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Progress Report for the period from 1 April 1983 to 31 March 1984

Introduction:

During the period under report, our association with many intellectuals, specialists, resource persons and institutions, both in India and abroad; our contact with the general public, liaison with the press and media, and our public relations activities have been alive and meaningful.

The Government of India sanctioned a grant of Rs.3,48,288/- to this SRC on the basis of the total approved expenditure of Rs.4,35,360/- for the continuation of this SRC from 1 April 1983 to 31 March 1984. The State Government's matching grant (15%) for the year 1983-84 is yet to be received.

Training of Adult Education Functionaries:

A 11-day 'Orientation Course on Adult Education Programme' for the Supervisors of the Voluntary Agencies engaged in the Adult Education Programme in Orissa was organised during 20-30 March. Supervisors from 36 Voluntary Agencies were supposed to participate, but only thirteen Supervisors from ten agencies participated in the training programme. The objectives of the training programme were:

(a) to make them aware of the adult education programme - its focus, modalities and operational details,

(b) to make them up-to-date in adult education and allied topics,

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administrative co-ordination for the success of adult education programme and

(d) to help them in acquiring certain skills such as public speaking, teaching adult learners, designing a training programme, designing posters etc.

The following content areas were covered:

- (i) Adult Education Programme - Past and Present,
- (ii) Basic concepts of Sociology, Social Work, Rural Development and Social Psychology with special reference to Adult Education
- (iii) Communication Process and Media,
- (iv) Social Survey,
- (v) Organisation of adult education centres,
- (vi) Curriculum and instructional materials development,
- (vii) Planning, Supervision and Management,
- (viii) Monitoring and Evaluation,
- (ix) An overview of agencies and their developmental programmes
- (x) Public Relations and
- (xi) Job description of the supervisors

Resource persons were drawn from the SRC, eminent educationists, social workers and different government development agencies.

During the first eight days of the course, the participants were exposed to some of the basic concepts underlying adult education, communication process, group dynamics, and curriculum development, etc. They were also exposed to a series of lectures on development programme through which they were able to appreciate the need for administrative co-ordination in making the adult education programme a success.

The course design had certain built-in-innovations like presentation of book reviews, narration of individual experiences, analysis of case studies, panel discussions and symposium.

The last two days of the training programme were devoted for practical work. The trainees were given individual assignments according to which they had to prepare plans for a 30-centre adult education project. They also identified the traditional folk media of their respective project areas and prepared plans of utilising them in their projects.

Dr. V. Venkata Seshaiyah, Additional Director, Directorate of Adult Education, New Delhi, was one of the resource persons for the symposium on 'How to make the Adult Education Programme successful?'.
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Production of Teaching/Learning Materials:

The book entitled "Gramina Patra Patrika" (Rural Newspapers) by Shri B. B. Mohanty, Director of this SRC, was published and widely distributed.

"Balinananka Thikana" (Address of Balinana), a motivational drama on exploitation, which was enacted during our last INSAT Workshop here, was published.

A poster captioned "Ame Aei Pani Pieba" (We will drink this water) had been produced by our silk screen printing unit under the UNICEF Assisted Project.

A Flashcard and a Khadigraph (250 sets each), together with their respective guide books on certain aspects of Safe Drinking Water, had also been produced.

Another poster captioned "Mu Ebe Tanka Chithi Padhi Parilini (Now I am able to read his letters) had been produced by our silk screen printing unit on the occasion of the International Literacy Day, 1983.

"Ama Saga Tiana", a book on the utility and methods of preparation of green leafy vegetables, was published. 'Orissara Pithapana' (Traditional cakes and sweets of Orissa), is almost ready to go to the press.

"Adult Education and Rotary" by Shri B. B. Mohanty, Director, was published and widely distributed among all the Rotary Clubs in the country.

Our primer "Janile Jiniba" (second edition) and the numeracy book "Hisaba Kitaba" are to be printed in offset during the next financial year.

A Directory of Voluntary Agencies in Orissa is about to be completed.

Evaluation and Monitoring:

The evaluation and monitoring tools such as the Village Information Schedule (VIS), Learners Information Schedule (LIS), the Instructor's Initial Report (IIR), the Instructor's Monthly Report (IMR), Proforma for the monthly report of the Supervisor and the Supervisory Assistant, attendance register and project register, developed by this SRC, have been found to be very popular among, and useful to the various agencies involved in adult education projects throughout the State.

The Learners' Profile for our Experimental Adult Education Project had been prepared. The Learners' Evaluation of the

project on the basis of the mid-term evaluation and end-of-the course evaluation had been completed. The findings reflected their achievement level on reading/writing ability, comprehension and numeracy skills. The evaluation tools for learner evaluation after fourth, seventh and tenth months had been devised according to the learning outcomes, norms and procedures formulated by the Directorate of Adult Education, Government of India, New Delhi.

Evaluation of the Training Programme for the Supervisors was carried out through pre-training and post-training evaluation of the trainees, which reflected their areas of ignorance as well as what they have actually gained.

Development of Methods and Media:

During the period under report, this SRC has been able to offer help to the Press and Mass Media in the way of suggesting suitable topics to be covered by the Press, Akashvani and Doordarshan. This SRC has been supplying necessary materials, including its publications, to the TV and Radio authorities at Cuttack. The Central Doordarshan Kendra is also on our mailing list. Our Director's note to the Ministry of Education and Culture on 'Media Support for Adult Education' justifies that every SRC should have the necessary personnel and facilities for software production.

The Director of this SRC was invited to broadcast one talk on "Proudhasiksha Eka Jibanbyapi Siksha" (Adult Education is Lifelong Education) through the Akashvani, Cuttack, and telecast one programme on 'Viswa Swasthya Dibasa' (International Health Day) through the Doordarshan, Sambalpur.

His articles entitled "Wanted Books for Masses", "States Lag Behind in Adult Education" and "Folk High Schools for Adult Education" were published in the Deccan Herald, Bangalore of 28 April, 2 September and 16 December 1983 respectively.

His articles entitled "Books for Beginners" was published in The Sunday Statesman, Literary Supplement, of 15 May 1983. Another article of his entitled "Promise of Education" was published in The Statesman, Calcutta and New Delhi of 20 September 1983.

His essay entitled "Share Rotary - Serve People" was awarded the first prize in the all-India Inter-district Rotary Essay Competition.

His articles entitled "Rural Newspapers in India" and "Adult Education Software for INSAT" were published in the Media Asia, Singapore, Vol.10, No.1, 1983 and Vol.11, No.1, 1984, respectively.

This SRC, in collaboration with the SRCs of Bihar and West Bengal, organised a Regional Seminar on 'Development of Communication through Rural Press' at Calcutta during 13-15 March. The purpose of the Seminar was to try and assess the nature, quality and quantity of information, news and views served by the rural newspaper and more importantly to explore how this powerful medium of the rural press can be utilised for furthering the cause of adult education and development. Shri B. B. Mohanty, Director of this SRC, presented one paper entitled 'Rural Press - Its relationship with other media in Development Communication'. Shri B. C. Mohanty, Assistant Director (Post-literacy and Follow-up) and Kum. Kalpana Mohanty, Assistant Director (Training) of this SRC also participated in the seminar.

A skit on adult education entitled 'Balinananka Thikana' (Address of Balinana), published by this SRC, was enacted by the trainee supervisors at this SRC to demonstrate the educational and motivational potentialities of this medium of communication.

Research and Innovation:

Our Experimental Adult Education Project completed its one year of operation on 2 October 1983. The report of the project has been prepared. This analytical and experimental report, based on closer studies and observations, would be useful for the Organisations/Agencies engaged and working in the field of adult education.

A brief report entitled "Study on the Programme for Special Groups in Keonjhar District, Orissa", has been prepared. The main objective of the study was to identify the problems of scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and women learners which stand in their effective participation in the adult education programme and to make suitable suggestions for making the programme more relevant and meaningful for them. The result of the study shows that the weaker sections of the community, particularly the younger generation, are interested in becoming literate and join the Functional Literacy Centres.

The project proposal for the continuation of our Population Education Project is now under consideration of the Family Planning Foundation.

Our puppetry wing is now well equipped and ready for giving regular shows, but due to lack of transportation facilities we are unable to arrange shows in the villages.

Production of Post-literacy and Follow-up Materials:

Twelve issues of the Halchal, our monthly bulletin and twelve issues of the Tundabaida, our monthly wall newspaper for neo-literates, were published and distributed. These materials, published by this SRC each month, were very popular among the learners, workers, villagers and the implementing agencies throughout the State.

The Snake and Ladder game has been very popular among the learners and neo-literates.

Other Activities:

a) Participation in Seminars, Workshops, Training Programmes and Meetings, etc.

(i) Shri B. B. Mohanty, Director of this SRC, was a resource person for the training programme for the Instructors of all the Sisu Sadans of Orissa, organised by the Akhil Bharatiya Sikshan Sanstha at Angul.

He delivered a lecture on "Adult Education by the Students" at the Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar, on 16 April 1983.

He attended the Seminar organised by the "National Commission on Teachers", at Calcutta, on 28 June 1983.

He participated in the National Seminar on "Adult Education for Key Level Functionaries", held at the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi, from August 22-25, but had to return on the second day of the Seminar after getting the news of his bereavment.

He attended the 36th All-India Adult Education Conference held in Mysore during 15-18 December 1983, under the joint auspices of the Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi, and the Karnataka State Adult Education Council, Mysore. The theme of the conference was "Relevance of Folk High Schools to India".

He delivered a talk on "Communication Process" to the S.E.Os and L.S.E.Os, under training at the Government Training College, Angul, on 26 December 1983.

He participated in the National Seminar on "Unorganised Labour", organised by the Ministry of Labour, in collaboration with National Labour Institute, at New Delhi, during 5-8 January 1984.

He attended a high-level meeting on Media utilization at the Ministry of Labour, New Delhi, on 18 February 1984.

(ii) Shri B. C. Mohanty, Assistant Director (post-literacy and Follow-up), attended the 4th Regional Workshop on Adult Education and continuing Education on Eradication of Illiteracy through Students and Teachers, organised under the joint auspices of the Indian University Association for Continuing Education, New Delhi, and the Utkal University, at Puri, during 11-13 May 1983.

He attended the meeting for review of the materials prepared under the UNICEF Assisted Project, "Non-formal Education for Women and Girls", held at New Delhi during 29-30 August 1983.



b) Co-ordination and Liaison:

Shri B. B. Mohanty, Director, attended the Executive Committee meeting of the Indian Adult Education Association at New Delhi during May 1983.

He visited the Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi and the Family Planning Foundation, New Delhi on 12 August 1983, and discussed regarding the possibility of reviving the Population Education related Adult Education Project.

He has been taken as a life member of the Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi.

He was a member of the Working Group on Adult Education for the Seventh Five Year Plan, constituted by the Planning Commission, Government of India and attended four meetings of the Working Group, held at New Delhi.

He was elected as the Joint Secretary of the Indian Adult Education Association for 1983-85.

He was a member of the Working Group on Post-literacy and Follow-up Programme, constituted by the Ministry of Education and Culture, Government of India.

He participated in the Rotary District 326 Conference at Ranchi during 10-12 February 1984. Due to his efforts it was resolved in the Conference to adopt Adult Education as a high priority district programme. He has been nominated as the Chairman of the District Adult Education Programme Committee for R. I. Distt. 326 during 1984-85.

He was awarded the first prize for his essay "Share Rotary - Serve People" in the all-India Inter-district Rotary essay competition organised by the Rotary International District 314.

Shri P. K. Patnaik, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Education and Culture, Government of India, visited this SRC on 23 June 1983 and had meaningful discussions with the Director and staff.

A group of opinion leaders from Andhra Pradesh visited this SRC and had discussions on the activities of the State Resource Centre with the Director and staff on 20 November 1983.

c) Publications and Printing:

Twelve issues of our monthly bulletin, the Chetana, were published and distributed. Readers feedbacks on the Chetana have been encouraging and rewarding. Its annual subscription is Rs.10/- only, as of today we have 525 subscribers.

Our publications programme, as mentioned elsewhere was in full swing.

Our small silk screen printing unit has become fully operational.

Conclusion:

Our thanks are due to the Government of India in the Ministry of Education and Culture, the Directorate of Adult Education, New Delhi, the Directorate of Elementary and Adult Education, Orissa, other Development Departments of the Government of Orissa and other institutions and individuals for their help and co-operation we received during the year, which was a trying and difficult year indeed.

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