

Report of ASMITA 2016-17

1. Vision

An integrated Human Society living in freedom, equality and justice; above all leading a **DIGNIFIED LIFE**.

2. Mission

Empowering the marginalized specially women and Children of the Unorganized laborers and slum dwellers to live and lead a **DIGNIFIED LIFE**.

3. GENERAL OBJECTIVE

To create awareness among the thousands of slum population of Varanasi city through elementary education to children and coaching classes to older girls and empower the slum community.

4. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

To run 20 schools for the slum children in the city with 35 students in each class.

To run 3 coaching centres for older girls (20 girls at each centre, aged 14 to 18) offering literacy classes and vocational training to make them financially independent.

To train one street-play team on burning issues of the society & to create awareness among slum dwellers

Organize 20 health camps for regular check up of children and their parents.

5. ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

Educational Program



ASMITA had regular non-formal educational classes for slum children in 20 slums. This year there was a total number of 834 children. These children are those children who do not go to any school and most of them go for rag-picking.



6. Tailoring/Embroidery Classes



ASMITA has three Tailoring and embroidery classes in three Slums. There are total of 80 girls / women in all these children.

ASMITA also provides certificate for the trained girls.

7. Street Plays



ASMITA performs Street plays mainly on burning social issues like Child Rights, Importance of Girls' Education, Environment, AIDS, Hygiene, Women's Rights, Empowerment of Women, Trafficking, Child Labour, etc. in various slums and places of Varanasi. This is a very attractive medium of communication for people of the slums.

8. Community Health Program / Medical Camp



ASMITA had taken up preventive health care programs for the population of 38 slums while focusing on pregnant women and children up to 14 years of age. Time to time medical camps were organized in all the slums in which various specialized doctors were invited.

9. Enrolment Campaign /Awareness Programs



There was a visible change in the lives of thousands of the slum people through enrolment campaign/awareness programs. We go to house to house call the children and their parents. We gather them in a center and through various medium of communication, such as; street play, short videos with the help of LCD projector, songs and talks we make them aware of the Right to Education and importance of going to school.

10. International Women's Day celebration



On 8th March 2016 ASMITA had organized the international women's day celebration at Parmanandpur. There were some 597 participants. Lady pradhan of the area was the chief guest of the program. She explained the various government schemes. There were also other special invitees namely Doctor, school principals and RURDRA NGOs.

There were cultural programs such as dance, songs, drama etc. the women who present felt happy and went home with a sense of dignified.

11.Holi Millan



Every year ASMITA organizes Holi Millan in its campus. People of different religion come here to celebrate this festival of color and reconciliation. There were some 360 participants. Fr. Dilraj IMS, the Director of ASMITA spoke on the meaning and purpose of this festival. He also said, it is occasion for to show our unity in diversity. It was a day of merry indeed.

12. International Labours' day



On 1st May 2016 ASMITA, with a support of Manos Unidas, had organized international labours' day. There were about 225 participants present. Mr. Azad spoke on labour union. The participants also were asked to their own experience in their respective places. This sharing enabled everyone to be aware of the numerous problems and difficulties that they undergo.

13. ANTI CHILD LABOUR DAY

On the International Anti Child Labour Day, a rally cum meeting was organized by ASMITA CHILDLINE, Sigra, Varanasi, in which hundreds of children with others took part holding the slogans against child labour. Mrs. Rekha Shrivastava, the President of Child Welfare Committee, gave the message on the importance of education and the child labour to be eradicated. She emphasized the importance of making use of ASMITA CHILDLINE Varanasi. In the matter of runaway children, lost children, children who are very sick but not cared by anyone come under the care and protection of CHILDLINE. She exhorted the audience to make use of the toll free number 1098 to rehabilitate these children. Fr. Dilraj IMS, the director of ASMITA CHILDLINE, gave the message, to make every effort for the education of children up to the age of 18 and put an end to child labour. On this occasion a street play on the theme of the importance children's education and various other stage programs were organized.

14. ROZA IFTAR MILAN SAMAROH



As we are living in a pluralistic country, ASMITA with the idea of bring together all the people of other religions ASMITA has the custom of celebrating a few feasts together, such as, Diwali, Holi Milan, Iftar Milan samaroh, Christmas, etc. It's a big platform for the workers such as child labourers', domestic workers, sex workers, road sweepers, etc, coming together to fight and demand for their rights.

15. Solar lights for Girls for Education



ASMITA with the support of Fr. Sudil provided solar light for the girls who studies class 8th and above and who come under the Below Poverty Line. This year above 850 girls were given the lamp. This is to encourage the girls for Education especially for the children who are not able to study at night due to the poor electricity supply.

16. Feeding the Slum Children



ASMITA time to time organizes feeding program in various slums. We cook in the slums itself with the support of the local people *Puri* and vegetable. When the food is ready all people sit in line and eat in *pattal* (Plate made of leaves). This program gives nutrition for the slum dwellers also provides the message of social equality. In a day 300 hundred to 400 people are provided food. We have this program twice in a month.