participated in off-site organized at Lucknow?
 - 50
 - 45
 - 48
 - 42
 - How many SHIKSHA+ batches are formed in Expansion till March 2019?
 - 186
 - 190
 - 182
 - 185
 - SHIKSHA Initiative submitted how many years of Joint Monitorable Action Plan to Department of Basic Education?
 - 2
 - 5
 - 1
 - 3
 - Which event was celebrated in Gautam Buddha Nagar Jail on February 9, 2019?
 - Children's day
 - World Environment Day
 - Sport's Day
 - Labour Day
- Editorial Team Members can't participate.
 - Responses after deadline will not be entertained.
 - Send your answers to editorial.shiksha@shivnadarfoundation.org by 1800 hours 27th May, 2019
 - Participants can be declared winner maximum twice in a row.
 - Results will be declared on 31st May, 2019.

WINNERS OF LAST QUIZ

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2 ABHISHEK SINGH

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