



SUMMER PROJECT 2012

Annual Sit and Draw Competition in Village Satjelia :

- On the bright Sunday morning of 23rd September 2012 a team of 10 members from Abha headed for village Satjelia in Sunderbans to undertake the 3rd project.
- This time a Sit and Draw competition was organized to nurture the little brains and this event will be continued as an annual event. Though such an event is most common in schools and localities in the cities, but in remote villages, like the one in Satjelia, this event is completely new to them.
- There were around 80 participants from the two schools Satjelia Abaitanik Prathamik Vidyalaya and Emlibari Abaitanik Prathamik Vidyalaya. These participants were selected from a competition between the 350 students of Class I to IV of the two schools. The topic for drawing was communicated to both the schools well in advance.
- The participants were provided with drawing paper, pencil, eraser, cutter and camel pastel colours for the competition by our volunteers.
- After a formal briefing the competition took off and the participants were given one hour to complete their entries. The evaluation was conducted by our members who selected the 12 best entries. Prizes were distributed to the winners and they were given certificates of excellence from Abha.
- The program was vibrant and the students enjoyed a lot which was eminent from their work. We are thankful to the village education committee for realizing this dream project.
- After the event a small refreshment was served to all the 80 kids and the remaining portion was handed over for distribution among the remaining 270 students of both the schools.

Inauguration of Sanitation facility in EAPV:

- The first infrastructure project of Abha, a sanitary facility in Emlibari Abaitanik Prathamik Vidyalaya was formally inaugurated by the Gram Pradhan of Satjelia village and one of the veteran member of ABHA.
- The project is the outcome of the efforts of **M/s Bengali Cultural Association of Arizona** who have assisted us in accomplishing the project. We convey our thanks and also appeal to them for undertaking similar projects in the future as this will serve a large number of underprivileged students in a remote corner of our country and fulfill their basic needs.

Discussion on Health Related Issues:

- Health is one of the major issues and the lack of adequate medical facilities in this area has deprived kids over decades from leading a healthy life. With our limited resources we were helpless and were mere spectators in this field. This time one of our new members Dr Utpal Kr Panda conducted a small awareness program and addressed the teachers and guardians of the students regarding health and hygiene of the kids in the village.

Project Evaluation :

- The project was well planned and with the untiring effort of our volunteers and the support from the villagers it was successfully completed and in time.
- It was observed that a Sit and Draw competition was never conducted earlier but the response and performance of the students was quite appreciable. The school also realized the importance of drawing and conducted extra classes for participating in this competition.
- In the discussion with the school authorities we have cited the need and requested for conducting such activities throughout the year as it helps the little brains to think and innovate to make some beautiful thing in this world.
- We have also requested the schools to keep their toilets clean to inculcate cleanliness among the children.
- In the survey conducted by NFHS (National Family Health Survey) and the 2011 Census of India, in terms of literacy, Kerala is on the top followed by Mizoram and Tripura. While West Bengal is in the 13th position with overall literacy rate of 77.1%. So we feel that a lot has to be done in different fields to make these educational institutions a better conducive place to study.
- The complete photos of the project is available for viewing in our website "www.abha.org.in" under tab **Album**.

Project Activity Chart :

PROJECT TITLE	SUMMER PROJECT 2012 – ANNUAL SIT AND DRAW COMPETITION		
SECTOR	CHILD EDUCATION		
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	RS 50000	SOURCE OF FUND	MEMBERS AND WELLWISHERS
		OTHER SOURCE OF FUND	NIL
PROJECT DURATION	1 DAY		
PROPOSED DATE OF PROJECT	23/09/2012	ACTUAL DATE OF PROJECT	23/09/2012
PROJECTED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	CHILDREN 350 (Before Screening)	ACTUAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	CHILDREN 80 (After Screening)

Donors:

(In Alphabetical Order)

Sri Adyut Paul	Sri Avijit Kumar Bardhan	Smt Bandana Mukherjee
Sri Biplab Banik	M/s Brahmaputra Appt Ladies Club	Col D K Bhattacharyya
Dr Utpal Kumar Panda	Sri Debasish Das	Sri Dipankar Biswas
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Smt Shukla Banerjee	Sri Sougata Roy	Smt Subha Bhattacharyya
Smt Suchitra Chowdhury	Sri Sujay Dey	

- We appeal to all our Members and Well wishers to extend their whole hearted support in the days to come as the goal cannot be achieved without your active participation and contribution.*

Highlights:

- Annual Sit and Draw competition will be held every year in Summer Project.
- The boring of Tubewell will commence shortly in Satjelia Abaitanik Prathamik Vidyalaya.
- A Sanitary facility will be provided to Satjelia Abaitanik Prathamik Vidyalaya.

“You cannot teach a child any more than you can grow a plant. All you can do is on the negative side — you can only help. It is a manifestation from within; it develops its own nature — you can only take away obstructions.”

Swami Vivekananda
