

Enhancing District-Wide Education Planning

A Comprehensive Approach through School Visits and Classroom Observations

GPF's collaboration with the Education Department and District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) in Nandurbar District has been ongoing since 2016. The organization believes that quality education should be accessible to every child, and hence it is crucial for various processes to be effectively implemented at each level in the hierarchy of the educational system. It is necessary that events and processes like Shikshan Parishad, parent meetings, reconstitution of the School Management Committee (SMC), monthly meetings, Educational Gram Sabha (EGS) and Cluster Resource Group (CRG) meetings take place regularly. In addition, it is vital for teachers to develop child-wise personalized learning plans and maintain each child's portfolio, which documents their academic progress, activities, and achievements throughout the year. To ensure that all these processes are implemented successfully, GPF works closely at every level of the education system, ensuring efficient planning and execution.

With the objective of evaluating the effectiveness of different initiatives that had been implemented in the schools and to observe how these initiatives were being translated into the classroom, District Institute of Education and Training (DIET), Nandurbar and representatives from Gyan Prakash Foundation organised a series of school visits in February-March 2023. This was the first time that DIET and GPF had worked together on such a project, and the visits were attended by school teachers, principals, DIET officials, and GPF representatives. The visits were aimed at understanding the effectiveness of various activities implemented consistently in these schools in the previous academic year, including parent meetings, shikshan parishads, individual planning for each child, maintaining children's portfolio, monthly meetings of the SMC, their participation in child learning and classroom processes supporting competency-based education. A total of 35 schools were visited by the team. During these visits, the team observed the school environment, classroom processes, and interacted with students, teachers, and parents. They reviewed the individual planning for each child (Child-Wise Action Plan) and student portfolios and discussed them with the teachers. The visit and the discussions helped in understanding the challenges faced by teachers and parents, and the team extended support in addressing their doubts and concerns. This evaluation will serve as a guide to ensure successful planning for the next academic year.





Based on the information gathered from these visits, as well as discussion and analysis, the highest quality school was declared as a "Nipun Five Star School". The purpose behind this was to encourage the teachers and parents for the efforts they had put to make their school effective and to inspire others to strive for excellence in education. The success stories of these Nipun Five Star Schools are being shared widely, from district-level administrators to individual school teachers, to spread the word about the incredible impact that dedication and hard work can have on a school community. The accomplished five-star schools and their teachers will serve as models for the district in the upcoming academic year due to their effective implementation of various processes and techniques for imparting quality education to students. The success stories of the work accomplished by teachers in Nipun's five-star schools will be showcased at the district level to provide guidance and direction to other teachers in the district. Additionally, some of these techniques will be implemented universally across the district in the upcoming academic year.





Through these school visits, teachers are being provided with the necessary support and guidance to effectively implement educational processes in their respective schools. As a result, they appear to have gained new skills, a new zeal, and a clear direction for their work. Additionally, discussions are being held with parents to assess their involvement in the development of the school and the education of their children. These conversations also aim to identify the changes that may have been observed in the children's learning. Through these efforts, the contributions of parents are being duly acknowledged.





The school visits conducted by DIET, Nandurbar and Gyan Prakash Foundation together have provided valuable assistance to both teachers and parents, resulting in a newfound sense of direction and purpose in their work.