

Progress Report 2006-2007
of the
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Programmes in Operation

- 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)
- TARAhaat Computer Centre
- Solar Energy Programme
- SGSY – Self-help group programme
- International Journal of Rural Studies (IJRS)
- IVCS DRIVE scheme
- Experimental farm

Highlights of the Year

- INTAF- Bihar 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 Hamza Pur
- Two new issues of IJRS
- Project Visitors of 8 nationalities
- Five EC members of IVCS visit
- AFP staff visit APK
- New Executive Committee of the Society elected

Staff at Amarpurkashi

Programme	Total	Male		Female	
Primary School	10	0		10	
Inter College	24	21		3	
Degree College	25	19		6	
TARAhaat computer centre	3	3		0	
Drivers/electrician	5	5		0	
Administration	2	2		0	
Project co-ordinator	1	0		1	
Farm unit	4	4		0	
Spice unit	2	0		2	
Health centre	2	0		2	
SGSY	2	2		0	
Kopal II		6	5		1
Mess	3	3		0	

TOTAL	91	65	26
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Students at Amarpurkashi

Programme	Year 98/99	99/00	00/01	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07
Primary School	322	231	280	332	337	222	242	222	245
Junior High School	346	372	437	447	466		494	436	411
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Inter College	102	158	205	208	252	307	388	452	511
Degree College	130	196	218	261	290	365	436	450	848
Total	900	957	1140	1248	1346	1388	1502	1535	1948

Gramodaya Primary School since 2000-2001

	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
Year 2006-07	245	65.7	34.3	14.7	67.3	11.0

Ms Babita Singh, worked well as senior teacher of the primary school in the absence of a proper head teacher. Two new assistant teachers had to be recruited during the session. In April, we appointed a new qualified head teacher who will take over from 25th of June. Two vehicles have worked well to provide transport for students from their home villages to the school. The roofs of three low rooms have been raised and rebuilt.

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 four years. This has strained existing accommodation. The number of female students has also risen steadily. Two more new class rooms will have to be added in the coming year.

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

2006-07	855	70.2	29.8	9.2	74.8	16.0
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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. Last year the college received permanent affiliation to the university. The college has also at long last received B.Ed. students from the university for the year 2005-06. Student enrolment over the last 7 years is given in the table below. This year's enrolment shows a steep rise in numbers of students on roll.

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
2006-07	848	67.6	32.4	27.4	55.4	17.2

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
2006	98	97.5	98	---	---

Results of the year 2006 show a significant improvement over previous years. In 2006, there were no students for PGRRM and B.Ed.

- A ten-day N.S.S. camp was held in village Hamza Pur. The Additional Commissioner of Moradabad Division Shri J P Sagar presided over the final function of the camp.
- The number of trainees in typing and computing were as follows:-

Typing – Hindi	10
Typing – English	06
Computing	10

Postgraduate Diploma in Rural Resource Management (PGRRM)

No PGRRM course was run during 2005-06. Eleven students enrolled for the current session. These included two British students who came to Amarpurkashi as Project Visitors, saw the course in action and decided to join. There were five female and six male students. Of these, three Indian students were asked to leave because they did not attend regularly and intended to get a paper qualification without doing any work for it. The British students dropped out because the lack of knowledge of Hindi proved a big stumbling block.

Postgraduate Diploma in Television Journalism at IAFT – new course

The Indian Academy of Film and Television (IAFT), a branch of Gramodaya College & Research Institute, Amarpurkashi, is currently being set up in Hindu College, Moradabad. Three members of staff have already been appointed: Pawan Kumar, Director, Deepika Ruhela, assistant to the director and a part-time cleaner. The Academy plans to run a Post Graduate Diploma in Television Journalism from July 2007.

Village Resource Centre (TARAhaat)

A computer centre with six PCs, peripherals and accessories has been set up in the Degree College under franchise from TARAhaat, New Delhi. There are three members of staff working under and orientation from TARAhaat and students have started undergoing various training programmes.

Scholarships

State Scholarships	Number	Amount (Rs)
G. Primary School	24	7,200
K A Inter College	360	314,600
G. Degree College	451	405,225
Total	835	727,025

IVCS Scholarships

G. Primary School - fees	75	31,540
School uniform	12	4,060
Total	86	35,600

Progress of Gramodaya School at Jafar Pur

This school was set up in July 2004 at the request of villagers in the area who promised to arrange the necessary land. Two classrooms and two verandahs have been built with funds from Amarpurkashi and IVCS. The General Secretary and a number of pvs have visited the school. Leadership is 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.

Thanks to a generous donation from the Asian Foundation for Philanthropy, London, a boundary wall has now been built to make the school a safe and secure environment for the students, particularly important as the school is based in the middle of farming land and the nearest village is two kms away. Stray cattle used to wander onto the play ground during the day. The number of girls attending the school has risen from a mere 9% two years ago to 23% this year. 168 students completed the academic session this year, out of whom 79 received government scholarships amounting to Rs. 43,440.

Staff Training Day at Naraura, District Buland Shahr

All the staff of the Amarpurkashi Project were taken to Naraura for a day's training on Saturday, 31st March. The coach carrying the staff arrived at the venue, a local junior high school, at 10 am and staff was given an hour of free time to go down to the Ganges and take a dip. Then at 11.00 am, everyone met in a class room of the school and the first session began.

There were three sessions during the day with a short break for a picnic lunch. In the first session, staff were encouraged to describe any problems that they faced or were concerned about. In the second,

possible solutions to these problems were discussed openly and freely. In the third, an action plan for the year ahead was prepared. The main issues that were raised and discussed included improving the quality of teaching, the importance of results and maintaining a better relationship with pupil's parents/guardians and all members of staff. The issue of the science fair and its usefulness was also discussed in detail. Dilawar Singh, Manager of Moraj Pur Gramodaya High School, joined APK staff for the day's training.

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 began in 2003-04, 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
2006-07	11	26	37

It was another successful year for this scheme. Most PVs came from the UK but there were also PVs from Belgium, Australia, Ireland, Germany, France, Luxemburg, Candad and USA.

For PVs, getting involved in a useful activity is never easy but quite a few of them found a way of doing this. Some worked with small groups of pupils in the primary school at APK and built up the children's confidence in speaking and understanding English. Others went to Jafar Pur Junior High School and did similar work there.

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

In October 2005, this three-year programme was given to us by VATSALYA, Lucknow, the nodal agency 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 campaign is primarily an awareness-raising campaign. We have organised a number of very successful public meetings and marches all of which have been widely covered in the local media.

Mother & Child Health Centre

The NLCB grant ended in July 2002. Since then, the Health Centre has been working independently with one experienced midwife, one experienced assistant and one part time clerical assistant. This year, 778 patients were treated of whom 598 were women. There were 30 deliveries and 55 terminations.

PSI Initiative on reducing infant mortality – proposed programme

Population Services International, Uttar Pradesh branch, has been working in Moradabad district for the last year and a very useful, healthy and pleasant partnership has developed between Amarpurkashi and the PSI Moradabad team. Amarpurkashi has promised full co-operation with PSI's in the blocks of Bilari and Baniakhera.

Spice and Cup Making Unit

Since August 2005, the local sale of spices has been on average Rs. 5417 per month. At a 15% gross profit margin, the amount of profit was only Rs. 707 per month out of which all expenses have to come. Kamlesh, the woman in charge, and her assistant, Munni, are willing to run the unit on their own as they have no other source of income but the money earned from local sales is not enough. A hand-operated cup-making machine has been added to the unit this year. Hopefully, this will increase their income.

Family Counselling Service

With support from the Central Social Welfare Board, New Delhi, a Family Counselling Centre has been set up in Moradabad and began operating in May 2007. There is one male and one female counsellor.

Aaroh – A campaign for the Rights of Women Farmers

With support from OXFAM through Disha Samajik Sangathan, Saharanpur, a pilot project to raise awareness of their rights among women farmers has been running in Moradabad district in the last year.

Free Eye Camp

We were not able to organise an eye camp in November '06 or in Feb. '07 as we could not find an eye surgeon willing to donate his services free. The government surgeon also demanded a large sum for each replacement lens whereas until last year the Government Hospital in Moradabad had provided these lenses free. Ultimately, with the intervention of the Chief Medical Officer, Moradabad, the problem was solved and it was agreed that all lenses would be free.

A camp was held from 7th to 12th May. 293 patients were examined and 19 selected for cataract operations which were carried out in the Community Hospital, Bilari. All other patients were treated in Amarpurkashi and free medicines provided.

S G S Y Programme

The Swarn Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojna (SGSY or Self-Help Programme) has now been running in the district for seven years under the District Rural Development Agency, Moradabad. Our Society was one of six non-government agencies contracted by the DRDA to work as facilitators. We were assigned three Blocks – Bilari, Asmoli and Panwasa. Our performance was regarded as the best in the district.

Unfortunately, this programme has been watered down by government intervention and has nearly come to a stand still.

Save Our Environment Campaign

The following activities were held during the year:-

Eco-Club

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

Vermi-Composting Demonstration

This demonstration was started by the main road in October 2005 under the guidance of Ram Vir Singh of Mathura district and is running successfully.

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 connected to a tube-well. All run on solar energy.. We have also applied for five solar street lights and four domestic lights. We have also proposed that a solar tube-well for irrigation be set up in our demonstration 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. A Minister of State with independent charge for this department has now been appointed by the new Uttar Pradesh Government and we hope that significant progress will be made in the next year, especially as the local MLA, Haji Akbar Husain, has been given this ministry.

Protest Against Pollution

In December 2005, 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 farmers' crops including the society's. In 2005, complaints were made by aggrieved farmers to Janata Diwas on 16th, 23rd, 30th November and 13th December but the factory owners did not pay any compensation and the SDM, Bilari refused. The total damage to the crops as assessed by a committee headed by the Tehsildar, Bilari amounts to over 3 lakh rupees. This year, we explored the possibility of filing a court case against the Mill but without success. Public Interest Litigation cannot be initiated by the aggrieved parties and civil court cases cost a great deal of money which poor farmers cannot afford. In any case, civil courts are notorious for taking years to resolve

Our Networking Initiatives

Amarpurkashi is linked to the following civil society groups:

1. International Task Force for the Rural Poor (INTAF).
2. Poverty Eradication Network Worldwide
3. Earth Action Network International.
4. eCivicus International
5. Voluntary Action Network, India (VANI), New Delhi.
6. Uttar Pradesh Voluntary Action Network (UPVAN), Lucknow.
7. Uttar Pradesh Voluntary Health Association (UPVHA), Lucknow.
8. Western Uttar Pradesh Voluntary Action Network (PAVAN)
9. All India Co-ordination of People's Groups, Mumbai.
10. Development Studies Association, UK.
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 sponsorship from IVCS, training of voluntary workers of member and non-member groups took place over three days in September and two days in February.

During 2006-7, further meetings were held in Buland Shahr on 27th August, in Baniakhera on 22nd February and in Amarpurkashi on 6th May.

International Journal of Rural Studies

IJRS continues to be published twice a year in April and October. It is the voice of the poor through INTAF, IVCS and Gramodaya College & Research Institute, Amarpurkashi.

The journal is available on internet at www.ivcs.org/IJRS

INTAF- Bihar Conference

A State level conference of INTAF-Bihar was held in Patna on 2nd and 3rd December in co-operation with Bihar Voluntary Health Association and PACS programme of VANI through Bihar Voluntary Action Network.

Both Jyoti and Mukat Singh attended the conference. 70 participants from all over Bihar took part. The theme was 'How can the Right to Information Act and the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act be made accessible to the common man?' An important outcome of the conference was the formation

of five zonal groups which decided to hold workshops in their rural areas to raise awareness of these acts among local people. In north-east Bihar, one group, headed by Ramashreya Prasad Singh, has already begun working. Twelve participants also enrolled as Life Members of INTAF.

Highlights of Events

August 2006

	7	- Women Awareness seminar in Amarpurkashi
	12	- Staff Training in Amarpurkashi
	15	- Independence Day Celebrations in Amarpurkashi and Jafar Pur
	19, 20 & 21	- Integrated Child Development Services meeting in Bilari for Kopal II
	22	- Kopal II stakeholders' workshop in Bilari
	27	- Training of Voluntary Workers in Buland Shahr
September	2 & 3	- Training in capacity building of youths in Amarpurkashi
	13	- Seminar of Women Farmers in Amarpurkashi
	15	- Capacity building workshop of Panchayat Raj Institutions in Bilari for Kopal II
	18	- District Level Motivational Workshop of Officers in Moradabad for Kopal II
	19	- Seminar of Women Farmers in Amarpurkashi
October	17	- Kopal II Stakeholders' Meeting in Bilari
	20	- Review Planning Seminar in Moradabad for Kopal II
	27	- Science Fair in Amarpurkashi
	30	- Seminar of Youth Leaders in Amarpurkashi for Kopal II
	31	- Kopal II Stakeholders' Meeting in Bilari
November	2	- Block Level Awareness Rally for Kopal II
	10	- Stakeholders (Religious Leaders) Meeting in Bilari for Kopal II
	21	- District Level Review Planning Meeting in Moradabad for Kopal II
	23 & 24	- Population Services International Training in Amarpurkashi.
December	6	- IMA Doctors Motivational Meeting in Moradabad for Kopal II
	9	- College seminar and competitions of students for Kopal II
	14	- Capacity Building Workshop of Panchayat Secretaries, Bilari for Kopal II
	20	- Quarterly PPNDT Committee Meeting in Moradabad for Kopal II
January 2007		
	20.24	- March for the Rights of Women Farmers from Amarpurkashi - Shamas Pur – Aarikhera – Safeel Pur – Shah Pur – Bagpura – Hamza Pur – Khata – Dinaura – Deori to Bilari.
	26	- Republic Day Celebrations in Amarpurkashi
February	10	- Kopal II Block Level Awareness Raising Rally
	15	- Distribution of Scholarships by SDM Bilari
	20	- Kopal II District Level Awareness Raising Rally
	22	- PAVAN meeting in Baniakhera
March		
	5	- Holi Milan Fair in Amarpurkashi
	8	- Celebration of International Women's Day, Sahas Pur
	17	- Quarterly PPNDT Committee Meeting in Moradabad.

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