

Learning Guarantee Program – Rajasthan

Introduction

Learning Guarantee Program (LGP) is a joint initiative of Azim Premji Foundation and Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Rajasthan. Vidya Bhawan Society, Udaipur has partnered with Azim Premji Foundation in this initiative. LGP was launched in two districts of Rajasthan – Tonk and Sirohi - in September, 2005.

The objectives of LGP were communicated to all the head teachers of the schools in the two districts through one day workshops. In addition, program was shared with block level officials through meetings.

Assessment tools were developed through three workshops held at Udaipur and Jaipur where district level education functionaries, experts from SIERT and Vidya Bhawan, and Foundation members participated.

A pre-baseline study was conducted in two villages of each block of the two districts to understand the socio-economic and educational environment. This was followed by Baseline of learning achievement of children in classes 1-4 in EVS, Hindi and Maths to understand their current learning levels, as well as to familiarize the children and teachers with competency based assessment. This baseline was conducted at all the 1080 participating schools during September-December, 2006.

The feedback was distributed at the block level in the month of April, 2007. This was followed by 3-day training of head teachers in using this feedback in the month of May, 2007.

Baseline Results

Learning achievement of children in the participating schools is as follows (for example, in Tonk 18.04% of the children scored 60% or more):

District Name	Total Students	Achievement			
		90%	80%	70%	60%
ज्वदा	40508	1.13	3.99	9.06	18.04
पतवीप	32605	0.28	1.37	3.32	8.14

District Name	Total Students	% of SC Students	SC Achievement			
			90%	80%	70%	60%
			ज्वदा	40508	24.87	1.04
पतवीप	32605	24.64	0.24	1.31	3.27	8.11

District Name	Total Students	% of ST Students	ST			
			Achievement			
			90%	80%	70%	60%
ज्वदा	40508	14.44	0.75	3.15	7.46	16.24
पतवीप	32605	25.55	0.13	0.66	1.67	5.09

District Name	Total Students	% of OBC Students	OBC			
			Achievement			
			90%	80%	70%	60%
ज्वदा	40508	53.45	1.16	4.2	9.69	19.01
पतवीप	32605	36.03	0.28	1.46	3.55	8.41

District Name	Total Students	% of Girls Students	Girls			
			Achievement			
			90%	80%	70%	60%
ज्वदा	40508	50.74	0.84	3.04	7.24	14.66
पतवीप	32605	46.18	0.17	1.12	2.74	6.92

On the whole, the learning achievements of SC, ST and girls are lower than the average learning achievement of the population, while OBC children are ahead of the average. Overall however, learning levels are not encouraging with less than 20% children scoring 60% or more in Tonk and less than 10% in Sirohi.

Way Forward

The next round of assessment is planned for the last quarter of 2007. For this purpose, assessment tools are being prepared.