

## **BRIEF REPORT OF VARUN**

On 14-8-07, I went to Naugarh for visiting VARUN's center which were supported by 'Asha'. I reached at 6.00 PM in Naugarh. Mr. S P Singh is project Coordinator. I went with Mr. Vijay Lal Yadav for visiting all centers. I spent 3 days in Naugarh.

Firstly I went at Lehara Center and Amritpur center. Due to Independence Day the centers were celebrating the day. So every center was celebrating the Independence Day.

I saw Rajiv Gandhi Foundation Library. Dr. SP Singh's efforts are very appreciable. The local people are getting benefits from this library. He has more than 1000 books in this Library.

Lehara center is 11 KM far away from Naugarh. Mr. Ramkesh is the teacher. At Lehara center 16 girls and 18 boys are enrolled. I checked attendance register and Library register . Both are maintained. Students read the Library books. I talked to villagers also . They are happy for this center

Amritpur center is 8 KM far away from Naugarh. Mr. Ram Awadh and Vimal Kumar are the teachers. there are 64 students. Library is going also here.

Shahpur center is 28 KM far away from Naugarh. It is near about Bihar Border. In this center 82 students are enrolled. Mr. Punnu Singh & Madan Gupta are the teachers. I talked to children. They read Library books regularly.

Pathraur center is 25 KM far away from Naugarh. 59 students are enrolled here . Mr. Surendra is the teacher of this center.

Dhobahi center is 9 KM far away from Naugarh. There are 28 students Mr. Buwan Kumar is the teacher.

Dr. SP Singh is working with villagers making SHGs. He has formed more than 40 SHG groups. He is working also in village empowerment & Awareness, women empowerment, RTI, NREGA and livelihood.

'Asha' has provided library in every centers of VARUN .I have talked to the students and their parents about library. They use to read books.

- During my visit of all centers I found that the attendance of students is short. I asked to teachers, they said "in rainy season the attendance of students happen short because every family starts to plough the fields. Students also help their families in agricultural activities.
- The quality of education is not satisfactory. General knowledge is very poor .I felt it is due to lack of proper teachers training. If teachers will be trained properly & regularly the condition must be changed.
- I have talked to some parents of each village they want this type of centers are very necessary for villages because the government school are not working.
- Playing with Learning materials are very necessary for all centers because 3 to 4 years old children can't read the books. Teachers are facing problems to teach them. They want some playing materials for primary education also.
- I felt the education is very big need for this area. All centers should be continued.

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