



Azad Shiksha Kendra Jaunpur

## **Annual Progress Report Year 2022 - 23**

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Azad Shiksha Kendra (ASK), Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh was registered as a Trust in 2004. It is a non-political and non-profit organization organization engaged in socio-economic up-liftment and welfare of poor and deprived sections of the society with a explicit focus on most backward and minority dominated regions of the state. The organization draws its ideeological strength from Gandhian ideals and secular and democratic values. It it has brought together a dedicated group of professionals like doctors, lawyers and social workers to address the developmental issues emerging in focal regions. Besides, there is a team of dedicated workers guided by voluntary spirit and social commitment.

As an organization we are essentially concerned with the elimination of child labour, protection of women, promotion of education and health care, rural livelihood enhancement and right to information etc. And the programmes are largely focused on Muslim, Dalit and Musahar communities in Azamgarh and Saharanpur districts, besides, of course, Jaunpur.

Right since the inception, the organization has undertaken large number of projects/programmes which enabled lakhs of people from partner communities to have better access to health care, nutrition, literacy and education, livelihood etc. The main thrust has been on women empowerment and child development. Strategically, we maintain better coordination and rapport with government agencioes/departments, PRIs, local NGOs/CBOs and women led organizations at various levels.

**Subjects that the organization has worked on and currently engaged in**

There have essentially been three permanent issues on the agenda of the organization right since the beginning. These encompass Primary Education, *Madarsah* Education and Child Rights, involving whole range of education and health rights of children.

The following activities have been done this year under the leadership of Managing Trustee Mr Nisar Ahmad Khan :

April 2022 to March 2023 .. Names of the schemes - Russcholarship , Ladli Yojana , Widow Pension , Disabled Pension , Old Age Pension , Ration Card , PM Kisan Nidhi Yojana , Sukanya Samridhi Yojana , Matritva Vandana , Free Sewing Machine Scheme , Marriage Grant , Divorced The deprived community was made aware of pension social security by giving community meetings and training and benefits were provided to the eligible beneficiaries. 3738 people from our community and 69 officials from different departments reached out.



In our meeting and training, 375 people became aware and 2350 deprived communities were helped -

S.No.	Area of work Name	Meeting and training	Reach Out	Interchange	Number of beneficiaries
1	Punhana Mewat	35	525	290	433
2	Alwar Rajasthan	18	438	200	253
3	North East Delhi	46	393	328	84
4	Barpeta Assam	40	475	310	424
5	Shaan Pura Kashmir	16	270	210	108
6	Madhubani Sitamani Bihar	16+15	411+80	85+20	177+89
7	Muzaffar Nagar	71	550	250	320
8	Meerut	15	150	22	120
9	Bareilly	15	300		233
10	Jaunpur	88	200	115	109

**Employment-** ASK Program Of under Our All Work Area In Our employees By survey Did Gaya , after the survey , a report was prepared which revealed that due to lack of skills in the workplace, women were not able to get employment . By joining the ASK Employment Center, 30 types (item name Tirupati Kaj Button , Eye hook , bloomer , kameez , plain salwar , belted salwar , bud frock , umbrella frock , gents kurta , pajama , gents pant , shirt , blouse , petticoat , top , skirt , trouser lehenga , koti , gown , naira cut suit , Cutting and stitching of stitches in different designs like neck design , mohri design , sleeve design , headgear , garara , divider , etc.) were taught , as well as machine repairing was taught , 540 stitches were taught in the entire session , which created 341 employment opportunities . able to connect with-

S.No	Field Name	Taught	Employment Related
1	Punhana Mewat	60	36
2	North East Delhi	120	90

3	Barpeta Assam	60	33
4	Shaan Pura Kashmir	45	35
5	Madhubani	60	30
6	Meerut	30	18
7	Bareilly	60	30
8	Firozabad	45	29
9	Jaunpur	60	40

**Education-** ASK program, a survey was conducted by its employees in all its work areas . After the survey, a report was prepared which revealed that children in the work area are being drafted out , due to lack of understanding and information, from the main stream of education. are being deprived , we held a meeting with parents and teachers and prepared a list of drafted out children and everyone was linked to the school.

From April 2022 to March 2023 , 239 children were enrolled in the school and 219 beneficiaries were benefited from the scholarship received from the government and by enrolling 162 children in our training and providing basic education , they will be enrolled in 2023.

S.No	Area of work Name	Admission in school	Benefit in scholarship	Admission in training center
1	North East Delhi	46	42	31
2	Shaan Pura Kashmir	26	28	25
3	sitamani bihar	12	11	28
4	Muzaffar Nagar	4 RTE		20
5	Bareilly	15	20	38
6	Jaunpur	25	3	20
7	Punhana Mewat	60	38	No Center
8	Alwar Rajasthan	30	33	No Center
9	Madhubani	10	16	No Center
10	Barpeta Assam	15	11	No Center

Under the legal training ASK program, a survey was conducted by its employees in all their work areas , after the survey, a report was prepared which revealed that due to lack of information in the work area, they keep tolerating the atrocities being done to them , there is a lack of access to justice . unable to plead-

Issues Name of Issue Human Rights Child Marriage Child Labor Domestic Violence Molestation of Women Inalienable, Fundamental Rights Women's Rights

S.No.	Field Name	Total No. of Legal Training	No of Participants
1	North East Delhi	12	437
2	barpeta assam	7	231
3	Meerut	6	186
4	Firozabad	6	136
5	Jaunpur	6	

**Sadbhavna-** ASK program, a survey was conducted by its employees in all their work areas . After the survey, a report was prepared which revealed that in the work area

Total - 28

15 August 2022

children's Day

26 January 2022

Women's Day



S.No.	Field Name	Number of meeting	Name of participants	Number of participants
1	North East Delhi	6	Teachers Community Children and Parents CBSE District Child Protection Officer	220
2	Barpeta Assam	3	Community, Employment Students, Teachers Government School Students	170
3	Muzaffar Nagar	3		120
4	Jaunpur	4		130
5	Meerut	1		40
6	Bareilly	4		180
7	Madhubani	2+1	Community People, Students, Madrasa Students, Teachers, Employment Students	325
8	Punhana Mewat	3	Students Government Schools, Madrasas Teachers Community People and Employment Students	185
9	Shanpura Kashmir	1	Community Education Student	32

**Youth Adda-** Azad Shiksha Kendra organized a youth adda program in the ASK office on the dated 03 April 2022, The meeting was to plan the proceedings of incoming youth-adda. The participants were introduced to each other and a brief conversation on as to what all topics will be covered during the youth adda. The participants were then divided in two groups, with one group leader for every 10 youths.



The youth groups, who had attended the previous programmes, were asked to share their experiences with everyone. The participants were then given topics on which they were to organize meetings which were as followed; Gender, religion-based discrimination, caste-based discrimination, dowry. The time-line of prospective meetings was decided and the meeting ended with snacks.

**Youth Jamghat-** Azad Shiksha Kendra organized a youth Jamghat program in the ASK office on the dated 10 April 2022, The event began with a song and after a brief introduction the participants were asked that if they were made a chief minister for a day, what would they do? The facilitator asked the participants to share the change they may have undertone after being associated with ISD. Some of the responses were as following-



Shilpa mentioned that she couldn't express herself before being associate with ISD and ASK. However, she can express herself freely now. Rupam mentioned that she used to have discriminatory behavior earlier which now has decreased to a great extent. Safalta said that she couldn't interact with boys, which has now changed. Anjula mentioned that she didn't use to let labor working in her fields drink water in the vessels she uses personally. She eventually realized that everyone is equal and has tried to being in change in her attitude.

The facilitator mentioned that ISD, along with AKS has been trying to work towards building a peaceful society which is free of discrimination. The facilitators drew a parallel between the 90s and today's society, the differences as well as the similarities. The meeting ended with songs and snacks.

**Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Jayanti-** Azad Shiksha Kendra organized a Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Jayanti in the **Sarap Chauraha, Kheta Sarai, Jaunpur** on the dated 14 April 2022. We organized Ambedkar's birth anniversary on a large scale. Everyone was pretty excited and people



gathered around Ambedkar's bust from the morning itself. Since we hadn't been able to organize Gazi Miya ka Mela for the last two years because of Covid restrictions, this celebration made everyone's excitement reach at a different level.

**Youth Jamghat-** Azad Shiksha Kendra organized a youth Jamghat program in the ASK office on the dated 17 April 2022, The event began with a song and after a brief introduction the participants were asked that if they were made a chief minister for a day, what would they do? The facilitator asked the participants to share the change they may have undertone after being associated with ASK. Some of the responses were as following- Khushi responded that she used to indulge in caste-based discrimination, however her attitude has change now. Shivangi mentioned that earlier whenever she boys/men, she used to change her direction. If she saw a boy in a shop, she wouldn't enter. But she has gained confidence to interact with boys/men. Gaurav underlined how he can put across his opinion with confidence.



The facilitator spoke about the history of ASK work that how it has been doing trainings, workshops with women, youth groups in Shah Ganj block. The trainings and workshops were to discuss the issues of caste-based discrimination, gender discrimination, inequality etc.

**Meeting-** Azad Shiksha Kendra organized Meeting in the ASK Office one the dated 24 April 2022, The meeting started with a song and the participants were asked to make presentations on the distinction between the 80s-90s and the contemporary times. Some of the points which emerged were- the difference in agricultural practices, community bonding, growth of motorized vehicles, decrease in superstition, widow remarriage etc. The presentations led to illuminating conversations/discussions around the changes which time has brought.

One of the facilitators had a detailed discussion around superstition and fake news. The participants were asked to jot down 5 instances of superstition and fake news each for the next event.

**Iftar Party-** Azad Shiksha Kendra, organized an Iftar party at the latter's office in which people from all walks of life participated. The aim of the party was to underline the importance of strengthening peace and communal harmony in society. Everyone broke their fast at the same time and



some of the participants also offered a prayer. The facilitator mentioned that the month of Ramadan is a month of piety and forgiveness. The idea of organizing such an event is to create communal harmony and a space to learn from each other. The hope is to revive 'Ganga-Jamuna Tehzeeb' in the country.

**Exposure visit to Uttarakhand -** An exposure visit was organized to Uttarakhand from macchlisheher and Shahganj block on the dated 26 April 2022. The youth were very excited. Some of them hadn't seen mountains before and some of them hadn't been on a train ever before, so all of them were enthusiastic about it.

After a long train ride, we reached Kathgodam. The mountainous view made the youth very excited. They were clicking pictures and having loads of fun. The hotel was about five hours away from the train station, so we started the onward journey. After, reaching the hotel and getting some rest, we went to see Kumaun



grameenudyog where the artisans were busy knitting. The youth had several questions to ask which were answered. There are about 30 people working at the workshop.

The youth next day after having breakfast went sight-seeing. Everyone had a lot of fun, clicked pictures. We also went to see a temple called 'Mahadev'. We went back to the village where ISD is active. We organized a meeting with the locals where we discussed our work being done in Jaunpur. The idea was to familiarize everyone with each other's work. We catalogued all of our work; the methodologies used. Bimla ji discussed their work in Uttarakhand and said how they have been working in their area for the past ten years. We also discussed that changes and transformations happening in society and how it has affected the way people interact with each other. The Uttarakhand team also catalogues the initiatives they have been taking

We had planned to go to Nainital the next day. Everyone was pretty excited. We went to the lake which looked grand. The next stop was Nainadevi temple. The plan was to go to the station directly from Nainital.

**LCP Meeting-** was organized at azad shiksha Kendra office on the dated 28 April 2022 Participant- 12, We continuously hold meeting with our youth groups so as to know about their work at the grassroots. The facilitator mentioned that to counter violence in society, we are using LCP as a tool so as to spread message of peace.

We discussed ways in which moments of conflict can be diffused. The idea is basically to learn strategies to counter violence. Examples were given as to in situations of conflict what can one do to not let a situation go out of control.

The facilitator mentioned that what needs to understand the reasons which may have caused conflict. It is only then when can find solutions. One solution cannot fit to all issues.

**Youth Adda-** orgnized at Azad Shiksha Kendra Jaunpur Office on the dated 8 May 2022.

The day started with a song and then the participants were asked to make presentations on instances of superstitions and fake news-

**Superstition-**

- **Black cat crossing one's path is considered a bad omen**
- **Crying cats and dogs are considered bad omen.**



- Sneezing before leaving the house may lead to bad luck
- Spilling of milk is a bad sign

#### **Fake news-**

- People share pictures of gods and goddesses on social media sites and ask everyone to share as it would help them fulfill their desires.
- Hying government schemes and giving people fake assurances that they will be able to access it as soon as possible.
- During the covid induced lockdown, there were a lot of fake news being circulated.

The facilitator elaborated those superstitions are enmeshed in our culture. We have been hearing them since the dawn of the time. It further gets difficult to disentangle oneself from them. They further mentioned that fake news can be spread for a variety of reasons, such as personal, political or economic gains. Hence it is necessary that we use our logic to figure out what is true or not. The conversation revolved around gender, gender roles and the necessity of educating girls.

**Youth Adda** orgnized at Azad Shiksha Kendra Office on the dated 9 May 2022. The event started with a folk-songs and then the facilitator asked the participants to make presentations on the difference between the 80s and today. The following were some of the responses:

#### **The environment during the 80s-**

- Cycle, horses, bullock cart
- Organic fertilizers
- Writing letters, radio
- Use of jaggery
- Parda system
- Community living
- 'Shramkebadleshram' (reciprocating labour)
- The environment was clean and the air fresh
- Entire village used to watch from one television
- People were more superstitious



#### **Today's environment-**

- Usage of LPG for cooking

- Equal education
- Eating patterns have changed. Inclusion of more processed food.
- Pollution has increased
- People have become more boastful
- Chemical fertilizers' use has increased exponentially
- Superstitious believes have decreased to a great extent

The facilitator then discussed regarding fake news and how it has created rifts in our society. The necessity is to save ourselves from this and to critically view everything. We can take help from each other to know the reality of things. The participants were then asked to jot down five instances of superstitious believes and fake news and prepare a presentation for the next meeting.

**Gazi Miya ka Mela to maintain communal harmony-** Orgnized at khetasarai on the

dated 12 May 2022, There are several such events in our society which work as a binding factor between communities. To bridge gaps between people, ISD has been working at the grassroots. Such traditions have been getting lost which ISD has been trying to revive. The aim is to create a society san any discrimination.



There is a mela in Kheta Sarai which is organized in several other districts as well. I think there is only one such fair where there is no seemingly visible discrimination. People from all walks of life attend the fair, without any hesitation. Everyone has an equal stake in the fair.

Gazi Miya ka mela holds an important space in Jaunpur and the nearby areas. The fair starts from a village called Maneda. Gazi Miya had stopped there. It is the reason why the fair begins from this village. Communities take a procession from Jaunpur to Maneda. The fair then starts from 8 pm onwards. The fair starts a month before. Communities keep roza (fast). People sing songs, visit each other. The fair goes from one village to the other.

The fair has taken the guise of a tradition. If communities are asked then they say that the fair has been going on since the times of their ancestors. People think that organizing the fair brings prosperity in people's lives.

Communities have deep affection with the fair. After coming back, they organize a big 'Kanoori' which is as big as a wedding celebration. Relatives visit and feasts are organized. The fair brings communities together. Everyone participates and nobody bothers about, at least for some time, which caste, religion the person belongs to.

ISD, along with Azad Shiksha Kendra, created 'Ekta Manch' to bring different communities on the same plane. The idea is to limit instances of conflict and tension.



**Youth Adda-** Organized a youth adda program in the office on the dated 21 May 2022. The youth adda started with a song and the participants were then asked to make presentations on the task which was given during the last youth adda. The youth groups made presentations which included the following points, cumulative of what everyone said:

**Superstitions-** a) Breaking of glass is considered a bad omen.

b) sneezing before leaving the home or at the start of an event is again a bad omen.

c) Black cat crossing one's way.

**Fake News-**

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**Youth Adda-** Organized a youth adda program in the office on the dated 22 May 2022. The youth adda started with a song. The participants were then asked to make presentations on the task which was given during the last youth adda.

The facilitator elaborated on the importance of libraries. He mentioned that libraries give a comfortable space to the kids so that they can read and write. It gives them the space to grow, learn and interact with other students. It also gives the



opportunity and provide accessibility to students who otherwise cannot afford to buy books. The day was also filled with various activities/games etc.

**LCP Meeting-** Organized LCP Meeting in the office on the dated 31 May 2022 Participant-15, It was a monthly meeting with our youth group under LCP. the participants were asked if they managed to finish their tasks, but they mentioned that for certain reasons they couldn't finish it.

Then we discussed about the rally on May 1st, Labor Day. They mentioned that the rally was a success as everyone showed keen interest. It was decided that World Environment Day will also be celebrated on 5th June and they were ready to come on the 4th to make preparations like writing slogans and planting trees.



The facilitator added that only taking out a rally will not aid in awareness. They should also plant trees around their houses and look after them for at least three years. Strategies for the environment day were also formalized.

**Gender Workshop-** organized by Azad Shiksha Kendra jaunpur on the dated 1st-2nd June, 2022 Participants-31,

**Day 1-** The day started with songs and brief introductions of each other. The facilitator then posed three questions-

- How do we define gender?
- What is patriarchy?
- How has society understood gender?



They then asked the participants their expectations from the workshop. The following were the answers-

- Will get to know about gender
- Will get to play
- Will get to learn new things
- Will make new friends

The facilitator asked the participants to catalogue five things which make up their identity-

**Clothes, conversations, caste, class, religion, education etc.**

The facilitator mentioned that our work has been divided on the basis of our identity. Whereas men are expected to look after work outside the home. Women on the other hand are expected to look after household chores.

The facilitator asked them that have they ever contemplated as to why are they assigned certain work? Why is it that some work is restricted to only men and some to only women?

The girls mentioned that if given a chance, we would also go out and roam around the way the boys do.

The next session was on to understand the patriarchy. The facilitator mentioned that patriarchy means power around and with men. All institutions revolve around consolidating men's power. Women are relegated inferior positions in a patriarchal setup. The facilitator gave a set of questions to the participants and they had to give 1 mark each for statement they have done in their lives. The facilitator then said that the more one

scored in this exercise, the more freedom they have in their lives. They did several other exercises to show how we are conditioned to feel and behave in a certain way. Nothing is natural to being a particular sex, it is the social conditioning which leads to behavioral changes.

The facilitator then spoke about the difference between *sex* and *gender*. The former is biological and the latter social.

The participants were asked to catalogue changes that boys and girls go through while growing up and they subsequently made charts to show the changes. A brief conversation was held on menstruation and superstitions/restrictions around it.

**Day 2-** the day started with a song. The facilitator answered some of the questions that the participants had. They then had an elaborate discussion on patriarchy, patriarchal institutions which favor men.

For example, who takes most important decisions at home? It is mostly men. There is nothing natural about them being inclined towards leadership. They are



conditioned from the very beginning to take leadership roles or else get mocked at so usually do not have the choice to say no to responsibilities.

With the help of an activity, it was shown how the restriction on women's mobility doesn't let them progress on an individual level. This is the reason why they are not able to reach where men have. But we have also seen that if given a chance, women, if not better, have done equally well.

The facilitator touched upon several issues such as abortion, women's rights and their aspirations.

**Youth Adda-** Organized at ASK Office Jaunpur On the dated- 9 June 2022. The participants were given a task to write songs in the previous Adda. So, this day was preserved for making those presentations. They were asked about the process they followed and the challenges they faced.

After the presentations, the participants discussed the drawings they had made around the theme of Composite Heritage. We asked to prepare plays to be performed during the next Adda.



**Youth Jamghat-** Organized at ASK Office Jaunpur On the dated- 16 June 2022. Today's work was to present theatrical plays on Composite Heritage which was decided in the earlier Adda. The first group presented on traditional fairs, the second on Eid Milan, the third on Gandhi Jayanti and the fourth performed Kajri. They discussed the importance of preserving Composite Heritage and the day ended with distributing snacks.



**Meeting with women-** A Meeting was organized in Said Gorari on dated 22 June 2022 Participants- 15, This meeting was to discuss the necessity to save money, open saving accounts so that money can be saved for a rainy day. A lot of women from other villages have taken advantage of this method. The idea is to empower women and raise awareness regarding such things.



**Meeting with women-** A Meeting was organized in Khalil Gorari on dated 23 June 2022 Participants-15, The meeting touched upon factors like gender justice and the importance of treating girls and boys equally. The world has progressed where girls are doing everything. We also need to keep up with its progress.

**Meeting to discuss Organic agriculture-** This Meeting was organized in Shahapur on dated 24 June 2022 Participants- 15, the meeting began with a song. The motive of the meeting was to discuss the importance of organic agriculture. It was discussed that the agricultural practices we are involved in are affecting our health.



Hence, it is important to go back to earlier modes of agriculture as it was in alignment with our health.

**LCP meeting with the youth-** Azad Shiksha Kendra Organized LCP Meeting in the ASK Office Jaunpur on the dated 26 June 2022 Participants-52, The participants were welcomed. The facilitator mentioned how there is not only economic issues, but also political ones in our country today. Conflicts have increased tremendously, hence it is important that we keep maintaining harmony. They further mentioned that we also need to inculcate patience. If the constitution has given rights, it has also given us responsibilities. It is important to stay aligned with constitutional morality.



They underlined the way in which current government is mishandling issues and spreading hatred in the name of religion. Religion doesn't discriminate against anyone; it is the people who make such boundaries. They mentioned the right to choose and gave example of Himachal that how Himachali society is relatively free and women can make choices and find life partners of their own will. The next facilitator mentioned that Composite Heritage can be good as well as bad. If we have to understand divisions, then we need to see why have hierarchies in terms of gender, religion, caste have been made. Religion means being humanitarian and kind. If we want dignity and respect, we should give it to others as well.

If we want to build a peaceful society, then we need to change our thought process. They underlined the hypocrisy of political parties that they have been spreading anti-muslim sentiments. However, their own kids are marrying Muslim partners. So, it is quite clear that they have nothing against the religion, Islam. They are just using majoritarian sentiment to garner votes.

The facilitator reiterated the importance of constitutional morality and its significance in leading a peaceful and dignified life.

There were a few participants who visited a city for the first time so everything was a new experience for them.

**Meeting with Women-** A meeting was organized in Said gorari on dated 2 July 2022 Participants-15, the meeting was to discuss the idea of Composite Heritage. By giving various examples, the process formation of Composite Heritage was discussed. It was discussed how Composite Heritage can also be negative and one needs to be cautious in dismantling structures which give a nudge to negative forms of Composite Heritage to grow.

**Meeting with Women-** A meeting was organized in Khalil gorari on dated 3 July 2022 Participants-12, The meeting was to discuss various aspects of Composite Heritage and the necessity of living together in harmony. The idea was to underline the importance and beauty of coming together in building a society based on values of love, compassion, kindness and solidarity.

**Youth Jamghat-** Organized by Azad Shiksha Kendra khetasarai on the dated 3 July 2022, The day started with songs and an analysis of previous events. The participants were advised to carry a notebook and a pen with them as it helps in cataloguing their experiences. Then there were presentations and some of the participants gave presentation on their reading of certain books.

- Chandrashekhar on *Kho Gai Gend*
- Shilpa on *Cheenu, MeenuaurGogo*
- Suhani on *DillikeBacche*



They were then advised that whenever they narrate a story, try to leave it at a point which leaves the audience curious to know more. And if they asked about the ending of the story then ask them to read the book to know more. The youth were then asked to read out passages aloud so that they get into the habit of reading and it also helps in correcting their mistakes. It also helps in making them remember stories etc. The day ended with snacks etc.

**Youth Adda-** Organized by Azad Shiksha Kendra khetasarai on the dated 5 July 2022

Participants- 48, The day started with a song and the participants were asked about their experience of previous Addas and what all they learnt from it. They mentioned that they learnt about the menace of child marriage, difference in the way we live, eat, clothe etc. They were then asked to share what they had written on child marriage. Later, a discussion



was held on the relevance of libraries. Library plays a fundamental role in a society's growth and progress. It renders a space for everyone to read and grow as individuals which would in turn help the society. The day ended with giving the participants tasks for the next meeting.

**Youth Adda-** Organized by Azad Shiksha Kendra khetasarai on the dated 6 July 2022,

The day started with a song sung by one of the participants. Two other participants sang a song. One participants renditioned a poem.

The participants were then asked to give presentation on tasks given to them in previous addas. Our activity 'Book Talk' which entails giving three participants to read a different book each and make presentations on them.



The next activity is to make the participants to read out passages/stories/poetry aloud.

They were then asked to choose a book of their liking to take back home and prepare presentations for the next event. The necessity of making kids spend time in library is that it can help them in learning about folk culture and art.

**Meeting with Women-** Organized by Azad Shiksha Kendra khetasarai on the dated 16 July 2022 Participants- 16, The meeting was to discuss various topics, such as Composite Heritage, gender equality etc. one of the participants, who had brought her daughter,

mentioned how they are unable to send their daughter to school after 11th standard. But it was discussed that they should come up with some idea so that the girl be sent school. They were advised to send their children to youth addas which are organized by ISD.

**Youth Adda-** Organized by Azad Shiksha Kendra khetasarai on the dated 17 July 2022

Participants- 36, A youth adda was organized and it began with a song underlining BR Ambedkar's importance in Indian society. It was followed by discussion of previous youth adda and presentations of the task given followed by necessary feedback.



A discussion on constitutional values was held so as to develop constitutional morality

amongst the participants. Fundamental rights were discussed which are as followed-

- Right to equality
- Right to freedom
- Right against discrimination
- Right to practice one's religion
- Right to preserve one's culture

Fundamental duties were also discussed. Tasks for the next adda were given and the meeting ended with snacks.

**Youth Adda-** Organized by Azad Shiksha Kendra khetasarai on the dated 24 July 2022

Participants- 48, The meeting started with songs. The participants were then asked to make presentations on tasks (fundamental rights and duties) given in the last Adda. Then, the participants were divided into four groups and write on the environment. They were then given a task for the next Adda. They had to come having composed a song.



**LCP meeting** - Organized by Azad Shiksha Kendra khetasarai on the dated 26 July 2022  
Participants- 14, We hold meetings with the youth every month by giving them tasks to work at the grassroots. However, this time the participants were busy with admissions and tests so they couldn't finish the task given to them in the previous meeting.



Some of the girls mentioned that they went to police station so as to understand the process of filing a complaint. They mentioned how the police officer there informed them about helpline numbers they can contact in case of a case of emergency such as eve-teasing etc. they shouldn't hesitate before calling the police and any call will be quickly responded to. The facilitator mentioned that it was important for them to visit the police station as it will help them get used to it and they can file a complaint without any fear. They were also asked to go through the process of filing an FIR. The following tasks were given to them-

- To search online about Hiroshima and ask their families/neighbors about it.
- To search about red-cross society and the efforts it did during the second world war.

**Community Leaders Meeting-** Azad Shiksha Kendra organized a Community Leaders Meeting on the dated 27 July 2022

Participants- 21, The meeting was to discuss how to empower community leaders to take initiatives to maintain hygiene at the village level. We discussed with members of the village assembly so as to have a conversation with the school principal who in turn can advise students to use the toilet. This will help them in changing their habit of defecating in public which ensure their good health. They can then advise their families too.



Another thing which was discussed was to develop small kitchen gardens around public areas. Children/youth can be inspired to plant more and more trees. The importance of

organic fertilizers was also talked about and everyone was asked to have such conversations with people around them. Goat rearing can be taken up as an employment which not only can help in making organic fertilizer but goat's milk is also very nutritious.

Everyone who was present agreed to all of this and promised that they will bring up these issues at their personal as well as official level.

**LCP Meeting-** Organized by Azad Shiksha Kendra Jaunpur on the dated 31 July 2022

Participants- 32, We hold regular meetings with our youth groups to understand regional conflicts, the changes which have happened through the decades- which may have led to old things being replaced by the new ones. They are given task during



every meeting which they need to finish by the next meeting. This time we thought that we'd bring youth from Machhli Sheher and khet Sarai in the same meeting so that they can learn from each other.

The meeting started with introductions and the participants were given a brief history of 'DO NO HARM.' Everyone then was asked to write down an answer to why LCP was formed. The following were the answers-

- to maintain peace at the local level
- To capacitate people to resolve minor conflicts on their own

They were asked who are the ones in a village who try to resolve issues/conflicts? They responded that it is mostly women who try to maintain peace and pressurize their male counterparts to resolve conflicts. The participants from Kheta Sarai were asked to catalogue what tasks they had finished and the following were the answers-

- Showed a movie on Gauri Lankesh
- Registered a girl's name in a school
- Surveyed workers in the market for rolling tabaco
- Made videos of old songs sung by elderly women

After a brief break, a discussion was held on the full-form of LCP and a difference between Composite Heritage and LCP. any such thing which works in bringing people together, let's say a Banyan tree, a community pavement can be called connectors as they bring people together on a common platform. LCP is a tool. The participants were told about the importance of noting down their observations which will further help them in looking at everything in a nuanced way. The day ended with distribution of snacks.

**Youth Adda-** Organized by Azad Shiksha Kendra khetasarai on the dated 14 August 2022 Participants- 68, The meeting started with a song. One of the participants shared what happened during the last Adda. Those who attended the youth convention shared their experiences. Some of them who went on an exposure visit to Jharkhand shared their experiences of immersing in Jharkhandi culture, songs, food etc.



The participants were then divided in 10 groups and asked to make paintings on Composite Heritage like Qutab Minar, Atala masjid, majar kuan, taj mahal etc. they also discussed as to why these monuments are our Composite Heritages.

The next activity was to divide them in five groups and prepare theatrical plays on the following themes-

- Raksha Bandhan
- Independence Day
- Bazar/Mela
- Eid
- Historical Monument

It was decided that they will prepare and perform these plays during the next meeting.

**Kajri Utsav-** Organized by Azad Shiksha Kendra Madeena Market khetasarai on the dated 20 August 2022 Participants- 98, Women came from Shahpur, Khaleelpur, Said Gaurari, Sodhi, Mehroda, Shekhpur Mansoor Ali etc. Everyone was welcomed and their name were registered.

The facilitator mentioned that our old festivals were based on feelings of love, kindness and warmth. They brought everyone together which was important in maintaining communal harmony. Now people are being divided in the name of religion. Kajri used to be a big event and used to be celebrated with aplomb. It used to go on for months but now we have almost lost it. We are trying to bring back that culture and emotions back.



Songs sung by women were known to everyone until a few decades back and everyone, despite being from any caste or religion, participated. Women sang different songs which underlined the importance of togetherness.

**Youth Adda-** Organized by Azad Shiksha Kendra Jaunpur on the dated 20 August 2022 Participants- 82, It was the last Youth Adda. The day started with a song. The participants were asked to share about the previous event. They had been asked to prepare theatrical plays which they were to present today. They were given 15 minutes to prep for their plays. The following topic were covered-

- Historical monument- this group showed Jaunpur's Shahi Quila that how people from different identities visit this place.
- Raksha Bandhan- this group showed the festival is celebrated.
- Eid- they showed the way Eid is celebrated. They showed how sweet dessert is prepared and everyone wears new clothes.
- Mela- this group showed how everyone frequents a mela.
- Independence Day- this group hoisted a flag and sang the national anthem.



The facilitator added the importance of organizing these meetings as they gave space to the youth to learn new things. They were asked to implement what they learnt during these meeting in their personal lives. They were given t-shirts as a token of appreciation.

**Aao Khel Khele (let us play)**- Organized by Azad Shiksha Kendra Takia Mohalla khetasarai on the dated 24 August 2022 Participants- 74, Everyone's name was registered firstly and thus the day started. The participants were made abreast about the games they would play. The idea behind this was to revive traditional games which are getting extinct day by day. This is one place where everyone gets together, no matter where they are from, which class/caste they belong to, to just play and forget everything/leave everything behind.



**Gender Workshop**- Organized by Azad Shiksha Kendra khetasarai on the dated 29th-30th August 2022 Participants- 28,

**Day 1**- The day started with a game. The participants were divided in four groups. They were asked to identify differences between them. For example, girls are different from boys. Similarly, what are the ways in which people in one group are different from each other. They were given half an hour to make presentations. The following were the responses-

**Hair is different, body type is different, difference in caste, difference in taste of food**

It was discussed that we may study in the same school but our preferences are different. We are different from our neighbors or relatives. A game was played after this.



After the games, the participants were asked about whether or not there were conflicts around them and how do they feel in case of being engulfed in a conflict? The following were the responses-

- Land conflict
- Issues because of rain water

- Animals encroaching one's agricultural land
- Conflict within families

They were asked how they feel when there is a fight and they responded that they feel terrible. At times they aren't allowed to talk to each other. But if the conflict is resolved, they feel light and happy. It was discussed that no matter how bad a conflict is, it can always be resolved and it always makes us happy. Since school was about to shut, we ended the day with this conversation.

## Day 2

The day started with a follow up of the previous day followed by a game. The participants were asked to make some drawings and were pasted on the floor. They were asked how they felt so they mentioned that they could have done better had they had more time and more colors.



After a brief break, they were made to sit in a big circle and amidst them were kept crayons and they were given the freedom to create whatever they liked. They could use as many colors as they liked. A discussion was held to discuss whether they liked these drawings or the previous ones. They mentioned that they liked these ones as they could use as many colors as they liked. It was discussed how our lives are also filled with different colors and images. They may be different but they create a beautiful collage.

**Youth Adda-** Organized by Azad Shiksha Kendra Takia Mohalla khetasarai on the dated 31st August 2022, The day started with songs. We selected some books of short stories and poetry which the participants could read. Then the participants indulged in some creativity. They made drawings of sports events and shared their views of previously held traditional games.

They then talked about Kajri celebration and they were told about the importance of Kajri. It was discussed how such celebrations are important for women as it gives them to space to be themselves as well as their entertainment.

**The Great Women Savitri bi fule Jubilee** – ASK organized a Jubilee meeting of Savitri bi fule at their regional project office Kheta Sarai on 03.01 2023 many of nearby areas women took participation in this meeting as Sondhi, Khalil Gorari, Kanvaria, Maharaura, Said gorari, Majhaura, etc. the meeting started with social prayer, and the discussion was started for women rights basically right to education, women are sharing their views that they were suffering for higher education and most of girls are not allowed to take higher secondary education from out of the villages some things similar situation are still follow in some villages but thanks to ASK for doing awareness campaign regularly among us and continuous effort doing with our community and society for strengthening women education. We are going outside to take education and our parents also support to complete our target education and suggest also for adopting better option to complete the education, this changes seen in girls education where hardly 3 or 4 girls are passed out 12 class out of 100. now the changes come at drastic form today most of the girls are complete their 12th class and they are offered to complete graduation and post graduation and girls are happy now for ASK effort they also make an example for others girls and women to take higher education. The changes come across the social harmony and common heritages now we are helpful and common supported for each others in education health and social practices. Now this way women are celebrated the Savitri bi Fule jubilee. some women are being awarded for their noble work done in their field as recognitions of girls education, facilitate for avoiding child marriages, some of women are delivered lecture on the Great women, Kismati devi and Prema devi from Kanvaria Village, are being special awarded for women feeding the food on International Day at their village at the end all participants provided refreshment and chief trustee.



**Bal Mela** –ASK and ISD organized with joint effort event as Bal Mela at Furkania Higher Secondary School Shahi Talab Kheta Sarai, Distt. Jaunpur. This event was held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023. In this event 10 Madarsa students, 8 Primary and Juniouir School

children as well as teachers and many social people approx 520 people participated from Shahganj and Khutan Blocks. This was the social event held for all child and people. It is social heritage example where all the religious and community get together enjoy avoid discrimination among them. In this event



madarsa activities done very successfully, many type of game competition, as jodi langadi daur, kho, pentings, Flying disk, Handi for etc. have been done successfully. The main theme of this event was to mixing up different schools and Madarsas students to each other's and can be self introduced among them, as well they can learn from each others. and puppet drama was performed from gandhi mohan to mahatma. in this event the children and elders took full enjoy and happiness all are thanked to each other at end. in this event the children took full enjoy and happiness all are thanked to each other at end.

**NETWORKING OF THE TRUST** : Trust is connected with the following organizations for discharging social services in a better manner :-

S. No	Name of the Organisation	S. No	Name of the Organisation
1.	Hum Kadam New Delhi	2.	Save democracy Campaign
2.	Institute for Social Democracy	4.	C.N.R.I. New Delhi
5.	Parwa New Delhi)	6.	Forum for crech and child care services (Forces)
7.	Asha Pariwar, Lucknow	8.	SaghiTakat
9.	MASAVAW Lucknow	10.	Right To Information Campaign.

**OPERATION OF NETWORKING SECRETARIAT:** The trust has shouldered the responsibility of functioning a state level office of "Save Democracy" . A joint forum has been formed comprising of 105 organisations working in 45 districts of the state. These 105 organisations are working on the issues favoring healthy democracy. Mr. Nisar Ahmad Khan is leading the responsibility as in charge of networking secretariat of the state.

- **CAMPAIGN OF RIGHT TO INFORMATION/SOCIAL AUDIT COMMITTEE** : The campaign is conducted from the office of the trust. The campaign is the common platform for all the organizations working in the district.

### **MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS OF 2023-23**

1. Youth group formation in which 100 members are now available.
2. Women coming out from their houses and came out to their houses and share all the things to their comrades.
3. Organic farming self-employment is going on progressively.
4. Women celebrated their women empowerment program and they held the program and called the organization people.
5. Women are able to send their children for education in outside of village/District.
6. Youth girls also taking increased interest in social activity program.
7. In exposure visit by the organization boys and girls are taking participation actively.
8. The Azad Shiksha Kendra was made aware of social equality, democratic rights, and common heritage in 12 villages under the ISD Program.
9. Capacity building on social heritage and democratic right for peace of the society with 20 primary and 15 junior level students of the program area.
10. 70 percent positive changes in creating social integrity and democratic values for peace by Ambedkar Jayanti, Bal Mela, Eid Milan, Savitri Bai Phule etc in the region through ISD programs.
11. The Azad Shiksha Kendra introduced social responsibility, Constitutional rights and different types of role experiences among the youth..

### **Way Forward for next plan and activity:**

- (a) Awareness campaign will have been organized about child right and RTI 2005 at community and block level.
- (b) Meeting will be conducted with social activist and educationist of the community for creating social and educational environment.
- (c) Identification and Mobilization to inner resources of community for educational and social development.

- (d) Formation of the group and develop the leadership quality for raising the social issues of the community.
- (e) Social integrity and equality will have been promoted for all community and groups without any discrimination.
- (a) Identification of dropped out school going children
- (b) Accessibility of Government Facility will be insured for needed person like Education, Health and Environment.
- (c) Tricycle distribution to special need people women and men for which they can move anywhere without any help of others person and can start some income generated activities for their livelihood.
- (d) Future planning of the organization is to train on constitutional rights of the people basically labours law and registration.
- (e) Youth promoting about their future planning education and training. Vocational training program, skill development and jobs availabilities.
- (f) Girls youth training program, vocational training, sewing, embroidery, dardozi etc for livelihood.
- (g) Women livelihood program at varies skill developments as carpet weaning, sewing, embroidery, dardozi etc

#### **MAIN SOURCE OF INSPIRATIONS**

- (a) Mr. Omkar Mittal New Delhi
- (b) Mr. Than Singh Josh. New Delhi
- (c) Mr. Mohd tariq Mumbai
- (d) Satish Singh New Delhi

#### **FINANCIAL SOURCES OF THE ORGANISATION**

- (a) Found For Global human Right
- (b) AWS Germany
- (c) I.S.D. New Delhi
- (d) Argus Media

#### **MAIN GUESTS IN THE PRGRAMMES OF ORGANISATION**

- (a) Mr. Rauneet & Mr. Surendra Rawat / Miss. Radha Chamoli, Institute for Social democracy (ISD) New Delhi.
- (b) Miss Maitri
- (c) Mr. Javed Rasool, Social Worker, Lucknow.

## **CHALLENGES AND FUTURE ACTIVITIES**

- (h) Social evils
- (i) Dalit, Muslim strengthening Activities
- (j) Cast factors and Untouchability
- (k) Administration of Maqtab / Madarsa
- (l) Poorness and Unemployment
- (m) MUSHAR and Halalkhor community empowerment
- (n) RTI 2005 and Human Rights Campaign
- (o) Identification of dropp out school going children
- (p) Education, Health and Environment
- (q) Right to Education
- (r) Youth Rights

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