

Asha Jyothi

News Letter- November 2015

CHILDREN RETREAT & SPORTS DAY:

On October 30th & 31st we organized a two day Sports Day and Children Retreat for our children in Asha Back to School program and Asha Tuition

Centers. We had over 400 children in attendance for these events. The program included sports, activities, craft, dance and fun. We were grateful for the opportunity to get to know some of these kids and interact with them on this day. We are grateful for the impact that we can make in the lives of these children.



NOT HAVING COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE COST HIM HIS JOB BUT EMPLOYED AGAIN THROUGH ASHA COMPUTER INSTITUTE:

Eashwariah dropped out of school when he was studying in his 10th grade but had managed to get a job but few months ago he lost his job because he was computer illiterate. Having lost his job & not being able to feed his family he was frustrated and went into depression. He didn't have the money to enroll himself in a regular computer institute because he couldn't afford to pay the fees. However through the help of Asha Computer Institute, in September '15, he was able to complete his MS Office and Data Entry Course and the very week in which he was graduated, he was able to get a job with a starting salary of Rs. 8000 per month as stock entry in charge in Tara Enterprise.

FROM A SALARY OF RS. 3000 TO RS. 8000 – RAGAMANI: I have completed my Master of Arts but was getting only Rs. 3000/- as my monthly salary in spite of my post-graduation. Not being able to earn a decent salary I felt suicidal and could not concentrate on my Job nor on my family. One day someone gave me a leaflet about Asha Jyothi Spoken English Course. As I wanted to earn more, I quit my job and joined the course. As I started attending the classes I felt self-confident in my grammar, Pronunciation and in the last week of my course I attended an interview and for my surprise I could speak English so confidently and I was selected and was offered a salary of Rs. 8000/ per month and I believe my future will be brighter. (Name Changed)

TWO DAYS OF SPECIAL SEMINARS FOR EMPLOYABLE SKILLS TRAINING STUDENTS:

On 3rd & 4th of November we had experts from US conducting two days of seminar on Micro Business, How to manage personal finances, How to do your resume, Job interview tips for our employable skills training students. This was



a great investment into the lives of these school dropout ladies as many of them will complete their course in January 2016 at Asha Jyothi and will be looking for jobs and will be starting their own micro business.

TO ESCAPE BEING FORCED INTO PROSTITUTION, RAMYA RANI RUNS AWAY FROM HOME AND ENDS UP AT A CONSTRUCTION SITE: Ramya Rani does not know who her father is and her mother works as a commercial sex worker. Ramya Rani stayed back home most of the time, while her mother went about doing her job. However, recently her mother has been sick and when the income was less her mother would force her to go with her. Ramya not wanting to involve in flesh trade ran away from home and ended up as a daily wage laborer at a construction site. However, the situation was not safe there either. So, with the help of a community based organization Ramya escaped from there and she was brought to Asha Restoration Home in July 2015. Ramya fell sick this month and her mother refuses to take her back home or have any contact with her. (Name Changed)

Thank you for your encouragement and support to the work of Asha Jyothi and we would appreciate your continued participation and partnership in this work.

With Regards,

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