



Annual report April 2019-March 2020



“Always dream higher and higher in life”

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

[Based on the report prepared by Sr. Crescence's staff, slightly revised and reformatted by Saskia Raevouri]



General Information of the Organization

Title of the Project	Bridge Course Program
Name of the organization	Fakirana Sisters Society
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Location of the project	Bridge Course Sacred Heart Convent, Bettiah of West Champaran districts of Bihar
Project Duration	Ongoing
Reporting Period	1 st April 2019 to 31 st March 2020

Location of the project



The Bridge Course Program is operated in a separate building and office within the premises of Sacred Heart Convent in Bettiah.

Introduction and Achievement

A careful and enthusiastic screening of girls resulted in a bunch of 18 bright, smart, and promising girls. The year began in full spirit. Everything was new and looked hopeful, bright children, smart teachers, new plans, and high expectations. As the year rolled down we felt happy, and teaching was delightful and rewarding. The children, though coming from poor villages, were not only above average in intelligence, but they had ambition and readiness to work hard. So the teaching and learning hand-in-hand picked up momentum.

So from April 2019 to February 2020 the children showed as much interest as if they were college students or preparing for competitive exams, their whole person was involved in learning. Their personalities changed, their lifestyle improved, their life values changed, and by this February 2020



Meeting the villagers to motivate them to send their girls for Bridge Course



they had covered 2 years of syllabus. The junior group completed the syllabus of class 6th and 7th and senior group completed 7th and 8th. Our plan was to discuss with each parent their child's future education possibilities.

But then came Covid-19 and the lockdown. We managed to hand over the children to their parents safe and sound. One pleasant thing was that each girl tried to keep contact with the director, the assistant, and the teachers. They kept this contact until they became very poor due to Covid-19. Is this not beautiful? Definitely these children were promising.

Activities implemented during April 2018-March 2019



The child comes with the parents to get admission in Bridge Course



The Director, Sister Crescence, introduces the girls to the aims of the Bridge Course





Bridge Course girls leading FreeSchools children to stage performance in village





An excursion—a day out for the Bridge Course girls with a picnic lunch





Christmas celebration with the Bridge Course girls



The Wonder of Bridge Course



Rita Kumari surprises the world. Belonging to a very poor family, after completing two years at the Bridge Course she was denied the opportunity for further education. Her strict mother handed over a goat to Rita and said “NO MORE STUDIES. Go with the goat. You have to earn your bread.” Rita, full of ambition to study and become something, has to obey her mother. So she went to a big meadow and tied her goat to a small tree. With greedy eyes she looked at children studying in a nearby government school. Slowly, slowly she left her goat, stood beside the window of a class, and listened to the teacher. This became her daily routine—no books, no study materials. After a month

the master questioned Rita, “Why don’t you come in the classroom?” Rita replied, “I have neither book, nor pencil, no copies, and my mother will not give me these things. I have to look after my goat.” The teacher, out of com-

passion, said, “I will give you everything. You sit in the class.” Rita attended the class every day which her mother did not know. The year rolled round and Rita wrote 10th exam. She comes up with 1st division. Her parents are shocked to see the glorious result of their daughter. Rita is allowed to do 10+2 (I. Sc.) as a private student. Again she surprised her parents and others with her glorious result—1st division with distinction. This is the wonder that the Bridge Course has done or can do.



Details of girls joining regular school after completion of Bridge Course Program

Sr. No	Name	Parent's Name	Address	Current status
1	Sabita Kumari	Rajendar Sah	Belwa awariya	Studying in class 7 th
2	Nandrani Kumari	Ramdayal Ram	Harniya	Studying in class 7 th
3	Ranjana Kumari	Birendra Ram	Gonhai Dharpur	Studying in class 7 th
4	Simran Kumari	Banhuram	Tiwari tola	Studying in class 8 th
5	Pushpa Kumari	Nandlal Sah	Tiwari tola	Studying in class 8 th
6	Anchal Kumari	Nandlal	Suredarsah	Studying in class 7 th
7	Nandani Kumari	Ghapasraut	Kuwartola	Studying in class 7 th
8	Asha Kumari	Vimalmahto	Tirhutiya	Studying in class 7 th
9	Anjali Kumari	Jagarnath Mahto	Tirhutiya	Studying in class 8 th
10	Pushpa Kumari	Barister Sahni	Teluwa	Studying in class 7 th
11	Puja Kumari	Rambabu Sahni	Teluwa	Studying in class 7 th
12	Ishika Kumari	Abhay Rai	Shaympur Kothara	Studying in class 8 th
13	Rupani Khatun	Harendar Sah	Teluwa	Studying in class 7 th
14	Khusboo Kumari	Sunrman Sahni	Satitola	Studying in class 7 th
15	Pooja Kumari	Birendara Sahni	Teluwa tola	Studying in class 7 th
16	Arati Kumari	Giut Ram	Shaympur kotraha	Studying in class 7 th
17	Raushani Kumari	Pradeep Patel	Tirhutia tola	Studying in class 8 th
18	Chulbul Kumari	Sureshchaudhari	Tirhutiya	Studying in class 7 th

The Covid-19 lockdown did not allow the Bridge Course to have the final touch—the annual graduation celebration and ceremony.

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