

Padho aur Badho

An AROH-GAIL Initiative



Welcome to the first edition of Padho aur Badho in 2012. As we ring out 2011, we further strengthen our resolve to turn thousands of dreams into reality!

Education opens doors and empowers. For people, it opens up a world of opportunities, reduces the burden of disease and poverty, and gives greater voice in society. For nations, it opens doors to economic and social prosperity, spurred by a dynamic workforce and well-informed citizens who are able to compete and cooperate in the global arena.

Investment in education, thus, benefits the individual, society, the nation, and the world as a whole. Broad-based education of good quality is among the most powerful instruments to reduce poverty and inequality. For our country, education is the best, perhaps the only long-term solution to end the 'cycle of poverty' which holds more than 30 per cent of our people in its clutches. Focusing on education is going to have ripple effects...

Padho aur Badho is an effort to bridge the "education gap," or inequities in education - giving equal access to all children. If our children's future remains unpromising, so would be that of the nation.

We thank our partners GAIL India who have made it possible for us to reach out to thousands of children who have been denied the right to education.

Dr. Neelam Gupta
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PAB in Kalandar Colony - the hub of Nomads

Kalandar Colony, the slum in the North East Delhi zone houses the Nomads called Kalandars - or Bhalu walas. Till a few years back, they used to visit colonies and entertained children and adults performing animal shows with monkeys, bears, mongoose, snakes, etc. When a ban was imposed on use of animals for such shows, their livelihood was eroded and poor nomads had to look for other options of income. Still remain unsettled and their children out-of-school. Padho aur Badho has opened six centres in this slum and the Nomads are now excited about their future prospects.

Kalandar Colony, like all other slums, characterized by over crowding, unsystematically developed and generally neglected with deterioration in sanitary conditions, civic amenities or absence of facilities.

The total population of the Kalandar colony is between 6500-7000 with approximately 2300 falling in the age bracket of 0-6 years and 1200 in the group of 6-14 years with 10 Anganwadis. The stretch has no drainage system and the MCD has fixed Mobile toilets. Only one dispensary is currently run by Delhi govt.

AROH Foundation had stepped in the area to examine the state of primary education and realized the hard fact that all the kids of the community, literally loitering around the streets through out the day with having no access to food, shelter and clothing.

Erosion of Livelihood for Kalandars – the Nomads

Kalandar colony is situated in the adjoining areas of Dilshad garden metro station and Deepak colony. The people who live here basically were nomads who wander from place to place. They exhibit some road shows using animals like bear and monkey to earn a living. Since it is termed as a cruelty to animals by organizations like PETA, all animals under their belt were taken away by the government and left the bread winners in lurch.



For their day to day living they were forced to work as laborers, maid-servants and cleaners etc. Mr Mizaz Khan belonging to one of the oldest family who migrated from Bulandshahr in search of prosperity told us that during the earlier days they used to make about Rs 300 per day using animals but after the ban they are left out in open with no roof over their head and food. The helpless situation has led them to thinking of educating their kids. Even the younger generation wants to pursue education so that they could land up in a stable state of livelihood when they grow up.

Another section of the community, which hails from Moradabad used to

prepare Hand made Dholaks and Drums and would sell it in the market for a nice some of money which can buy them both food and shelter. Now-a-days no one prefers to use the instruments which have led to the dying of this art and they are forced to work as daily wage laborers. Since the amount earned can only take care of their basic needs educating their kids turned to be next to impossible. Those who have migrated from Bihar work as Cobblers outside metro station and railway station. One mohalla in the community is occupied by Magicians who perform acts in circus and on streets to earn a living. All those who reside dwell in utter poverty without basic amenities and their kids remain illiterate.

AROH team encountered with a boy named Rohit aged 12 years while exploring the by lanes of the area. He was on his way to work and enquired him on the reason behind working as a boot polisher. He told that his father ran away and being the eldest he has to take care of the family and now even if he wants to study he cannot as he has crossed a certain age. He also informed about the nature of dirty things happening in the area like drugs, smuggling and prostitution and asked whether any changes can be brought in.

All the facts made us realize to open PAB centres in the area. When AROH's mobilization team visited the area for passing out information about its Padho aur Badho Project in the community, Mr Tahir a resident of the kalandar colony expressed his frustration as *"Beta hum toh pade likhe nahi hain lekin abb ki nasal ko padana chahte hai, anparh aadmi toh sirf janwar ke samaan hai, sadak par hadsa ho jae to gaadi ka number bhi nahi note kar sakte"*. This realization has led him to enroll his two daughters at our PAB centre.

Another girl named Gulabshah told the visiting mobilizers as *"Sir Mujhe bade hokar doctor banana hai"*. Now we are glad to say that she has been enrolled as a PAB beneficiary. The artisans of the dying art were glad to see their wards going to school at no extra cost.

AROH's Outreach within the community

After assessing the prelim survey done by our mobilizers, AROH Foundation has opened up 6 NFE centres in the area for catering to the kids of said slum. Educators like Mamta, Sumitra, Sangita, Soni, Priyanka, Suman have developed a good network within the community as they belong to the same locality and has brought the kids under the PAB fold. Almost 200 kids have been enrolled in the current session. To strengthen our reach and the program all national and regional festivals were being organized with the community members within the community.

Even though the government has taken steps to open more schools the need of awareness among student-parents, advocacy and counseling is the need of the hour and AROH is trying its best to educate the kids leading to mainstreaming in the government schools.

Padho aur Badho encourages interns



Ms. Maitrani Dutta a Post Graduate student of Rural Planning, CEPT University, Ahmedabad's internship project was on Benefits of non formal education and sought AROH's help to do a case study. Her request got sanctioned and she was asked to carry out her project at our South Delhi PAB cluster.

Ms Dutta accompanied by Ms Vijite Senior Officer-CSR at GAIL India Ltd reached the centre by 12.30 PM on 6 January, 2012. They were given a tour on PAB as well GAIL-GARIMA centre by the program Manager Ms Jyoti . They interacted with the beneficiaries of both the projects along with supervisors and educators of PAB and learnt about the problems they faced during mobilization and how they tackled with confidence.

She also took note of the teaching methodologies adopted for various course to make it more interesting than mere academia so that the beneficiaries does not lack concentration during their studies. Beneficiaries too showed their learning capabilities by rhyming out some poems and tables taught by their educators. Feedback in form of some suggestions and ideas were exchanged and AROH team members welcomed the move.



Capacity Building Workshop for PAB Team

Enhancing PAB Educators' Creative Talent through Capacity Building Workshop

While the PAB kids enjoyed a short 'Winter Break' from 2 -7 January, the educators were engaged in the capacity building workshops which were designed to hone their skills and teaching abilities. Week-long workshops were held at all four nodal centres where educators got a chance to interact, not only with the senior management staff, but also with subject experts and practitioners. All the educators attended the workshop on 'Enriching Talent'.

For the Ghaziabad cluster, key resource persons', Mrs. Kiran and Ms. Richa were invited from Katha, an NGO working in the field of education. The experience sharing was a useful exercise and the educators learnt from the experience of the resource persons. All the educators of PAB-Ghaziabad cluster, along with supervisors, mobilisers and coordinators assembled for the workshop at their nodal centre. A small ice breaking session was initiated by the coordinator which put the participants at ease. After the introduction round, the trainers questioned the educators on their journey with life and AROH's program. They were charmed by their enthusiastic replies.

At this juncture Mrs Kiran posed questions to the educators on creative knowledge. Only fifty percent of the present educators were able to show their talents in front of them. Mrs Kiran explained the exact meaning of 'craft' and how one could enhance their talent by imbibing the simple techniques using old waste materials like papers, match boxes, sticks, cotton, candy papers, used clothes and even left over vegetables and pulses.

Hands-on training boosted the participants and they made flowers and flower pots from waste boxes, puppets from sticks and small logs, soft toys using cotton balls, and toys



from used bottles. All the educators enjoyed the session thoroughly and even got their queries answered. They also ensured that they would teach their students and would enrich the tender ones craft skills.

North East Delhi Cluster

At the NED cluster a 3 day workshop was conducted on 2, 4 & 5 January, 2012 at their nodal office in Jawahar Park. The workshop was headed by Mr. Ashish Kumar, Mr. Deepak Singh and Ms. Aarti Thapa respectively. The main thrust of the workshop was to impart skilled teaching techniques using various methodology,

maintaining the decorum of the PAB center, neat and cleanliness of the area around the centre etc. An insight of the sponsors views and expectations and how to conduct oneself during the sponsors visit was also briefed.

Apart from that a short presentation about 'Right to Education' was also screened to help the educators in smooth mobilizing. A recalling session on vision and mission of 'Padho aur Badho' was conducted to keep them focused in their goals. Educators were also briefed on the approaching techniques of



government officials and the hierarchy of the order for mainstreaming the beneficiaries.

Ms Aarti Thapa explained them about the ways of filling PAB registration forms, preparing case studies, fun ways of teaching and learning etc. The workshop benefitted all the 42 PAB educators and 17 VT instructors. Even the supervisors pitched in and helped them to analyze the worth of education through street plays.

The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks by the Coordinator and wishing them a beautiful enchanting year ahead.

Noida & East Delhi and South Delhi Cluster

Similarly a Capacity building workshop was organized for the said clusters on 6th & 7th January 2012 respectively by Project Coordinator Mr. Deepak Singh. All the Educators, Supervisors and Cluster Coordinator of both the cluster participated in the same. Padho aur Badho's initiative, Vision, Mission and Goal, Principles and Strategy, Educator's roles & responsibilities, Centers and its infrastructure, Time Schedule, Curriculum, Teaching Methods and Teaching techniques, Teaching Aids, Activities at NFE Center, Events, Case Studies, Success Stories, Area Profile, Tracking mainstreamed beneficiaries and Orientation on Right to Education, how to approach school, whom to contact at which level, filling PAB registration forms and other formats, how to make studies student friendly and on how to maintain decorum of classes were highlighted again to those present.

Educator's Corner

PAB welcomes the only Male Educator - Amit Kumar



Mostly all the educators of PAB centres are girls and women but only one stands apart in the group. He is Amit Kumar who adorns the role of an educator at G-443, Tigri camp PAB centre. He teaches the beneficiaries during the day and attends his graduation classes in the second half as he is currently enrolled for his B.Com course under DU.

His father a laborer wished all his children to be educated but the meager income earned by him could only support up to a certain extent. Realizing the dilemma Amit on his own discontinued his studies after intermediate so that his younger siblings can complete their turn of education.

Seeing the same incapability of other kids fathers in his community he thought of helping them out by taking classes for the younger ones but bringing all under one roof seemed next to impossible. At this point he heard about requirement of educator at AROH's PAB centre, he applied himself and got selected.

Each and every day he feels satisfied coz he could teach the kids and nurture their future. Being the only male among the entire group didn't deter him and is rather happy to being associated with the Foundation.

Events and Activities - February 2012

Noida & East Delhi Cluster

1	Buddy Bus	6 th Feb 2012
2	Educators Workshop	7 th Feb 2012
3	Painting Competition	28 th Feb 2012

South Delhi Cluster

1	Handicraft Workshop	4 th Feb 2012
2	Educators Workshop	6 th Feb 2012

North East Delhi

1	Educators Workshop	3rd Feb 2012
2	Cloth Distribution	8 th Feb 2012
3	Quiz Competition	22 nd Feb 2012]

Ghaziabad Cluster

1	Educators Workshop	4 th Feb 2012
2	Health Camp	15 th Feb 2012
3	Debate Competition	21 st Feb 2012

Republic Day Celebrations by PAB Centres

Even though India got its freedom in 1947, constitution was not amended till 26-January' 1950 . To honour the declaration of Independence this day was chosen as Republic day. The day is celebrated as national festival by the entire country and has been declared as a National Holiday.

The Foundation being the front runner in celebrating the national festivals with unprivileged section of the society and with great aplomb organized a Republic day celebration at its four PAB clusters viz-a-viz Noida & East Delhi, North East Delhi, South Delhi and Ghaziabad.

Mr. Devendra Kumar, Nigam Parshad, East Delhi was invited as the chief guest at the celebration of Noida & East Delhi PAB cluster while Smt. Pushpa Chauhan (member of BJP Mahila Morcha, Lajpat Nagar, Ghaziabad) was invited as the chief guest at the celebrations held at Ghaziabad PAB cluster to boost the morale of the beneficiaries in their respective clusters.

The event was celebrated at very large scale at 3 points One at the respective Nodal Centers, second within the Community and third at each NFE Center. At Noida & East Delhi the celebration was organized at the nodal centre situated at Kalyanpuri while Ghaziabad celebrated amidst the community members at Karehra Village. At North East Delhi the celebrations took place at Gokulpuri and adjoining Nand Nagri NFE Centres whereas at South Delhi PAB cluster each NFE center under its cluster celebrated at its own place with their beneficiaries.

The day started with a Prayer and National Anthem followed by hoisting of the National Flag. After flag hoisting the chief guests of the occasions delivered a speech on the



freedom struggle and the consequences our ancestors faced while fighting for independence. The spell bound lecture instilled patriotism within the hearts of every beneficiary and those gathered around. It awakened the spirit of patriotic feelings from within.

Later, beneficiaries performed various Cultural activities like song and dance based on patriotic theme and mind enhancing activities like Debate, GK quiz, etc. The beneficiaries of every cluster

performed a Nukkad Natak rehearsed in prior with their educators on How important education is and conveyed the message crystal clear through their act.

At the end refreshments were distributed to one and all. IDC Technologies, Noida & Nigam Parishad Mr. Devendra Kumar sponsored the refreshment for the event and project coordinator thanked for the noble cat. The event ended with the vote of thanks.

Lohri Celebrations

Lohri is celebrated as a season festival. It is a festival dedicated to the end of winter season in some parts of the country whereas it is celebrated as a Harvest festival in some other parts of the country. The harvest of grains, seeds, canes symbolizes the prosperity. Reaping season is celebrated as Lohri or as Makar Sankranthi. This day sun shifts into the new sign Makar indicating the end of cold season and start of warm season.

To rejoice and regale, Lohri festival was organized at PAB South Delhi cluster at B-1350, Gali No 2 Sangam Vihar on 13 January, 2012. Educators of the entire cluster along with 60 PAB beneficiaries converged at the venue.

Councilor of the area was invited as the chief guest along with Pradhan, Chairman, Vice Chancellor and Social Activist's. The program started at 11 AM by lighting the bonfire by the chief guest. Kids started moving around the bonfire singing the traditional Lohri song and others followed. As per the tradition they threw peanuts, Popcorn and Coconuts into the fire worshipping the God for providing solace.

A traditional folk song and dance program was carried out by the educators to rejoice the occasion. Volunteers and the guests enjoyed the program and even participated in it. The program got over by 4.30 PM with distribution of sweets like Rewari, Gazak and peanuts.



PAB Educator's Celebrate New Year



AROH's PAB team ushered the New Year with their educators and beneficiaries in tow by celebrating through an outing. To have a delightful and motivated year ahead the educators of Ghaziabad cluster planned a celebration of togetherness by coming out in group. On 2 January, 2012 all the 42 educators under the said cluster gathered at Priyadarshani Park. The coordinator of the cluster initiated the program by wishing them a Prosperous New Year and in turn all wished one another. Some fun loving activities were carried out along with games like antakshari, passing the parcel and dumb charades.

Since the activity was planned out for 6 hours all the educators brought with them their lunch boxes as well. During the break they sat in a group and shared their food with one another. A small brain storming exercise was conducted post lunch to see any new ideas crop up for the betterment of the project.

Later all indulged in the Train Ride and boating inside the Park. The entire team had a ball on the day and enjoyed it to the fullest. Ms Deepa thanked one and all for taking a day off for themselves



कार्यशाला में शिक्षिका को किया प्रशिक्षित

PAB IN MEDIA

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आरोह ने गरीब बच्चों के साथ मनाया गणतंत्र दिवस

शेराबाद, 27 जनवरी। गणतंत्र दिवस मौके पर आरोह फाउंडेशन ने गेल के सौजन्य से स्वयं श्रिया के गरीब बच्चों के साथ गणतंत्र दिवस मनाया। कार्यक्रम पढ़ा और बच्चों के कुल 100 बच्चों मौजूद थे। बच्चों के इस मौके पर शैक्षणिक कार्यक्रम और देशभक्ति गीत प्रस्तुत किए। कार्यक्रम की शुरुआत बच्चों ने राष्ट्रगान से शुरू किया। इसके बाद बच्चों ने कार्यक्रम में अपनी सहभागिता देते हुए अलग-अलग रूप में अपने आप को प्रस्तुत किया, कोई बच्चों अलग अलग के रूप में दिखा तो कोई गायी और नृत्य के रूप में।

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Where there is a will, there is a way...

SNEHA's family had migrated to Delhi a few years back, in search of work. With the passage of time, the family grew to seven members, with only two of them earning. But then one more tragedy was waiting to befall upon them—Sneha's father passed away. Her mother could not afford to grieve her husband's loss as she had hungry children to feed. Her elder daughter joined her in earning the bread and started working as maid. Somehow, they survived hunger but school and study remained elusive to them. It was a herculean task to get necessary documents ready for admission, and she neither had time nor the money to get her work done.



When AROH Mobiliser met them with an offer to educate them free of cost, under Padho Aur Badho programme, the family grabbed the opportunity. Her mother started sending all the five girls to school. Although it meant loss of money but mother said, "if they manage to get education, they will not have to slog like this. We can go hungry sometimes and we are not going to die, but if they miss this opportunity, their chances of a decent life will surely die".

Their sacrifices and hard work have started to pay results. We have got three girls admitted in government school and two this year. This family has been through a real transformation in just a few months. Earlier, there were five illiterate girls with practically no future, but now there are five literate girls who plan to do big in life. We wish them good luck in their future endeavors.