

Monthly Report of November 2018

Greetings and wishes to all ADA friends from the JASC beneficiaries along with the staff of JASC. We are always grateful for your backing towards the service to the poor.

The work with Children

This month's special programme was the Diwali Children's camp which was from 20, 21 and 22nd where 130 to 140 poor adivasi children came to our centre to enjoy, learn and develop. It is true that through various activities and sessions; their personality and group development has ensued. The main outcome of the programme was that the children were taught 2 street plays: on various topics such as the ill-effects of multiple addictions and importance of higher education. Both were well presented by the children. The professional street players taught the play, so it was very attractive for all people of Vasai not only to the adivasis but all. Each day the children were brought from villages by tempo and reached them back to their home in the evening. Thus there was more participation as well as involvement. There was local youth who were a great support to be with the children and conducting programmes especially in between the sessions as well as the time of food distribution. All the children were given special gifts to encourage their education and those who come to our class daily were given special gifts so that others also will be encouraged to do the same. It was a very meaningful experience for all of us – children as well as the organizer's and supporters. And for you all also because you were part of us each day when we were having wonderful educational and empowerment programmes for the children. It gave us the boost especially of the group strength.

Empowerment and Education of Women

All the meetings of the SHG women were conducted very well. The inter-loaning is helping them to be self-reliant and increased decision making power. Two new groups opened their bank account in the bank. The effects of the previous financial training were that they enrolled in life-insurance programme. Some of the women are already going to the banks for personal bank dealings which are an encouragement for us. Few women are learning tailoring and we hope that they will use the training for further their growth at all levels.

We had organized training programmes such as '**Growing vegetables at home**' for women from two areas. The women produced rich harvest of the vegetables and enjoyed their food.

Diwali Celebration with women

We celebrated Diwali-the feast of light with the women and indeed it was a very good experience for all. All enjoyed and we shared among us the meaning of this feast for us and had refreshment prepared by women themselves.

Thus the month of December was indeed a hectic month with various programmes for the children and the women.

We are ever grateful for all the support, and encouragement in the service to the poor.

With grateful hearts; we remain ever grateful.

Sr. Deepti Srankal, the Director

Jivhalla Assumption Social Centre

Rajodi, 8/7/2018

The photos will be attached









