

MAHATMA GANDHI'S NAI TALIM

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

Project: 'Implementing Nai Talim for skill-based Education of Girl Children Studying in North Delhi Municipal Corporation Primary Schools of Delhi'

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DISHA is implementing Nai Talim for skill-based education of girl children through the in-school education project in North Delhi Municipal Corporation Primary Schools of Delhi in the academic year 2022-2023. The project was implemented in close collaboration with the Department of Education department of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi. The project started after obtaining the required permission Department of Education to carry out the project in two Municipal Corporation Primary Schools: 1) MCPS, Naraina village, shift-I and 2) MCPS, J.J. Camp Naraina, shift-I, Inderpuri in Karol Bagh zone.

DISHA provided digital education and academic support in Hindi and Math to girl children studying in class 3rd to 5th. The academic support was given to students in the classroom as well as in the digital resource centers for enhancing the quality of education of the students. DISHA also engaged the class teachers by sharing information and outcome of the innovative pedagogy used by DISHA successfully through school curriculum interventions.

Accomplishments from April 2022 to March 2023

Resource support in schools:

DISHA placed a school facilitator each in two MCPS schools to provide the academic support to the students. They held weekly meetings with the respective class teachers to gather information about the lessons planned by them. Thus, the school facilitators provided academic support in Hindi and Math for three days each to two sections from standards 3rd -5th.

Regular meetings were held with the Principals and Class teachers of both the MCPS schools with Program Manager and the facilitators of DISHA. As per their suggestions, the learning disabled students from standard 3rd to 5th were identified by the school Principles and the class teachers and DISHA provided support by using digital school education courses for standard 3rd to 5th in Hindi and Math using NCERT framework. DISHA helped every student to easily understand topics and perform well in classes. The facilitators took up activity-based learning to help the students revise what the class teachers had taught in the classroom.



DISHA established resource centers in the space allocated by the school. The Teaching-Learning Materials, storybooks and resource materials were placed for the students to use and learn. Students were brought in digital resource centers to carry out activities with the teaching-learning materials. DISHA organized many non-scholastic events as well in the resource centre, including *sulekh*, book reading, poetry recitation competitions, drawing, role play, games, quiz, storytelling and outdoor games.

Digital school education courses for standard 3rd to 5th in Hindi and Math were obtained from NCERT. This enabled every student to easily understand the topics, clarify doubts and perform well in classes.

School Curriculum Intervention and Classroom Support:

From October 2022, two school facilitators from DISHA provided academic support to students in the resource centres. In the schools, the class-wise lesson plans were discussed with the class teachers and modified as per the weekly teaching plans. Accordingly, the school facilitators provided academic support in standards 3rd to 5th.



Training of children in moral values

National Unity Day – 31st October 2022



It has been decided by Government of India that a week long campaign to commemorate the Festival of Unity will be organized at pan India level from 25th to 31st October, 2022. The campaign to celebrate the National Unity Day 2022 coincides with the celebration of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

'National Unity Day' or 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' is celebrated in India on 31st October every year throughout the country. The day is celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who played a major role in the political integration of India. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was born on 31st October 1875 in Nadiad district in Gujarat. In accordance with the above campaign, students were taught about the life of Sardar Patel. Vallabhbhai Patel (31 October 1875 - 15 December 1950), popularly known as Sardar Patel, was an Indian politician. He served as the first Deputy Prime Minister of India.



He was an Indian barrister and statesman, a senior leader of the Indian National Congress and a founding father of the Republic of India who played a leading role in the country's struggle for independence and guided its integration into a united, independent nation. In India and elsewhere, he was often called Sardar, meaning 'chief' in Hindi, Urdu, and Persian. He acted as Home Minister during the political integration of India.

Patel was raised in the countryside of the state of Gujarat. He was a successful lawyer. He subsequently organised peasants from Kheda, Borsad, and Bardoli in Gujarat in non-violent civil disobedience against the British Raj, becoming one of the most influential leaders in Gujarat. His commitment to national integration in the newly independent country was total and uncompromising, earning him the sobriquet "Iron Man of India". He is also remembered as the "patron saint of India's civil servants" for having established the modern all-India services system. He is also called the "Unifier of India". The Statue of Unity, the world's tallest statue, was dedicated to him on 31 October 2018, which is approximately 182 metres in height.

Organising Gandhi Katha – October 2022



A series of Gandhi Katha were organized with the children of class 3rd to 5th. Children were told about the various aspects of Mahatma Gandhi's life, work and the independence movement. Topics covered were Balak Mohan, Chhatra Mohan, Barrister Mohan Das Gandhi, his fight against racial discrimination in South Africa and the contribution of Mahatma Gandhi in the Indian independence movement. Children were trained to recite the Gandhi Dhun.



Children were taught about peace, non-violence, speaking truth using the childhood story of Mahatma Gandhi. They were surprised to know that how a shy child like them become the Mahatma applying truth and honesty. Children explored five more helpful and peace achieving values called- ORACLE. These are - 'Observe, Restraint, Accept, Celebrate, Love of Labour, and Evolve'. Children tried to understand different values like Honesty, Self-Reliance, and punctuality through role-plays, sharing their experiences etc.

Visit of teachers from Japan:



It was a rare opportunity for DISHA to invite Ms. Kumi Matoba, a Japanese teacher from Tokyo for volunteering in the classroom activities and to interact with students, teachers and Principals in MCPS, Naraina village, shift - I on 19th November 2022.

The Japanese teacher was accompanied by the school facilitators. There were forty students of class 5th who attended the special session of 90 minutes held in two parts. The students demonstrated their learning for 30 minutes, while in the next 60 minutes, the Japanese teacher taught Japanese craft, counting, dance, songs and the craft of Origami.

The students enjoyed the visit of the Japanese teacher and were eager to learn more from her. The Japanese teacher was thankful to the school Principal, teachers, the Program Manager of DISHA, the school facilitator and appreciated the students for their discipline.



DISHA organized the visit of Ms Okawara Tomoko, Executive Director of Centre for International Youth Exchange and an Ex-President of International Youth Exchange Organisation (IYEO) of Japan to our educational program the Municipal Corporation Primary School JJ Camp Naraina.

It was a great opportunity for students to learn about Japan and its cultures. She conducted Quiz, Origami, Japanese songs, and danced 'Soranbushi' together with children. Ms Tomoko

performed the traditional Japanese dance 'Sakura Sakura' much to the enjoyment of students. This visit provided an opportunity for promoting people to people exchange between both our countries.

Workshop on child protection:



A three day workshop was organized with students of class 3rd to 5th in MCPS Naraina village and MCPS JJ Camp Naraina in February 2023. The Child protection & relationships sessions explore the importance of permission-seeking and giving in relationships with friends, peers and adults. The resource person also talked about how people sometimes behave differently online by pretending to be someone they are not.

Our workshops helped children discover what sorts of boundaries are appropriate in friendships with peers and others and empowered them to keep themselves and others free from harm.

Topics Covered:

- Boundaries
- Consensual and non-consensual touches
- Bullying & Harassment

The students were informed about child abuse, good touch-bad touch, problems faced during adolescent age through video, storytelling, talk and roleplay. The students were also given information on child rights and legal aspects.

Painting workshop:



A painting workshop was organised in February 2023 in MCPS JJ Camp Naraina.



The students made beautiful paintings on the theme 'A girl can do anything'. These paintings were displayed in the resource centre.

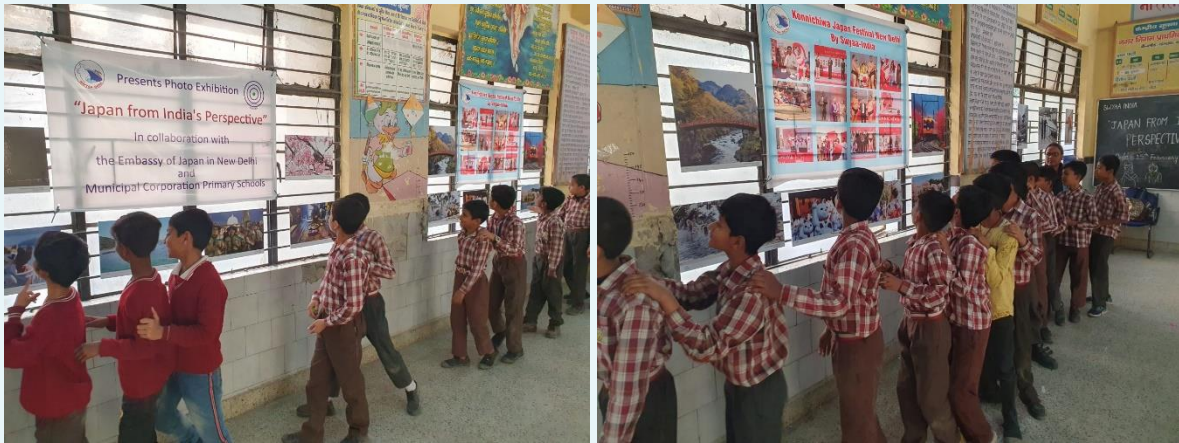
Republic Day celebration:



The facilitators from Disha supported the school staff in organizing the 74th Republic Day. The facilitator helped children to prepare dance, song and roleplay to perform in the programme.

Photo Exhibition 'Japan from India's Perspective':

DISHA organized an exhibition of photographs for the students of three Municipal Corporation primary schools in the Karol Bagh zone in collaboration with the Embassy of Japan in Delhi. This was a part of an exhibition of a selection of the best photographs taken by Indian visitors to Japan. The photographs covered a broad range of subjects from traditional Japanese architecture including temples and shrines, people, and landscape. There was a section on History of Japan - India, Japanese culture, crafts, shrines, and temples. These photographs showcased distinctive seasons, traditional culture, architecture, and latest technology seen through the perspective of the Indian travelers. In February 2023, DISHA collaborated with the Embassy of Japan in Delhi to display selected photographs about Japan in three MC Primary schools for the students.



The first exhibition was held on 25th February 2023 in MCPS Naraiana village, shift -1 for girls for classes 3rd and 5th in the forenoon. The special invitee on that day was Ms. Kumi Matoba, a Japanese national. She is currently working in India with the Doctors without Borders (MSF).



Ms. Matoba interacted with the students of standards 3rd to 5th and explained about each of the photographs in great detail. She introduced them to Japanese culture through counting, language, and taught them a song in Japanese in which the students took part enthusiastically. She regaled the students with anecdotes about Japan and taught Origami paper craft. A special video was shown to introduce the students to various aspects of Japan which were specific to the needs of the children.



This was followed up by an interaction with MCPS Naraina village, shift-2 for boys in the afternoon. The boys keenly observed the exhibition and asked many questions. In the assembly hall Ms. Kumi Matoba gave an orientation about Japan-India relations and the cultural inflow between our two countries.



On 4th March 2023, this exhibition was organized in the MCPS school in JJ Camp Naraina shift-1. Apart from the exhibition, special counters were set up for students and the teachers for on hand experience. These counters displayed and taught Origami and use of chopsticks to the students. A session on Japanese songs and dance was also held for the students which was the most appreciated activity and students enjoyed this activity.

The school Principals, along with the teachers and the students liked these initiatives very much and appreciated and applauded the efforts of DISHA.

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