

# Annual Report

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SMILE (Society for Mobilizing and Improving the Life Experiences of the Underprivileged Women and Children) is a nonprofit organization now it's working in Jaipur and nearby villages since November, 2003. SMILE is working for the betterment of underprivileged women and children who live in destitute homes of government and slums. Our main focus is on counseling, vocational trainings, women awareness, health awareness, self-defense, leadership trainings, educational activities, creative activities, fun activities and recreational activities.

It has successfully imparted counseling to **14300**, vocational training to **9900**, support in education to **5150**, leadership skills to **210**, self-defense training to **300** and health awareness training to more than **2025** girls and women. Above all **182** children and women have been reunited to their families by the efforts of SMILE. **229** adults have become literate through our organization.

## **Mahila Sadan**

SMILE worked with about 100-125 women in the Government run Mahila Sdan. They were doing training in different subjects like stitching, embroidery, literacy, tie and dye (Bandhej) beauty culture, rakhi making, Deepak making, mehandi, craft, crochet/knitting.

The first step in this direction was to build a rapport with the women of Mahila Sadan, so that they are at ease and feel friendly in talking with SMILE trainers.

These women were divided into 3 groups for one to one interaction.

The first group of women comprised of those women who have been shifted here after treatment from mental hospital. With a lot of affection and belongingness' these women show positive changes in her behavior. These women developed self-confidence by engaging them in creativity activities like dancing, games etc. All this help in self-awareness which further aids in sending them back to in their family.

The IIrd group of women is those who end up here because of failed love affects or other social family problems. SMILE counselors and trainers talk work with them and provide solution to their problems.

The IIIrd group comprises of girls who are studying. Whenever they face any problem, SMILE team helps them accordingly. This helps in maintaining their self-confidence and decision making.

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## Stitching training

Training for stitching was imparted to 47 inmates this year. They were segregated into three groups.

The 1st group comprised of 17 women, out of them who were taught to stitch 8 types of salwars, 8-9 types of kurties, designer kurties, 3-4 types of lehngas, 4-5 types of blouses, 2-3 types of fancy gowns, evening gowns, pants, shirts, palazzo etc.

There were 13 inmates in 2nd group they were given knowledge of machine, primary stitches, how to operate a sewing machine, how to stitch petticoat simple payjama, palazzo, salwar kurties, lehnga, alteration of cloth, bag making, capri frock, kurti etc.

In the 3rd group 17 inmates are being taught primary stitches by hand and manual. These inmates have started training 2 months back. They are taught cutting of petticoat, salwar, kurta, payajama on paper and were asked to make sample clothes.

**Important** – This stitching training benefited almost 40 inmates. Our main object is to make this women self-dependent so that they can claim their livelihood after learning from Mahila Sadan. 10 – 11 of them can do measurement cutting and stitching on their own. About 10 inmates can stitch on already cut cloth with full finishing other 20 women can also earn their livelihood by simple stitching and thread cutting its.

## Embroidery

61 inmates took part in the embroidery training this year. These women learned about 50 – 60 different types of stitches. Here also they were divided into 3 groups.

1. The 1st group included 16 inmates. They made a file by learning all stitches on handkerchiefs; they also did embroidery on blouses, kurties, bed sheets, pillow cover, dupattas, cushion cover etc.
2. The 2nd groups had 25 women. Out of these 3 – 4 are making files. They learned about 40 – 50 stitches.
3. The 3rd group comprised of 20 inmates. Who learned 15 – 20 stitches?

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About 60 percent of women who are learning embroidery are not so sound with their mental state. 25 – 30 women who are learning embroidery can do professional works.

## **Tie & Dye (Bandhej)**

The Tie and Dye training is held twice a year. This year 30 inmates participated in this. In this women were taught to tie designs on handkerchief, bed sheets, dupattas, kurties, saris, scarfs, toppers, skirt etc.

After this coloring on tied cloths is caught. They learned about 12 – 15 different designs of tying. The training completed by making 4 – 5 t shirts, 2 kurtas, 4–5 palasoes, 4 dupattas.

## **Rakhi Making**

24 inmates of Mahila Sadan took part in Rakhi Making training. The women were taught to make woolen and silken threads (dora). Rakhis were made on these threads by note weaving and leads, flowers, swastikas, kundan etc. 7-8 women have become expert in rakhi making. They can make professional rakhies.

## **Literacy**

The literacy training was given to 28 inmates. They have divided into 3 groups. In the first group 7 inmates have started reading books and also they can identify 1 to 100 numbers. They can also identify all Matra in Hindi. They also can do simple addition, subtraction.

In the IInd group 9 inmates were there, they can recognize numbers 1 – 60 but cannot count till 100. They were able to count beads, to add to write a number by image counting, join numbers to search members in a group of numbers, to match letters in Hindi to read words in Hindi by joining 2-3 letters to make word by putting Hindi matras and also making different words from a single word.

In the IIIrd group there are 12 inmates. They were taught letter recognition in Hindi to circle a particular letter or number in a group of words or numbers, matching of letter and numbers.

Important – 20 girls started recognizing numbers who were not aware of numbers. They also started reading by joining letters. 6 – 7 of them can even read books now.

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Important thing is that only 6 women who undertook literacy training were normal; all others were not mentally sound.

## **Deepak Making**

31 women participated in Deepak making training. The women were taught to color designer Deepak and make designs with ceramic cones. They also learned how to pack prepared Deepak for parcel.

## **Crochet/Knitting**

This year 25 inmates undertook trading of crochet and knitting. In crochet they make flowers, plate covers, bags, mobile cover key hanging, doormat etc. They also made different laces with wool and thread. In knitting they made woolen caps, socks, mufflers, doormats etc.

## **Parlor/Beauty Culture**

This year 57 inmates participated in beauty culture training Programme. This included training in eyebrows threading, forehead, upper lips, bleach, cleanups, manicure, pedicure, skin care etc. They also learned different types of facials on different skin types. Training was also imparted for hair spa, head massage, hair heena, 10-15 hair styles, 5-6 types of hair cutting, hair straightening, rolling etc. The women also learned how to do waxing, drape sarees in 5-6 different styles. They also learned light makeup ,eye makeup, bridal make up, eye liner, lip liner, lipstick etc.

## **Mehndi**

The mehndi training was undertaken by 39 inmates. They were taught to make mehndi cones, how to sieve mehndi; they also learned how to make mehndi cones and different designs in mehndi.

## **Art and Craft**

This year different art and craft activities were done. The women made wall hanging with paper roll card sheet, coloured sheet, butter paper etc. Gift box, butterfly, Christmas tree, greeting card, photo frame, pen stand etc.

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They also make Shivling, basket, swing, earring, bird's swing etc. with paper roll. Also designer silken bangles were made on bangles, gudaum and Santa clause on bottles and old socks.

### **Prayer/Awareness song/ Dance/ Sports**

These activities are done with special groups. Two times a week , prayers, songs, dance, sports activities are done.

### **Other**

Entertaining programs are organized with the inmates on Christmas, Women's Day, Independence Day, Republic Day, Basant Panchamim, Holi, Diwali etc.

### **Balika Garh**

#### **Stitching training**

The girls who stay in Balika Garh for one to two months, these girls are first explained the importance of stitching to develop an interest in it. After that they are taught about the various aspects of sewing machine, its operation, stitching. They also learn how to take measurement, different types of stitches, to attach fall in sarees, pickoo, pillow cover, cushion covers, petticoat, baby panty, Jhabla, and also alteration.

The girls who stay for about 4 months in Balika Garh, they are taught all types of Salwar, simple kalidaar, pleated, afgani, dhoti etc, frocks simple a line, pleates umbrella, night suits, shirts all above mentioned dresses taught in first 2 months. They also learned to make purses, bags, pouches etc.

Those girls who stay in Balika Garh for 6 months or more. They were taught all types of dresses , designer etc.

#### **Important**

1. In this session 135 suits were stitched for inmates of Balika Garh by themselves.
2. Also the girls made about 300-400 masks for prevention from corona.

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## **Embroidery training**

The girls learned 25 different types of embroidery stitches. They also learned how to operate of crochet.

## **Craft**

The craft training the girls learned different craft items like photo frames from papers, flower pots, silken bangles and, cotton dolls etc.

## **Rakhi making**

On the occasion of Rakhi the girls were taught how to make different types of Rakhi form material provided to them.

## **Candle making**

The girls were taught how to make simple rose and other designer chandles on the The girls also learned candles in flower shape with fingers using hot wax.

## **Flower from plastic, polythene and cloth**

Training was given to girls to make beautiful rose flowers and different flowers from waste clothes and plastic polythene.

## **Tie and Dye training**

The girls learned to tie different styles of bandhej and how to color them differently.

## **Flower pot making with cloth and cement**

This training included teaching designer pots with cloth and cement.

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## Primary education

### Objective of this project

The first step of the project was to select such children of classes 1 to 5 studying in Government schools. Who were not able to perform as per the level of their class

Extra classes were held by SMILE for these children who helped in improving their performance.

### Beginning of project

The project was interacted in the following 3 school –

1. Govt. Upper Primary School, Sumer Nagar, Jaipur
2. Govt. Secondary School, Bad Deveri, Mansarover, Jaipur
3. Govt Upper Primary School Gandhi Nagar, Jaipur

The following were the subject teachers in all the three schools –

Hindi by Ms. Seema Tailor

English by Ms. Praba Devi

Maths by Ms. Vijaylaxmi Gupta

During lockdown in April 2020, a whatsapp group of 30 students was formed on 24 April 2020 to continue their education. They were divided into 2 groups. The first group was of 15 children who were of class 1-2 and second group was also of 3, 4 and 5. Initially only few of them joined. But gradually children started showing interest and their numbers increased. All the three subjects Teachers presented subject related material to the children in the form of videos in a very interesting manner. They also made colorful worksheets. All this was done in very simple language and taking examples from day to day life. This helped in quick learning of children. Showed interest in them.



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## Subject wise work done

- Besides English, Maths and Hindi different activities like craft, drawing, puzzles, general knowledge were done on Saturdays. Poems and songs were also taught.
- More than 20 craft videos were uploaded in which children were able to learn how to make attractive and useful things from waste products in home. Children participated whole heartedly in these activities.
- Ms Vijaylaxmi Gupta taught maths and explained in details with the help of videos.
- Similarly in English and Hindi also respective teachers made videos for teaching their subject in an interesting manner.
- Besides these academic activities feedback from children and their parents was taken through video calling.
- A lot of changes in the teaching and improvements pattern of teaching was done according to the feedback.
- The study material prepared by our teachers gave so much popularity that it was used by few parents' schools in their online classes.
- This because of the efforts of SMILE team. We were successful in continuing the education of children with a positive atmosphere cool mindset.
- Overall the experience of online classes was wonderful and inspirational for one and all.

## Work done in English subject

1. Alphabet small and capital
2. Vowel and Consonants
3. Sound of vowel a, e, I, o, u
4. Nouns
5. Gender
6. Pronouns

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7. Verb
  8. Preposition
  9. The sentence – kinds of sentences
  10. Use of this and that
  11. Use of these and those
  12. Use of he, she, it
  13. Use of I, we, you, they
  14. Tense – Introduction
  15. Present, past and future tense
  16. Use of can, may
  17. Sentence formation by picture reading
  18. Opposite

The videos and worksheets related to the above topics were presented in an attractive manner which made it easier for children to understand.

### **Work done in math's subject**

Maths subject was taught by Ms. Vijaylaxmi Gupta. The following topics were covered -

1. अंकों की पहचान
2. घड़ी देखना व समझना
3. इकाई, दहाई, सैकडा की जानकारी
4. जोड़ व घटाव (शब्दों में भी)
5. हासिल वाले जोड़ व घटाव (शब्दों में भी)
6. गुणा व भाग (शब्दों में भी)
7. पहाड़े
8. आरोही व अवरोही क्रम
9. पैटर्न

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10. रोमन संख्या
  11. भिन्न
  12. सेन्टीमीटर व मीटर मापना (शब्दों में भी)
  13. किलोमीटर व मीटर (शब्दों में भी)
  14. इंच व फीट
  15. मुद्रा
  16. आकृतियां
  17. लीटर व मिलीलीटर
  18. ग्राम व किलोग्राम
  19. मानसिक गणित (मन गणित)
  20. ज्योमिति
  21. गुणज और गुणनखण्ड
  22. क्षेत्रफल व परिमाप
  23. गतिविधियां (गणित के बिन्दुओं के आधार पर)

### **Work done in Hindi subject**

Hindi subject was taught by Ms. Seema Tailor. The following topics were covered -

1. वर्ण पहचान – क से ज्ञ तक
2. स्वर पहचान – अ से अः तक
3. मात्रा की पहचान
4. संज्ञा, सर्वनाम, क्रिया, लिंग, विलोम शब्द, वचन, मुहावरे व लोकोक्तियां, काल आदि।
5. गंधाश
6. कविता
7. पहेलियां
8. चित्र लेखन – इसमें एक चित्र बताकर उस पर लेख लिखना।

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9. वाक्य को सही क्रम में जमाकर लिखना।

## **SMILE Learning Center**

### **New session**

The new session 2020-21 started amidst lockdown. As it was the start of the pandemic in India there was total lockdown from March up to first week of June.

For our team, SMILE, including executives it was a great challenge to start the new session. Where there was no facility with the students to study online. In April we made the subject groups adding students, who had phones with internet connection. After that we provided phones to our sincere and studious students and started off with the online classes!

### **The New Methods**

The next challenge was to admit new students in class 7th. For this we contacted the government schools, requested for the list of students and their contact numbers. We contacted students and their parents and this way the new class 7th was admitted and started their studies.

Group for all the subjects i.e. Science, Maths, English and SST-drawing-Computer Sc., Drawing and Computer Sc were formed for all the classes. So in all 16 groups were formed for studies.

### **Our all the faculty member**

- Ms Manu Khurana, Science
- Ms Priya Rajawat, Maths
- Ms Prabha Kumawat, SST, Computer SC
- Mr. Bhanwar Lal Bairwa, English.

They could switch to the new system of teaching with a little difficulty initially but after recording few lectures, they were very well versed with this online system. They could deliver more than they themselves expected and all were happy that they could teach in these very difficult times and reach up to the students through their phones.

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Similar was the situation with the students. With little difficulty they could cope up with the new system of learning. But slowly they could cope up with the new normal. In Rajasthan schools were not opened throughout the year 2020, once they were closed in mid-March. So the syllabus for all the subjects were taught and covered online.

## **The New Normal**

As the time passed we could know that regular studies at the schools and at the center will be difficult in the near future. So, the students as well as the teachers could take up the online system as the new normal. Students were also posting their work in the concerned groups regularly. Their work was checked by the faculties daily. And the overall monitoring was done by co-coordinator Dr. Latika Jha with the collaboration of SMILE vice president Ms. Anita Bhanawat and CEO Ms. Kamini Shukla.

## **Evaluation System**

To check, whether the students are able to learn or not, regular tests were organized, students wrote their answers and posted in the group. Marking was done and the marks were awarded and notified to the students.

Grade 10th students were very sincere in their studies. They were very regular. Grade 8th students were also very enthusiastic. Very few students from grade 9th could concentrate on their online studies and grade 7th students could not cope up very well because they could never come to the center and were directly infused to the online system of learning.

But kudos to our teachers that they created very good learning materials online for the students. Which is available on our you tube channel also.

## **The Required Provisions**

Apart from the studies we also looked after the other needs of the students. As almost all our students come from economically weaker sections, we had to think about their wellbeing. We provided raw materials to the students through our friends and families.

We also contributed to the cause. Provided woolens, shoes etc.

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Our students and their families were very happy and grateful that someone is there to think about them and provide help in the difficult times.

## **Online Activities**

Throughout the year we were not allowed to move or assemble and call students to school. But we could celebrate all our festivals online, through drawings, songs, dance videos, speeches, games puzzles etc. To break the monotony. We celebrated Holi in March, Raksha Bandhan, and our Independence Day in August. Navratri, Dushhera, Deepawali in September and October.

But we could celebrate Christmas at the center, with dance and music party. Slowly we could open the center with precautions, occasionally during November, December and properly in January.

## **Life Skill Education**

Throughout the year, our life skill education group was the liveliest and liked by all the students. Different topics like, fear, leadership, gender discrimination, importance of studies, examination fear, confidence, cyber security etc. Were covered

Other entertainment activities were conducted on weekends, like, music dance, drawings with themes related to international sports day, human-rights day, Doctor's day etc.

Students really enjoyed in this group. These life skill activities were planned and executed by our CEO, Ms Kamini Shukla. Her vast experience in the field is quite visible on all activities of SMILE as a whole.

Since there was some relief from COVID, from mid -January we started the center and there were life skill sessions by Ms. Salma and Mr. Gopal Meena about problem solving, how to deal with small or big problems.

How to behave in difficult times, how to concentrate on our aim a so on! The lessons learnt and blessing in disguise:

The pandemic and its impact were on every section and every action of the society. Still some bad and some good experiences were there. There were many difficulties for the

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daily wage workers and other private sector somehow they managed with the help of the benevolent section of the society.

But what our students learnt was their life time achievement. Attending online classes, zoom meetings, audio and video sharing and what not. Whole of the SMILE activities were online within no time. This was really overwhelming. Now they themselves are creating zoom links, attending workshops and seminars online. This is great achievement and empowerment.

### **Meeting with parents**

Meetings and regular communication with parents was also there from time to time. All of them expressed their happiness over the progress, new learning and positive changes in personality of their daughters. They were also overwhelmed with the help and support provided to the family. We were concerned about their welfare in the pandemic and provided moral support to the families be keeping in touch and asking about their other needs.

### **Summing Up**

Finally, due to second wave of corona, in our state, exams for all classes were cancelled, this year also. But our students prepared well and appeared in all online and offline tests taken by our learning center and performed very well.

### **Gratitude**

Last but not the least; we are thankful to our faculty members, other supporting staff and mentors. Also very grateful to our sponsoring NGO, HART for their financial support and moral support, without which this Programme could not be possible.

### **Jai Ho Jan Vikas Kendra**

This year also stitching and parlor training course were conducted in the slum areas of Jaipur. These classes were conducted daily for 2 hours per batch for 6 months and 3 months regularly. The women and girls were taught 60 different types of clothes. The first step in this direction was to teach them hand stitches, machine operations and also maintenance of sewing machine. There after simple cloths were taught first and then the difficult ones. The steps involved in the stitching progress are as follows-

1. Drafting
2. Cutting on newspaper.
3. Stitching sample clothes.
4. Stitching proper clothes according to measurement.

Side by side the trainees also prepared files of their work. So that they can showcase their work which getting employment and also they remember whatever they have learned.

The following course was conducted in different slum areas this year.

S. No	Training	Total Participants	Place	Trainer
1.	Stitching (Online)	43	Anaj Mandi, Jaipur	Ms. Hemlata Devi
2.	Stitching (Online)	20	Amagarh, Jaipur	Ms. Hemlata Devi
3.	Beauty parlor	16	Amagarh, Jaipur	Ms. Hemlata Devi
4.	Stitching	41	Sitaram Colony, Jaipur	Ms. Naziya Safee
5.	Stitching		Guru Colony	Ms. Lali Devi
6.	Stitching		Renwal	Ms. Priyanka

## Interns

Students of different countries did internship from SMILE this year. They worked online and gained knowledge about SMILE'S work and contributed also.

The feedback received from them was very positive. The learned a lot and we're given full freedom while working.



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## COVID – 19

### Awareness regarding COVID-19

Keeping in mind the COVID 19 scenario, this year all the centers were made aware about the pandemic, how to protect oneself and spread awareness to others. When things became better training classes were conducted with proper social distancing and classes for children were also conducted. The inmates of Balika Garh and Mahila Sadan were also guided for psychological wellbeing and proper social distancing was held while conducting activities and training classes.

The girls of learning center conducted a survey about the pandemic. In this survey they found out how much people knew about the pandemic. Also they made people aware about preventing it from spreading. The girls enjoyed a lot in this survey. They felt they were also doing social service and felt like continuing this work.

Masks were made in different slum area and Balika Garh and Mahila Sadan. They were then distributed.

### Achievement

The spread of pandemic had raised questions about continuing the education of children and the training of different courses. But because of the dedicated SMILE team it was proved that "Where there is a will there is a way".

The primary class teachers made useful videos with full devotion and took their classes through them. They also taught through worksheets.

More than 450 videos were made for primary classes and uploaded on SMILE YouTube channel. Some children who were connected on what's app they shared their homework there. Creative activities were conducted on Saturday to enhance their creativity and for their entertainment. The children participates whole heartedly in these activities poems, stories, crafts were few such activities where children showed out their skills.

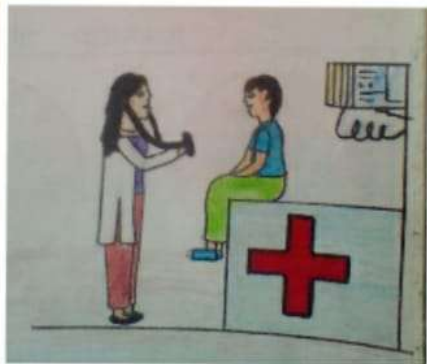
Children from classes 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> studied online for the whole year. Those students who did not have smart phones. The SMILE team arranged smart phones for them.

Also internet data plan made available to them by regular recharging their data packs. This helps in continuously learning process online. This way the whole course covered. Also SMILE has provided ratioj.









# Saturday activities





