



ASMITA AT A GLANCE 2019-20



Towards a new dawn

Our Engagements

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Vision

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



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ASMITA

Mission

Empowering the marginalized
specially women and Children
of the Unorganized laborers /
slum dwellers to live a life
with total Dignity.





Rainbows and Rainbow Home

Under the title of ASMITA Rainbow Home ASMITA enrolled 10 poor girl children from various slums, to the hostel run by OLP Sisters at Shivpur. They are studying in St. Joseph's School (English Medium). This year four of them passed 12th stranded in flying colors. They are now getting ready for graduation. They are called children of Rainbow Home. We have another similar program called ASMITA Rainbows in which eleven orphan/ semi orphan children are helped for their education. Total expenses of their education is met by ASMITA.

☞ This year with the help of the Parishners of Fr. Emmanuel IMS (Germany) distributed by-cycles to all these children.

2. ASMITA Vocational Training



Asmita Tailoring Centers

As part of providing vocational training, ASMITA conducts tailoring classes for girls from poor background. They are provided one year tailoring classes and are encouraged to take up tailoring work in their own vicinities. A few batches were linked with Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKY). We have 4 centers catering to 61 girls this year.

SL. No.	NAME OF THE TEACHER	PLACE	CHILDREN No.
1	Archana Devi	Kanshiram Awas	15
2	Geeta Gupta	Badshabag	12
3	Lalsa Devi	Asmita Hall	22
4	Sitara Ansari	Khdhipur	12
5	Varshika (Computer)	Asmita Hall	9
	Total		61



Activities of 2019-20

I. ASMITA Educational Program

Non-Formal Education in Slums

ASMITA is primarily involved in Non-Formal Education at most of the slums in Varanasi city for the past 25 years. With the help of our animators we educate those children who don't/can't afford to or are not sent by parents to schools. After educating them for a year we help them to get admitted to formal schools. Animators take 3 hours class, conduct educational activities and after that an hour is spent on visiting the families and organizing women. This year ASMITA has 13 Education Centers in 13 slums of Varanasi catering to the education of 308 children. Every center is taken care of by one each teacher. The Name of the teachers, slums and the number of children are given here below;



SL. No.	NAME OF THE ANIMATOR	PLACE	NUMBER OF CHILDREN
01	Abhay Masih	Kandwa pokara	27
02	Anita Devi	Panchpandwa	29
03	Asha Devi	Nirala Nagar	17
04	Farzana Bano	Dhelwariya	22
05	Malti Devi	Maheshpur	30
06	Nisha Salimun	Bharlai Shivpur	22
07	Pramila Devi	Khandwa Gate	15
08	Saroj Devi	Jaiprakash Nagar	24
09	Sapna Paul	Cantonment	15
10	Tarannum Bibi	Doshipura	26
11	Usha Gupta	Jhakka	29
12	Vandana Manoj	Ghasiyari Toly	25
13	Vandana Devi	Bajardiha	27
	Total		308

ASMITA Educational Programs are supervised and coordinated by Sr. Tanuja SRA & Fr. Abhishek



Health Camps for Malnourished Children

Health Camps for Malnourished Children – One of the problems in the slums is the increasing number of malnourished children. Therefore ASMITA began a program for these children. The camp for the malnourished children aims at to provide medical examination of each child, provide vitamins/medicines and nutritious items such as; milk powder, soabean, Jagari and daliya. Camp is conducted in the campus of ASMITA. There are around 20 children benefitting from each camp. This year we conducted 8 camps.

4. ASMITA CHILDLINE

CHILDLINE takes care of the children in need of care and protection in the city of Varanasi, like the past years stood up to the expectations of the administration. It undertakes case intervention and outreach to prevent cases. It has handled 709 cases in this year. That includes cases of child marriage, Child labour, sexual abuse, begging, missing children, cases of Restoration, Shelter, Cyber crime etc. ASMITA takes care of Varanasi CHILDLINE from 2008. This is the first CHILD LINE in U. P.





Asmita Computer Centers

Extending our desire to provide vocational training ASMITA began a computer training center for girls from the poor background last year. It takes a few selected students for 4 months are train them. This time there are 9 students learning.

3. ASMITA Community Health Program



The health of the slum dwellers are a major concern for ASMITA, most of them are malnourished, underweight, and anemic. For this reason ASMITA undertakes the following programs.

Health Camps in Slums / Villages

Most of the slum dwellers refuse to visit a hospital when they are sick. Therefore ASMITA organizes health camps at various slums of Varanasi twice in a month, reaching medical facilities to their doorsteps. With the help of a doctor and a nurse an awareness talk is given and followed by diagnosis for those wanting to consult doctor for free of cost. Medicines are given for mild sickness for half the rate. This year we conducted 6 camps



Sr. Uttama SRA Coordinates the Health Programs



1 Cases from the beginning an overall View:

Year	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2008	38	40	92	47	53	47	69	55	49	35	43	43	611
2009	47	42	46	30	42	34	59	40	43	44	32	38	497
2010	30	40	54	70	40	50	28	52	50	72	40	51	577
2011	39	36	34	43	52	33	42	52	34	31	39	35	470
2012	46	53	51	42	79	62	62	49	50	46	58	43	641
2013	49	53	73	47	56	70	70	52	64	43	56	54	687
2014	50	46	35	55	54	47	63	52	63	41	48	50	604
2015	44	29	41	66	83	59	47	69	62	45	35	41	621
2016	38	51	47	42	49	55	44	41	36	46	52	48	549
2017	27	32	37	52	52	31	74	51	72	52	60	49	589
2018	37	54	39	63	79	61	68	65	68	63	52	61	710
2019	44	37	49	58	54	67	91	56	67	48	52	58	681
2020	47	56	54	96	62	57	37	128					537
Total													7759

2 Outreach Activities

CHILDLINE spends much of its time in outreach. It's a time to connect with people, talk to them about issues of children, spread awareness about Childline and raise issues of children with higher authorities etc.. This year it spent 2741 hrs in outreach in 255 places. This includes 48 night outreaches. This year during outreach it conducted 850 above phone testing.



3 July Abhiyan

Entire July was dedicated in Uttar Pradesh for creating awareness about child safety. This was a collaborative program with Police, WCD. Childline took up a leading role in it. In the entire month the team visited above 60 schools and connected to 30,000 above children.

4 Under 18 Photography Competition

CHILDLINE Varanasi, in collaboration with Cafablity conducted 'Under 18 Photography Competition' on the theme of Child rights. The aim of this was to create awareness on Child Rights and create a child friendly atmosphere. All that was to be done was to click a photo on the theme of Child Rights, Give a caption to the picture and WhatsApp us. The first prize was 6000 rupee worth cash and coupons, Second was 4000 rupee worth cash and coupons and Third prize was 2000 rupee worth cash and coupons. The consolation prize was certificate and 500 rupee worth coupons for 50 entries.

All the CHILDLINE activities are coordinated by Fr. Maju Mathew.

There were around 250 entries The prize distribution was conducted on 14.12.19 at ASMITA hall. DSP Miss. Sneha Tiwari (CO) was the chief guest. UNICEF Staff Pritesh Tiwari, CPO Nirupma Singh, Nodal Coordinator Shishir were also present. Around 70 children came for the prize distribution.

5. Asmita Social Welfare Program

Widow's Mite Program

This year ASMITA has begun a new program called 'Widow's Mite', a welfare program for 125 selected poor needy widows of above 60 years old from various slums of the city. Every gathering starts with a medical checkup of the widows then a motivational talk is given by an important invitee thereafter we distributed cloth items such as, blankets, Sarees, shawls, besides Rice, Pulse and Soyabeans to every Widow. At the end of the gathering all were provided with lunch. This year we organized an eye camp in collaboration with Aghore Ashram. Widow's Mite programme has become one of the important & a very meaningful programs of ASMITA. So far we had five gatherings.





Christian Worker's Movement, India (CWMI)

Christian Workers' Movement, India is a lay initiative under CBCI for the working class in India. It organizes, conducts meetings, awareness programs, lobbying for the labours. In Varanasi there are four Units of CWM. Mrs. Malti Devi, Shivpur, is the secretary of the CWM Varanasi Diocese. The unit members are mostly domestic workers, agri. labourers, rack pickers construction workers, etc. This year Three days of North Zonal meeting of CWMI was organized at Christnagar by ASMITA. About 80 representatives participated in it.

ASMITA is part of Worker's India Federation for the past many years

Mazdoor Suraksha Yajana - MSY

For the social security of the unorganized labour class ASMITA has taken up the government pension scheme under the banner of the CBCI labour commission called Mazdoor Suraksha Yojana. ASMITA has enrolled about 150 people in it and this year 14 persons deposited their contribution.

6. ASMITA Social Awareness Programs

Women's Day Celebration

March 8 was celebrated as women's day by ASMITA. This year the celebration was held at ASSI Ghat. Women from different walks of life participated in it. Mis. Ranjana Gaur was the chief guest. The theater group Prerana Kala Manch put up a street show on empowerment of women. There were around 250 people present.





Anti Child Labour Day Celebration

In the year 2019-20 ASMITA in association with Asha Jyoti Centre (One Stop Centre 181), DCPU, and National Domestic Workers Movement celebrated anti-child Labour Day on 12th of June at Cantt Railway station. The Station Manager was the chief guest and, Around 100 children took part in it. The event could give a message against child labour and unite children to give voice for their education. A street play on the theme of education was put up by Prerana Kala Manch. After an hour long meeting a rally was taken out from the railway station to the city with placards depicting the message of education and to stop engaging children in child labour.



Inter Religious Program

ASMITA regularly organizes or participate in various inter religious activities.

- ASMITA regularly represents in Inter religious prayer meetings at Mahatma Gandhi Adhyanpith of Kashi Vidyapith.
- ASMITA time to time organizes Inter Religious Bhajan Mandali in its campus.
- On 6/4/2019 ASMITA organized an Inter Religious prayer for the martyrs of Phulwama.
- On 3/2/2020 ASMITA organized an Inter-religious prayer service in which various religious leaders participated in it. Thanks to Frs. Prem Antony and Anand for moderating it.





Feasts and Celebration

Following the custom of ASMITA this year also we had the celebrations, such as, Christmas, Holi Milan Samaroh and Roza Ifter. These celebrations gather people of various faiths together. We have time to time Inter Religious Bhajan Mandali in ASMITA. ASMITA calls this as Dialogue in Action.



7. Other

Trainings





- ASMITA organized two days of training on Herbal Medicines & Cure and Social Security for the Unorganized on 30th and 31st of October 2019 at its Campus. Sr. Freda CJ, a trained general nurse, was the resource person. There were around 50 participants from ASMITA educational centers and its staffs.
- On 3/8/19 ASMITA staffs gathered for the monthly meeting cum Orientation in Matridham Ashram. Fr. Ranjith gave the orientation, who spoke about the spirituality of Social work.
- On 31/8/19 ASMITA organized training for the staffs of ASMITA. The resource person Jagriti Rai guided the staff on RTI, online websites which are related to social empowerment, Help lines, how to do meaningful protest with the permission, etc.
- On 25/6/2019 ASMITA staff participated in the training program on Social Security for Women Workers, which was organized by the Christian Workers Movement- India. It was two days training. Ten staff of ASMITA together with coordinator and Director participated in it. Various persons gave class on this issue. Participants were from various parts of India.

Exposure

On 05/06/2019 on ASMITA staff had an exposure program in Assi Ghat of Varanasi. It was part of closing of academic year 2018-19. We had an evaluation of the whole year. All spoke about their learnings of the year. Thereafter we had boat ride to across the holy river Ganges. There we all had a holy dip and came back to the Assi ghat. Thereafter we had a sumptuous dinner together.





8. Asmita COVID-19 Response

Covid -19 and its impact on the lives of people need no introduction. From the time lockdown was declared, the Team ASMITA put in our whole strength to help the people stranded, those without food. It has taken up the following activities-

Cooked Food Distribution

ASMITA, in our outreach found that many people who came to Homi Baba Cancer hospital for cancer treatment from far away states were unable to return home after treatment. They were without food. From March 23 to April 24 the team fed 200 above people on a daily basis. Our neighbors were of a great help in preparing meals





Ration Distribution

During lockdown, due to shops being closed and non availability of jobs, daily wage labors were in distress. Most of them ran out of food. ASMITA in its first round of ration distribution, reached out to 650 families with 5kg Rice, 5 kg Wheat flour and 2 kg Dal. In its second round it distributed 5kg rice, 5 kg Atta, 3 kg Dal, 5kg Potato-Onion, 1 kg salt, 3 masks, and 3 saps to 1300 families in its slums.

☞ Diocese of Varanasi, Manos Uidas, the IMS, many individual benefactors helped us with cash and kind

Through CHILDLINE 264 children were assisted with shelter/nutrition/restoration/legal aid etc. This includes 60 infants with milk powder. Our team was involved in tele-counseling of those affected by quarantine /isolation or lockdown through the Integrated War Room.

Remembering Judith Schuler



Judith was the closest friend/ benefactor of ASMITA for more than 20 years. On 1st of June 2019 she passed away in an accident from this world. Month's Mind was organized by ASMITA, paid tribute to her for the commendable many years of service done by her and her husband Stefan Schumuki, a prayer meeting for the repose of the soul was arranged. All the staff and friends of ASMITA participated in the prayer. ASMITA will always remember and will remain ever indebted to both of them. Sina Shumuki is very much remembered and we are eagerly waiting for her visit to ASMITAKASHI.

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Director**



Judith Schuler





Paying Tribute to Judit



Independence Day Celebration



Anti-Child Labour day



Swach Bhatat Abhiyan



Volunteers from VKM



Caring for a new born baby



Volunteering with us



Training on Cyber Security



Ration distribution



Meeting with DM Shri Kaushal Raj Sharma



Inauguration of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan Shri Saurav Srivastav, MLA Cantt



Tailoring Classes



Widow's Mite



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