



Skilling the youth

As part of our efforts to help create sustainable livelihoods for the youth in villages, Adarsh Foundation (ACF) is providing training in mobile repairing skills to two batches of 25 students each, at the Yuva Kaushal Vikas Kendra, Sirohi, Rajasthan. Most of the students are school drop-outs aspiring for enhancing their skills for livelihood. The Skill development centre, namely Kaushal Vikas Kendra, is established in the premises of Adarsh Foundation, Sirohi in partnership with SHRUSHTI Seva Samiti, Udaipur, aiming to train 300 youth in a year's time on Mobile repairing and Electrical wiring.

As the training is aimed at skilling the youth with a focus on self-employment, Entrepreneurship Development Program (EDP) and personality development are also integral part of the curriculum. The training is aimed to empower rural youth and to encourage more girls to gain skills for enhancing livelihoods. Currently there are 9 girls enrolled in the program but many more are expected especially after the mobilisation drive conducted by ACF at the Colleges in Sirohi.

Mobilisation and Placement Drive

A mobilisation drive, where the trainers from SHRUSHTI Seva Samiti and Adarsh Foundation, visited the Government PG College, Sirohi; was held to encourage more college students to participate in ACF's skill development program. During this drive, the students were introduced to the operations of Kaushal Vikas Kendra and how that will help them to create a sustainable future for themselves and their families.

A stall was also set up during the Sirohi Placement fair, for the purpose of mobilisation and also to attract people who want to acquire skills of mobile repairing and electrical wiring.

Post the training, Adarsh Foundation is making attempts to create placements for students so that they can get employed with companies which essentially work on mobile technology.

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Creating awareness about disability

Adarsh Foundation in partnership with Blind People's Association, Ahmedabad, is running an Inclusive Education Centre, which is a centre to promote Education for differently abled children in and around Mahudi.

Children from Primary schools in Mahudi village, Gandhi Nagar, participated in a rally to create awareness about disability issues on the World Disability Day, on December 4, 2017. The children enthusiastically, walked through Mahudi village, voiced slogans about rights of disabled children and people, to create awareness among the community and the villagers.

To increase awareness and information on issues on disability, a meeting was organised with Parents of the enrolled children. Through these meetings, parents were also made aware about various government schemes that cater to the disabled population and how they can avail them.

The Centre at Smt. S S Rathode School, Mahudi village, Gandhi Nagar, is currently catering to 15 children enrolled with various forms of disability including learning disabilities. The teachers at the centre also make visits to the homes of children with disabilities who cannot come all the way to the school. More than 140 children are getting home based services through trained teachers in Mahudi and nearby villages.



Adarsh anganwadis provide Nutrition supplements

Adarsh anganwadis in Sirohi, Rajasthan, are now providing nutritional supplements in the form of sugar balls and groundnuts. In India, 20 per cent of children under five years of age suffer from acute under nutrition. 43 per cent of Indian children under five years are underweight and 48 per cent are stunted due to chronic under nutrition.



Parents Committees

Adarsh anganwadis have instituted parents committees to help engage the parents of the children attending the anganwadis in the development of their children and monitor the effective functioning of the anganwadis.

The parents committees in every anganwadi, meet once a month, and discuss the challenges and the successes of their children through Adarsh anganwadis. They also suggest any changes they feel is needed in the anganwadis for better development of the children in the age group of 3-6 years.

The Adarsh shikshikas, employed by ACF in anganwadis as support teacher, also have regular meetings with parents of each child, and appraise them about the achievements of their children and how they can help to improve the progress shown by the child.



Other activities



● Training in tailoring work for Self-help groups in Mahudi

Adarsh Foundation conducted an assessment and selected 12 trainees among the women of self-help groups in Mahudi village, near Gandhi Nagar, with support from USHA. The training by USHA will skill these women in quality tailoring and stitching work, so they can become master trainers and train others in the skill.

● Mahudi Village development plan

Adarsh Foundation, has adopted Mahudi village, with an aim to develop it into a model village. As part of the process, a Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) was done in the village, which included Resource mapping, Social mapping and Venn diagrams, in partnership with Aga Khan Rural Support Program (AKRSP). Focussed Group Discussions with youth, women, farmers and elderly were also conducted to understand the issues in the community.

Upcoming events

- Completion of two batches and initiation of four more batches of students to training in mobile repairing and electrical wiring at the Yuva Kaushal Kendra, Sirohi, Rajasthan.
- The tailoring-cum-production unit to be set up in Mahudi village, Gandhi Nagar, where women will be trained in tailoring work in partnership with USHA.
- Training for women in Self-help groups in Sirohi, Rajasthan, in tailoring work and handicrafts, in partnership with SAHAJ.
- Creation of micro-plan for village development project in Mahudi village, in partnership with Aga Khan Rural Support Program (AKRSP).
- Developing modules for Adult Education program as a result of requests from the people in Sirohi, Rajasthan.
- Blood Donation drives in Adarsh Credit Co-operative Society branches on Foundation Day (January 18).



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