

Swavalamban Bal Adhikar Kendra NOIDA

*A Community based Center for
Promoting Self Reliance, Skill Education, and Vocational Training in NOIDA*



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1. Swavalamban Bal Adhikar Kendra or Center for Promotion Self Reliance

The proposed Swavalamban Bal Adhikar Kendra is a *Multipurpose Center* within the community which caters to all the above mentioned needs and demand of the community. As the name suggests, the Kendra will work to provide a sense of self development among every section of the society, including young children, school going children, adolescent and youths.

The Kendra level intervention will create awareness on the need for a safe environment for all children, maximum enrolment and minimal dropout of children especially the first generation learners and guidance services to children and their parents/guardians. The USP of the proposed intervention is imparting knowledge on child rights and law to children, adolescent and youth for their holistic development

2. Goals and Objectives

To develop a replicable and scalable community based, community led model for a Multipurpose One Stop child friendly resource center to promote Swavalamban (Self Reliance) among children in particular and community in general especially among girls and children of migrant laborers.

The Objectives of the Project are as follows

- To facilitate improvement of academic performance of the School going Children of Sec 5 and Sec 9 of Noida, occupied by migrant labourers and family.
- To ensure maximum enrolment and minimal dropout among school going children of the community
- To create awareness among the parents group regarding the need for complete and quality education among children
- To provide opportunities for skill development to the community children, adolescent & youth
- To create a community platform to raise prevalent Child Protection issues like child abuse, child marriage and child labour
- To form a cadre of child rights defenders in the community for addressing the child rights issues effectively in their community

3. Target Population – Direct and Indirect Beneficiaries

The proposed Kendra will also act as the *Resource Center* for Children, adolescent and youth Issues. The resource center will cater to individuals, institutions, agencies and the larger CSO which are working in the field of skill development and child rights. The work at the Resource Center will impact at various level and lead to community development and empowerment. The Kendra will involve the community members along with the parents and family members of the

direct beneficiaries through its outreach initiatives, capacity building and awareness programmes. The parents and the community at large will be the indirect beneficiaries of the Kendra.

4. Ongoing Activities



Remedial and Bridge Classes –

Under this, children of 10-18 years receive support in their respective subject to enhance their learning skill. These children seek our help to finish their home work and prepare for their tests. Most of the children are first generation learners and they do not get any opportunity to clear their concepts and doubts. Specially girls, who are not allowed to go anywhere after school, remedial class is a big support for them.

Skill Development Classes –

Teach India Programme



Since Feb 2014, Independent Thought is the implementing partner of Teach India Programme of Times Foundation in NOIDA. Through this partnership, iThought, wishes to go beyond conventional definitions and pave the way for sustainable livelihoods, partners with industry experts to provide workshops for soft skills training, garner technological and accessibility solutions, impart career guidance and placement support for the underprivileged and persons with disability.

The Teach India Programme runs in Kendra which is surrounded by a large

populated slum of semi/un skilled migrant youth who are in need for dependable and job oriented skill development courses. Since its launch in 2014, we have reached out to more than 600 young men and women and have successfully run 12 batches of 6 cycles of Skill Development Classes.



The successful candidates from the Center cracked the interview and secured jobs with leading Corporate Houses like Tech Mahindra, Kotak Bank, Aegis, Pizza Hut, Congent, Pace, Destimony, Bata, Eureka Forbes, Café Coffee, Kaya, Big Bazar, Religare, PVR, Future Group among others.

Computer Literacy Program

This program is running with the support of two computers donated by Indian Oil Corporation, NOIDA, Pipeline Division to give basic computer literacy classes to children of 10 years onwards. The core purpose of this program is providing soft skill training to children which will later on help them in choosing some technical lines as well as in higher education.



Child Rights Defender (CRD) Training - iThought is implementing its child rights defender training programme for adolescent and youth. Kendra is the nodal center for the same.



Life Skill Education (LSE) –

iThought understand the underlying potential of adolescents and youth for community development and believes that long term systematic intervention which addresses their need for personal growth (like skill development, employment, confidence etc) will automatically impact the community at macro and micro levels.

The Adolescent Girls group (girls from Sector 5 and Sector 9) has been formed by iThought with the purpose of promoting critical thinking among them, and facilitate their transformation from mere spectators to empowered agents of community development



There are 15 girls in the group between the ages of 13 yrs to 20 years. All the group members belong to migrant families hailing from Uttar Pradesh or Bihar. A key activity undertaken to bring the girls together in the group was Area Mapping of Sec 5 and Sec 9.



Sessions undertaken with Adolescent Girls

Following are the topics on which session have been undertaken with Girls:

Gender Discrimination, Health and Hygiene, Education, Common illness, CSA, CM, Menstrual Cycle, CL, Substance Abuse, Basic Service providers – Anganwadi, Health Services and Female Feticide.

Activities undertaken with the adolescent group in NOIDA:

- Training on Street Play
- Street Play on Female feticide

National Girl Child Day Celebration

National girl child day is celebrated every year on 24th of January as a national observance day for the girl child. This year the venue of iThought observance of National Girl Child Day was the Conference Hall of SSP Office, Police Station, Sector 14 NOIDA.

iThought anchored a District level Consultation with SJPU, JWOs and representatives of CSO of GB Nagar(NOIDA) on Child Marriage, an issue impact almost half the girl child population of India and widely prevalent in the Slums of NOIDA. The Consultation covered various legal

and governance aspects of prevailing Child Marriages and built consensus on the recommendations proposed to address the issue. The members of our adolescent girls group performed a moving play for the participants highlighting the linkages between Female Feticide, Girl Trafficking and Child Marriage.

Achievements

- Creation of a common platform for the adolescent girls of the slums to increase their understanding on Child Protection issues affecting them
- The group members got the rare opportunity to come together and perform a street play before an audience. This was a big boost to their confidence and sense of self.

Mothers Group –

The Kendra is located in a slum area. The core purpose of forming Mother's group is to update them about their children education status; share concerned, issues and problems shared by children in their day-to-day life; bringing together the women to provide legal literacy training on women and children rights and aware them on health, education and protection issues of their children through bi monthly meetings. All this helps in women member knowledge and skill enhancement as well as in creating safe and friendly environment in community for children and women.

