

7. RSV Extension - Educational Programmes: Evening Coaching Centres (ECC)

While evaluating our village work of 25 year in 2011, we found some imbalance in the educational development among the RSV students. Most of the children of our school are first-generation learners and their parents cannot guide them in their studies at home. Thus many students either drop out or become very poor in their studies. In Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati there are evening coaching centers that help these students in their studies but for the other five villages, from where RSV students also hail, have no support system.

Therefore from this year we have started three evening coaching centres in three villages. The three new centres are at Panchabanpur, Boutijal and Bandhlodanga. The centres begin everyday at 6 pm and continue until 8 pm, except on Sundays. There are two teachers in every centre except in Bishnubati, where there is only one teacher. The duties of the teachers, apart from teaching, is to guide the parents so that their wards go to school regularly. An attendance register is kept for every child. If anybody skips school the parents are informed immediately. There are also regular parents meetings and health checkups for the children and their parents. Gobinda Baski, an ex-student and the Teacher-In charge of Bishnubati, is the supervisor of these centres who is supported by a teacher of RSV, Mono Murmu. Some news of the centres are given below.

Short description of Evening Coaching Centres:

Village	Boys	Girls	Total student	Teacher	Remark
Bishnubati	20	14	34	Suno Mardi	Old center
Ghosaldanga	9	12	21	Naran Hansda & Lakhiram Tudu	Old center
Panchabanpur Started 1 Jan.2013	19	17	36	Kalidasi Mardi & Somnath Murmu	New
Bautijal Started 21 March 2013	19	15	34	Parbati Kisku & Kalichoron Murmu	New
Bandhlodanga Started 1 March 2013	32	31	63	Mridula Tudu & Gopal Mardi	New

* On 20th December 2012, a village meeting at Bautijol was organised to discuss the opening of an Evening Coaching Centre. Several Managing Committee members from Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati, too, attended the meeting. About 50 villagers gathered and took the resolution to start the centre as soon as possible, and they agreed to provide support to run it. Bharat Murmu, the leader of the village was chosen the Secretary of the centre.

* On 4th January 2013, the meeting regarding starting of Evening Coaching Centre was held at Panchabanpur village. All the villagers unanimously agreed to start the centre. Suklal Kisku was selected as the Secretary of the centre. Managing Committee members from Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati were present at the meeting.

* On 11th February, the village meeting at Bandlodanga was held to start the Evening Coaching Centre. Jetha Murmu, one of the parents of an RSV student offered his spacious courtyard to start the centre. Two college students, Mridula Tudu and Gopal Murmu, were selected from the villages to teach at the centre.

* On 21st March, the inaugural function of the new Evening Coaching Centre (ECC) was held at Bautijol village. Visva-Bharati University has kindly agreed to provide the funding for this ECC. This is the outcome of the interaction between the teachers of the organisation and Sushanta Dattagupta, Vice-Chancellor of the university, last year at RSV. Tapati Mukherjee, Director of Rabindra Bhavan, presided over the colourful function organized by the villagers of Bautijol.