

Society for Agro Industrial Education in India Progress Report 2010-2011

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Programmes in Operation

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Students at Amarpurkashi

Programme	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11
Primary School	222	242	222	245	267	140	231	212
Junior High School	494	436	411	344	414	378	405	375
Inter College	307	388	452	511	411	461	493	510
Degree College	365	436	450	848	1117	1099	1383	1519
Total	1388	1502	1535	1948	2209	2078	2512	2616

Gramodaya Primary School Amarpurkashi

	Total	Male %	Female %	G/C %	B/C %	S/C %
Year 2008-09	140	65.0	35.0	23.0	67.4	9.3
Year 2009-10	231	70.6	29.4	17.3	74.5	8.2
Year 2010-11	212	58.0	42.0	17.2	73.7	9.1

Primary school students this year came from the following villages:

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| 1. Amarpurkashi | 71 | 5. Shakumbhari | 15 |
| 2. Devri | 40 | 6. Safil Pur | 05 |
| 3. Shah Pur | 33 | 7. Karsara | 05 |
| 4. Aarikhera | 28 | 8. Dinaura | 04 |
| 9. Mohd. Ibrahim Pur | 01 | | |

Nearly all children received a government scholarship so no scholarships were given from VRI funds.

There have been a lot of changes in the headship of the school. First Rajvir Singh was removed. Then Munesh Yadav was appointed on deputation from the Inter College but he was also removed for mismanagement. In the end, Renu Singh took over and proved very effective and efficient. We expect her to continue as head teacher of the school.

Jafarpur Gramodaya Junior High School

Students at the school were as follows:-

Boys	Girls	Total
154	93	247
62.3%	37.7%	100

This school is based in a very backward area. We are pleased that we have been able to attract nearly 38% girls this year. The percentage last year was 35%.

This year an application to upgrade the school to a high school has been submitted to the state government. We have been promised by the Department of Education that the school will receive the government's approval for high school status. Two new class rooms have been added this year with funds raised by VRI.

Krishi-Audyogik Inter College

This college began as a junior high school in 1971, was promoted to a high school in 1996 and became an inter college in 1999. It received permission to run Inter classes in Science and Mathematics from July 2003.

Year	Total	Male (%)	Female (%)	G/C	B/C	S/C (%)
2008-09	839	64.6	35.4	13	69	18.0
2009-10	898	62.7	37.3	7.4	75.4	18.2
2010-11	885	59	41	10.7	72.4	16.9

Satya Pal Singh continues as Acting Head Master of the college. His work has been quite satisfactory.

Final results for 2010 are 62% for the 12th class (Inter) and 60.4% for the High School examinations.

All students of 6th to 8th classes received midday meals regularly throughout the year. All students from 6th to 12th class received government scholarships this year amounting to over Rs. 600,000.

Classes from 6 th to 8 th	Rs.480 per student
Classes from 9 th to 10 th	Rs.720 per student
Classes from 11 th to 12 th	Rs.1,400 per student

Gramodaya Post-Graduate College & Research Institute

The college first received affiliation with M J P Rohilkhand University, Bareilly in 1995 and was later inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor, Dr. M D Tiwari. That same year, the college received an award of Rs.20,000 and a citation from the Governor of Uttar Pradesh. Since then, it has steadily progressed, maintaining its excellent academic record with a high percentage of passes. Student enrolment over the last 7 years is given in the table below.

Year	Total	Male	Female (%)	G/C	B/C	S/C (%)
2006-07	848	67.6	32.4	27.4	55.4	17.2
2007-08	1117	63.5	36.5	24.7	57.6	17.6
2008-09	1099	62.2	37.8	23.9	57.0	19.1
2009-10	1383	61.0	39.0	24.0	56.4	19.6
2010-11	1519	55.0	45.0	24.8	54.6	20.5

- The college provides degree level education in ten subjects:- English Literature, General English, Hindi Literature, General Hindi, Sanskrit, Geography, Sociology, Political Science, Economics and History.
- It also offers a B.Ed. for 100 students and a post graduate diploma in Rural Resource Management for 30 students.
- In 2009, the college received university affiliation for Masters Degrees in English Literature and Sociology with 60 seats in each subject. Enrolments in these classes this year were as follows:-

Course	1 st year	2 nd year	Total
M A English	28	40	68
M A Sociology	58	14	72

- This year, the ten-day National Social Service camp was held in Neemri village. Campers included both girls and boys. The camp was inaugurated by Dr Ashok Kumar Singh, the principal, and was closed jointly by the SDM and the Circle Officer of Police, Bilari. The villagers of Neemri participated in the camp in a big way. Shri Kanahiya Lal who is the District Panchayat Member and his father hosted all the guests and staff for refreshments at the end of the closing ceremony.
- More than 68% of college students received state government scholarships.
- The college now has its own website: - www.gramodayapgccollege.org.in .

Year-wise results of Gramodaya Degree College in %

Year	BAI	BAII	BAIII	PGRRM	MA Eng	MA Soc	BEd
2004	82	84	91	100			100
2005	86	88	96	100			98
2006	98	97.5	98	---			100
2007	90	98	95	66			----
2008	83	97.4	100	----			100
2009	86	97	100	----			----
2010	84	97	60	100	100	100	100

Annual Science Fair

On Wednesday, 3rd November, the Annual Science Fair was organised with customary interest and zeal. It was again a huge success. It was inaugurated jointly by Dr Harbans Dixit, Principal of Maharaja Harishchand P G College, Dr Vishesh Gupta of the same college and Dr Jai Pal Singh Vyast of the Education Department, Hindu P G College, Moradabad. The three professors visited all the stalls and expressed their profound appreciation of the work done by the students.

A generous range of prizes was given, including first prize of Rs 1000 won by Nanakchand Inter College, Chandausi for their model, "Environment Friend", two second prizes of Rs 500 each, five third prizes of Rs 200 each and ten special prizes of Rs 100 each.

This is now an annual event with students participating from all our educational institutes as well as many local schools and colleges.

Solar Energy

Five solar street lights have been installed in the college campus. A solar water heater of 500 litre capacity will be installed next year. A solar water pump of 10,000 litre capacity is already in operation in the campus.

Eye Camp

Our annual free eye camp started at the Health Centre in Amarpurkashi on the 10th November when 450 patients were examined. A team of experts came from Sunder Lal Rotary Club Hospital, Chandausi and identified a record number of 138 patients for cataract operations. However, only 71 of these registered for the operation. Three of them had medical conditions which made them unsuitable for operation.

On 11th and 12th, 68 were successfully operated on in the hospital in Chandausi and given plenty of post-op medication and glasses to keep their eyes safe from dust and sun. Our volunteers and workers from the hospital looked after them for three days. Our APK team provided specially prescribed food free of charge. Patients were re-examined in the hospital on the 20th and again at the health centre in APK on 4th December.

The hospital in Chandausi is partly supported by Rotary International and hence was able to provide its services to our patients at a highly subsidised rate. The total expenditure came to £1300 or £19.12 per operated patient.

This was our first experience with the Rotary Hospital and gave us the opportunity to establish a good relationship with them.

General Vaccination Campaign

In January 2011, we launched a vaccination programme for Hepatitis B, Typhoid and Swine Flu. This will be done initially in the blocks of Bania Khera, Bilari and Kunderkee.

Health Camps

On 4th Dec. 2010, we held a free camp at the APK Health Centre, in co-operation with the Rotary Club Hospital in Chandausi. 75 patients were treated for dental problems and 125 for eye ailments. The total cost of the camp, including free medicines given to patients, was £218.

On 17th April 2011, another Health Camp was held at the APK Health Centre, in co-operation with Teerthankar Mahaveer University, Moradabad. Seven staff came from the university and examined 363 patients (193 women and 170 men). The majority had eye problems but other ailments included nose, throat and eye, breathing, dental and general problems specific to women and children. Two days' medicine was given free to all patients and the university announced a reduction of 20% in fees for all patients who went for further treatment to any medical college of the university. This camp was funded by a donation from the Asian Foundation for Help through our former volunteer, Dial Sharma.

KOPAL III – Campaign against Female Foeticide and in favour of the Registration of Births and Deaths

This three-year programme began in October 2005 under the guidance of Vatsalya, Lucknow, with funds from Plan International. Dr Neelam Singh, head of Vatsalya, was very pleased with our performance. Adil Husain, one of our project staff, is the district co-ordinator and now has to facilitate implementation of the 1994 Act which makes it illegal to misuse ultrasound technology for determining the sex of a foetus. He and Mukat Singh are working on the advisory committees of Moradabad, Bijnor, J P Nagar and Ram Pur districts. The following programmes were organised under this campaign:-

- June 2010 - an orientation workshop for 51 members of the Indian Medical Association, Moradabad and the Federation of Gynaecologists, Moradabad and a Capacity Building Workshop for 80 Aasha workers
- July 2010 – a meeting with the District Advisory Board and a meeting with staff from the Child Development Scheme and members of Anganwadi

- August 2010 – a review meeting with the Additional Chief Medical Officer and members of the PCPNDT committee and a co-ordination meeting with the District Panchayat Raj Officer and the District Development Officer, Moradabad
- September 2010 – a Sensitization Workshop of the District Health Committee, Moradabad
- March 2011 – an Orientation Workshop called by the Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) committee, Moradabad and workshops of the PCPNDT committees in J P Nagar, Bijnor and Ram Pur.

Overseas Visitors

This year, Amarpurkashi welcomed many visitors from abroad, including past PVs, many of whom came for the wedding of Lekhni Gupta. In October, there was one new PV from France and one from England while in November there was one from Scotland. The New Year saw three in February - one from the UK, one from Germany and one from Estonia. Two more from the UK came in March.

Aaroh – a campaign for the Rights of Women Farmers

With support from OXFAM through the NGO, Disha Samajik Sangathan, Saharanpur, we have been running a pilot project to raise awareness among women farmers in Moradabad district of their rights. This year, five villages have set up women farmers' groups.

International Journal of Rural Studies (IJRS)

The IJRS continues to be published twice a year in April and October and is also available online (<http://www.vri-online.org.uk/ijrs/index.php>). Editorials in the last year looked at pollution and action research.

Campaign against Pollution in Amarpurkashi

At present, only one unit out of three at Shakumbri Straw Products, Devri is working and that too at night. A number of workers have been made redundant and it is rumoured that the factory has not paid its contractors for some months. Both outlets have dried up. This has been checked and rechecked. We have also heard that quite a few enquiries have taken place. The Supreme Court of India has ruled that paper factories must not use agro-based materials when making paper. This means that these factories can no longer buy rice husks, wheat straw etc to use in making paper. As a result, the local paper factories are facing great difficulties.

Two lawyers from the Delhi based Human Rights Law Network visited us and with our help collected material enough to prepare a case against the factory. They are ready to file a case in the High Court Allahabad. We have advised them to wait because this is the last resort and would require a lot of time and money.

Because of this, we have decided to take time and observe. At the same time, we are widening the issue and becoming more involved in the campaign against corruption. Behind every instance of pollution, there is corruption any way.

The wider issues include:- pollution in the villages and in and around schools, open drainage, no proper draining system, piles of non-recyclable rubbish, heaps of compost material inside residential areas and close to schools and encroachment and illegal possession of village ponds causing damage to the drainage system so that rain water cannot flow in to the river and instead seeps into the soil and clogs it. There are also national campaigns to save other rivers in India such as the Ganges and Yamuna.

March Against Corruption - A march against corruption took place on 30th January, during which a letter was given to the SDM of Bilari to forward to the Prime Minister, urging stronger laws against corruption.

Networking – PAVAN (Pashchim Anchal Voluntary Action Network)

On 12 Dec. 2010, the AGM of PAVAN was held in Amarpurkashi. Forty representatives from 17 voluntary organisations attended the meeting. A resolution was passed condemning all polluting industries in Western Uttar Pradesh and asking government agencies to act sternly against the polluters. It was also decided to give full co-operation to the ' Aril Nadi Bachao Andolan

Samanvaya Samiti, Amarpurkashi' in their struggle against the polluting paper factories of Vijai Pur and Devri. It was decided to organise capacity building training programmes for all elected members of Village Panchayats in their respective districts. A "training of trainers" will be organised by the Society in Amarpurkashi to prepare trainers.

The A.G.M. of the Society was held on 5th Dec. 2010 in the campus. Fifty five members attended the meeting. Business included progress of the pollution campaign, adding more courses of higher education, electing two new acting managers, an update on the progress of the application for raising Jafar Pur Junior High School to a High School, an update on the progress of the HIV/AIDS LWS programme and raising awareness for adopting a fair code of conduct for general election.

8th INTAF World Conference

This one-day conference, hosted by Asian Foundation for Philanthropy, will take place on Saturday 18th June at AFP's London office. A range of speakers will discuss "Experiences of Working with the Rural Poor" from different perspectives. The following day there will be a follow-up meeting at VRI's office where further discussion will build on the discussion at the conference and plans for the future of INTAF will be made..

Other Highlights

- A fast against pollution on 14th February. At its successful conclusion, a 13 point agenda for implementation was agreed with government officers.
- On 16th February, past pv, Jan Birch, came to APK with two lawyers from the Human Rights Law Network, Delhi, to look at the pollution. As a result, HRLN is ready to take the case to the High Court in Allahabad when we give the go-ahead.
- Five past pvs returned to APK for the wedding of Lekhni Gupta which took place in Budaun on 26th February.
- Holi was celebrated on 20th March while on 21st. 14 groups came from neighbouring villages to present traditional folk dances and songs.
- On 5th April, Mukat organised a fast in Bilari which many villagers also joined, to support Anna Hazare's fast in Delhi against corruption. On 6th and 7th April, the fast continued in the APK Health Centre and concluded on 8th. On the 9th, there was a celebratory meeting in Bilari.
- Special awards were given to six girls from the Inter College who successfully completed the Intermediate examination (equivalent to A level). This is a new government initiative aimed at encouraging girls to study further.

Representation

The Society is represented on the following government bodies:-

- National Rural Health Mission committee , Moradabad
- District Blindness Eradication Committee, Moradabad
- PCPNDT Committee, Moradabad, Bijnor, J P Nagar and Rampur
- District Renewable Energy Sources Committee, Moradabad
- Tehsil Child Labour Eradication Committee, Bilari, District Moradabad

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