

Name of Asha Site Visitor: Prasanna Pangam (Friend of Sameer Patkar, project steward)

Location of Site: Shivam Traders, near Jijamata Udyan, Gangapur Village, Nashik

Date of visit: June 11, 2010 6.30 pm

### Brief Facts:

Ms. Rajashri Gonte is the instructor and in-charge of Muktangam activity. She has done MS-CIT course conducted by MITCON. The activities are conducted from 11 am to 1.30 pm and then from 5 pm to 8 pm based on the electricity. The instructor appeared to be intelligent, active and willing to work for the Muktangam activity. She would also like to get suggestions for any improvement in the present activities.

The site is a small room of around 250 sq. ft. where the activities are conducted.

Primarily, the following activities are conducted:

- Basic Computers course: 1 desktop and 1 laptop is provided by INSEED. The instructor conducts this course covering 'Use of Paint, Wordpad & MS Word 2007'. The course is kept of 1.5 months and the charges are Rs.120/- per student. Presently, 7 students are enrolled for the course (between 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> standard)
- Play-group: Toys, shape boxes are available for children to play. Not much toys are available. However, a good library consisting of around 200 books (Marathi & English) on varied subjects like general knowledge, mythology, history, drawings etc. The charges are Rs.20/- per month per child. Apart from the above 7 students, there are 6 children enjoying the benefits of play-group.

INSEED pays a salary of Rs.1,200 per month to Instructor and rent of the premises is with electricity bill comes to Rs.950 per month.

The above fees collected from students are utilized for maintenance and other local activities.

### **Questions for Muktangam**

1> What creates the need of an alternative center?

There are no facilities available at Gangapur Village.

2> How it will be self-sustainable in future?

The instructor expects to get more children to Muktangam and thereby will earn more fees to be self-sustainable.

3> What is the proposed growth rate? (Means how many students they wanna add every year)  
If plan to grow, how to support the growth rate?

At least for the current year, she expects to add 10 more students. The problem which I perceive based on discussion is that the village is small and creating awareness among parents to send their children for computer course is bit difficult.

4> What are the plans to give back up coaching to the students admitted to formal schools, if there is any?

All the students coming to Mukangan are going to schools.

5> What are the parents thinking?

I talked to only one parent since due to summer vacations, most of the students are out of station. The feedback was that the present activity is good and children are benefitted.

6> How effective is Govt's educational efforts in that area?-- Sarba Siksha Mission , RTE etc

I was told that there are 5 schools (4 marathi and 1 english) and Sarba Siksha mission is provided by Govt.

7> Is it diff from formal education? What gives the students motivation to come to the center...

The motivation is the books and computer education.

8> Who are the people involved and how they are trying to get Govt involved?

As of now, there is only one instructor is involved. However, I was told that there are no efforts taken to get Govt. involved. No reason was mentioned for the same.

9> What is the attendance rate?

The attendance rate is almost 90%. I checked the register maintained.

10> Any other activities they conduct (like excursion etc)

No other activities as of now apart from mentioned above.

--- Talk to the some parents, Talk to the students, talk to the teacher, go through the material they use, check the attendance register, discuss their future plans and how they want Asha and other organizations involved. – The photographs are attached.

Pictures taken:

