



Shri Bhuvneshwari Mahila Ashram

Education through example and service through labour

Electronic News letter -03

August 10, 2008

Welcome to Sri Bhuvneshwari Mahila Ashram

This Monthly e-news letter brings you news and information on the programs and activities that took place in the month of July 08 and highlights of the programs and activities that are coming up in the month of August 08.

SBMA-THDC Pipalkoti

SBMA has signed agreement with THDC to facilitate the process of interface between Vishnu gad Pipalkoti Hydro Power Project and the local people that are going to be effected from this Project. SBMA will ensure that effected people get benefit as per the rehabilitation policies and corporate social responsibility policy of THDC. The team leader Mr. Dhan Singh Rawat told that it is the first kind of the project where NGOs has been asked to extend its expertise to support the rehabilitation work. He also said that the success of this project will pave the way for ensuring proper rehabilitation of the effected people in other hydro power projects also.

SBMA- UAHS DP Ghat

SBMA- UAHS DP project is providing primary health care and dispensary services in Ghat block with the support of State health department. In the month of July the dispensaries has provided health treatment to more than 1300 persons. Most patients were recorded in Sital dispensary where 407 patients were treated in one month. The team leader Mr. Rakesh Bisht told that in the month of September they will organise multi specialty camp in Ghat block.

SBMA-IFAD Ghat

SBMA-IFAD project on livelihood improvement program in Himalaya organised two trainings on Right to Information for the members of Self Help Groups in Ghat area. Two such trainings were organised and 60 SHG members participated in these trainings.

SBMA secured two grants projects for SBMA-Plan working area

SBMA-Plan has secured two grants projects to be implemented in Gairsain and Uttarkashi district. Out of these two grant projects one is on taking ICT to children and it will be implemented in Uttarkashi area. Four new centers will be opened in Uttarkashi at remote locations with the help of local communities and children will have access to computers almost at their door steps. The other grants project is a five year action base research project that will be implemented in 30 Gram Panchayats in Uttarkashi and 30 Gram Panchayats in Gairsain. The Objective of this grant is to minimize gender gaps in the selected area.

SBMA entered in to partnership with Room to read for SBMA-Plan working area

SBMA and Room to Read have entered in to partnership to provide library facilities in 8 selected schools of Gairsain and Uttarkashi area. SBMA-Plan project is working in these 8 schools under Model school Development program. All these 8 schools are Government Primary Schools. Each school has been provided 291 books both in Hindi and English in first phase. In second phase approx. 400 more books will be provided to these schools. The objective of this partnership is to increase the reading habits among children.

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

Panchayat Raj Jan Jagrukta Abhiyan

In Tehri, Utrakashi and Chamoli District

Main features

- Help desk at block
 - Door to Door campaign
 - JanJagrukta Yatra from Dehradun to Badrinath
- (From 5th August to 28th August)
Supported by SBMA, Hunger and Plan

Launching of Panchayat Jan Jagran Abhiyan

August 12th, 2008

AT
PRESS CLUB, DEHRADUN

Launching of Children Alternate report (UNCRC)

IN
STATE CAPITAL DEHRADUN
(Date to be decided)

UMANG Evaluation and Audit

(Tentative dates 15 August to 25th August)

STAFF TRAINING ON SCOTS MODEL

For
SBMA/Plan Gairsain
(Tentative dates, 18th to 21st August)
Venue: SBMA campus Gairsain

SBMA and Karuna Prem society are planning to hold a VISHAL CHIKITSA SHIVIR in Gairsain in the month of November. An advance team from Karuna Prem Society is reaching to Gairsain on 11th August to finalise the various arrangements.



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SBMA entered in to partnership with SWAJAL for TSC

SBMA and SWAJAL Chamoli has signed an agreement to implement Total Sanitation Campaign in 30 Gram Panchayats of Chamoli District. The objective of this program is to stop open defecation and create a healthy and hygienic environment in selected villages. This year 5 villages of SBMA-Plan working area are already selected for Nirmal Gram Puruskar Yojana.

SBMA/Plan Gairsain and Uttarkashi

Teachers and students of Government schools visited VASCSC

Under model school development program teachers and students of 6 Government Inter colleges from Gairsain and Uttarakashi visited Vikram A Sarabhai Community Science Center in Ahmadabad. A group of 41 teachers and students of science stream visited many other premier science institutions such as Physical Research Laboratory, Plasma research laboratory, metrological department, Bhaskracharya Institute of Gujrat Doordarshan, Indian Space Center and Science city. The group had a chance to meet many senior scientists of the country including Mr. Kartik Sarabhai the son of late Vikram Sarabhai. The group received number of lectures on math and science. The objective of this visit was to motivate teachers to adopt innovative and practical ways of teaching math and science and educate students on the use of math and science in our life. The teachers and students are now in the process of forming science clubs in their schools. These schools will be strengthened by upgrading their existing science labs and providing models and equipments for science practical. Soon math lab will be also established in these schools with the help of VASCSC, Ahmadabad. The teachers and students are very excited about this initiative and briefed their colleagues in their schools about this visit.

The first Government Primary school that provides computer education in Gairsain

Government Primary School Syuni Malli becomes the first primary school of Gairsain block that is providing computer education to its students. This school is situated 4 Kms. from road side and blessed with a extra ordinary teacher Ghanshyam Daundhiyal who has dedicated almost 8 years of his life as teacher to this school. The school is a model for others schools in the area. On his request SBMA-Plan Gairsain decided to give one computer to the school so that he can teach children basics of computers and also use various audio video material to enhance the learning level and knowledge of his students. The school has provided space or the computer, security money of Rs. 5000/- and will bear the electricity cost.

ITBP team appreciated SBMA work on Disaster mitigation and management

A team of 6 ITBP personals from Chandigarh has visited Chamoli district to map the resources available in case of any major disaster. They were informed by the District Disaster Management Cell about SBMA work in disaster preparedness and management. They visited Gairsain PU office and had an interaction with PU staff. They appreciated SBMA work on awareness generation and search rescue and relief and noted SBMA as a resource available in case of a major disaster.

Panchayat Raj Voter Election Awareness Campaign

Election schedule for Panchayats institutions is declared in Uttarakhand State. The election will happen in the month of September. For the first time 50% reservation is declared for women in Panchayats that will result many more women coming forward as leaders for their communities. This is an opportunity for women as well as a challenge also to perform successfully and get out the shadows of men leaders. Understanding the need of encouraging women to come forward and emerge as leaders SBMA has decided to conduct a pre election voter awareness campaign with the support of Uttarakashi PU, Gairsain PU, The Hunger Project, SBMA and Directorate of Panchayati Raj. This campaign will focus on encourage women and younger generation to come forward for Panchayat elections, bring women and children issues and development in the fore front of the election agenda.

This campaign will be organised at three levels: Road show (18 days) in 4 districts covering 36 semi urban locations, home visits in SBMA/Plan Gairsain (30 days) and help desk at Block to help/ assist candidates especially women in submitting their nominations. The road show will include street theatre performances and narrowcasting of radio programs. The awareness campaign in Gairsain area will include home visits and meeting with children groups, women groups, and leaders. The focus will be on the villages of weaker sections, and Panchayats that are reserved for women candidates. The help desk will be established for one week at block level to assist candidates especially women to file their nominations and helping them to complete the formal requirements to file the nominations so that their

nominations are not rejected. Radio programs in Garhwali and Kumoni will be aired through Nazimabad radio station.