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**SMILE**

(Society for Mobilizing and Improving the Life Experiences of the Underprivileged Women and Children)

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## About SMILE

SMILE is a non-profit organization working for the betterment of deprived women and children since November 2003. The society makes effort to reach out to those who are underprivileged. Presently SMILE is working in 2 Govt. homes (Balika Gharh, Mahila Sadan), various slums in Jaipur, some nearby villages of Jaipur and a village in Jaisalmer. SMILE has also worked in Kishore Gharh, more than 10 villages of Bassi and Sanganer Block. And also worked in more than 30 slums of Jaipur.

As a result, SMILE has successfully imparted counseling to 15500, vocational training to 10700, support in education to 5330, leadership skills to 210, self-defense training to 335 and health awareness training to more than 2025 girls and women. Above all 189 children and women have been reunited with their families by the efforts of SMILE. 229 adults have become literate through our organization. Provided life skill education to 125 girls.

SMILE has been working for the last 18 years in providing counseling and various vocational training in Balika Griha and Mahila Sadan. In which mainly sewing, beauty culture, tie and dye, soap surf making, embroidery, weaving etc. are being done. The details of the work done in both the homes are as follows-

## Counseling

Counseling was done for all the girls residing and coming in Balika Griha and Mahila Sadan. Knowing their state of mind, an attempt was made to solve their problems. Knowing the case of each girl coming to the Balika Griha, she was given the option to choose the right path so that she could understand the difference between right and wrong and take decisions accordingly. From time to time, they were counseled by changing their behavior, understanding their mind and taking care of their needs. It is necessary to do counseling from time to time to the children living in each home. So that they can spend their time happily. Keeping in mind the happiness of each girl child, activities are organized accordingly.

Similarly, talks were held with all the residents living and coming in the Mahila Sadan. Women especially those suffering from domestic violence and some mentally unwell women come to the Mahila Sadan. The women were normalized after talking with full sensitivity. In the starting they are unable to tell their address and their case. But as per their wish and conformability they were counseled. After counseling them time to time, women are able to give a little bit of their information. It is through the limited information received from them their home address is traced by SMILE. This year 5 women have been able to go to their homes safely. A woman was able to go to her house after about 5 years.

This year the following women have been reunited to their respective homes-

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| 1. Durga Devi   | 1 February 2022  |
| 2. Bina Devi    | 5 February 2022  |
| 3. Surekha Igde | 18 February 2022 |

4. Sushila Devi                      2 March 2022  
5. Neelu Tomar                      7 March 2022

### Case of two women

We were successful located woman who had been separated from her home for two years and we could send her along with her husband and mother-in-law. The family is also very happy to have her. Best of all, she was glad to meet her children.

Also we were talking to a woman for many days, but she only remembered that she was going to her maternal uncle during the lockdown, when the police caught her and sent her to the Mahila Sadan. By continuously connecting her with the activities done by SMILE and talking patiently and lovingly, she started remembering her address slowly. After contacting several

#### **Sulochana (name changed)**

On February 8, 2022 father and mother came to collect her daughter. Mother and father were very old (almost 75 years). Sulochana started crying bitterly on seeing her parents and asked in what words to thank you. Your madam made the impossible possible. She talked to our neighbor and the Sarpanch there. They gave the information of our daughter that she is in Jaipur. We didn't believe that our daughter is alive? And found safely. We were tired of searching and now we were hopeless to see our daughter's face. They were falling at our trainer's feet again and again. We said everything is God's grace. So he said that you have proved to be God for us, he did not have words, how he was so happy, it cannot be described in words. God bless you, keep uniting such families.

She was separated from her family for 5 years was from a small village in Maharashtra. As soon as the father got the information about her meeting, he called me and he could not stop crying in the joy of meeting his daughter. Taking the phone number in a slip immediately went out to pick up the daughter. Every time his parents talk they get emotional. When she was away from home, her son Aniket was in 8th and now he is in 12th. Very happy to see mother.

police stations, we were able to trace her residence.

- So far we have been able to reunite 189 women and children with their families.

Domestic violence is the only reason which weakens the mental condition of women. Don't know when the condition of women will improve? We are continuously striving for this and will continue to do the empowerment of women without stopping.

We have also counseled those women who have come for protection and suffered with domestic violence. According to their case they were connected to various trainings according to their interest.

Similarly, counseling was also done with women getting vocational training at SMILE centers of different settlements. Each woman undergoes continuous training for 6 months and 3 months. During that time, all of them come to the center and share their mind with each other. And SMILE's trainer helps them as much as possible so that they can become more confident and can solve their problems easily. These women are always waiting for the 2 hours to be spent in SMILE. And every day they come to the training site with enthusiasm.

Sharing their experiences in many women, they told that earlier they could not express their views in front of anyone. Now they have got so much confidence that they can speak openly in front of everyone.

### Sewing Training

This year 54 residents who got sewing training in Mahila Sadan were divided into different groups and given training.

There were 8 women in the first group who had taken basic training in the past through SMILE. They were taught designer blouses, 4-5 styles of designer gowns, shirts, pants, jackets, tunic



kurtas, designer kurtas, frocks, skirts etc.

There were 26 women in the second group who were trained in hand stitches and garments like petticoat, capri, pyjama, palazzo, 8 types of salwar, 7-8 types of kurtas, plain blouses, lining blouse, umbrella lehenga, kurti, summer shirt, children's shawls, Taught nappy etc.

There were 20 women in the third group. They were taught the initial stitches of the

hand. Learned to operate machines. Also taught to make petticoat, plain pajama, yellow cover, cushion kanwar, mask. Information about the machine and repairing the machine was taught to all.

**Special Note** - Our aim is to make women self-reliant. Of these, 10-15 women can measure and sew their own blouses, suits and gowns. 8-10 women can sew a cut cloth. Other women can earn their living by doing straight stitch or thread cutting.

Similarly, the syllabus was also taught in the Balika Grah. In tailoring training, the girls were taught according to their possibility of stay and the duration of their stay in the Balika Grah. After explaining the importance of cutting and tailoring course the interest in sewing is inculcated in them so that curiosity is created in their mind to learn sewing and they can join the training of sewing.



After that the girls know about the machine, operating the machine, measuring with inch tape, raw stitching, bakhiya, turpai, hook eye, buttoning the hinge, applying sari fall, pico, pillow cover, cushion cover making, petticoat drafting, cutting and sewing of easy garments like jhablas, paticot, alteration was taught.

The girls who stay in Balika Garh are four months were taught the tasks of the first two months, apart from that they were taught salwar (sada, kalidar, dhoti, patiala, afghani), frock (plain, chunardar, a line, umbrella), night suit, skirt, kurta (Plain, A-line, Umbrella, Up and Down) were taught.

Many types of bags, purses, pouches, bundles purses, socks etc. were taught to increase the interest in sewing among the girls.

The girls who lived six months or more were taught the work of the first four months, apart from that lehenga (fish cut, 32 kali, umbrella cm and flower umbrella), blouse, (plain and urebi), night gown were taught.

### **Specific**

1. In the session 2021-22, 125 suits were made by the girls for the girls of Balika Griha. The remuneration was given to them by the government.
2. Girls who lived less time were also moved towards becoming self-reliant by teaching Alter, Fall, Pico, Bags, Purses, Pouches, Pencil Boxes.
3. Girls who have completed the training can start their own work.
4. 22 pencil boxes were made by the girls for the children of another home.
5. Many blouses, dresses, lehengas were made by many girls for the staff of Balika Grih.

### **Community Development Center**

Since 2008, the organization is working with the women and children of the underprivileged community in various untouched settlements of the city. Till now work has been done in more than 30 habitations. Presently work is being done in 5 other habitations. In the centers mainly cutting and tailoring and beauty culture courses were conducted.

### **Sewing (Cutting and Tailoring)**

This training was conducted in different habitations for a period of six months. In which more than 60 types of clothes were taught in



total. Mainly like machine knowledge, maintenance, repair, starting from putting the thread in the needle threading to small children's clothes, jhabla, pajama, petticoat, six seven types of salwar, suit, topper, anarkali suit, pant, palazzo, lehenga and all other types of clothes were taught. In this training each garment is taught in the following four steps.

First - it is explained by giving drafting.



Second - drafts are made on the paper and same and is checked and cut.

Third - Then the sample cloth is made.

Fourth - Then according to the size normal garment is made.

Girls and women learn very well by teaching through the four steps in each garment. A file is also created during training. And women decorate with creativity. The file is created so that they can remember the

work learned and get many jobs by showing the file with the certificate received by SMILE.

## Hand Embroidery

This year 60 residents participated in this training in Mahila Sadan. About 70-75 embroidery stitches were taught to these residents. Training was given by dividing the residents into three groups.

There were 14 residents in the first group. They made a file after learning all the stitches on the handkerchief. They embroidered on professional kurtas, chaddars, blouses, pillow covers, cushion covers, dupattas, gowns etc.

There were 20 residents in the second group. Out of these, 2-3 residents made a file and learned 40-50 stitches.

There were 26 residents in the third group. They have learned 15-20 embroidery stitches so far. 60 percent of women who join embroidery training are mentally ill, who make and forget the same stitch over and over again. They have to practice again. But they take a lot of interest in this course. Because in very little effort, they see very beautiful designs. Their opinion is taken in choosing and combining of different colors etc. So that they can feel good and get well soon. These trainings are highly successful experiments for these women. Because whenever someone comes to visit, they show their handkerchief with great interest.

Hand embroidery was also taught in the Balika Griha.

## Tie & Dye

This year 25 residents participated in this training in Mahila Sadan. In this training handkerchiefs, dupatta, scarves, sheets, kurtas, toppers, were taught to tie on cloths in about 10-12 ways and dye on clothes of 2-3 colors. First the cloth was taught to be dyed with a light colour, then dried again then tying and dyed with the dark colour.

**Special Note** - During the training, women made new designs by tying 2-3 dupattas, 3-4 scarves, 2-3 topper leggings, 3-4 kurtas etc.



In the Balika Griha 25 girls participated in this training. Different types of tying and dyeing were taught and many colors were taught on the same cloth.

## Beauty Parlour

This year in the Mahila Sadan, the residents are taught the threading, shape the eyebrows, bleach, wax, manicure, pedicure, hair cutting, hairstyle, dress up, wear sari lehenga, apply hair color and henna, head and back massage, hair spa by home supplies, lessons on eye liner, lip liner, concealer, foundation, high lighter, seasonal skin care, light makeup and bridal makeup were taught.

**Special note** - In the wedding of inmates in 2021 all the trained girls did the bridal makeup.

## Taught as Follows in the Balika Grih

**First month** - introduction, discipline, conversation, threading, parlor information, pedicure, manicure, eyebrows, forehead, upper lips, simple massage, hair style, file noting (all types of theory done in this), head taught to make massage pressure points and herbal toners.

**Second month** - repetition of all tasks, theory and practical of wax, hair care, hairstyle, hand, leg, under arm wax, hair coloring etc. was taught.



**Third month** - Repetition of previously taught and all types of hair cut (simple, trim, font, u, v, layer, step, layer with step) and henna, hair color, bleach, facial, clean up and simple makeup , Flower makeup and bridal makeup and connected were taught. On completion of the training, oral and practical examinations were conducted.

This training is also given for a period of three months at **Jan Vikas Kendras** (different basties). In this, all the information related to beauty culture is given; mainly it includes eye brow threading, bleach, facial, skin information, wax, hair style, manicure, pedicure, body massage, body spa, hair care and haircut, bridal Makeup is also taught.

Girls and women are more interested in this training. Because if they do this course from outside, it is very expensive and they can't afford such expensive course and they get this opportunity near their home, then they learn it with great passion and enthusiasm.

In all the training centres files are created. So that they did not forget after training and continued to practice. Even if they want to do a job, it is easy for them to get a job and after training; many girls and women start working and have become financially self-sufficient. They are making their own identity.

## Mehndi

This year in Mahila Sadan, along with the course of beauty parlor, taught to apply Mehndi with different designs on hands and feet. Under this, making cones by making paste of mehndi powder, how designs are made by filling it was also taught. If women do this course well, then they develop creative thinking as well as they can make their identity as a mehndi artist by doing it. They can earn a lot of money on various weddings and festivals. Line making, loop making, carry, flower making, filling, Arabic and bharwa mehndi were taught, designs of shehnai, dholak were taught under this course.

Similarly, the course of Mehndi was also conducted in the girls' home. In addition, a related file was also created. The girls enjoyed this training very much.

In the Learning Centre a Mehndi competition was organised online in June,



2021. Students shared their photos and videos while making mehndi and after completion. It was very difficult to rank them as everyone made it beautifully.

## Art & Craft

In all the centers of SMILE, various arts and crafts are made for the development of the creativity of women, children and girls, under which cloth bird from waste, making bandanwar, making huts from cardboard boxes, making bangles and bracelets, photo frames, paper Roll. Wall Hanging with Ice Cream Stick, Flower making from Net cloth, Basket making, Flower Pot from Disposable Glass, Wedding Card Stand, Pen Stand from Bangles and Pipes, Rangoli, candle Stand with Spoon and so on. Flower, ear ring, garland, turtle, Shivling, painting, Christmas tree, Santa Claus, garland with toffee wrapper, wall hanging with thread and straws, different ways of chandelier and Ganesh ji with pooja thali was made and buttons from cloth were made.

All aged get a lot of joy under this type of activity. Especially when mentally ill women are associated with such activities, they feel a lot of joy. And also recover from mental illness. In the Balika Grih also, girls make many new things with their mind under it.

## Literacy

27 residents of Mahila Sadan participated in literacy. These residents were also trained by keeping them in separate groups.

There were 6 residents in the first group. Those who were taught to recognize numbers from 1 to 100, simple questions, identify vowels, consonants, form words, make short sentences, make many words with the same letter, make different sentences from the same words.

There were about 8 women in the second group. They were also taught to count, speak, recognize numbers, write by counting by figure, match by counting, identify vowels and consonants, match words by looking at the shape, write and read words by combining two or three letters.

There were 13 residents in the third group. They did the work of recognizing letters, recognizing numbers, finding, matching, counting, matching numbers by counting, letter by letter, matching shape by figure, the sound of the quantities produced by the sound of the mouth was also taught.

The girls were educated by SMILE in girls home too. We have also given educational support to the girls who are giving examination from open schools. Through this work, English, Hindi and Mathematics subjects were taught to the girls. The girls who did not have alphabet knowledge were given basic knowledge of reading and writing.

**Special note** - 10-15 women associated with training can count, speak, recognize. In the beginning they didn't know at all. 7-8 inmates have learned vowels, consonants and all the quantities. Have also learned to count from 1 to 100. Only 3-4 women involved in training are

normal. All others are mentally ill. It is the effort of SMILE that all the women who come to Mahila Sadan should go back only after learning reading and writing.

### Knitting & Crochet Training

There were 26 residents in this training in Mahila Sadan. They made sweaters, socks, caps, scarves, doormats, etc. from wool. Knitting and crochet training is also such a training in which along with hand exercises, information about adjustment of different colors etc. is also given.

In the crochet training, 9 inmates participated in Mahila Sadan. They made laces, plate cover, table cover, key hanging, bandanavar, crochet flowers, bags etc. with wool and thread.

33 girls of Girls' Home participated in crochet training. In this training, the girls were taught to make crochet, chain, and different designs, from old saris, footwear and bandanwar from wool, Laddu Gopal God's dress, Thalposh, TV cover etc. were taught and made.

**Special note** - Sweaters made of wool, socks, made by 4-5 residents. Others made doormats of saris with stitches and from crochet and gave them to the different people over there. Now a days handmade art are almost disappearing. In such a situation, the art made by hand has a special price. With the work learned in this way, girls and women can also do their own employment.

### Rakhi Making

Like every year, this year also 33 women did the work of making Rakhi in Mahila Sadan. In this course women were taught to make different bands of wool, thread and silk. Around 120 rakhis of different designs were prepared by applying silk flowers, pearls, card flowers, kundan, etc. on wool by knot-making.

On the occasion of the festival of Rakhi in the Balika Gharh also 17 girls were taught to make Rakhi. During this, different types of Rakhies were taught to the girls. Simultaneously, small scale industries were further promoted.

**Special Note** - Out of these women, about 20 women and girls can do the professional work of Rakhi.

### Bag Making

This year, 14 residents participated in the stitching of Bag in Mahila Sadan. They made Pencil Pouch, Potli with Dori, Gift Potli, Hand Purse, Luggage Bag, Tiffin Bag etc.

In this training at Balika Griha, 13 girls were taught to make expensive bags at low cost. During this training, making bags, bundle purses, pouches and pencil boxes of all designs were taught.

**Special Note** - 16-20 residents can do professional work out of these.

## Flower Making

This year 8 residents did the work of making flowers. They made satin flowers, ribbon flowers, card flowers, paper flowers, wool flowers, leaves and prepared bookie. Made hair clip, bangle pin etc.

**Special Note** - This training seems very small to see but now a days lot of flowers of this type are being used in well packed and packing work. Therefore, all these girls and women can make themselves self-sufficient by joining the work of packing.

## Deepak Making

The festival of Diwali is celebrated with great gaiety and enthusiasm in India. During this, there is a lot of demand for decorated lamps. Like every year, this year also the residents of both the homes were taught to decorate lamps by SMILE. 24 residents participated in this training in Mahila Sadan. They were taught to paint lamps, make ceramic cones, design lamps, decorate them by applying glass and kundan, packing them for, making parcels etc.



In the Balika Griha, during the festival of Diwali, the girls were taught to make designer lamps. In this training, colored lamps were taught to make ceramic designs on them by cones.

In the learning centre also we did Diya Making workshop. They decorated beautiful Diyas and all the decorated Diyas they took their homes for Diwali celebration.

**Special Note** - The residents of Mahila Sadan prepared about 11000 lamps and all the residents were also given remuneration for this on behalf of SMILE.

## Computer

Through this training, basic knowledge was given to the girls of Balika Grih. Also Hindi type and word, excel, power point were explained.

## Candle Making

On the occasion of Christmas and Diwali, the girls were taught to make colorful, roses, stars, hearts and glass, designer candles in this training. This was also a link to make girls aware of small scale industries.

## Poster Making

From time to time in all the centers, posters were made by the girls, children and womens on various topics like girl child education, child labour, women atrocities etc.

## Jewelry Making

In both the homes, women and girls were taught to make necklaces and earrings and necklace sets using cloth, pearls and different things related to this.



## Other Activities

Prayer, Dance, Yoga, Sports, Drum Playing, Songs, Chair Games, Antakshari, Passing Ball, Lemon in Spoon, Glass on Head, Balance Game, One legged, Chunni Game, Paktam Pakdai, Snake & Ludo Game, Badminton, singing songs by himself, singing hymns, laughing and crying games,

Different festivals were celebrated in all the centers like Independence Day, Republic Day, Teej, Gangaur, Rakshabandhan, New Year and Women's Day were celebrated.

**Special note** - The mentally challenged women were also participated in all these type of activities and there was lot of change in their behavior can be seen.

## Interns

With the vast experiences and work of SMILE organization, many interns from abroad and from different part of nations come to do their internship. This year also following interns have done internship in the SMILE.

1	Alexa Fasone	Remote internship	07.06.2021	6 weeks	USA	Healthcare brochure
2	Dhaniya Nair	Remote internship	26.07.2021	5 weeks	Oman	She has worked for module development of life skills training of adolescents
3	Ms. Jeong In Yoo	Remote internship	20.09.2021	5 weeks	Kingston	She has worked for module development of counseling.
4	Loren	Remote internship	May-31	8 weeks	USA	Healthcare research on schemes

5	Courtney Whiting	Remote internship	Mar-29	5 weeks	USA	Healthcare brochure
6	Carra Gilaspy	Remote internship	Mar-29	5 weeks	USA	Healthcare brochure

Everyone did a great job with SMILE. It was a great experience working here. He felt that even by sitting far away, We were working in the field.



### Picnics

Picnic of SMILE team was also organised this year. Resource persons of all the centres of SMILE enjoyed together. Had lots of fun. Yearly gifts were also presented to our teachers and trainers. Niina from Finland also enjoyed with us. For building of our team and good bonding between each other we regularly do this type of picnic.

At start of the New Year 2022, a picnic was arranged for the students. It was a city tour. All were very happy, enjoying together after a longtime. Many of our students never visited the monuments and tourist places in the city. They were overwhelmed.

### Learning Center

The Learning Center, Sanganer, is working according to the aims and objectives of its establishment. Although many difficulties were faced by the students as well as staff during the session 2021-2022. The second wave of pandemic started again in April'21 and all our activities were online again.

As teachers and students were already used to the online mode, without wasting time we all continued our activities. As this wave was more dangerous, all exams were cancelled and students were promoted to the next class according to their performance.

Thankfully the results were according to our expectations. But the damage done to the level of learning to the students due to COVID-19, was quite obvious.

In July 2021, we were able to open our center again. Everyone was so happy and thankful to God that at last we came out of lockdown. Classes 7th to 11th started regularly ran as usual.

In Science, more emphasis was on experimental part, for better learning. In English language, emphasis was on grammar and written work, so that they could understand the lessons by themselves. In Maths, our faculty tried to solve everyone's problems by giving extra time and taught in a very friendly manner. This created interest of the students in Maths.

Computer application is the favorite subject of the students. All the students were always ready to go to computer lab.

All the students can use computer now. We added 3 computers to our lab in this session. Now we have total 10 computers. Class 10th and 11th students also did a course prescribed by government of Rajasthan State Certificate in Information & Technology (RS CIT). Every student did it very seriously and passed the exam. This increased their confidence. Detailed account of teaching and learning is given in every quarterly report.

## Science Fair

A science fair was organised at the centre, in which students made posters, models, charts, science experiments and learnt from each other. They also visited a PG college, to attend a day long 'sciencepedia'. They visited all labs; saw various working models, experiments etc. It was a good experience for the students.

## Results

In this session, exams were conducted. All the classes performed well. Class 10th and 8th had their board exams.

Life skill sessions were mostly online up to July, due to Covid. Online life skill classes were taken by Mrs Kamini Shukla, which helped students in their lockdown days. Mrs Kamini Shukla took the sessions very regularly on different topics to improve and develop their thought process, like, what is belief, on whom one can believe? How we can achieve this from others. Know yourself etc.

Who am I, I believe....,I wish.... I fear....,I need, I give....,I want...., I dream....,I think....I do...., students wrote everything and liked the session.

Sometimes, discussion was held on news related to student's current topics and on a short film. Students participated very enthusiastically and expressed their views through audio recording or in writing.

### **Resource Person visit**

Interactive session was taken by Mr. Sanjay Shukla, on time management, regularity and to do what you want. Because everyone has 24 hours. He also focused on how SMILE and HART are trying to help them, so they should also give good results.

Mr. Lalit Kishore Ji a very learned person and specialist in education, he taught the students, how to summarize the topics and how to learn any given subject on this pattern. Students liked the lessons.

Mrs Sonia a practicing psychologist was invited to interact with the students. She emphasized on how screen time is reducing creativity and I.Q. of the children. She also discussed impacts of social media on the students. How they should enhance their memory and concentration.

### **Life Skill Education**

It is very strong part of SMILE. After making groups of students, she gave them topics like, various rituals and social activities, festivals, fasting culture etc. in our society. Students made points and learnt that how, only women are engaged in all this. At least they could think and discuss about these trends in the society. She emphasized on dealing with the social stigma and harassment courageously, taking actions without fear.

Another life skill instructor was Gopal Meena. As usual his way of talking with the students was very impactful and simple. In his classes he interacted on how to understand a problem in your vicinity, area, school, home etc. How to deal with them, where to go. What is democracy? How it works? How it is achieved in all aspects? How an election is organised at a grass root level? What is polling? How it is done in our country? Students asked many questions. Role play was very knowledgeable and interesting. We had election, for the village head i.e 'Sarpanch'.

Mrs Suchitra Fogat was invited to conduct training sessions for self-defense. Students learnt and practiced many tricks to defend themselves.

### **Nutritional Supplements and Raw Material**

During the second lockdown, from mid-April to June, 2021 we provided raw material packets to the students, mangoes, and some other eatables etc. We called them, one by one to receive the materials. Keeping all safety measures it was a great help to them in the lockdown. Since July, regular nutritional material and fresh fruits were provided to all everyone.



## Workshops

In June first week, our ex intern Ms Chhavi organised a summer workshop, with few students, about effects of Covid-19, the goals of student in future, how to achieve them. One of our students Gauri wrote a poem on 'Promises to keep' in Hindi.

A one day workshop was organised by Mrs Sangeeta from inner wheel club, periods and drug abuse. Students prepared a play regarding this. It was very educative for our students.

## Celebrations

We celebrated Mother's Day, Guru Poornima, Friendship Day, online, with, students making videos, cards, write-ups, poems etc. Raksha bandhan, Navratri, Deepawali were celebrated. Diwali party was organised for the students.

On Christmas we had guests from US, they celebrated Christmas with Learning Center students, brought gifts and games for them.

Holi was celebrated in March. All had lots of fun, round the year. Id, Baisakhi, Ggurunanak's Birth Anniversary were also celebrated to respect all the religions.



## Contact with Parents

Regular parent's teacher meetings were held. We were in regular communication with parents, about their regularity, time to time parents came to meet the teachers and co-ordinator. As most of the parents are either illiterate or just literate they just ask about how their ward is doing in studies and they believe in us. They also shared their other problems and complaints about their teenage daughters. We listened very carefully and tried to give some solutions with love. There was meeting of parents with Mrs Kamini on phone during second lockdown.

## Review and planning meetings

Regular meetings were held to discuss about the previous work and the planning for the next month. Teachers shared their problems and pondered on solutions. In this meeting we discussed about the progress of each and every child.

## Learning's during Covid-19

The students, their families and teachers all faced challenges of Covid-19. Still we learnt many things, like, using the phone for online classes, learning lessons, watching videos related to lessons for better learning. Learnt, how to cope with such problems, with many precautions. Learnt to live in bare minimum facilities. Also learnt how to cooperate with each other in times

of trouble and helping each other. Learnt what immunity is and how it is important to take care of nature for our survival.

### Challenges Faced

Covid -19, lockdown, online studies, everything was not so easy for our students to cope with. Their families suffered many different types of problems, which affected the students also. Due to all this, some students went to their respective villages, some changed address, due to which there was a dropout of the students.

The level of the students also dropped, who could not study online due to any reason. Still the center worked very well for the benefit of the students.

