



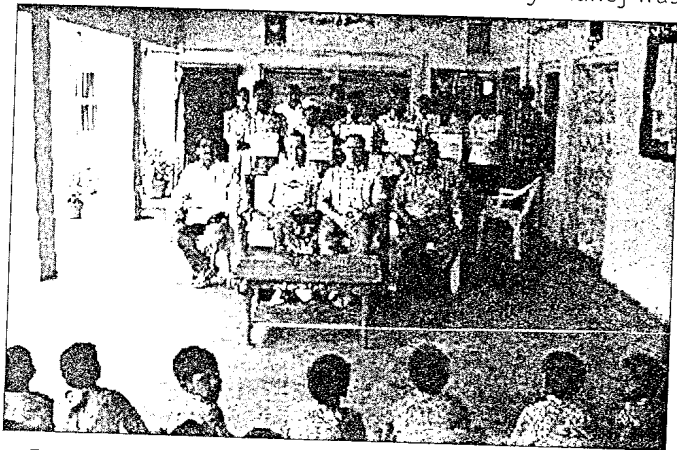
FAREWELL TO RUGMARK STUDENTS AT RM BALASHRAYA

In August 2007, RUGMARK teachers and staff gave a farewell to eighteen students. It was an emotional moment for all. The students, who spent valuable years of their childhood in RUGMARK Balashraya, had to leave to make a beginning in their career. The students were special in the sense that they were released by RM inspection staff from carpet weaving as child labourers and were admitted in RM Balashraya. RUGMARK paved the way for their journey from child carpet weavers to entering into an optimistic adulthood.

Manoj who passed from Balashraya says that before getting admission in RM Balashraya, he used to think how people remember big numbers, as he only knew the counting up to fifty at that time. But after getting admission in Balashraya, he learnt how to read, write and count within a few months' of special classes. Noticing his intelligence and ability, he was promoted to third standard within a few months. He passed 12th grade exams with first division.

Similarly, Indrajeet another student also faired well and passed his 12th grade exams with first division. During his stay at Balashraya he developed keen interest in the game of cricket. He played many match winning innings for his school and Bhadohi district teams. He even made up to the final list for the admission into sports hostel in Allahabad, U.P.

Presently, Manoj is pursuing B. A. (Bachelor of Arts) through correspondence from Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU). Indrajeet is doing B. A. as private student from Purvanchal University. Manoj was



Farewell: The staff and students of RUGMARK along with the IGEP guests. (Sitting L-R) Mr. R.D. Yadav (RM), Ms. C. Glasenapp, Mr. K. Jansen, Mr. H. Subramaniam

good in his studies and had inculcated teaching abilities; he got a teaching job in a primary school.

Bhola Sada was a special case. He passed out from Balashraya. But had no place to go. He even did not remember his address or name of his parents. During his Balashraya days he developed a close bond with Indrajeet. Indrajeet took him to his hometown. His parents accepted him as their own child. Bhola now has a home and a family. After passing out from Balashraya, he is preparing for his 10th grade exams.

RUGMARK wishes all our passouts prosperity and success in their life and career.

RUGMARK STUDENTS AGAIN OUTSHINE IN ATHLETIC EVENTS

RUGMARK students again made us proud and prompted us to tell their success stories. They achieved top positions in inter-school athletic events organized by Uttar Pradesh State education department at district, regional and state levels.

Regional Level Positions

Name of the Student	Category	Event	Position	RM School
Reema	Junior (girls)	Race: 100 meter; 200 meter & Long jump	I	Cherapur
Neetu Pal	Primary (girls)	Race: 200 meter	I	Cherapur
Indramani Bind	Primary (boys)	Race: 400 meter	I	Balashraya
Indramani Bind	Primary (boys)	1600 meter	II	Balashraya
Neetu Pal	Primary (girls)	Race: 100 meter	II	Cherapur
Pintu Yadav	Primary (boys)	Race: 100 meter; 200 meter	II	Cherapur

Indramani Bind a student of RUGMARK Balashraya was declared as the 'Best Athlete' at Uttar Pradesh State level athletic events organized in Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar stadium in Saharanpur (U.P.) from 17.-19. November 2007. Indramani Bind was awarded with two gold medals, one silver medal and a shield for being declared as the champion of athletic events at primary school level events. He stood first at 200 and 400 meter race and got second position at 50 meter race.

Pintoo Yadav from RUGMARK School, Cherapur (Bhadohi) stood at third position at U. P. State level in 100 meter and 200 meter race.



The achievements of RUGMARK students in different athletic events at Regional level (Mirzapur, Sonbhadra and Bhadohi districts) are given in the following table. The events were held in Jaunpur (U.P.) from 12.-14. November 2007.

The table given below shows the positions held by RUGMARK students at District level events for the district Sant Ravi Das Nagar (Bhadohi). The competitions were organized at Police Lines ground in Gyanpur, Bhadohi. About 1500 students from different Primary Schools and Junior High Schools of Sant Ravi Das Nagar (Bhadohi) district participated in these events. The events were held from 7.-8. November 2007

District Level Positions

Name of the Student	Category	Event	Position	RM School
Neetu Pal	Primary (girls)	Race: 50 meter, 100 meter 200 meter	I	Cherapur
Reema	Junior (girls)	Race: 100 meter; 200 meter & Long jump:	I	Cherapur
Indramani Bind	Primary (boys)	Race: 400 meter	I	Balashraya
Indramani Bind	Primary (boys)	Race: 50 meter; 200 meter	II	Balashraya
Pintu Yadav	Primary (boys)	Race: 100 meter; 200 meter	I	Cherapur
Moni	Primary (girls)	Race: 200 meter & Long Jump	II	Cherapur
Moni	Primary (girls)	Race: 100 meter	III	Cherapur
Mulayam Yadav	Junior (boys)	Race: 400 meter; 600 meter	I	Cherapur

Our congratulations to the RUGMARK Team for their record-breaking performance.

HEALTH CAMPS AND POLIO IMMUNISATION

RUGMARK organizes medical health check ups for the students at RM schools. Rotary Club of Delhi Midtown supplies free medicines for general diseases.

One such camp was organised in village Kajihad, Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh. RUGMARK received good cooperation from the district administration. The Chief Medical Officer of Jaunpur district deputed one Orthopaedic Surgeon, one Eye Specialist and two General Physicians along with a team of para-medical staff. This team was further supported by RUGMARK's Physician and other staff members. The health-check

up of more than 600 people was carried out in this camp. The medicines for general diseases were distributed free of cost. A few of the patients showing the symptoms of tuberculosis were referred by Physicians to district hospital and were given necessary information about the facility of free treatment being offered by Government health department. Other patients, who required the treatment for a longer period, were asked to visit nearby hospitals along with the prescription for further follow up treatment.

In addition to health check-up camps, RUGMARK ambulance (mobile medical van) is offering valuable service to the needy. It provides timely medical help to the villagers. The ambulance has gone to the rescue of many road accident victims and saved a number of lives.

During the past few years, RUGMARK schools' staff has been participating in polio immunisation programmes. The district administration appreciated the dedication and sincerity of the RM staff. RM schools, at various occasions were identified as best centres at block and district level by the administration. More than 2000 children are administered polio drops in each phase of the programme in RM schools.



Rugmark worker assisting an old lady at the Rugmark health camp.

RUGMARK OFFICE IN VARANASI

The regional office of RUGMARK Foundation, which was located in Gopiganj has now been shifted to Varanasi. In Gopiganj region RUGMARK Balashraya can still work as contact point for visitors. The new office address is: D-65/429 A, Raid Compound Lahertara, Baulia, Varanasi U.P.