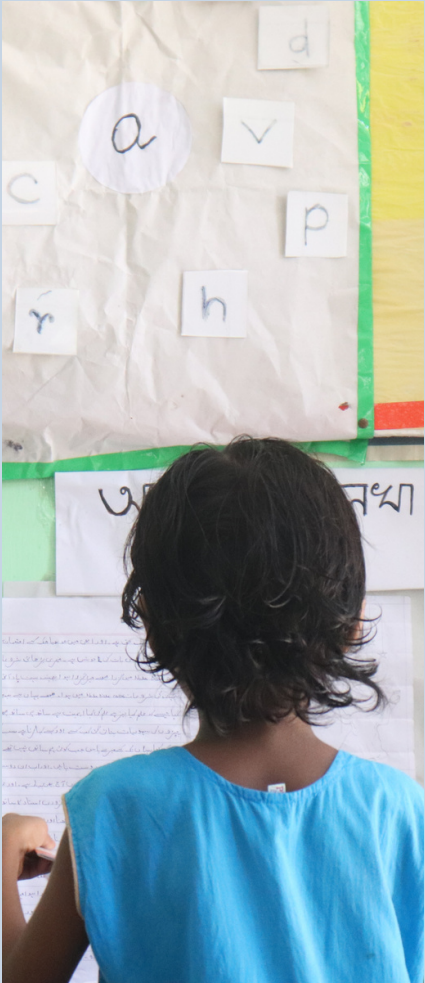


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MAKING SCIENCE EASY

A two-day Science training program was held at the Kolkata office in November for facilitators. This was organised in relation to the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) program which has been launched by the American Centre (part of the U.S Consulate, Kolkata) to empower 800 young women of government madrasas in West Bengal who come from underserved backgrounds. The program is set to run over a period of 18 months.

IMPROVING ANGANWADIS

Vikramshila in Bihar successfully trained 4 supervisors and 1 Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) at Baisi between 7 to 9 November on supportive supervision.

The organisation, which is currently involved in an ECCE project is working in the Baisi block of Purnea district, Bihar, since September 15, 2023. Here, we seek to adopt and turn 50 Anganwadi Centres among the 240 in the district, into model Anganwadi Centres.



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सीडीपीओ एवं पर्यवेक्षिकाओं को गतिविधियों से कराया अवगत

बायसी। बायसी ब्लॉक के विक्रमशिला एजुकेशन रिसोर्स सोसायटी कार्यालय में 7 से 9 नवंबर तक समेकित बाल विकास परियोजना, यूनिसेफ एवं विक्रमशिला एजुकेशन रिसोर्स सोसायटी के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में ब्लॉक की सभी अंगनवाड़ी पर्यवेक्षिकाओं और सीडीपीओ को शाला पूर्व शिक्षा, प्रभावी नेतृत्व और सहायक पर्यवेक्षण पर प्रशिक्षण दिया गया। इस प्रशिक्षण का आयोजन बाल विकास परियोजना पदाधिकारी उषा किरण के निदेशानुसार किया गया। प्रशिक्षण का मुख्य उद्देश्य, शाला पूर्व शिक्षा के

महत्व, सहयोगात्मक पर्यवेक्षण तथा नई पहल कार्यक्रम में दी गई थीम आधारित गतिविधियों से अवगत करवाना था, ताकि सीडीपीओ या महिला पर्यवेक्षिका जब पर्यवेक्षण हेतु केंद्र में जाएं तो वह गतिविधियों का अवलोकन करते हुए संक्षिप्त तथा सहायिका का मार्गदर्शन करते हुए उनकी मदद कर पाएं। प्रशिक्षण के दौरान विक्रमशिला एजुकेशन रिसोर्स सोसायटी के प्रशिक्षकों अदीब बरार और नाजिया प्रवीण द्वारा सभी सत्रों का संचालन करते हुए लो कॉस्ट, नो कॉस्ट सामग्री बनाने का डेमो भी दिखाया गया।

LENDING A HELPING HAND

The third quarter of 2023 witnessed the Vikramshila Assam team distribute supportive materials to 1,000 Anganwadi centres across four districts of Baksa, Goalpara, Kamrup Metro and Sonitpur. The material included storybooks from Pratham and National Book Trust, posters from Ektara Trust and other stationery.

A child-friendly NRC (Nutrition Rehabilitation Centre) was set up in Darrang district as part of system partnership and advocacy.



ENHANCING EMPLOYABILITY

The Uttar Pradesh government has teamed up with UNICEF and kicked off the Pankh Career Guidance Program this year. Vikramshila, as UNICEF's technical partner in this, developed a Teachers' Handbook and a Students' Workbook focused on career guidance.

The UP team has also handpicked 12 pilot schools in the districts of Balarampur, Gonda, Shravasti, and Bahraich and organised orientation programs for the principals and 24 nodal teachers of the schools. Additionally, we also trained 159 teachers from all 75 districts on how to use the modules.

MAKING 1000 DAYS COUNT

The Vikramshila team engaged in the first 1000-days project in Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh, and Koraput in Odisha, developed IEC/BCC materials, activity cards, audio visual messages on responsive caregiving and low-cost toys, to support the holistic development of children in the first 1000 days from pregnancy to 2 years. We conducted community chaupals, and parents' coaching sessions at Anganwadi centres including 150 home visits in 13 villages. In Koraput, the district administration has earmarked funds for the creation of one Lighthouse at Bageipadar-2.



ACCOLADES FROM NEW YORK

A team from the UNICEF headquarters office in New York comprising Stephen Zimmermann Director, Office of Internal Audit and Investigations, and Seung-Yeon Kang, Ethics Manager, along with Chief of Field Services from UNICEF Delhi, Jalpa Ratna, and members from the UNICEF Jharkhand office visited Vikramshila's project Anganwadi Centre at Dardag village, Ormanjhi, Ranchi on October 13. They spent some time with the children and appreciated the organization's efforts towards supporting marginalized people in the area.



एक दिवसीय अभिमुखीकरण कार्यशाला का आयोजन हुआ

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ITC'S MATH MELAS

3 Math Fairs or 'melas' were organized in early October and 30 SSM schools in the Garden Reach area, Kolkata, participated in it. 321 students, 55 teachers and 21 community members were reached through them. 75 classrooms were made print-rich in 25 SSM schools, 917 students & 138 teachers were reached through classroom decoration. 'Math Melas' are organized to help make the subject more comprehensive and fun for students. It includes activities related to addition, subtraction, multiplication and division as well as measurements, shapes and patterns.

INCLUSIVITY ON AGENDA

The Uttar Pradesh FLN and ECCE team has been working to make Anganwadi centres more inclusive for children with disabilities. The aim was to ensure that all AWCs in Devipatan provided 3 to 4 hours of disability-inclusive quality preschool education every day.

The team also successfully organized a divisional-level workshop with 75 administrative officers, from the education and ICDS departments, including BSAs, DPOs and BEOs among others. This workshop helped us place our work in context and seek their support towards achieving the NIPUN goals as well.



HAPPY CHILDREN'S DAY

The Taratala Nabadisha Centre, one of our community learning centres in Kolkata, celebrated Children's Day belatedly on November 22. Sponsored by Vesuvius India Limited, the programme included children presenting their singing and dance skills. They also put up a play. The general manager of Vesuvius's Kolkata unit, Surojit Dasgupta, attended the programme. The day also witnessed the official launch of digital learning at the centre, where Geneo, a learning app has been being used on an experimental basis since November 2022.





BEFRIENDING BOOKS

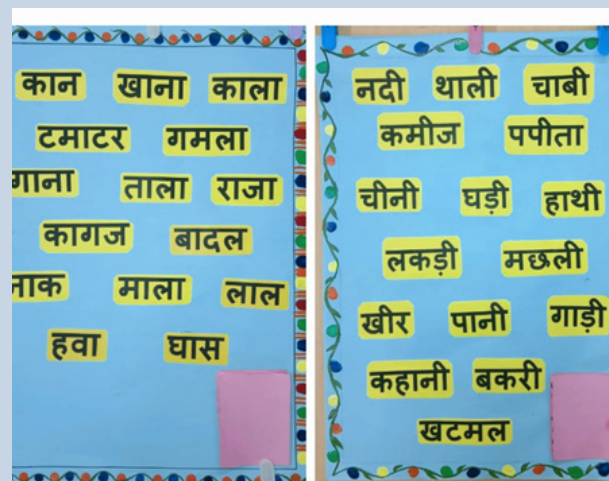
The Maharashtra VERS team's continued efforts to help Anganwadi sevikas in getting print-deprived tribal children of Palghar to engage with books have begun to bear fruit. Following continued demonstrations and follow-ups and the efforts of the Anganwadi sevikas, the children have begun showing an interest in the books. They now spend time in the reading corner and have also started to 'pretend read' to tell the story.

The team emphasised to the sevikas the need to read simple, relatable stories which have large pictures and are light on the content.

FLN TLM MAKING WORKSHOP

An in-house refresher workshop on making teaching learning resources for foundational literacy and numeracy was organized at the Kolkata office. It was attended by teachers from the Nabadisha Centres and ITC projects.

The purpose of it was to brainstorm new TLM ideas aligned with learning outcomes, and create vibrant, mobile and interactive display charts and board games for Grades 1 and 2, which will not only be teacher-led but can also ensure children's participation when done in smaller groups in classrooms.



WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY

World Children's Day (November 20) was belatedly celebrated by the Kolkata VERS team on November 24. The students of five Nabadisha centres in Kolkata and other members of the VERS family organized a programme at Rabindra Tirtha. Sponsored by the Genius Foundation, a CSR initiative of Genius Consultants Ltd, the programme did not just celebrate the talents of the students of Nabadisha but was also a gesture of gratitude towards the foundation for their continued support of the community learning centres over the years.

