



Creating an Inclusive Community for Children with Special Needs

In a patriarchal society like Nepal where women's destiny is to find the groom of her life, Sudha Silwal, 46 of Panchkal Municipality, Kavre had decided to remain unmarried to take care of the intellectually challenged children.

She started the journey of compassion seventeen years ago who was then the sole person out of 16 principals to accept and initiate schooling for children with special needs in Kavre district. The schooling program, funded by the education ministry, was only for 5 years. Thinking that 5 years are not enough for an impactful progress, she founded her own organization, Susta Manasthiti Purnasthapana Kendra in 2006 where children can be transferred after their study at Bhagawati Secondary School. Currently there are 21 students under her care.

With tears in her eyes she narrates that NJSI is the first organization who supported them in every aspect. The intervention started with building the fence around the hostel compound to protect the children from unwanted intruders and wild animals. Since then NJSI has been providing regular nutrition, medical checkups with required therapies, training teachers and caretakers to better understand the children's behavior and help them to improve.

NJSI is constructing two storey learning center at Bhagawati Secondary School for them. Ms. Sudha is appreciative of the efforts taken by NJSI and hopeful to initiate the school that was disrupted after the old building collapsed due to the earthquake of 2015.

Protection of Vulnerable is a major sector and an area of concern for NJSI. NJSI has already constructed 6 well facilitated hostels in Nuwakot, Sindhupalchowk and Kavre districts. Construction of yet another hostel is going on in Banepa. NJSI visions to develop Bhagawati Learning Center as a well facilitated model school for differently abled children.



HIGHLIGHTS

Scaffolding Teachers' Trainer Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm (IPP)



On 26th and 27th July, Fr. Amrit Rai, Superior of Nepal Jesuit Society facilitated the IPP training program at NJSI office. Two teachers from each schools and the NJSI staff were trained how to give teachers' training based on the Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm (IPP).

Soap Making Training at 3 Different places



4 Personal Development Camps



An Orientation to the students of St. Xavier's College, Maitighar



NJSI had given an orientation program to the students of Bachelors in Social Work (BSW) and Bachelors of Arts in Social Work (BASW) at St. Xavier's college, Matighar.

Caritas Italy Represents Inauguration of Kali Devi Hostel



NJSI Welcomes New Staff



Smriti Dutta and Palpasa Shrestha have joined NJSI

NJSI INTERVENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Kavre

Learning Center at Bhagawati School



The construction of the activity center at Bhagawati School is in a full swing. In a month's time the activity center will be completely ready to be handed over. The special children of Bhagawati School have been keenly waiting for the center to be used by them. As soon as construction is over, NJSI will furnish it as per the needs of the special children with tables, cupboards and exercise equipments, etc. before handing it over to them.

Reaching Children with Special Needs



The hostel for the differently abled students of Kali Devi School was handed over on 25th September in the presence of beneficiaries, representatives of Caritas Italy - Beppe Pedron and Teresa Sassu, and local govt. bodies. The hostel has been designed as per the NJSI building norms and conditions exactly the same way as NJSI has been building the hostel for the special children with two rooms and a kitchen, a dinning hall, an activity room and with a WASH intervention.

ABA (Applied Behaviour Analysis) Therapy Method and Techniques Training



On 5th and 6th July, ABA Therapy training was conducted for the teachers and caretakers at Bhagawati Care Center. The training was given by the resource person, Mrs. Rama Karki, Senior Physiologist.

The resource person and 8 participants were helped and facilitated by two NJSI staff. The trainer helped the trainees to widen their knowledge of ABA methods by acquiring more techniques through the use of storytelling, games, fun-filled activities, etc. These activities would help the special children to calm and concentrate their minds minimizing their attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) behavior.

The trainer specially focused on tracking down the behaviors of the children so that it would be easy to know the progress or deteriorating of the health of the special children. Keeping the records will help to reduce or increase the medicine dose of the children accordingly.

Hostel for the Special Children of Azad Secondary School



NJSI has received an appreciation certificate from NRA (National Reconstruction Authority) for reaching out to the special children in a very special way.

NJSI has been building another hostel for the primary section of the same school too. NJSI team hopes to finish the construction and hand it over to the special children of Azad Primary School by the end of next month. Altogether, NJSI has built 4 hostels for the special children by now, 3 hostels in Nuwakot and one in Sindhupalchowk. Along with these 4 hostels 2 more hostels are near completion.

Summer Camp at Azad Secondary School



Students participation in the activities



NJSI organized a summer camp at Azad Secondary School on 28th to 30th July. The camp specifically focused on the development of the students through various informative activities. It was a three-day program where the importance of education, leadership and entrepreneurship were the focal points of the camp. The students of class 8 and 9 were guided to evaluate and think critically. The related activities were conducted in order to widen the students' perception.

Finally, Eco-club was established where students were divided into six groups with a responsibility for Cleanliness, Documentation, Media, Plantation, Fundraising, and Recycling and Reuse. These groups would help students to work for environment protection through respective work area and with available means.

The students participated very actively in every session conducted. The school management was so happy and impressed by the program that it requested to the NJSI team to conduct such programs in the future too so that children's ability to think critically and to analyze anything would improve.

Helping Schools and Students Through Material Means

The students of Narayansthan Basic School come from very low economic background. Generally their parents are involved in labor work. They don't have proper uniform and shoes. Even having a meal twice a day is a very challenging for them. In such scenario parents of these kids are sending their sons and daughters to the school. They manage with whatever means they have and hope their children would not suffer the same fate as they are having now.

In order to help these students, on 17th August, NJSI distributed 2 sets of uniforms, shoes, stationary materials and bags. Xavier Network helped to finance this project.

The students were very happy and thankful to receive the educational-aid kits.



Water Project at Roshi



NJSI is going to facilitate with the water supply in 15 different places of Roshi-7, Kavrepalanchowk. The people have to walk regular for hours to fetch a bucket of water. After seeing the hardship of the people of Roshi, NJSI decided to intervene at the local level to bring water to the village.

The water will be supplied to Thumkadanda from a tank at Khardarpati. At Thumkadanda, NJSI is going to construct a water tank of 18000 liters from which the water will be supplied through the pipelines to 15 different places of Roshi-7, Kavrepalanchowk.

The beneficiaries' keen interest is seen through their hands in excavation for the pipelines and for the water tank. The excavation and installation of the pipelines has been completed. On 19th September, laying of the foundation for water tank was completed.

Medical Intervention to the Differently abled



NJSI supported the special children with free health check up at Bhagawati Care Center. On 22nd August, Dr. Anil Ojha, Development Pediatrician, Mrs. Rama Karki, Senior psychologist and NJSI team went for a general check up to 20 special children. Some of the parents of special children had also accompanied us to know the conditions of their children. Dr. Anil examined the special children and prescribed medicines accordingly.

The Doctor even recommended for speech therapy, physiotherapy and high protein food for the special children.

Developing Skills of Women at Jaretar



To develop the skills of the women of Danuwar community, NJSI had provided soap making training on 4th to 6th of August. The training was for three days where 30 women participated. Altogether, 1700 soaps were produced. NJSI provided a resource person, Rajiv Tamang along with all the soap making training materials. He, though visually impaired person, gave a tactful practical trainings and guidance to the women. And the women were immensely motivated by his enthusiasm and dedication towards his work. Later the soaps were taken to market to be sold.

Advanced Tailoring Training at Jaretar



Machines distributed to the participants

NJSI envisions to fulfill the dreams of trainees' by comprehensively uplifting the status of the unreached ones though a holistic approach.

After a basic tailoring training course, NJSI provided an advanced tailoring training to the women of Danuwar community. The training program was for three months. At the end of its completion, on 25th August, 25 machines were handed over to each participants in order to help them sustain their lives after the training program. The advanced tailoring training was funded by Xavier Network whereas handing over of tailoring machines to the participants were funded by Missio Achen

Personal Development Camp



On 7th and 8th September, “Personal Development Camp” was organized at Shree Bhagawati Secondary School for the students of class 11 and 12. For them, a specific session was conducted on ‘entrepreneurship’ in which a short presentation was given to them which helped them to understand and grasp all the nuances of it. For the students of class 8 to 10, sessions on ‘Personal Development’ were given. The sessions focused on different aspects of personal development through various activities to help the students enlarge their vision of themselves. The students were taught how to think out of the box and how to practice it. NJSI team helped them by guiding the students how to be a critical thinker. The students and the teachers were ignorant about the systematic approach of conserving the environment. In order to make them aware of the concept, Eco-club was introduced. The groups were made accordingly for Cleaning, Documentation, Planting, Fundraising, Media, and Recycle and Reuse. The students and School Management Committee acknowledged the initiative taken by the NJSI team. All the Personal Development Camps are supported by the donor agency, Xavier Network.

Children’s Day Celebration



NJSI celebrated the “Children’s Day” on 14th of September with the differently abled children of Bhagawati Secondary School. On the occasion, NJSI presented a T-shirt to each of the 20 children.

The program was organized to refresh the children from their daily schedule and provide them with fun activities like singing and dancing.

In spite of scorching heat children seemed quite happy and enjoyed to their fullest in the celebration with NJSI team.

Laying the Foundation for women’sCenter



As recommended by Deputy Mayor of Mandendeupur Municipality, Nirmala Shahi, NJSI has decided to construct a women center for Deridevi Women’s group. Therefore, On 14th September 2018, foundation was laid for women’s activity center at Mandendeupur. This women group mainly belong to Tamang community who are involved in agriculture and animal rearing. Soon, they will get a center for conducting meetings, developing skills through various trainings and to discuss agendas for social and economic community development.

Empowering Women of Kunta



In previous soap making training program some of the staff had learned the whole process of soap making. On 9th September, therefore, NJSI itself provided the needful guidance and training to the women's group named "Kali Devi" of Kunta, Kavre.

It was 3 days training program where 106 women participated. All the materials were provided by the NJSI itself. The target of this kind of training program is to develop skills of the women in order to generate income independently. As told by one of beneficiaries, they find the training program very easy, useful and conveniently self-dependent.

Soap Making Training for Kuntabesi Mahila Sasaktikaran Samuha, Kunta



Yet Another, soap making training was provided to women's group at Kunta named "Kunta besi Mahila Sasaktikaran Samuha" on 21st September. Total 62 women participated in the training.

All the soap making training programs that NJSI has conducted so far is funded by Xavier Network. After preparing the soaps, beneficiaries take them to the local market to sell.

Special Children's Exposure Program at Banepa



On 25th September, Education Development and Co-ordination Unit, Kavre conducted an exposure program for the special children. On that special occasion, NJSI received an appreciation certificate for the tremendous indulgence in the improvement of the special children at Kavre.

Special Children Availing Medical Facilities



On 26th September, NJSI team, Dr. Anil Ojha, Development Pediatrician and two lab technicians went to collect blood sample for the thyroid test of special children at Bhagawati Care Center. Along with that, the team went to Kali Devi Care Center for a free general check up to 7 special children.

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Personal Development Camp



There are hardly any exposure to the students studying in a Government schools, therefore, NJSI is focusing on the personal development of the students. This year, we have planned to conduct 6 summer camps in different Government schools.

The first camp we selected was for the students of Dongden Devi Secondary School at Tipling on 8th to 10th July . One of the most remote places of Dhading. 68 students from class 6 to 10 in total participated in the camp. It was totally a new experience for the students and the NJSI team as well.

The students were very happy to participate in every activities. It was a fun filled informative learning for all of us. On a final day, Eco-club was established with specific guidelines and inputs. The students were divided into six different groups in order to form the working group with specific tasks and responsibilities. The Cleanliness group keeps their classrooms and school premises clean, Documentation and Media groups cover every story or activities conducted, Plantation group plants trees and takes care of them, Fundraising

group collects the fund needed for activities, Recycling and Reuse group collects the waste products and separates them which can be reused or recycled. The school management committee expressed their gratitude towards NJSI for conducting the camp and requested for the further programs for the students.

Mahendra Ratna School on the Verge of Completion



Toilet

Many NJSI's projects have been obstructed by the heavy rain pours and unexpectedly longer rainy days this year. Mahendra Ratna School is one of them which is badly affected by it. The construction materials were not able to reach on time at the construction site due to inaccessibility of the roads and at the same time construction materials were impossible to store because school do not have any proper storage. So, unfortunately, the construction work did not go as planned by the NJSI. For the last couple of weeks, monsoon seems to be over. As per the new updates, work is in a full swing and hopefully we will complete the construction of the school by the end of next month.

Sindhupalchowk

Acceleration of Shelter Construction



There has been a huge progress on shelter construction at Helambhu-4, Sindhupalchowk. Till date, out of 73 beneficiaries, 65 beneficiaries have received second tranche and 50 beneficiaries have received third tranche after completing their houses.

A regular visit to monitor the construction sites by the NJSI team has made this progress possible. Mr. Kaluman Tamang, a local representative of NJSI to the project has been supervising the work in a daily basis. We had extended a year in a hope to complete the construction but last three months of the monsoon has obstructed the continuity of the construction work. The road was being washed away at many places. Therefore, it was difficult to transport building materials on time. However, the Government has announced that until May and only all the beneficiaries could withdraw their first and second tranches once they fulfill all the requirements.

Monsoon Affecting the construction



Transporting materials in a rainy season to rural areas is very difficult since roads are mostly unpaved and more often many of them get washed away. Even if some of them hold through the rain impossible to travel on them for being so muddy during the rainy season.

With this scenario, we are facing loads of difficulty on completion of the ongoing construction of Women's Center at Haibung. For the lack of materials at the construction site the work is at halt for sometimes. The monsoon season for this year seems to be over now, the construction work will soon begin and will be completed within the stipulated time hopefully.

Understanding the Process of Educational Assimilation by the Parents



Parents Involving in the Activities

On 19th September, NJSI conducted one day orientation program for the parents of Saraswati Secondary School, Balephi, Sindhupalchowk.

The program was aimed at creating awareness regarding the importance of the education. It also focused the relationship on how to make an effective bond between the parents and their children. Mrs. Anita Gurung, the resource person, conducted the program who was helped and facilitated by the NJSI staff.

Several fun filled activities conducted with lots of information which helped the parents to know the importance of the education and to understand their children's perspective. To help the parents to understand all of these, many presentations were given to them in the form of power point slides and videos. Altogether 69 parents were participated in the program. A few grandparents, who attended the parents orientation program, were seen immensely involved in with a full attention and enthusiasm.

Self Development Camp at Saraswati Secondary School



On 27th and 28th September, NJSI team went to Saraswati Secondary School to organize "Personal Development Camp" for the students of class 8 to 10. The camp included six different topics related to education and structure, conservation of environment and critical thinking. The final part of the Development Camp was to establish Eco-club among them in their school. Basically, Eco-club operates within the framework of the school. All the students of class 8, 9 and 10 are the members of Eco-club. And this club would be led by some of the school teachers and the leaders chosen in the beginning of the Personal Development Camp establishment. The main motive behind establishing the Eco-club is to make students aware about Eco friendly practices that help to conserve the environment.

Kathmandu

Self-help Felt Training Program for the Differently Abled



NJSI funded the Advanced Felt Training Program for the differently abled of Disabled Service Center. There are altogether, 22 differently abled people between 16 years to 61 years are residing in this center.

The center is located at Tarkeswor Metropolitan city, Kathmandu. The main motive of the organization is to empower other differently abled people and themselves for their own sustainability. They prepared bags, carpets, earrings, decorative items and caps, etc. out of felt fibers.

But, unfortunately, the finishing of the products were not good enough to make it saleable in the market. As a consequence, they didn't have enough funds to buy additional materials.

So, NJSI helped them financially to organize the “Advanced Felt Training Program”. The training program was for a week from 10th to 16th July.

Jamuna Thapa Magar was the trainer who trained them for 7 days among whom 13 were differently abled and the other 7 underprivileged women.

After the training, now, they are confident enough to prepare Felt items with perfection.

Bridging an Outreach and Recruitment Program of AUW, Bangladesh



Asian University for Women (AUW), Bangladesh has recently introduced “Full Scholarship Program” for the higher education of 15 girls from trafficking prone districts of Nepal such as Agrakhanchi, Udayapur, Dhangadi, Jhapa, Kailali, Kanchanpur, Kaski, Kathmandu, Kavre, Makwanpur, Nuwakot, Sindhupalchowk and Udayapur.

On 1st September, MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) was signed between AUW and NJSI for the outreach and recruitment of the students from Nepal for the enrollment in AUW’s academic program in Bangladesh.

NJSI is working as a mediator and a facilitator for this program. Till date, NJSI has provided AUW orientation programs to seven different organization to impart the information. Now, we are actively preparing for the selection process which involves invitation of applications, test, interview and finally selection of candidates for the academic year 2019 batch.

Scaffolding Teachers’ Trainer Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm (IPP)

The Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm (IPP) is a way of learning and a method of teaching taken from the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola which takes a holistic view of the world.



The Characteristics of Jesuit Education, published in 1986, sets out to describe a Jesuit school and its distinctive identity and mission. The Ignatian Pedagogy document presents the Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm - a model for teaching and learning in a Jesuit school. The model identifies three key components of Jesuit teaching and learning: (a) drawing on experience, (b) reflecting on that experience, and (c) the action that follows from learning. It also talks about the importance of understanding the context (a pre-learning element) in which teaching and learning take place, and the need constantly to evaluate (a post-learning element) the impact and effectiveness of education.

This paradigm is not enough to explore in 2 days, it’s very immense. However, Fr. Amrit provided needful guidance to the trainers to understand the “student” in a holistic approach on 26th and 27th of July.

The training was concluded with the distribution of the certificates to each participant.

An Orientation to the students of St. Xavier’s College, Maitighar



The orientation was to make the students aware of the organization’s structure and its function. This would help the students to know more about the field they are studying in.

To enhance students’ knowledge, NJSI team shared their experiences, challenges and outcomes faced during the implementation of the projects. An interaction session helped the students to clear doubts and queries they had.

IPP Training at NJSI



Two days of IPP training was conducted on 25th to 26th of August, at NJSI office hall. 18 teachers from 7 schools of Kathmandu and Lalitpur districts participated in the training program. 3 teachers from St. Xavier's School, Jawalakhel led IPP training program.

Dolakha

High Spirits of Jal Devi Women's Group



Women helping in the construction



The women group of Suri named "Jal Devi" received the women center on 19th July. They were very happy to get the center where they can organize various programs for themselves.

At the one hand women were very active in giving a helping hand during the construction and the other hand the community even helped in supplying the water and electricity for the construction. The center is built with a big hall, an office room and with a WASH intervention.

A short handing over ceremony was organized in the presence of local level representatives, villagers and NJSI team.

Lalitpur

A Helping hand to a Women's Group



NJSI is helping women's group named "Bishankhu Narayan Mahila Sahakari Sanstha" of Godawari to build a women's hall. They have planned to construct 2 storey building but NJSI has agreed to build and provide construction materials for upto one storey only. The local representative of women's group visits NJSI office in a regular basis to give the updates on construction work. In addition, NJSI is also regularly monitoring of the project.

The work of ground floor has been completed. The painting work to be started soon and within a month the center will be ready to be handed over to the respective women's group. Until now, they have been gathering on an open ground to discuss their concerns which sometimes resulted in cancelling of their meetings due to unfavorable weather. Once this center is ready, they will be using it for various purposes such as conducting regular meetings, skill development trainings and for any other women centric activities. The women's group has already expressed their honor and gratitude towards the donor, Xavier Network and NJSI for helping them with the project.

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