



**Pragati Gramodyog evam Samaj
Kalyan Sansthan**



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President's Message

Social transformation is the result of positive actions to improve the environment in which marginalized are assisted to progress. PGS firmly believes that the local communities have the ability to manage their own affairs provided they are allowed to function freely. Last four years ago we started two big initiatives first being the Producers Company which was launched to give employment to the bonded labourers working in the fields of other land owners thus the producer company aimed at not just creating and promoting sustainable livelihood opportunities to increase food security of the marginalized sections but also promoting healthy and cancer free society by promoting organic and pesticide free fresh vegetables. Another important initiative was Mukti Vihaan Collective Marriage Initiative which would help the labours to divide the expense between the families whose children are getting married. Last year five couples were married in this event, this event not only promotes harmony amongst the community but also helps them in avoiding taking loan from the contractors.



PGS' strategy since the beginning has been underlined by the idea of freedom and development. It has learnt that development of people is a difficult or even impossible task until and unless they themselves collectively seek change in their lives freely. Formations of collectives give strength to such endogenous expressions. They provide a platform to raise voice to their just and rightful demands and to discuss upon the matters that affect their lives.

In this successful endeavour, one should appreciate, recognize and laud the contribution made by the Members who Govern, workers who produce results and recipient communities who consume, appropriate and change to depict a model. Let us congratulate and resolve to act decisively for the future to come.

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(Jyoti Singh)
President, PGS

About The Organization

Pragati Gramodyog evam Samaj kalyan Sansthan (Progressive Village- Enterprises and Social welfare Institute) is a voluntary non-profit organization registered under schedule 21 of U.P Societies Registration Act since 1986 vide registration no. 933/1986-87 The PGS is registered under Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), 1976, Govt. of India vide registration no. 136230182. It is also registered under section 12 A of the Income Tax Act and has also obtained registration under section 80 G of Income tax Act 1961. The organization has obtained PAN as well as TAN numbers from Income Tax Department. The PGS is a partner organization of NABARD, EDI, LIC, BSVS, and KVIC.

The PGS works with the aim of social, economic and cultural uplift of rural poor. In its initial years PGS had just been a support agency and undertook advocacy through mobilization and sensitization of community members to unite and raise their voices against local issues like it has organized bidi workers to get minimum wages, effort to develop rural education by empowering girls of the school to control and manage their school at the time of crisis, public service trade union activity, and organized stonebreakers for sustainable freedom. Currently, PGS is in the phase of transition and regeneration and it is now spreading its activities to broader areas tackling broader issues of sustenance and exploitation.

Vision

“PGS aims for eliminating all forms of bondages and social hierarchies to create a decent, equitable and sustainable social and natural environment”.

Mission

- **Promoting** : collectives for democratic and equal participation
- **Educating** : people for organizing self-help initiatives
- **Empowering** : communities to make claims for legal entitlements
- **Harnessing** : potentials of social and micro entrepreneurs
- **Strengthening** : local institutional structures for sustainability

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In a review report on Financial Management & Internal Control the Centre for Promoting Accountability has observed that the PGS is a low risk organization and can be supported with minimum monitoring.

Thematic Centers

The PGS has conceptualized following five thematic centres around which all its activities are organized:

- 1) Centre for Freedom, Citizenship and Democracy, (CFCD)
- 2) Centre for Sustainable Agriculture and Environment (CSAE) Centre for Education, Health and Skills Development (CEHS)
- 3) Centre for Promoting Livelihoods and Micro-enterprises (CPLM)
- 4) Centre for Participatory Research and Planning (CPRP)



Centre for Freedom, Citizenship and Democracy, (CFCD)

Freedom, Citizenship and Democracy is a backdrop of our strategic technical, managerial and psychosocial support to the members of the Self-Help Groups. We strive to empower the groups for a holistic uplift from the situations of modern slavery. Modern Slavery, submerged in the multidimensional facets of bondedness and trafficking, is the very pivot on which our interventions revolve. In context to this, we provide technical, managerial and psychosocial support to 410 SHGs of bonded stonebreakers and their federation called 'Pragati Vahini'. This federation has been formed with the aim to achieve the vision and mission of the organisation, "Freedom from the Fear of Freedom".

The Centre for Freedom, Citizenship and Democracy, on the basis of its framework, derives its action plan from three major components,

Teras Chaura

Teras Chaura, an alternate form of survivors-led grassroots organizational structure is an interactive platform for participants to facilitate interface between Modern Institutions and various emerging forms of Bondage. It one of the most significant achievements of PGS which is organized under the young leadership of SHG federation of bonded laborers. The slogan, "Jiska koi nahi sunta, uska hai Teras Chaura" is a tagline of Teras Chaura which is devised by the SHG Federation. It means that this event belongs to the ones who are unheard. It is an occasion of voicing the concerns and determining resolutions for the concerns, issues and problems.



Teras Chaura is organized on every 13th dark lunar day of every month at different locations every month and skilling community members to access digital portals of different government departments to voice their grievances against illegal loans, debt-bondage, child labour, forced migration and trafficking in their families and accessing their legal as well as civil rights. It consists of thirteen departments which are led by thirteen emerging community leaders working as advocates, paralegals, SMC member,

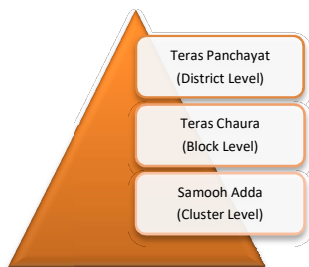
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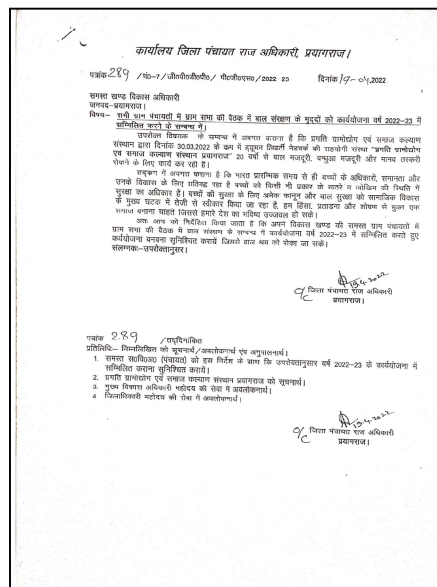
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forest volunteer, farm supervisor, mining supervisors and village health workers among the community. From the last six months the leadership of Teras Chauras has been able to work with 12 government departments i.e. labour, health, development, revenue, law, police, education, forest, agriculture, social welfare banks and village panchayats. Teras Chaura, as an informal mode of communication is extremely useful for free flow of

information at grassroots. It not only encourages participation but also leads to initiation of action research exercises



Legal Aid Centre : The legal vulnerabilities are visible in different forms like the bonded stonebreakers/agricultural laborers are not aware of their legal rights and entitlements, they don't have the strength to move out of the contractor's site, they don't know how to get good legal advice, not aware how to lodge FIR or complaints with the police or other enforcement agencies, unable to meet follow-up expenses, face harassments by falsely implicating in fake cases, unable to produce documentary evidences on bondage, unable to sustain against intimidation and threats by the accused from the case pendency, succumbing to the threats of social humiliation or public remarks against the victim, particularly women and unable to access benefits from various development schemes for which they are eligible.



In order to overcome the legal vulnerability and fill the existing gaps in the legal support system to the bonded stonebreakers/ag.laborers the PGS is supporting three Legal Aid Centers (LACs) since 2012. In the current year three more LACs have been operationalized.

The LAC initiative has been tested over a period of three years time. It has been found successful for replication and up scaling within our target area and outside as well.

Objectives of Legal Aid Centers (LACs)

1. To make the SHG members aware about their legal rights and entitlements;
 2. To identify debt-bondage victims through reports from SHG members;
 3. To prepare case history of identified debt-bondage victims with the help of SHGs;
 4. To assist victims in registering cases, lodging FIR and follow-ups;
 5. To support victims facing threats or intimidation from the accused or the police;
 6. To ensure victims feel safe and protected from case trials;
 7. To provide assistance to SHG members to obtain economic benefits under various development schemes to which they are legally entitled;
 8. To act as referral service to empanelled lawyers and government legal aid services.
 9. To train SHG members for preparing Freedom Plans and its execution.
- To act as a nodal point for a fact-finding team in case of atrocities and harrassments against any SHG member by involving other human right activists.

3 Trainings were organised on filing complaints and claiming for their rights and entitlements to different departments through Integrated Grievance Redressal System (IGRS) at Medra, Devghat & Newadiya-42. IGRS is an integrated system for grievance redressal in Uttar Pradesh to achieve the goal of good governance using latest technology involving all stakeholders. Members can freely and conveniently file a grievance, track the grievance lodged on all platforms and receive response to their satisfaction both in terms of quality and time. Along with lodging of complaints, members can also interact with Government/Departments/Offices in an easy and transparent manner. Complaints from all sources will be available on a single platform to all departments, which will improve access, redressal & monitoring. 75 Champions and 20 community leaders participated in the above trainings.

A total of 97 cases were identified for action and follow-up with the following government departments through LACs

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| Judicial courts | 12 cases were regisred with the support of egal Aid Centres |
| Labor | 117 cases were brought up at Teras Chaura for wages not receiving under MNREGA |
| Revenue | 4 cases were brought up relating to residential lease, 7 case for residential certificate and 1 for agricultural lease |

Preventing child exploitation : Panchayati Institutions focusing on vulnerable children & families through GPDP & CPCs

- Lack of awareness generation and participatory planning for GPDP
- No concern for financial resource envelope
- Lack of technical support to GPs for GPDP preparation
- No relation between GPDP and works actually undertaken
- **Miniscule presence of major sectors like Agriculture, WCD, Health and Nutrition, Education, Animal Husbandry, Skill development etc.**
- Departments working in isolation
- Review of GPDP at Block/ District/ State levels non-existent
- Uploading of GPDPs not done/ partial

Meeting at Gram Sabha

For including the issues of Child protection in GPDP meetings were conducted at 80 Gram Panchayat with respect to Mahila Sabha and Bal Sabha. Freedom group members participated in the meeting. These 80 Gram Panchayat are actively conducting Bal Sabha and Mahila Sabha meetings by the Pragati Bal Manch and Pragati Mahila Manch. In these meetings, members are more aware of the issues of Child protection.



In the GPDP meetings, community members raised their issues related to different forms of harassment and atrocities like Child labor and Child labor-related benefits, Jobs related to MNREGA work and wages; Enrolment of Drop out students. The community members also pressurize that issue of child protection should be included in the GPDP.

Convergence Meetings with Stakeholders

12 Convergence Meetings was done along with various stakeholders at the district authority, the Block Development Office, and village-level PRI Members regarding the issue of child protection and to include the issue of child protection in the GPDP.

10 training for the issue of child protection was shared with the School Management Committees, the members of the committee were motivated to include child protection in the GPDP

Workshop :

6 Workshop-cum-Training for PRI members, Aganwadi, Asha and block officers to take proactive actions against child labor and Child Protection in GPDP at Koraon, Meja, Shankergard. 255 officials from CDPO, BDO, and the Education department (BRC) officials participated in this workshop.



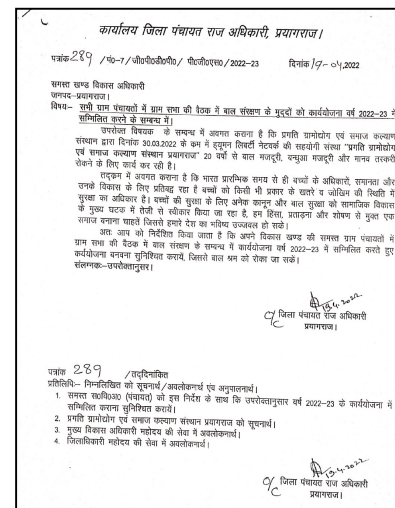
Circular for GPDP at District and Block level

District : A circular was issued by the Panchayat Raj Officer, Prayagraj at the district level, in which issues of child protection were ordered to be included in every Gram Panchayat Development Plan of the district.

Block :

A circular was issued through ADO Panchayat from various development blocks (Shankergadh, Meja, Koraon) levels, in which it was ordered to include the issues of child protection in each Gram Panchayat development plan of the Block.

Change : Members of SMC, VLPCPC, and PRI are holding regular meetings. Community members have also been included in the committees, who keep pressing for regular meetings and keep in touch with the members of the organization for information about government schemes related to children.



IMPACT :

150 Gram Panchayat (working area of PGS) ensures that these issues of child protection will include promptly.

110 community members have been included in various committees

In Sirhir Gram Sabha, the community members discussed with the village head Sushma Devi to include the issue of child protection in the Gram Panchayat Development Plan and to demand funds to stop child labor in the Gram Sabha meeting, in the Gram Panchayat. Demanded to prepare a plan to eliminate child labor. The village head gives full assurance to the community members to include the issue of child protection in GPDP.

Centre for Sustainable Agriculture and Environment (CSAE)

Major Component of Centre for Sustainable Agriculture and Environment - Producer Company of Freed Bonded labourers

Freed Bonded labourers at 20 locations with Organic Farm Schools aim at declaring their habitations as Sustainable Freedom Villages (Pragati Gram) demonstrating a model at micro level that could contribute towards achieving the Global Sustainable Goals 2030 to End Hunger, Achieve Food Security & improved Nutrition, and Promote Sustainable Agriculture. In an effort to ensure sustainable freedom through increased income, PGS supports liberated bonded labourers in on-going management of a Farmers' Producer Company. Comprised of 350 former bonded labourers, the producer company is a community-initiated activity in which agricultural inputs such as seeds, organic pesticides, vermi-compost and agri-implements are provided at a subsidized cost through 4 Agri-service centers.

After harvesting their crops, members of the producer company are linked with the appropriate markets in order to obtain sustainable sources of income through on-line and off-line marketing channels. Members of the producer company harvest products such as brown rice, millet, flour, pickles, chilli, chestnuts, and lemons. From 2018-19 it is expected that an additional 150 farmers will join the producer group, resulting in a total of 500 farmer participants.

Farmer's Producer Company

Farmer's Producer Company, called 'Pragati Gram Fresh' is a Producer Company registered under the Companies Act, 2002. It is an initiative by about 150 first generation owner cultivators located in remote areas of Allahabad district. After getting agricultural lease rights from the government these cultivators have freed themselves from intergenerational debt-bondage. With the support of NABARD, we came together and formed the producer company with a focus on innovations in organic farming.



Nearly 150 Progressive farmers from different parts of the district have also joined our organic initiative by dedicating a proportion of their land for the purpose. All our farmers have got themselves registered for organic certification under PGS system with the National Centre for Organic Farming (NCOF), the nodal agency nominated by the Govt. of India for organic certifications. NCOF has granted PGS-green certificate to these farmers as an approval for organic transition practices. After pursuing cultivation practices of organic transition for a period of three years the farmers will be eligible for certificate of PGS-Organic.

Our member farmers are cultivating grains, pulses, oilseeds, spices, vegetable and fruits. With the support of qualified professionals they are also participating in various post-harvest value-addition practices like sorting, grading, packaging, processing and retail marketing. One of our farmers and BOD member Mr. Manish Singh, has been awarded by

the Hon'ble Chief Minister of UP Mr. Akhilesh Yadav for innovative organic farming. We commit ourselves for responsible farming and ethical agri-business with triple bottom line:

Maximization of Profit | Minimization of Social Injustice | Reduction in Environmental Risks

City-based consumers from different walks of life are supporting our endeavor by regularly purchasing our products. We aim to achieve a win-win situation for producers as well as consumers through an efficient supply chain management. For more information, follow the link:

Pragati Gram Fresh - How -

- Organic Farm Schools
- Four Agri-service centres
- Mobile Procurement Centres
- On-line and Off-line marketing
- Citizens Group Meeting
- Training on Community Grain banks
- Training on Joint Liability Groups

Organic Farm Schools: We provide training on low cost organic cultivation practices. In each Farm School 30 member farmers (freed bonded labourers) who have received agricultural lease under government scheme would participate to improve farm level efficiency. The plots of such farmers are normally of inferior quality having no irrigation facility. Organic farming is a best choice to earn income for the participant farmers to sustain their freedom by reducing cost of cultivation and better earnings from such plots. From 2018-19, PGS continues to support 15 JaiVik Kisan Vidyalaya, an organic farmers' school, providing training opportunities to farmers with a focus on organic farming, agriculture production, harvesting seasonal crops and soil testing. From 2020-21 we aim to start organic farm schools at 5 new locations with an average of 30 farmers attending classes at each location. These are operated by one experienced trainer and one organizer & they facilitate six training modules for each group of farmers.

Agri-Service Centres: These ensure timely supply of organic inputs. Such bio-inputs are mostly prepared by the SHG members. Agri-service centres are a step to reduce the dependency on loans to buy costly chemical inputs from the market, which push the member farmers into bondage situations. The member farmers can get the credit facility from group also for such inputs, if required. With timely supply of organic inputs, not only will the yield improve but also the undue burden of payment is reduced because of the credit facility. Moreover, increased yield of organic crops supports the families to achieve food and nutritional security ensuring better health of their family members and reducing burden of bad loans for health expenditure. From 2018-19, we aim to open 4 Agri-service centres.

Mobile Procurement Centres: We provide technical support to Farmer Producer Company to purchase surplus grains from member farmers after harvest with fair weighing and fair price. It helps member farmers to get instant payment of their produce, which thereby reduces their dependency on bad loans for purchasing inputs for next crop. From 2018-19, we aim at opening 20 Mobile Procurement Centres.

On-line and Off-line Marketing: We provide technical support to the Farmer Producer Company to sell the procured products with the help of Android based mobile app – ‘Pragati Gram Fresh’ and government sponsored on-line marketing portal e-NAM as well as off-line marketing opportunities to get better value transfer to member farmers.

Citizens Group Meeting: From 2018-19, we aim at facilitating the formation of 20 Citizens Groups to support the cause of freedom from Bondage, Indebtedness, Sustainable Agriculture, Environment Protection and Organic Food Production by providing downstream partnerships for an efficient short distance supply chain. Meetings of each Citizens Group will take place once in a year in which 30-40 members from civil society will participate.

Training on Joint Liability Groups (JLGs): at 6 locations with a participation of 40-50 SHG members. We aim to facilitate 100 JLGs for accessing easy crop loans (at 4-7 per cent per annum interest rates) from banks. This will benefit about 3000 family members of 500 members of FPO, about 10000 producers as well as consumers at selected villages through Organic Farming Schools.

Centre for Education, Health and Skills Development (CEHS)

CEHS focuses on the following component - Child Rights, Non-Formal Education and Elimination of Child Labour

We support bonded labourers through various programs under the comprehensive dimensions of education, health and skill development. The Center for Education, Health and Skills Development supports children, adolescents and mothers via various training programs, camps, clubs and others. Mothers within the self-help groups to monitor the community schools’ educational services provided to their children to observe if discrimination is occurring within the classroom and take steps as necessary. Village Education Centres. These centers aim at deploying education counselors to support various clubs. In selected 70 villages about 1500 identified child labour and destitute children below the age of 14 years will be rescued and mainstreamed with the public education system and 1000 identified adolescent labour between the age 14-18 years. After their rescue, these children receive skill training under skill development mission and will be placed for employment or start their own enterprise for Social and Economic Rehabilitation.

- How -

- Training to Mothers’ Club on Right to Education
- Training on Mainstreaming of Child Labor
- Training on Child Rights
- Rescue operations for Child Labor and Adolescent labor
- Ensuring Benefits to Parents of Rescued Child Labor:
- Awareness Campaigns with Adolescent Girls Groups
- Village Education Centers
- Increase support of Youth Clubs
- SPEED-UP Centre
- PragatiBalVidyalaya - A Neighbourhood School Experiment
- Self-employment Training and Resource centre
- Supporting a Community Girls’ School
- Eye Check-up Camp

- Training on Right to Food and Nutritional Security
- Health and Nutrition Education Camps
- TB Control Awareness Programme
- Village Library

Training to Mothers' Club on Right to Education: The organization supports mothers within the SHGs to monitor the community school's educational services provided to their children to observe if discrimination is occurring within the classroom and take steps as necessary. From 2018-19, we aim at organizing trainings at cluster level at 20 locations twice a year. We also motivate Mothers' Club members to participate in training on the entitlements at government schools and on importance of education. In addition, we mobilize members of SHG to start sending their children to school regularly and assist them to visit schools to monitor if their children are met with any discrimination. In each training about 40-50 mothers will participate.

Training on Mainstreaming of Child Labour: In collaboration with the Labour department, from 2021-22, we aim at organising trainings to activate the School Management Committee and Village Panchayats in 112 selected villages for enrolment of identified child labour in government schools and ensuring their regular attendance in schools. These trainings will be organised at village level on bi-monthly basis and approximately 20 participants will be participating in each training.

Training on Child Rights: We work in coordination with the Block level Child Rights Protection Committees to sensitize the parents of identified child labour to send their children to schools regularly. From this year, we will be organising trainings at village level on bi-monthly basis which will include approximately 30 participants.



Trafficking Awareness Campaigns with Adolescent Girls Groups: Adolescent (between the age group of 14-18 years) Bonded Laborers, after being rescued by PGS are then provided skills training under Skill Development Mission and are placed either for employment or for initiation of their own enterprise for social and economic rehabilitation. From 2021-22, we aim at forming Adolescent Girls Groups in 30 villages for social rehabilitation of rescued adolescent girl labourers and organising Trafficking Awareness Campaigns with them on monthly in different locations in our target area. In each campaign about 60-70 adolescent girls and their mothers will be participating.



Increase support of Youth Clubs: 14 additional youth clubs will be formed in the project area and 3 existing youth clubs will continue to be supported. Each of these clubs will consist of about 15 members. These clubs aim at providing opportunities for youth to participate in a variety of extracurricular activities, including painting, singing, and debating. With the goal of encouraging youth

to become actively involved in education and their communities, members of youth clubs will be motivated to serve as paralegals and active members of Legal Aid Centres.

Meeting With VLCPC

5 meetings have been conducted at block level with block pramukh, BDO, CDPO, CHC & PHC doctors mainly the ADO panchayat, Gram Pradhan, Aanganvadi etc. In addition to this, multiple meetings have been conducted at district level with DPO and DCPO towards the issuance of letter, shared in the email.

The orientation program was organized with PRI members on child protection issues. In the program, children below the age of 18 years were made aware of the dangers of going to work and it was also informed that deprives children of their right to go to school and reinforces intergenerational cycles of poverty. Program were conducted at 65 Gram Panchayat with PRI members.



100 VLCPC was formed and orientation program was done to its members on the subject of child protection and work and responsibility of VLCPC.

Convergence Meetings with Stakeholders

Convergence meeting with DCPU, Education, Social welfare and child labor department, SMCs/SMDC, District Panchayati Raj Officer(DPRO) PCPC, BCPC .

Decisions were taken for the prevention of child protection by stakeholders who participated in the workshop.

- Village level and Block level Child Protection Committee will be functional
- Child labor families should get the benefit of Ayushman Scheme
- It was ensured that DBT gets the children on time.
- SMC will include child protection as a priority in its issues
- MNREGA workers should be linked with BOCW so that they can get the benefit from the schemes of the Labor Department.
- Work together with NGOs and stakeholders on the issues of child Protection
- The budget allocated for Child Protection in the GPDP will be included on a priority basis at the village level.

Convention on Child Protection

The cause of child labor was discussed in the conference, the reason for bondage is debt taking due to illness or any reason, for which children are forced to work. In the conference,

MLA-Koraon told that villagers were made aware of the schemes related to Health and Labor, in which it was told that the government is providing free treatment facilities up to 500000 to each family through a golden card. Along with this, information was also given about the schemes related to the labor department. Deputy labour commissioner says that child labor deprives children of their right to go to school and reinforces intergenerational cycles of poverty. MLA-Koraon, Deputy Labor Commissioner, and Assistant Labor Commissioner attended the conference

At the conference, a camp was organized for making the golden card and labor card, in which 150 golden cards and 65 labor cards were made.

15 Labour Camp organised at block level in which 275 card made.

Workshop

A Workshop-cum-Training for Police and AHTU officials was organized for Police, AHTU officials and enforcement agencies to take pro-active actions against perpetrators of Child labour, debt-bondage at Police line Auditorium, Allahabad. 65 officials from Police, labour department, Health and Education officials participated in this workshop.



Circular :

by state: Dated 10 June, 2022 to make child protection committees functional in each district of Uttar Pradesh and to allocate a budget for child protection.

by District:

Dated 29 July, 2022 – To make all the block-level Child Protection Committees functional as per norms, constituted at the district level by District Probation officer.

Impact :

After the workshop, a circular was issued from the block level, in which orders were given to make VLCPC effective.

- 1500 children linked to sponsorship and other social protection schemes of the government
- 165 labor cards were made through Labour camps.

36 Trainings were organized at 36 selected villages to activate the School Management Committee, village panchayats for enrolment of identified child labor in government schools and ensuring their regular attendance in schools. About 600 School Management Committee members, village panchayats members participated.

Under the "School Chalo Abhiyan", members of Pragati Bal Manch organized a rally in association with the SMC the motive is "promote education not work." The parents of the children of the community were told about the importance of education, and re-enrolment of the dropout children in school.

Trainings were organized in 8 cluster for the Pragati Mahila Manch (Mothers Club) at Atreji, Kanhaiya, Pathra, Hardiha, Meja Khas, Newadiya 42, Quari No. 5 and Shivrajpur. Mothers' club members participated in training on the entitlements at government school and importance of Education. Members of SHGs were encouraged to regularly send their children to school. In which about 218 community members participated.

The issue of DBT was taken up with Block Resource Centre (BRC). In the meeting Community Members shared issues on DBT with BRC – such as Aadhar card of the children not linked with the bank, the name written wrong on the Aadhar card, the father's account has been closed due to non-transaction, DBT-related



benefits from the school has not been transferred to the children's account. After this Aadhar camp was organized at BRC. In which the 120 New Aadhar card was made and their benefit also transferred. The error of the also Aadhar card was corrected.

In a signature campaign, a letter signed by the village head, Kshetra Panchayat members, members of SHG, and members of Pragati Vahini, appealed to add child protection issues in the plan of SMC. It was handed over to Basic Education Officer Praveen Kumar Tiwari by the representatives of Pragati Vahini.

A letter was given to the Rajmani Kol MLA-Koraon, in which there was a demand to bring the children of 14 to 18 years under the purview of RTE. After talking to the MLA, a demand was made to initiate the children of 14 to 18 years to come into the mainstream of society by talking to the concerned minister/chief minister.

Convergence Meetings by Community members with Stakeholders

The Member of SHGs of Nai Garhi and Hargarh villages took a meeting and decided that they will meet Block Education Officer and demand one school in their village because there is no school for children in the villages. Due to the absence of school in the village, Children are engaged in work. On June 4, all the members went to the block, but the Block Education Officer was not available. They met Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Meja, apprised him of the problem and handed him their application.



SDM assured that soon the problem will be resolved in the said village.

A workshop on "Child Labor and Education" with Stakeholder Organized by ILO at Prayagraj. To which PGS was invited. In the workshop, some points to take strong steps for child labor and the education system of children of the 14-18 age group were in the agenda. The efforts being made by PGS on child labor and education. A survey report was presented by PGS (collaboration with Praxis), in which the points of children who have left the school and are migrated to other cities were highlighted. In the workshop, the co-ordinator of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Ms. Sunita Chaudhary assured that to take forward step the work concerning the report.

On the issues of Inclusion of children aged 14 to 18 years under Right to Free and Compulsory Child Education Act; The drop out; children who have never gone to school; and children who are engaged in child labor - PGS conduct a meeting with the Regional Coordinator of PRATHAM and other organizations with similar objectives and prepared a common strategy for discussion on the above issue.

A three-tier village, block and district level essay competition was organized for the children, with the motto "child labor free society campaign". 160 children in the age group of 8 to 18 participated in this competition. The objective of the competition was to generate interest in education among the children and to discuss the challenges faced in education with the stakeholders. Shri Raj Mani Kol, MLA of KOROAN region, ABSA Koraon was present in the program.

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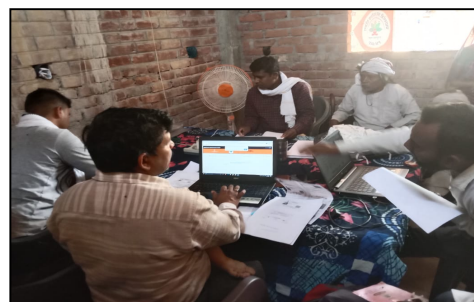
The children of the Musahar community did not go to school. Regarding this issue, the members of Pragati Bal Manch held a meeting with the parents of the children and discussed about the need for education and the impact of child labor on their future. In the meeting, the parents decided that they would get their children enrolled in the school.

Inspired by the meeting, the parents of the Musahar community decided to send their children back to school. 62 dropout children are being sent to school regularly

The School Management Committees (SMCs) have started functioning in villages. Children formerly employed as child labour has been enrolled in schools for the current session. Trained mothers of those children have started visiting schools to monitor whether their children are accessing entitlements at government schools. At several places SHG members have been elected as member of SMCs and they are participating in school planning activities.

Around 60000 children are enrolled in the district. Where as 15000 children are enrolled from PGS intervention area.

PGS gave letter to the CMO for organizing an Ayushman camp in the 65 underprivileged



communities. In response to the letter, the CMO ordered to organize camps in the above villages. Around 3000 community members got their golden cards made in the camp.

6 meetings at different block were held with child labor families and health stakeholders, A discussion was held to link the identified families with health benefits. After the meeting, those 75 families were linked to the health scheme. In which the golden card and E-Shram card of the people were made.

As a challenge faced for getting the cards made, only the consolidated data of overall beneficiaries is shared at Block level. This paves as a challenge because the block level stakeholders did not get dynamic information regarding the left out beneficiaries/updated list of left out beneficiaries. This made it difficult to screen out the vulnerable pockets as per the data obtained from the DIC.

14 General Health Camps & trainings were conducted at Sirhir, Madraha, Gadevara, Bhauti, Kona, Hardiha, Mamoli, Kathauli, Belautina, Tendua Kala at Meja block were organized for SHG members and their families

Interface meetings have been conducted with block level stakeholders and champions in 150 villages.



On the orders of CMO Prayagraj, the District Supply Officer ordered to make Ayushman card through PDS for all Antyodaya card holders of the district. In which 12000 Ayushman cards were

made in the district. Around 3200 community members got their golden cards made in the camp at PGS interventions area.

PGS organized health camp and awareness program in association with Kamala Nehru Hospital. In the camp, the benefits of Ayushman card holder were apprised of its advantages and was assured how it can be used to avoid debt due to illness. The community members apprised the doctors about the problems faced in the use of Ayushman card. The doctors who came to the camp told the members that they will talk to the CMO to resolve the problems coming to the people, so that the card holders do not face any more problems.

After meeting with the District Ayushman Committee, a decision was taken to get maximum cards made through camps in the village.

During the reporting period e-shram Card Camp was organised with the help of labour department.

11200 e-shram cards were made.

Around 38500 people got completely vaccinated in district. Where 2000 members are vaccinated and 6200 community members got connected to Ayushman Bharat Yojna in intervention areas.

Centre for Promoting Livelihoods and Micro-enterprises (CPLM)

Major Component of Centre for Promoting Livelihoods and Micro-enterprises- Improved Income and Developing Financial Independence

5000 bonded labourers and ex-bonded labourers from 410 SHGs will have increased knowledge of their entitlements under recently announced policies and welfare schemes and how to access them. We use Self-Help groups (SHGs) as a platform for teaching members how to save and manage their finances. These groups save together, depositing savings in the bank to be accessed for loans. We also provide skill development and micro-enterprise trainings to the members of Self-help groups to improve the economic opportunities available to bonded labourers. The Organization will provide training and enable individuals to secure their claims and entitlements according to the plans outlined in the Community Freedom Plans. These include: Residential Leases, Housing Scheme Benefits, Pensions, Health Services, Subsidized Food Grains, MNEGRA, Education, and Subsidized Bank Loans.

- How -

- MNREGA training camps:
- Financial inclusion Training
- Training on Right to Safe Housing
- Training on Skill Development and Non-Farm Micro-enterprise Development

MNREGA Training Camps : We Training on MNREGA on the issues of how to demand their work, entry of their work on Job Card and muster roles and on-line transfer of payments into their accounts was organised. Trainers were told that a job card is essential to get work under MNREGA. The Rojgar Sewak should enter every work in MNREGA on the job card immediately. If the work is not provided to the job card holder after demand he could



complain to the concerned Block Development Officer as well as Program Manager MNREGA. SHG members can also apply to work on their own agricultural plot, like land labelling, bunding, farm ponds, plantation etc. under MNREGA.

10 training were conducted at Dhoos, Amiliya Pal, Jokhai, Jamua, Kaundi, Ateriya Amiliya, Kohdar, Meja Khas, Quari No. 5, Newadiya – 42. A total of 228 Champions and SHG members participated in this training.

Financial Inclusion Trainings: We organize bi-monthly trainings on Financial Inclusion Schemes and mobilize SHG members to open bank accounts and keep them operational, take easy loans, honor repayment schedules so that their dependency on moneylenders can be reduced and thereby freeing them from illegal debts. These trainings are organized in collaboration with NABARD. We aim at conducting these trainings at 10 locations with the participation from 40-50 SHGs.

Training on Right to Safe Housing: Homelessness has been one of the major causes of debt-bondage. Many invisible communities are suffering from the conditions of homelessness. We mobilize SHG members to participate in training on procedures for making claims for residential sites and benefits under Rural Housing Schemes and claiming for residential leases and benefits under Rural Housing Schemes. These trainings also include the procedures to access safe drinking water, electricity and clean environment. From 2018-19, we aim at organizing such trainings at four locations on quarterly basis with the participation of 100-110 SHG members.

Training on Skill Development and Non-Farm Micro-enterprise Development:

We mobilize SHG members to participate in Skill Development and Micro-enterprise trainings. We also mobilize SHG members to start participating in Non-farm micro enterprise and small businesses for income generation. We aim at organizing these trainings on monthly basis at block level at 10 locations. In each training 10 young boys and girls from SHG member families will participate. By the end of 2019, all 100 participants will either be placed as skilled labor in any enterprise or start their own enterprise as self-employment.



Considering Three Office bearers in each SHG – President, Secretary and Treasurer of 410 SHGs, a total of 1230 community leaders and about 5000 SHG members, community members, journalists will benefit from these plans.

- Impact -

SHG members will get empowered and start collectively asserting their claims for entitlements which will help them to move out of bonded situations and make them capable to sustain their hard earned freedom.

- Meeting with Forest department officials for collecting the Tendu Leaf for Self Help Groups. Department allowed for the collecting the Tendu leaf for these Groups.
- 4 Community leaders from Atreji, Naibasti, Chapper and Baithakwa have been selected as Fud Munsu (Supervisor) for 4 collection booths. 158 Group members from 28 SHGs collected the tendu leaf worth Rs. 120,000/- approximately.
- Work demand has been done in 90 villages through Kaam Maango Kaam Pao abhiyan. Out of which 'receiving' has been received at 38 places only.
- Labour forum has been formed in 5 blocks and training has been completed.
- PGS gave a letter to MGNREGA commissioner The letter mentioned about Rozgar diwas and need for an online system at block level like whatsapp etc. There is demand of helpline number also. Being followed up by PGS.
- Champions orientation has been conducted in 150 villages.
- Training has been conducted with Block level stakeholders.
- Applied for work through IGRS (Integrated Grievance Redressal System) at 10 places. Follow-up is awaited.

- 110 demand has been done through KOBO tracking tool, a piloting to have online tracking of job demand.
- 2 applications on collective basis were submitted at different departments. One collective application on pending payment of MNREGA from Dhoos and Kaundi was submitted at Block Development office.
- **National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM):** 36 SHGs received Rs. 7,65,000 for income generating activities under NRLM.

