

Newsletter- July-September-2021

July onwards, it's all stations go at Jan Madhyam centers- both in the two village projects and in Aya Nagar. The trainees at Aya Nagar were happy and enthusiastic to be back at the center. Parents are trickling in again. Festivals were celebrated with colour and excitement.

In general, the focus is going to be increasingly on introducing science to the children/trainees. Understanding not just Vaccination and Corona Virus- but also solar power, our solar system, understanding time, making a calendar, reusing, and recycling water and waste materials. All this is done in Jan Madhyam's unique style of activity-based learning- Learning by doing and making. Various training workshops have been launched in September.

Celebrations

Independence Day

At the Aya nagar Centre, celebrations began with flag hoisting followed by patriotic songs. Posters on COVID safety measures and vaccine were distributed to everyone. Parents

were given information on zero waste, compost making. Trainees made tri-colour clocks. In Gonda and Basti, the trainees put up a play, dance and sang patriotic songs. Some of them gave a speech to mark the occasion. The parents of the trainees watched the performances both online and offline.



Rakhi



The trainees made rakhis, tied on other's wrist and vowed to protect them.

Janmashtami



On Janmashtami, trainees were excited to be together at the centre and celebrate. They decorated tableau and made small clay toys and utensils. Santosh narrated Lord Krishna's story. Blue Sky Day was also celebrated with Earth Watch team. The team did an activity with the trainees and shared information on pollution and how to keep a check on it through individual efforts.

Teacher's Day

In Gonda and Basti, the Jan Madhyam trainees made special cards and gave it to their teachers. Some of them gave a speech to create awareness on this special day celebration.



Inclusion Milestone

- Four trainees have got a platform within the organisation. They help the staff in conducting paper, clay and other Srijan activities.



- Devika Pandey took online dance classes

New Learning

- The trainees learnt about the solar system, concepts of revolution, rotation through visual simulation in a room.



- They identified, studied garden insects and their significance.

Activity Highlights

- Aya nagar trainees make a play to create awareness on COVID-19 and the need of vaccine
- The trainees made ladles out of coconut shells.
- They are learning to make clay utensils, fire them and use them to cook.
- 15 days online self-defence training sessions by Delhi Police (Malviya Nagar) for safety and confidence building for trainees



- Recycling activity to make plastic bottles planters and with pipes “save water” devices.



- A session on understanding solar energy and solar light making
- In Gonda and Basti sitting stools were designed and made out of tin boxes



Kitchen Story

- The trainees plucked, washed, cut and cooked the kitchen garden vegetables.



- Seema, Meenakshi and Neema kneaded dough, shaped into birds and cooked.

Sahyog

- Jolly took sessions on teacher training with the staff
- Hari kishnan ji and Ekta ji from Earth Watch addressed Aya nagar Community on individual's role in reducing environmental pollution
- Rakesh Sharma ji spoke on exercise and fitness to keep diseases at bay
- Varun Narain conducted a gender training session for senior boys to make them aware on



health, hygiene, physical and mental needs

Parents Voice



Meenakshi is 18years old. She has been in Jan Madhyam for the last 7years. Initially she was soft spoken. Meenakshi would enter the Jan Madhyam gates with a low self-esteem to receive hands on vocational training. Today, her mother proudly shares that her daughter confidently teaches other trainees through online classes. She is taking steps towards independence.

Staff Voice

Seema Kumari shares her COVID story.

It has been a challenging time for me. I have had Corona thrice and been through tough times. Down with Corona, I was confined in a room but that did not stop me from working online. Simultaneously, I took all the requisite measures to recover. I would timely take steam, have food, fruits, drink kadha and have medicines. In my spare time, I would listen to music and talk with friends over the phone. It was a very difficult time as I was totally isolated. After 14 days, when I tested negative, I was at peace and enthusiastic to meet people.



In Conversation



Santosh, a trainee, came to Jan Madhyam for therapy in 2011. Initially, he would drag himself on his knees. With the organisation's support, Santosh today walks with a stick. He has gradually learnt to take responsibility of Jan Madhyam's entrance with confidence. In July 2021, he began to work in the organisation.

JM: What is your current work at Jan Madhyam?

S: I teach young children. I also have duty at the Jan Madhyam gate that I really like.

JM: What would you like to do in the future?

S: I would like to study further.

JM: Do you understand money?

S: Yes. With money you can learn and meet all your needs.

JM: What is your pension amount?

S: Rupees 2500

JM: What do you do with your earning?

S: I am saving the money. My mother has told me if I can save a lakh, she will fix the amount for my future. But I believe once I become capable like others, I can work and be proud.

Corona Vaccination success

The village project children are quite dynamic. When the parents hesitated to get vaccinated-the CMO was requested by Jan Madhyam Vinod, Ayush and Lavkush to organise a vaccination camp at Gonda and Basti villages.

All the motivational and organisation work done by the JM kids and teachers was appreciated by all.

And because of their efforts a total of 620 people got vaccinated!



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