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### Apex Leadership Visits

## Visit by Ms. Roshni Nadar Malhotra, CEO, HCL Corporation and Trustee, Shiv Nadar Foundation

Ms. Roshni Nadar Malhotra, CEO, HCL Corporation and Trustee, Shiv Nadar Foundation visited all the programs of SHIKSHA Initiative in Koknamau village of Kasmanda Block of Sitapur on 23rd April 2022. Ms. Roshni visited Government Girls Inter College, Kamlapur where SHIKSHA's newest initiative – All-Girls School (AGS) is being implemented. She interacted with the girls and motivated them to excel in their lives. Followed by this, she visited



Ms. Roshni Nadar Malhotra's visit to SHIKSHA Plus centre



Ms. Roshni Nadar Malhotra's visit to SHIKSHA Kiran program



Ms. Roshni Nadar Malhotra's visit to SHIKSHA Elementary School



Ms. Roshni Nadar Malhotra at All Girls School, Kamlapur

SHIKSHA Plus centre in Koknamau village and met with the learners. She also visited SHIKSHA Kiran program, a mobile literacy initiative for children and adults followed by a trip to SHIKSHA Elementary school where Roshni

received a warm welcome from the students and she also interacted with the teachers and discussed about the impact of the program on the development of the students. Ms. Roshni Nadar Malhotra wholeheartedly appreciated the impact

created by Team SHIKSHA Initiative and wished good luck for upcoming endeavors.

**– SURABHI GUPTA,**  
Associate Manager-  
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## Visit by Mr. Shikhar Malhotra, Director, HCL Corporation and Trustee, Shiv Nadar Foundation and Dr. Ananya Mukherjee, Vice-Chancellor, Shiv Nadar University

Mr. Shikhar Malhotra, Director, HCL Corporation and Trustee, Shiv Nadar Foundation and Dr. Ananya Mukherjee, Vice-Chancellor, Shiv Nadar University, visited SHIKSHA Initiative's ICT enabled classrooms under the SHIKSHA Elementary program and SHIKSHA Plus, Adult Literacy Initiative in Chanderu Village in Bulandshahr district on April 8th, 2022.

Mr. Malhotra and Dr. Mukherjee visited Chanderu Primary School and observed the ICT enabled classes, followed by a fun interaction with the students. They also visited the astronomy lab and interacted with the teachers to understand the impact of the program.



Mr. Shikhar Malhotra in conversation with teachers



Mr. Shikhar Malhotra observing ICT classes



Mr. Shikhar Malhotra's visit to Astronomy Lab



Mr. Shikhar Malhotra visited SHIKSHA Plus centre



Mr. Shikhar Malhotra with Team SHIKSHA Initiative

Following the visit to the primary school, Mr. Shikhar Malhotra and Dr. Ananya Mukherjee visited the SHIKSHA Plus centre in Chanderu village, where they interacted with the learners and instructor they observed the class

delivery at the centre and adult learners learning basic reading and writing and arithmetic. He also observed the books, assessment papers and different process at the centre, Mr. Malhotra and Dr. Mukherjee were touched by the

efforts made by the Shiv Nadar Foundation and SHIKSHA Initiative in the rural pockets of Uttar Pradesh. ■

– **RAM LAKHAN SHUKLA,**  
**Sr. Resource Coordinator, Dadri**

## Visit by Mr. Sundar Mahalingam, President-Strategy, Shiv Nadar Foundation and HCL Corporation



Interaction with the staff of AWC



Visit at the Shiksha Plus batch in village Chanderu



Mr. Sundar Mahalingam observing SHIKSHA Kiran Van



Visit at AWC Chithera, Dadri

Adult Literacy Initiative 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. During the interaction, the teachers and the instructors shared their experiences with how the new methods of teaching increased the enrolment, engagement and retention abilities in students and learners. By the end of the visit, Mr. Mahalingam visited the recently launched pilot program – All Girls School in BB Nagar, Bulandshahr which focusses on empowering girls by providing them with quality education in better infrastructure. Mr. Mahalingam also visited Bulandshahr Jail, where Adult Literacy Initiative of SHIKSHA Plus is being implemented. ■

– **RAM LAKHAN SHUKLA,**  
**(Sr. Resource Coordinator), Dadri**  
**and SHILPI CHAUDHARY**  
**(Field Officer), Dadri**

SHIKSHA Initiative welcomed Mr. Sundar Mahalingam, President-Strategy, Shiv Nadar Foundation and HCL Corporation on 14th June 2022 as he visited the programs and projects implemented by SHIKSHA Initiative. The visit was facilitated by Mr. Robin Sarkar, Project Director, SHIKSHA Initiative along with the Operations team at Dadri location. Beginning with Anganwadi class of Chithera Composite School, Mr. Sundar Mahalingam then visited a SHIKSHA Kiran program running at the open space at the community in Chhoulas village, Dadri impressed by the quality of the van, curriculum, and teaching methods, he praised the efforts in carrying forward the vision of the

organization and gave some valuable inputs for better branding of the SHIKSHA Kiran Van. This was followed by a visit to SHIKSHA Plus centre in Chanderu village. SHIKSHA Plus is an



Mr. Sundar Mahalingam with SHIKSHA Initiative team

**New Initiatives**

## All Girls School (AGS)

SHIKSHA Initiative launched All-Girls School (AGS) Project-SHIKSHA Samridhi on 26th August 2022 focussing on empowering girls by providing them with quality education in better infrastructure along with specifically addressing the pressing reasons as to why girls drop out of schools. Several Focussed Group Discussions were conducted with the students, teachers, and parents to evaluate the gaps in education following which several suggestions were given to overall improve the gaps in education of girls like inclusion of vocational courses, life skills, IT and computer skills, and other extracurricular activities. Capacity building workshops for teachers and awareness sessions of parents regarding importance of education and other topics is also planned for holistic implementation of the program.

As of now, there are two intervention schools, Government Girls Inter College, BB Nagar, Bulandshahr (to be launched)

and Government Girls Inter College, Kamlapur, Sitapur. Under this project around 2000 girls and 40 teachers are targeted to be benefited.

**– DEENANATH TRIPATHI,  
Divisional Coordinator**



*Discussion about class observation with the teachers at GGIC Kamlapur*



*Group Discussion with the students at GGIC Kamlapur*



*Students interacting with ICT content*

## Visit by Principal Secretary, Basic Education at SHIKSHA Initiative, Sitapur

Principal Secretary of the Department of Basic Education, Government of Uttar Pradesh – Shri Deepak Kumar visited Sitapur office to interact with the team and discuss about the projects run by SHIKSHA Initiative. He was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Vijaya who was equally keen to know about about the program. It was a momentous day for the SHIKSHA family as he wholeheartedly appreciated the efforts and extended his support. SHIKSHA Initiative team was also joined by Capt. Vijay Tewari, Administrator, Vidya Gyan, Sitapur Campus, in welcoming our guests.



*Team SHIKSHA Initiative with the Principal Secretary, Basic Education-Mr. Deepak Kumar and his wife Mrs. Vijaya*



Mr. Deepak Kumar browsing through SHIKSHA Initiative's content



Principal Secretary, Basic Education being felicitated by Mr. Mayank Sinha, Associate General Manager, SHIKSHA Initiative



Mrs. Vijaya, wife of Mr. Deepak Kumar felicitated by Mr. Mayank Sinha, Associate General Manager, SHIKSHA Initiative

Mr. Kumar was considerate of the challenges, like lack of electricity supply and poor sanitation in the government schools and assured us that his team is taking the necessary action to resolve the same. Later, on behalf of the organization,

Mr. Mayank Sinha submitted a proposal to make Shiv Nadar Foundation an official IT Consultant to the Department of Basic Education, Government of Uttar Pradesh.

– SHRIYA SRIVASTAVA, Project Associate, Sitapur

## Government Collaborations, Meetings and Workshops

### EVA may be a ray of hope for NILP

Shiksha Initiative participated in 5 days' National workshop held at NCERT, New Delhi focused on development of advocacy and awareness generation material on New India Literacy Program (NILP). 11-15 July a power packed discussion was attended by Hindi speaking states SCERT representatives and various ministries.

Session was inaugurated by Prof. Usha Sharma, In-charge; CNCL (NCERT). Addressing the attendees, she urged to develop such tools for adult literacy that are easy to use and sustainable. Though was well supported by Prof. N.K. Ambast, Former Chairman, NIOS. "There is a difference between adult literacy and adult education. One can be illiterate, but we can't say person is not educated or vice versa", thought was well explained by Prof. Ambast. Advocating the same thought, he asked the participants to develop such content material which is sustainable by addressing the challenges of future and increasing usage of technology in one's day to day life.

SHIKSHA Initiative was only participant other than government agencies. The



Mr. Anuj Goswami representing SHIKSHA Initiative at NCERT Workshop

power packed 5 days' session helped SHIKSHA to understand the need of target audience by the virtue of government and it's planning to achieve the 100% literacy goal in a definite time. "One must understand that the target group is not uneducated, rather they are illiterates, and we shall serve them with the tools, which are easy to adapt and use by them. This is not an easy task to accomplish. Ground level connect and time spent among the community will address this objective in an effective manner", added Prof. S.Y Shah, Director, International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Learning.

SHIKSHA presented the philosophy, approach, and design of its program to



Participants at the NCERT Workshop

the scholars from various states. Andragogy and ubiquitous learning approach was in sync with elements described in NILP. The design and approach were appreciated by all the participating SCERTs. Most of the states were eager to adopt the adult literacy content of SHIKSHA Initiative under replicable and sustainable model developed to take the program at mass level. Acceptance at such scale had proven that research and referral carried out to develop the content meets with future requirement and content can sustain to fulfil the requirement of achieving wider goal with partnership of SCERTs under NCERT.

– ANUJ GOSWAMI,  
Manager-Learning Design

## Approval granted for All Girls School-SHIKSHA Samriddhi, B.B. Nagar, Bulandshahr



Meeting with DM Bulandshahr

Mr. Chandra Prakash Singh, District Magistrate, Bulandshahr gave permission to SHIKSHA Initiative for implementing All Girls School Project-SHIKSHA Samriddhi in BB Nagar, Bulandshahr. SHIKSHA Samriddhi is a pilot program which aims to facilitate holistic development of girls in school and ensure delivery of continuous quality and skill-based education to young girls. The target is to not only improve their academic performance but also train them in vocational and employable/entrepreneurial skills, and enable their personality development.

SHIKSHA Initiative was ensured full cooperation and support by Mr. Shiv



Meeting with DIOS Bulandshahr

Kumar Ojha, District Inspector of School, Bulandshahr in the operations and implementation of All Girls School Project in B.B. Nagar, Bulandshahr. ■

– **SHAILENDER KUMAR YADAV,**  
Sr. Resource Coordinator-  
Operations, Dadri

## Approval of AWC Pre-primary program



Meeting with CDO G.B Nagar

SHIKSHA Initiative's team met with Mr. Anil Kumar Singh, Chief Development Officer, Gautam Buddha Nagar and briefed the administration about SHIKSHA Initiative's programs followed by a brief discussion on pre-primary education in the country. The team also got an approval for pilot program on pre-primary education with five Anganwadi centres in Dadri and Sikandrabad. SHIKSHA Initiative has designed an effective program for foundational stage teaching and learning by harnessing ICT and deploying conducive pedagogical approaches for early learners i.e. 3 to 6 years. Specially designed content that is currently being run in the selected AWCs includes ICT based as well as non-ICT based concepts – for instance, alphabets in English, pre-counting concepts and counting till number 5 in Maths, Hindi vocabulary related to feelings, seasons, occupations etc. along with story time/playtime for developing behavioural aspects. ■

– **RAM LAKHAN SHUKLA,**  
Sr. Resource Coordinator, Dadri

## Jail Program initiated in Balrampur Jail



Letter of Intent (LoI) signed at Balrampur Jail for starting adult literacy program

SHIKSHA Initiative was invited to Balrampur district Jail by Mr. B.K. Mishra, Jailer, Balrampur district Jail to discuss

about adult literacy program. SHIKSHA team briefed the jail administration about the SHIKSHA Initiative as an organization followed by its programs that are implemented across Uttar Pradesh. After a thorough discussion on the projects, the jail administration of Balrampur signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) with SHIKSHA Initiative for starting adult literacy program in the Jail premises from May 2022. ■

– **DEENANATH TRIPATHI,**  
Divisional Coordinator

## शिक्षा संकल्प अभिमुखीकरण कार्यशाला



Inauguration of SHIKSHA Sankalp Program



Mr. Mayank Sinha, AGM, SHIKSHA Initiative briefing about the program

24 मई 2022 को शिव नाडर फाउण्डेशन के द्वारा नये इनिशिएटिव के रूप में शिक्षा संकल्प कार्यक्रम का आरम्भ किया गया।

‘शिक्षा संकल्प’ अभिमुखीकरण कार्यशाला का औपचारिक शुभारम्भ मुख्य अतिथि श्री अक्षत वर्मा (मुख्य विकास अधिकारी) के द्वारा दीप प्रज्वलित कर किया गया। मुख्य अतिथि ने सभी उपस्थित ग्राम प्रधानों को इस कार्यक्रम के महत्व को बताते हुये आगे सक्रियता से कार्य करने हेतु सभी को प्रेरित किया। उक्त कार्यक्रम विकास भवन प्रेक्षागृह, सीतापुर में सम्पन्न हुआ। विशेष अतिथि के रूप में जिला विकास अधिकारी राकेश पाण्डेय ने शिक्षा की महत्ता को समाज एवं विकास से जोड़ते हुये इस पुनीत कार्य में सभी के द्वारा अपना योगदान देने को कहा। इस अवसर पर जिला पंचायती राज अधिकारी- मनोज कुमार, जिला समन्वयक (प्रशिक्षण) आर्य दीक्षित, भी उपस्थित रहे।

सत्र के आरम्भ में शिव नाडर फाउण्डेशन के ए. जी. एम. श्री मंयक सिन्हा ने शिव नाडर फाउण्डेशन के द्वारा संचालित विभिन्न कार्यक्रमों के बारे में विस्तारपूर्वक बताते हुये शिक्षा संकल्प कार्यक्रम की पृष्ठभूमि एवं उद्देश्यों पर चर्चा की। उन्होंने बताया कि शिव नाडर फाउण्डेशन के द्वारा नया इनिशिएटिव शुरू किया गया जिसका नाम

शिक्षा संकल्प है। प्रायोगिक तौर पर यह कार्यक्रम कसमण्डा विकासखण्ड के 05 परिषदीय प्राथमिक विद्यालयों यथा गोविन्दापुर, खैरन्देशनगर, दुलारपुर, ज्योतिशाह आलमपुर एवं कसमण्डा द्वितीय में चलाया जायेगा। जिसमें विद्यालय शिक्षण समयावधि के पश्चात चयनित पंचायत

सहायक गाँव के 15 वर्ष से ऊपर के असाक्षर वयस्कों को विद्यालय में उपलब्ध आई.टी. उपकरणों (लैपटाप, प्रोजेक्टर आदि) की सहायता से पढ़ाने का कार्य करेंगे।

उप-परियोजना प्रबंधक श्री शिशिर पुरोहित ने बताया कि चयनित सभी विद्यालयों में फाउण्डेशन के द्वारा प्रदत्त आई0 टी0 उपकरणों की सहायता से पूर्व से ही स्मार्ट क्लास पर आधारित शिक्षण कार्य विद्यार्थियों के मध्य चल रहा है। उन्होंने यह भी जोड़ा कि चयनित विद्यालयों में अब बच्चों के साथ- साथ प्रोढ़ भी एक ही छत के नीचे अलग- अलग समयावधि में आई.सी.टी आधारित पाठ्यक्रम के माध्यम से शिक्षा ग्रहण करके लाभान्वित होंगे। यह ऐसा केन्द्र होगा जहाँ बच्चों के साथ- साथ वयस्क भी सीखने- सीखाने की प्रक्रिया एवं शैक्षिक गतिविधियों में शामिल होंगे।

– शरद कुमार त्रिवेदी,  
डिविजनल कॉर्डिनेटर, सीतापुर

## Adult Literacy Program resumed in Gautam Buddh Nagar Jail

SHIKSHA Plus, Adult Literacy Program by SHIKSHA Initiative was started in Gautam Buddh Nagar Jail on 1st May 2018 with aim to fill the gap and ensure the illiterate inmate learners have access to quality education by initiating the literacy program in full vigour. For this, six selected potential instructors (literate Prisoners) were trained by the SHIKSHA Initiative team for teaching with ICT based technology content. The program came to a halt due to pandemic and it was recently resumed post renewing the Letter of Intent (LoI). The letter of intent was exchanged with Jail Superintendent, Mr. Arun Pratap Singh and Mr. Vijay Anand Verma, Head Adult Literacy, Shiksha Initiative. Along



LoI renewed at Gautambuddh Nagar Jail to resume adult literacy initiative

with the brief discussion on the program approach & design.

Till date, ten batches have been completed with 227 learners. As of now, there are 27 learners enrolled in the current batch.

– RAM LAKHAN SHUKLA,  
Sr. Resource Coordinator, Dadri

## Success Stories

## आई0सी0टी0 ने दिया शिक्षक को पठन-पाठन का नया नजरिया



Mr. Anil Kumar teaching at SHIKSHA Initiative's ICT enabled classroom

श्री अनिल कुमार जी 2009 से विद्यालय पहाड़ी ब्लाक, जनपद चित्रकूट में एक शिक्षामित्र के रूप में कार्यरत हैं। यह एक दिव्यांग शिक्षक हैं। बच्चों को पढ़ाना इनका शौक है लेकिन शारीरिक अक्षमता के कारण बच्चों को पढ़ाने में मुश्किल होती थी। खड़े होकर बोर्ड पर पढ़ाना-लिखाना चुनौतीपूर्ण था। 7-8 दिसंबर 2021 को शिक्षा इनीशिएटिव द्वारा आई0सी0टी0 आधारित दो दिवसीय प्रशिक्षण का आयोजन किया गया जिसमें अनिल जी ने उत्साहपूर्वक प्रतिभाग किया इनको शिक्षा का कॉन्टेंट बहुत ही प्रभावशाली लगा उसके बाद इन्होंने शिक्षा कॉन्टेंट से रुचिपूर्वक बच्चों को पढ़ाना शुरू किया। अब वे हमेशा शिक्षा कॉन्टेंट से पढ़ाते हैं। वे कहते हैं, शिक्षा कॉन्टेंट से पढ़ने में बच्चे भी बहुत रुचि लेते हैं और सक्रिय रूप से प्रतिभाग करते हैं और कोई भी कठिन अवधारणा को आसानी से पढ़ा पाता हूँ, इनको खड़े होकर बोर्ड पर पढ़ाने-लिखाने में जो मुश्किल होती थी उसमें शिक्षा कॉन्टेंट का पठन अभ्यास और लेखन अभ्यास बहुत ही मदद करता है।

– चंद्रिका प्रसाद, जिला समन्वयक, चित्रकूट

## ये दिन याद रहेगा !

जब मैंने यह बैच शुरू किया था तब सभी शिक्षार्थी निरक्षर थे। लेकिन पढ़ाई-लिखाई को लेकर उनके अंदर जिज्ञासा और सीखने की तीव्र ललक थी। मैंने जब भी उन्हें कोई गृह कार्य दिया वो उसे कर देती थी। अगर उन्हें समझ नहीं आ रहा होता तो तुरंत मुझे फोन करके पूछ लेती थीं। एक दिन जब मैं अपने सेंटर पर गई तो मैंने देखा कि सभी लर्नर मिलकर मिट्टी का कुछ बना रहे हैं। मेरे पूछने पर उन्होंने बताया कि हम सभी आपके लिए अपना शिक्षा प्लस सेंटर बना रहे हैं ताकि आपको हमारी याद हमेशा बनी रहे। आपने हमें बहुत कुछ सिखाया है इसीलिए हम भी आपको अपनी कोई यादगार चीज देंगे। ये यादगार हमारी तरफ से आपको भेंट होगी। आपने और शिक्षा प्लस ने हमारे जीवन में बहुत बदलाव किया है। हमें इस लायक बनाया है कि अब हमें दूसरों के सहारे की जरूरत नहीं है। उनकी ये बातें सुनकर मुझे बहुत खुशी हुई। सभी लर्नर द्वारा सेंटर को हर चीज का ध्यान रखते हुए बनाया है, जोकि सराहनीय है। मैं अपने लर्नरों का धन्यवाद करती हूँ कि उन्होंने इतने प्यार से इसको बनाया है मुझे उपहार दिया।

– सीमा सिसोदिया, अनुदेशक, सैथली शिक्षा प्लस सेंटर



## Quiz

- Which SHIKSHA Plus centre did Ms. Roshni Nadar Malhotra visited during her visit to SHIKSHA Initiative?
  - Golamau
  - Kharkhoriya
  - Ahmadpur Jatt
  - Koknamau
- When did Mr. Shikhar Malhotra and Dr. Ananya Mukherjee visit SHIKSHA Initiative?
  - 12th May
  - 4th April
  - 8th April
  - 22nd April
- Which are the two locations of SHIKSHA Samridhi Program?
  - Kalyanpur and Bhatpura
  - Noorpur and Bitholi
  - Bilsuri and Shivthana
  - BB Nagar and Kamlapur
- How many days of workshop was held at NCERT?
  - 5 days
  - 3 days
  - 4 days
  - 6 days
- In which school does Mr. Anil Kumar teach?
  - P.S. Mooraka
  - P.S. Pahadi
  - P.S. Rampur
  - P.S. Chitra

## WINNERS OF LAST QUIZ

3<sup>rd</sup> REEMA SHUKLA  
Gram Panchayat Samanvayak

2<sup>nd</sup> SUMAN SINHA  
Senior Project Associate, IT

1<sup>st</sup> RAM LAKHAN SHUKLA  
Sr. Resource Coordinator

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