

SHIKSHA Initiative in Action

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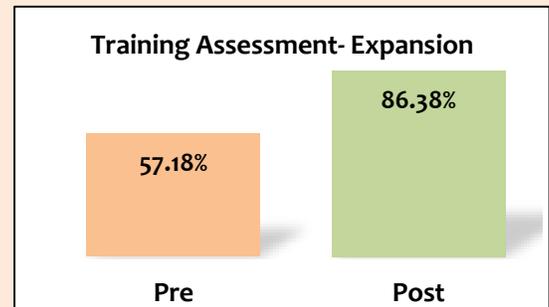
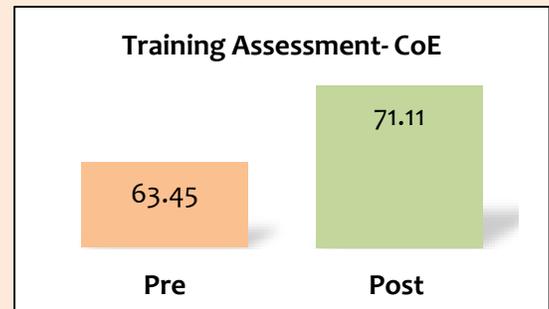
Product Knowledge Training

Academics team conducted 6 days – 40 hours training for field team at Centre of Excellence (CoE) and Expansion. Training was conducted in SNU and Vidyagyan, Sitapur campus respectively. The sole objective of the training was to enhance product knowledge, enrich delivery in the classroom and also mentor teachers in expansion during visits. Scores of training assessment are as follows:



Launch of SHIKSHA+ in Kasmanda

SHIKSHA Initiative has strategically intensified into adult literacy approach entitled as **SHIKSHA+** that uses an ICT based methodology to teach the fundamentals of reading, writing and arithmetic skills to illiterate adults who have not attended a formal school. With this objective, SHIKSHA+ was initiated in Kasmanda block of Sitapur district. Prior to implementation, social mapping was done to encourage and help community to get directly involved in their development and to identify centre locations. Also, focused group discussions were held with an objective to sensitize community on adult literacy. In total, 749 household surveys were done in 10 villages and 1070 adult learners were identified. Post identification of learners, pre-test was conducted of 103 learners to select and enroll candidates as per the eligibility criteria. Criteria like age, pre-test scores were considered while enrolling learners in the batch. Thus, 100 learners were enrolled in Batch 1 in 10 SHIKSHA+ centres who will undergo training for 90 days. Further, to ensure effective implementation of SHIKSHA+, 8 instructors are recruited and trained with an intent to equip them with necessary skills and knowledge to impart learning.





Two Month Teaching Plan Released

SHIKSHA team planned to release annual teaching plan to all the teachers. However, due to syllabus change in government schools, strategy was changed and teaching plan is released for two months. Also, teachers are suggested to use chalk and talk methodology if in any case chapters are not matching with teaching plan.

Meeting with Government Officials

- Meeting with new DM, Dr. Sarika Mohan, Sitapur District, to update about the SHIKSHA Initiative, share the infrastructure requirements, take an initiative for the security of installed equipment's and overcome the challenge of electrification in the schools. Dr. Sarika assured the support and issued a letter to SP for the security of the assets and instructed to take rounds in the concerned areas at night. Also, she asked BSA to instruct schools to apply for electrification.
- A meeting was conducted with new Chief Development Officer (CDO), Mr. Arvind Kumar Chaurasiya and other government officials i.e. BSA, BEO, DPRO, DDO and executive engineer. The objective of the meeting was to give the update about the SHIKSHA Initiative and to share the requirement in the schools of the Kasmanda block. It was shared that SHIKSHA Initiative cannot run its digital content in schools where there is a challenge of infrastructure and electrification. CDO assured his full support and instructed BSA to raise the concern to Principal Secretary, Basic Shiksha and also asked DPRO to get the infrastructure related work with the support of gram panchayat.

Celebration Time 😊



Stories from the Field



Manoj Kumar, Field Officer, P.S. Nizampur

I have been actively engaged with SHIKSHA Initiative since 28 July 2014. As a child, my teachers played an integral role in my life and were an inspiration for me to become a teacher. Thus, in 2014 I joined SHIKSHA Initiative in its mission to eradicate illiteracy from India by using ICT in teaching. In beginning, it was very difficult for me to teach through ICT as before joining SHIKSHA I had no experience of teaching through technology. However, with continuous capacity building and support of my colleagues I was able to learn technology and its effective use in the class. With significant progress, I also got the opportunity to visit Hathras, Hardoi and Mirzapur to train government and private school teachers. This opportunity enhanced my confidence and also enabled me in refining my knowledge. I am really proud and feel privileged to be part of SHIKSHA Initiative.

SHIKSHA Initiative Data

	CoE	Expansion
No. of District	2	1
No. of Block	2	1
No. of Villages	28	133
No. of Schools	35	70
No. of Students	1673	3442
Student Attendance % (1 April – 24 May 2017)	49.71	38.38
Total Staff	56	35

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