

Progress Report 2005-2006
of the
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On-going Programmes

- Gramodaya Degree College & Research Institute
- Krishi Audyogik Inter College
- Gramodaya Primary School
- Jafar Pur Gramodaya Junior High School
- Matri Evam Shishu Kendra (Health Centre) and Free Health and Eye Camps
- Kopal II (Campaign Against Female Foeticide)
- Solar Energy Programme
- SGSY – Self-help group programme
- International Journal of Rural Studies (IJRS)
- IVCS DRIVE scheme
- Experimental farm

Highlights of the Year

- INTAF World Conference & Assembly in London
- INTAF- Orissa State Conference
- Visits by local MP, MLA and CDO
- Outstanding success in the pulse- polio campaign
- Free Eye Camp
- Science Fair
- NSS Camp at village Aari Khera
- Two new issues of IJRS
- Project Visitors of 8 nationalities
- New Management Committee elected

Staff at Amarpurkashi

Programme	Total	Male	Female
Primary School	10	0	10
Inter College	25	22	3
Degree College	25	20	5
Polytechnic/Transport	5	5	0
Administration	2	2	0
IVCS	3	1	2
Farm unit	4	4	0
Spice unit	2	1	1
Health centre	2	0	2
SGSY	6	6	0
Kopal II	6	4	2
Mess	3	3	0
TOTAL	93	68	25

Students at Amarpurkashi

Programme	Year 98/99	99/00	00/01	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06
Primary School	322	231	280	332	337	222	242	222
Junior High School	346	372	437	447	466	494	436	411
Inter College	102	158	205	208	252	307	388	452
Degree College	130	196	218	261	290	365	436	450
Total	900	957	1140	1248	1346	1388	1502	1535

Gramodaya Primary School

	Total	Male	Female	G/C	B/C	S/C
				(all figures are percentages)		
Year 2000-01	280	78.6	21.4	10.3	71.4	11.1
Year 2001-02	332	74.4	25.3	12.9	78.6	8.6
Year 2002-03	337	71.2	28.8	13.3	80.1	5.3
Year 2003-04	222	69.4	30.6	15.3	75.7	8.1
Year 2004-05	242	67.0	33.0	10.3	73.0	8.3
Year 2005-06	222	63.9	36.1	17.5	75.2	7.3

Mrs Babita Tomar, worked well as head teacher of the primary school but she resigned in April after successfully applying to be a teacher in a government school near her village. Four more teachers left, two to get married and the others to take up jobs in government schools in their own villages. New assistant teachers have been recruited but we are still looking for a suitable head teacher. Two vehicles have been purchased to provide transport facility for the students from their home villages to the school.

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. Numbers have been steadily rising, especially in the last two years. This has strained existing accommodation. The number of female students has also risen steadily. Two new class rooms have been added and a large new office has been built

Year	Total	Male (%)	Female (%)	G/C	B/C	S/C (all %)
2000-01	642	80	20	30.7	42.7	16.5
2001-02	655	78	22	25.5	51.1	16.3
2002-03	718	75.5	24.5	21.6	54.5	18.1
2003-04	801	74.5	25.5	16.0	66.6	5.0
2004-05	824	73.4	26.6	16.5	62.6	16.8
2005-06	863	72.4	27.6	11.5	70.0	18.5

Gramodaya Degree College & Research Institute

The degree college received temporary affiliation from M J P Rohilkhand University, Bareilly in 1995 and was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor, Dr. M D Tiwari. The same year the college received a cash award of Rs.20,000 and a citation from the Governor of Uttar Pradesh who is also Chancellor of the university. Since then, the college has been steadily progressing, maintaining its academic place in the university with a high percentage of passes. This year the college fulfils all the requirements for permanent affiliation to the university. Enrolment of students in the last six years has been as follows:-

Year	Total	Male	Female (%)	G/C	B/C	S/C (%)
2000-01	218	85.8	14.2	36.2	46.8	17.0
2001-02	261	80.8	19.2	34.1	50.6	15.3
2002-03	290	80.7	19.3	34.5	51.0	14.5
2003-04	365	73.7	26.3	30.9	54.8	14.2
2004-05	436	70.4	29.6	30.8	57.6	11.6
2005-06	450	61.1	38.9	26.3	57.7	16.0

Year-wise results of Gramodaya Degree College in %

Year	BAI	BAII	BAIII	PGRRM	B.Ed.
2000	76	100	96	----	----
2001	76	100	96	----	----
2002	95	94	97	----	----
2003	84	99	97	100	----
2004	82	84	91	100	100
2005	86	88	96	100	98

- A ten-day N.S.S. camp was held in village Aarikhera. The SDM, Circle Officer and police were guests at a function to mark the successful completion of the camp.
- There were no courses in B.Ed. and PGRRM this year.
- Number of trainees in typing and computing were as follows:-

Typing – Hindi	11
Typing – English	06
Computing	10

Scholarships

State Scholarships	Number	Amount
G. Primary School	25	Rs. 7, 500
K A Inter College	329	461, 520
G. Degree College	271	400, 400
Total	625	869, 420
IVCS Scholarships		
G. Primary School	73	29, 780

New schools associated with Amarpurkashi

1. Vimla Devi Gramodaya J H School, Karia Mayee, District Budaun

This school was set up in July 2004, by Munna Singh, science teacher at the Inter College, Amarpurkashi. He started it at the instigation of his late wife. We visited this school on 10th December 2004 and were most impressed by what we saw.

The school employs ten staff and has 226 children, 27.4 % of whom are girls.

It has received the following scholarships:-

IVCS Scholarships	10	Rs. 10,000
State Scholarships	15	3,000
Total	25	13,000

2. Gramodaya Junior High School Jafar Pur, District Budaun

This school was set up in July 2004 at the request of villagers in the area. All necessary land has been promised by the villagers of Jafar Pur and two rooms and two sheds have been built with funds from Amarpurkashi and IVCS. The General Secretary and a number of pvs have visited the school which now has 54 students in Year 6, 65 in Year 7, 20 in Year 8 and 17 in Year 9. Out of a total of 156, 19.2% are girls. Five full time teachers including one woman are employed. Guidance and leadership are provided by a member of staff from Amarpurkashi. A separate sub-committee of the Society for Agro-Industrial Education in India, Amarpurkashi, looks after the affairs of this school.

Staff Training Day at Jafar Pur

All the staff of the Amarpurkashi project were taken to Jafar Pur for a day's training on Sunday, 16th October. The training began at 8.00 am and ended at 5.00 pm. It was a huge success and included shramdaan which was greatly enjoyed. The venue was well chosen, not too far to travel and away from noise and disturbance.

Other Schools

It is heartening to know that a number of other schools have also been set up following the example of Amarpurkashi. They include:-

1. Gramodaya Public School Lendiyari, Allahabad.
2. Gramodaya Higher Sec. School Moraj Pur, Buland Shahr.
3. Gramodaya Primary School Guarau, Moradabad.
4. Gramodaya Junior High School Dataganj, Budaun.
5. Gramodaya School Dhanari, Budaun.
6. Shishu Mandir School, Bahoran Pur, Moradabad.
7. Junior High School at Gumsani, Moradabad.
8. Gajram Singh Junior High school, Chandausi,

IVCS Project Visitors

After September 11th 2002, the number of Project Visitors decreased dramatically. Fears of the possibility of an India-Pakistan conflict brought the number down even further. However, the upturn has begun as the following table shows:-

Year	Male	Female	Total
1999-00	14	25	39
2000-01	11	24	35
2001-02	08	14	22
2002-03	01	05	06
2003-04	09	21	30
2004-05	09	30	39
2005-06	09	28	37

It was another successful year for this scheme. Most PVs came from the UK but there were also PVs from Sardinia, Belgium, Slovenia, Australia and USA.

For the PVS, getting involved in a useful activity is never easy but quite a few of them found a way of doing this. As a result we have some lovely new murals on the walls of the Inter College and Degree College. Conversational English lessons have had a patchy success; they seem to work best on a one-to-one basis. Some local young men made a real effort to talk to PVs and as a result got considerable benefit from this interaction.

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

In October 2005, this programme was given to us by VATSALYA, Lucknow, the nodal agency for this programme for the whole of Uttar Pradesh. Plan International, India are the sponsors. Our society is responsible for the district of Moradabad in general and the block of Bilari in particular. The project is for three years.

Mother & Child Health Centre

The NLCB grant ended in July 2002. Since then, the Health Centre has been working independently with a small staff of one experienced midwife, one experienced assistant, and one part time clerical assistant.

Co-operation in the National Pulse Polio Campaign

The Sub Divisional Magistrate, Bilari invited our organisation to help in the National Polio Eradication Campaign. We were allotted two large and difficult villages – Sahaspur and Thaonla. We achieved one hundred percent success in these villages. Our performance was noted by the District Government Officers and a certificate of appreciation was given.

Free Eye Camp

This camp was held from 7th to 12th November. Hari Dhanoo, who sponsored the camp, came specially from England to Amarpurkashi to see the camp. Over 500 patients were treated for various kinds of eye ailments and free medicines were given. 53 patients were successfully operated for cataracts by a team of experts from the government hospital in Moradabad.

S G S Y Programme

The Swarn Jayanti Gram Swarozgaar Yojna (SGSY or Self-Help Programme) has now been running in three blocks for the last seven years under the District Rural Development Agency, Moradabad. Our Society is one of six non-government agencies contracted by the DRDA to work as facilitators. Our performance is regarded as the best in the district. This is evident from the figures available from the District office.

Block	No. of SHGs formed so far	No. of active SHGs	No. of proposals submitted to banks	No. of loans received
Bilari	254	169 (66.5%)	106 (62.7%)	96 (90.5%)
Asmoli	161	125 (77.6%)	56 (44.8%)	50 (89.3%)
Panwasa	181	110 (60.8%)	23 (21%)	15 (65.2%)
Subtotal	596	404 (67.8%)	185(45.8%)	61(87.0%)
Moradabad Distt. (13 Blocks)	2542	1741 (68.5%)	754(43.2%)	629(83.4%)

Our work began in the year 2000/1. Our responsibility for blocks Asmoli and Bilari was fixed in 2001/2 and for block Panwasa, in 2002/3.

Save Our Environment Campaign

The following activities were held:-

Eco-Club

This was set up in the Inter College under the guidance of Mr Sanjeev Gupta, a lecturer in the college. The students who are members of the club engage themselves in environmental activities such as the Science Fair, workshops and campaigns like the farmers' protests against the pollution created by the local paper industries.

Science Fair

This has become an important annual programme of the Amarpurkashi Project. This year it was held on 27th October and inaugurated by Shri Raj Kishore Yadav, Chief Development Officer of the district. This year's fair was larger than last year's and attended by more people. Bus loads of students from private schools in towns like Chandausi and Bilari also visited the fair. Students of the Gramodaya Primary School and Krishi Audyogik Inter College took part in various programmes and received awards and certificates of commendation.

Science Quiz and Competition

was held on the 28th October under the guidance of the District Science Officer, Moradabad. Winners received awards from the State Government's Science Promotion department.

Solid waste Management Workshop and Demonstration

was held on the 22nd and 24th February with support from the Indian Environmental Society, Delhi under the National Environmental Awareness Campaign (NEAC) of the Ministry of Environment and Forests. The workshop was held at Gramodaya College and the demonstration was carried out at the Primary Health Centre, Bilari.

Vermi-Composting Demonstration

was started by the main road side in October 2005 under the guidance of Ram Vir Singh of Mathura district.

Solar Energy Use and Demonstration

With subsidies and technical support from N.E.D.A. (Non-Conventional Energy Development Agency, Moradabad, we have acquired two solar lanterns, one solar cooker and one 10,000 litre drinking water supply tank. We have also applied for five solar street lights and four domestic lights. We have also proposed that a solar tube-well be set up in our demonstrational farm. Because of our interest in the use of solar energy, NEDA have co-opted Mukat Singh as a member of their District Advisory Committee.

Protest Against Pollution

During December, farmers of Amarpurkashi, Vijai Pur and Deori villages staged a protest against the Shakumbhari Straw Paper Mills. Polluted water from the mill pours into the already polluted Aril River, damaging the farmers' crops including the society's. Complaints were made to Janata Diwas on 16th, 23rd, 30th November and 13th December by aggrieved farmers but the factory owners did not pay any compensation and the SDM, Bilari refused to help the farmers. The total damage to the crops as assessed by a committee headed by the Tehsildar, Bilari amounts to over 3 lakh rupees.

Our Networking Initiatives

Amarpurkashi is linked to the following civil society groups:

1. People's Vigilance Commission, New Delhi.
2. International Task Force for the Rural Poor (INTAF).
3. Earth Action Network International.
4. Voluntary Action Network, India (VANI), New Delhi.
5. Uttar Pradesh Voluntary Action Network, Lucknow.
6. Uttar Pradesh Voluntary Health Association, Lucknow.
7. All India Co-ordination of People's Groups, Mumbai.
8. Development Studies Association, UK.
9. eCivicus International
10. Poverty Eradication Network Worldwide
11. Lok Shakti Abhiyan, New Delhi,

On the suggestion of UPVAN, a branch network of voluntary organisations in western Uttar Pradesh was initiated by two executive members, A R Sunny and Mukat Singh. A general meeting of interested groups was held on 7th August 2005 in Amarpurkashi in which Mukat Singh was elected chair of the new network – PAVAN (Pashchimanchal Voluntary Action Network) for one year. With assistance from IVCS, training of voluntary workers of member and non-member groups of PAVAN was held for three days in September and two days in February.

International Journal of Rural Studies

IJRS continues to be published regularly twice a year in April and October. It is the voice of the poor through INTAF, IVCS and Gramodaya College & Research Institute, Amarpurkashi. Highlights of the last two issues are as follows:-

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A Technical Framework in Knowledge Management	V.Dhiman et al
Cultural Revival	Wangari Maathai
Information Village Research Project	J E Myers
Bihar Report	Mukat Singh
Corruption in India: an empirical study	J. Cockcroft
Agrarian Change and Rural Poverty in Pakistan	Hari Lohano
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Economics of Production & Marketing of Vegetables in Madhya Pradesh	Manoj K Singh
Indian Higher Education and Globalisation	A K Penthoi et al
The Dalit Question	K M Ziyauddin et al
The Jungle and the Village	Julia Wardaugh
INTAF Coordinating Committee	International Convenor

Annual General Meeting of the Society

The AGM of the Society for Agro Industrial Education in India was held on the 5th December and a new Executive Committee was duly elected for the next three years.

INTAF-Orissa Conference

Jyoti and Mukat attended this state level conference on Poverty from 5th to 7th November at a picturesque venue – N.S.P. Project, Daya Vihar in District Puri, Orissa.

A Village Trust Registered

In February this year, the M & J Trust was registered in the registry office, Bilari. The founder trustees are Mukat Singh and Jyoti Singh. The objects of the Trust are as follows:-

1. Relief of poverty, sickness, hardship and distress of people living in rural areas in India, preferably those living in Amarpurkashi and the neighbouring villages,
2. Advancement relevant primary, secondary and higher education and vocational and technical education especially in rural areas,
3. Care of needy and suffering trustees/staff and their relatives,
4. Recognition of people who have, in the knowledge of trustees, made some special contribution to furthering the causes of the trust and of rural development,
5. Support and funding of local/national/overseas education, trips and scholarships for students and researchers in India and/or abroad,
6. Support and assistance for voluntary groups and societies with similar aims and objects and individuals who take up programmes and activities for furthering such objects,

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