

Activity Report

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Dear Board Members,

I am glad to present the Activity Report 2020-21 of SAMAR Charitable Trust. This is second year of the new Trustees. Due to Covid -19 again we are late in presenting Annual Activity Report.

As you all know last year all of the world was facing deadly pandemic called Covid-19. Therefore SAMAR Trust and other such organisation had to limit their works in the field. Even then Samar continued its Voluntary Teaching in slums of Patna in limited mode also we realized the alarming situation created by pandemic all over India. Hence Samar team along with its strong voluntary group helps the needy people especially urban poor and migrants labourers. Some of our team members took initiative in distributing food package, medicines among poor.

I am happy to inform you that our collaboration with PRAXIS, Bihar and CCFD, France helped us to strengthen our regular programme of our education in slums which was very difficult in this dire situation we hope that these organisations help us in future also and strengthen our mission of fighting Urban Poverty.

In the end, I will thank you and your relentless effort in this fight against odds. I hope that our team will work for the poor people for very long time and make this world better place to live.

Thank you.

**Nashoor Ajmal
President**

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Programmes and Activities

Covid Relief Works

SAMAR has always responded with dexterity in the time of natural calamity or any disastrous situations. It's stood firmly to those people who got affected severely. This time the pandemic of Covid-19 had made things very difficult. In India, the Covid -19 registered its presence in February itself. The national lockdown was imposed on 25th March, 2020. Thus our regular works got stuck and hindered severely. Thus SAMAR went for relief works. Since we are serving for the cause of Slum dwellers for many years, hence it was obvious to help them in this difficult time.

We had little resources and means to help people in the time of distress even then our voluntary group worked tirelessly to help hundreds of people with food package and medicines in and around Patna. Some of our volunteers distributed food packets in slums of Delhi also.



In Patna, we covered the slums of Adalatghat, Planetarium Mangal Akhara and Saguna More etc. Hundreds of families got benefitted. We also jointly worked with other Voluntary Service Organisations and reached a number of slums in Patna.

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Voluntary Teaching in Slums

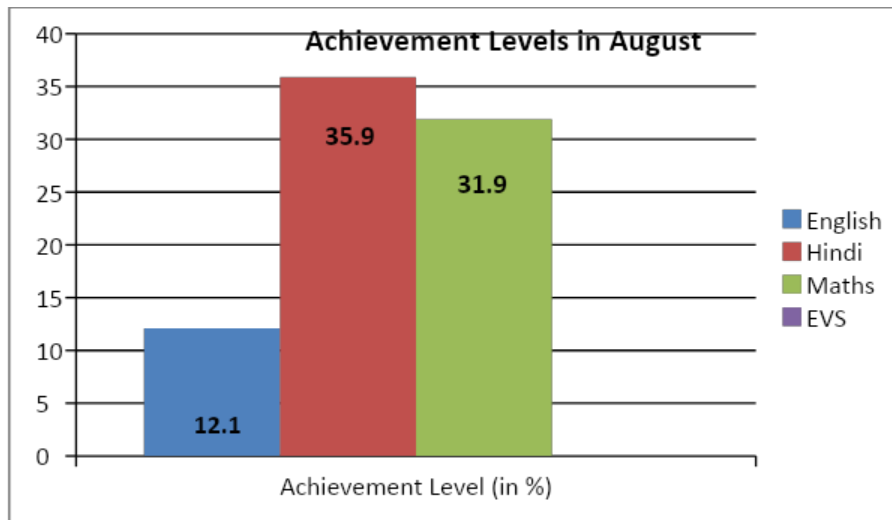
Voluntary Teaching in slums of Patna – is our long standing programme where, in last seven years we have went deep into social lives of slum dwellers. Still, there are many children in slums of Patna who are not able to receive basic education such as Reading, Writing and Arithmetic skills. Poverty, geographic isolation, gender, unawareness, corruption, lack of fundamental resources and political unwillingness, language and ethnicity are the main obstacles in their proper education.

There is a **huge gap** between required age appropriate ability and their actual level of skills among these children. The sole objective of this project is to minimize the gap which will consequentially steepen their learning curve in future. We had planned to follow following steps to attain the objective of the project –

- To Evaluate the gap in children’s level of learning
- To Implement the special pedagogy of education
- To assess their achievement level

With the help of **PRAXIS Bihar and CCFD, France** this year we have reinforced this programme and got success in improving the ability of children. The PRAXIS in collaboration with CCFD, France paid the honorarium of our volunteers. Also they helped us in developing new TLMs and purchasing books and copies for children. Our programme also got a new name – **Model of Inclusive Education in slums of Patna.**

In short, we can say that more feathers were added to our endeavours in slums of Patna. Following two graphs summarise what children of slums could achieve in six months time – **August’20 to January’21.**



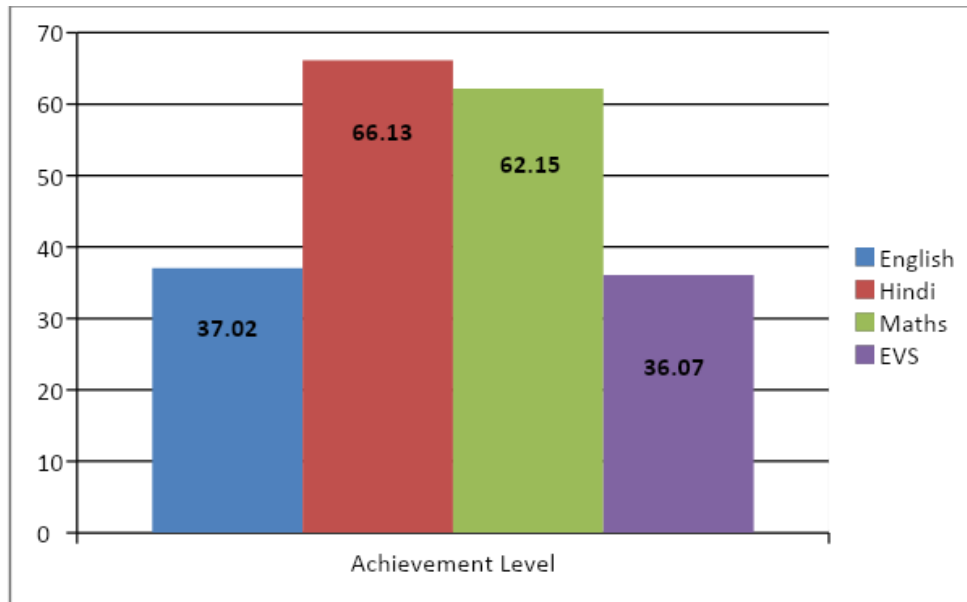


Figure 2: Achievement level of children in various disciplines in January'21

The pandemic has hampered our work in many ways. In a regular year the achievements of our work would have quite different rather far better.

Communal Harmony

Last year (2019-20), we had decided to work on promotion of **Communal Harmony among Rural Youths**. This is a new field where we have put our steps. We have selected villages of Bihta block of Patna. We had chalked out two programmes under this head –

- **Sadhbhawna Cup – An inter caste – inter religion Cricket tournament**
- **Vriksharopan – Tree plantation in each village**

This year, we covered 25 villages. Eight teams qualified for knock out round of Sadbhawna Cup 2021. The playing elevens were selected from various villages and various castes. All the teams had players from different socio religious groups. This exercise breaks the ice through social rigidities. Samar team and village boys worked hard for one month to make it a big success.

Winners of the tournament were felicitated in a colourful ceremony.



Similarly, the **Tree Plantation drive took us deep into rural areas of Bihta block**. We had selected 21 villages where local youths worked as a diligent team and successfully executed the campaign. Two trees were planted in each village.

Our Publication

This year, SAMAR published its long awaited research work - **SLUMS of PATNA**. This research was completed in fag end of 2018 but came in form of a book in October 2020. This is a painstaking effort of our team led by Furquan Ahmad. In the Book release Ceremony on 17.11.2020, the former Director of AN Sinha Institute, Patna Mr. DM Diwakar praised the efforts of Samar team and hoped that more and more such genuine works will come in the light.

The book unfolds some interesting facts about the slumdwellers of Patna like –

- More than 50% of population of slums of Patna is Dalit.
- More than 85% slum dwellers are not getting the benefits National Food Security Act.
- Only 38% Dalits in slums have got Ration Cards. More than 76% of Slum dwellers are Illiterate.

We hope our team members will show zest and pep in coming days also and serve the community with full commitment. I wish them best.

Thanks and Regards!!

Nashoor Ajmal