

**ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT
ON
ADARSH GIRIJAN PRAGATI VIDYALAYA
(October 2020 to September 2021)
(A Centre for Holistic Development of Children)
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Background of the Area and School

The project area- Dasamantpur, an underdeveloped block of Koraput District in Odisha, is located around 55 km away from the district headquarter. The whole block is dominated by tribal and backward castes, who are vulnerable to acute poverty which results in hunger, malnourishment



and migration to other places. In fact the whole Koraput district with the concentration of tribal people comes under the backward KBK region of the state. The children are the most vulnerable and victims of the circumstances. They are deprived of all kinds of basic needs and facilities. The ignorance & illiteracy of the people and the acute poverty in the area leads to a very typical socio-cultural situation. It is observed that due to health hazards many people die and in many cases poor economic conditions desert many couples from each other, which results in increasing orphan/forced orphan children in the community. Besides there are also cases where the parents are alive but the children are neglected because of poverty and scarcity of resources. These children are the most deprived, excluded and vulnerable (DEV).



With the belief that ‘A child is the father of the nation’, being nurtured and given a chance, they have the potential to bring the changes among themselves and the whole community as well as the country. With this philosophy, Integrated Development Society (IDS), the local civil society organization (CSO), based at

Dasamantpur block have come forward to work for these disadvantaged children in this Block through Sponsorship program especially in the aspects of health, education & nutrition. In the process “Adarsh Girijan Pragati Vidyalaya (AGPV,) a residential School was established in the year 2010 in Dasamantpur block headquarter, with financial support from Shared Blessings USA, SATHI, Bengaluru and INFOSYS Foundation, Bengaluru and esteemed individual donors from Bengaluru with the aim of enabling the children in distress to access basically the quality education, nutritious food and health services for leading a meaningful and dignified life. Necessary efforts are also being taken for the improvement of their physical, mental and moral growth of the children.



The progress made in the school during the period(October 2020 to September 2021)

Education:

As right to education is a basic right for every child, so all our AGPV children have been admitted in different classes in local school and ICDS centre .During this educational year 2020-2021 , children are admitted in local school and continuing their education .All types of support are being provided to children to facilitate their study and for a better living standard.

Education status of children who are in AGPV Dasmantapur

Fourteen students who are studying in a local school/Preschool in Dasamantapur were promoted to the next higher class. Due to COVID 19 the schools were closed for most of the academic year. However, all children who are staying in AGPV have been receiving tutoring and coaching with the support of our staff and are also taking online classes as per the guidelines of the government. As high schools (8th, 9th and 10th classes) have been



opened, all children are attending school regularly and taking regular coaching through a qualified teacher. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, as per the instructions of the Govt, all schools were closed. However, special coaching classes were organized for all children both in morning and evening hours to complete the course and to improve the standard of the children Following is the current class wise status of the children.

Education status of children who are studying outside of AGPV

- After successful completion of 10th Board examination, one child (Kuna Jani) has joined the Utkal Sangeet Mahabidyalaya at Bhubaneshwar; she is staying at a hostel. All support for Kuna (tuition fees, room and board, additional meals, books, clothes and her other daily needs are being supplied by AGPV Program.
- As already informed, Anil Kumar Muduli has already joined +3 Arts at Local College. Rina Jani and Ashok Bhatra have joined Trade School at Paralakhemundi (Tailoring and Fitter Trade respectively)



- Padman Muduli has already appeared +3 Final year Arts examination and he has one paper back in the last Semester and is preparing to clear the paper in the coming examination.
- Uja jani has already completed her +3 commerce and she has become the 1st Commerce graduate in the locality. All of us, her family and community are very much happy about her great achievement and only wish her continued success. Uja is interested in going for a competitive examination and getting a job as early as possible. As per the information we are hearing from her village, Uja is under pressure both by her community and relatives to get married. Our staff is counselling Uja and speaking with her family regarding this matter, and hope that they will allow her to pursue her dreams.
- We sadly report that several of the girls have gotten married during this period. Not having schools to attend, and with family and community pressure, they ended up leaving the program. We can only hope that with the education and support that they received at AGPV, they will be able to use their experience in a positive manner. IDS has been trying to find local jobs for them – should they choose to work after marriage.

Education of children at Trade School at Parlakhemundi

Twelve students have completed their first year at the Centurian University's trade school at Parlakhemundi. Three boys are in the electrical trade and five boys are in the fitter program. The three girls who were taking tailoring and designing programs completed their courses and are now in classes in computer applications.



Children in Electric Trade: Ratan Pajaja, Krupasindhu Muduli, Sanjay Disari

Children in Fitter Trade: Chandra Jani, Nanda Kulsika, Urkudi Disari, Suresh Muska, Sanyasi Jani

Children in computer applications: Rai Mandinga, Susama Jani, Sone Muska

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, classes were closed due to lockdown and shutdown of school, children were sent back to Dasamantpur. Most of the time online courses were organized by the school authority. They were provided with tablets to enable



them to continue pursuing their education as much as possible. IDS staff Mr. Prabhakar Semarlia and Mr. Bhakta Sahu visited the home of the children/guardians on a regular basis. During the pandemic period, AGPV provided the children and their families with food, clothes, school supplies and daily use materials. The children also visited AGPV regularly to participate in exercises, studying and monthly medical checkups.

Education status of children who have successfully completed 10th standard in 2021

In the last week of October 2021, most of our Nandapur children who successfully completed their 10th standard in 2021 joined Trade School at Paralakhemundi just like previous batches. The children have taken the following trade as per their choice.



Kapila Mandinga, Disa Jambeka, Dhoba Muduli, Ashok Bhatra joined the fitter trade at Parlakhemundi.

Rahul Bagh joined +2 Arts at the local college (junior college) at Dasamantpur

Kuna Jani joined the arts academy in Bhubaneswar; she is focusing on Odishi dance as her specialization.

Suryamani Jani, Reena Jani, Raila Jani, Chumki Jani joined the tailoring trade program at Parlakhemundi.

Sabitri Muduli joined the tailoring trade program at the Trade School of CV Raman Global University in Bhubaneswar.

As with other children, food, clothing and other supplies were provided to the children as well their families during this pandemic period.

Jyoti Jani is being helped with meeting requirements to get through her 10th class examinations so she can join the tailoring trade school that she is hoping to pursue.

Providing basic amenities and age appropriate support to children:

Different materials (teaching & learning aid/hygiene kit/shoe/bags/dresses/Tiffin Boxes & eating utensils) have been provided to the children as per the requirement to the age appropriate children. An iron cot with proper bedding arrangement is provided to each child ensuring cleanliness and hygiene without any compromise.



As reported, most of our SB children (who are studying outside AGPV school and college) stayed at their homes due to lockdown/shutdown for COVID-19. Our staff is in regular touch with them and have visited their home and supported their needs. During the reporting period, dry ration (Rice, Dal, flattened rice, sugar, soap, biscuit, masks, hand sanitizer) was supplied to the children and their families during this crisis lock down period and to take preventative measures.



Food for children: Nutritious food intake is given high priority as it contributes a lot in the growth of a child physically and mentally as well. So, breakfast, lunch, afternoon snacks and dinner are the routine food arrangements consisting of both vegetarian and

non-vegetarian items. Due to COVID-19 pandemic period special food (fruits, special Ayurvedic drink and other highly nutritious food) are provided to children frequently.



Ensuring health and hygiene services within the reach of the children:

❖ Health is important for all children; we pray to god for good health for all children and provide different types of support to improve their health condition. Regular monthly health check-ups of the children are being done by the experienced physicians and medicines as prescribed by the doctor are being given. The first aid box is kept inside the campus and is used in case of minor health ailments/emergencies.

❖ It would be pertinent to mention that there are cases of common fever, cold, malaria & typhoid etc. reported but because the whole area is malaria endemic, so utmost care with proper attention is given to all children. If any such case has come to notice, immediately the child is admitted



to the local CHC. The serious cases as referred by the CHC doctor are taken to DHH-Koraput for better health services. IDS has also a vehicle for meeting the immediate and urgent transportation needs of the children. In order to make the body and mind fit, all children are exercising every day. All children are drinking purified water through the water purifier machine. Iron cot with proper bedding arrangement has also been provided to each child and initiative is being taken for ensuring cleanliness and hygiene of the children.

- During the reporting period all children are practising hand wash and maintaining health & hygiene as per the advice of the doctor.
- Regular counselling to children how to be safe from COVID-19. As per the advice of the IDS staff ,all children are maintaining social distance in AGPV and using masks for safety from COVID-19 .
- As per the instruction of the district administration regular sanitising is being done in the AGPV premises with bleaching powder and phenyl.

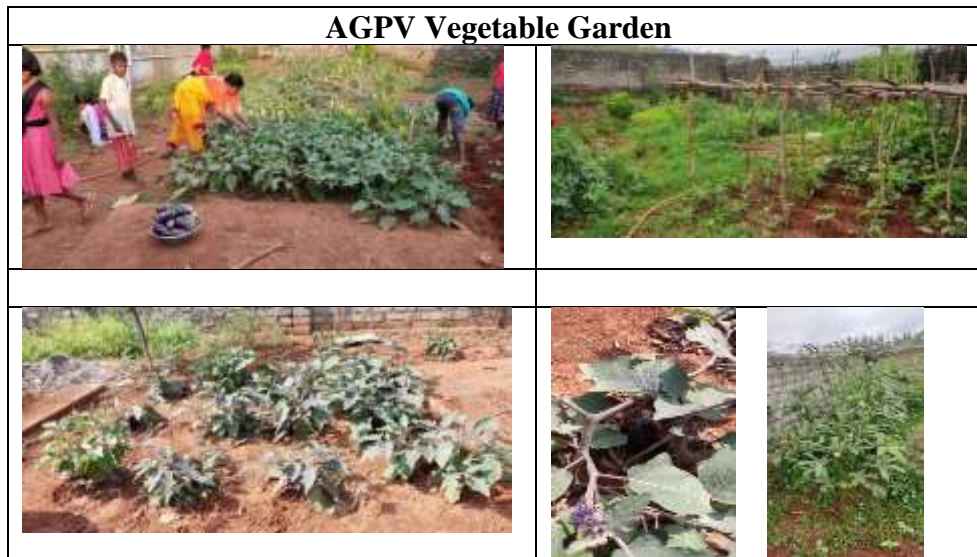


Initiation Demonstration Centre of Income Generation Activities:

All children of AGPV have actively participated in the kitchen garden program with the support of IDS staff. During the year, various types of vegetables like brinjal, papaya, beans, chilly, okra, tomato, radish, various greens etc.



have been grown and being used in the school kitchen. Though it is not sufficient for the school kitchen, it is meeting the need to some extent in providing fresh vegetables. The children are encouraged to do the vegetable gardening on a regular basis. Initiative has also been taken to start a small poultry farm so the children can have eggs and chicken in the long run. Initiative has also been taken for other income generation programs like Phenyl making, hand wash liquid manufacturing and mushroom cultivation on a small scale and the aim is to spread these knowledge and skills to children.



Major activities and celebration of important events at AGPV premises

Christmas Celebration

People of different faiths live in India and celebrate different festivals throughout the year. Christmas is one important festival both for Christians and also other people who believe in Christianity. In India, people of all religions celebrate Christmas with great joy and pleasure. It is believed that Christ came down to the world to save humanity from all sufferings and showered his blessings with love & affection. So this day is celebrated in honour of Christ, the Son of God. Every year children of AGPV celebrate Christmas on AGPV premises.



On 24^h December 2020, all children and IDS staff celebrated Christmas day in AGPV premises. In the evening children and staff decorated AGPV with colourful lights, flowers, beautiful toys and balloons and also planted Christmas trees with beautiful stars to make the evening more colourful.

At about 8 PM, Pastor Pabitra Khara of Bershaba Baptist Church started with prayer and spoke to the children about the importance of this day. At the beginning of the festival, all children and staff lit candles and offered prayers to Lord Jesus. After candle lighting, the Pastor recited the important chapter from the Holy Bible. Birthday song was sung by

all staff and children in honour of Lord Jesus Christ with clapping which was followed by birthday cake cutting and distribution. Some children entertained the gathering by wearing Santa Claus suits and distributed sweets among the children.



On this special day, Christmas gifts (new clothes, shoes and school supplies) were distributed to the children by Dr. B.Gayatri Devi (Chairperson of Child Welfare Committee-Koraput) and Ms. Rajashree Das. In the evening, a special dinner with nice dishes was served to the children. After the dinner party, all children enjoyed the evening with both modern and traditional dance and musical performance.

On 25th December 2020, an outdoor picnic was organized where all AGPV children and staff (including who are studying outside school and college) participated. All children greatly enjoyed the picnic as it was an opportunity to come out and spend time with friends after a long gap due to the restriction of COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown.



OTHER IMPORTANT CELEBRATIONS

Diwali	November
Gandhi Jayanti	2 nd October
Chaiti Parab	March
Rakhi Purnima	September
Ganesh Puja	September
Saraswati Puja	January
Teacher day	5 th September 2021
Independence Day	15 th August

Other important days which have their own significance pertaining to culture, tradition, social values and patriotic spirits. With a view to sprouting the importance of those days, the children are encouraged and facilitated to celebrate those with the peer groups as well as the staff of IDS. It also creates opportunities to learn through fun and develop their leadership potentialities as they are involved in the planning process and organising the programs. The days/month mentioned in the column are observed during the period.



Visitors and guests to AGPV during this period:

- On 25th of December, 2020, Ms. Rajashree Das (DCPO,Koraput) & Dr.Gayatri Devi (Chairperson of Child Welfare Committee ,Koraput) visited AGPV and celebrated Christmas with children.)

- On 23rd of December, 2020, a Management Committee Meeting was held in AGPV office room and progress of the children was discussed .

- During the 1st week of January 2021, the Shared Blessing team visited Centurian University, Paralakhemundi and discussed with ITI college staff regarding progress of the children. After visiting Paralakhemundi, the team visited AGPV, Dasamantpur and reviewed the progress of the children who are staying in AGPV. During the occasion, the Shared Blessing team (Shaila Madam and Sushrutha) distributed new dresses/gifts to the children. In the presence of the team various sports and mental challenge competition programs were organized and prizes were distributed to all qualified children.



- On January 11, 2021, District Inspection Committee (DIC), Koraput visited AGPV and verified all records as per the instruction of district administration.
- On February 2, 2021, District Inspection Committee (DIC), Koraput visited AGPV and verified all records as per the instruction of district administration.
- On January 29, 2021 and February 19, 2021, a Management Committee Meeting was held in the AGPV office room and discussed the standard of care and progress of the children.
- On March 3, 2021, a Sisu Sampark Yatra was organized by the CWC-Koraput at AGPV premises. Local Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) with other dignitaries attended the program.

- On March 30, 2021, Program Manager of SARA, Odisha state Child Protection Society, Bhubaneswar visited AGPV and Child Care Institution and verified all records as per the instruction of the Govt.



- On April 19, 2021, Mr. Subha Goutam Mishra, Additional District Judge-Koraput-Jeypore/ Secretary –District Legal Service Authority visited AGPV and Child Care Institution as per the instruction of the Govt. to see the overall performance of the Organisation.
- On April 30, 2021, Home Management Committee Meeting was held in AGPV office in the presence of District Child Protection Officer-Koraput and Chairman-Child Welfare Committee-Koraput and discussed about standard of care and progress of the children and shared the advisory of the Govt. which is to be strictly adhered by all children and staff of AGPV in view of 2nd wave of COVID-19 pandemic.

Restrictions imposed on visitors coming into the AGPV premises during COVID-19 Pandemic:

After April 2021, due to COVID-19 pandemic and gravity of the situation, the Odisha Government imposed restrictions for entering outsiders/visitors into AGPV premises. Only the authorised persons were allowed to get into the premises. So hardly any visitors have come to AGPV after April 2021.

Safety and Security

The children's activities are being monitored through CCTV cameras. Our experienced staff are guiding all children during different activities. Housekeeper is maintaining all rooms, toilet, kitchen room, dining room and school premises on a regular basis .

In-House Monitoring/Review and Staff Oversight of AGPV:

Weekly and monthly staff meetings are being conducted to monitor the progress and activities of the school. Selected members from the IDS management team are attending monthly review meetings at the AGPV and provide their inputs. The Children Committee meeting is being organized on a monthly basis .

Most of the children are in adolescence and due to this age, sometimes they are out of track and beyond the value system. However we are trying to address this issue through counselling and discussion with both the concerned children and guardians as well.

Resource Mobilisation:

During the reporting period IDS staff have taken initiatives for resources mobilisation. As a result, a new dining table set was mobilised for children. Children are enjoying food by sitting at the dining table.



Program Highlights:



Visit of Shaila Madam & Shruthu to AGPV in the month of January 2021



District Inspection Committee(DIC),Koraput visit to AGPV and CCI



Parent and Guardian meeting was organized in AGPV premises in Jan 2021



Health Check up to the Children by Local CHC Doctor



Hand wash practice by the Children



New hand wash station installed in AGPV campus



Distribution of materials by Shaila Madam



Children in AGPV are enjoying food sitting on Dining Table.



Sisu Sampark YATRA was inaugurated at AGPV Premises by Judicial Magistrate First Class on March 3, 2021



Children at Trade School during follow up visit



Trade School Children returning home after declaring Govt. to vacate the school in view of COVID-19 pandemic



Children in AGPV School during Pandemic Period



Children are practicing YOGA



Visit of Programme Manager-SARA to AGPV/CCI



Home Management Committee Meeting on April 30, 2021



Children those who joined Trade School in 2021



Children/Guardians receiving dry food/material during Covid-19 Pandemic