



Parivartan Report



A VISIT TO "SOCIETY FOR RATIONAL DEVELOPMENT" (SFORD), LUNI, JODHPUR

Date of Visit: 07/07/2012 (Saturday)

On 07/07/2012, the whole Parivartan team along with some other students of IIT Rajasthan (nearly 20 students as total) visited SFORD (Society For Rational Development) with the Student Body President taking institute's bus from 8am till 1pm.

Following are some details about SFORD and the MOM (Minutes of Meeting) with SFORD team:

Birth of SFORD

Sunil Nahar, during his research work (1998), felt his life's objective of serving the rural mass (educating the village children) after he visited hundred of farmers belonging to different villages of the western Rajasthan. After holding several sessions with persons from various fields like child education, rural development, environmental effects, etc., it was decided to constitute a Voluntary Service Organization (VSO) for achieving this laudable objective and thus in 2002, SFORD was born. The dreamers of SFORD are inspired by the life and teachings of Professor J.K. Vyas (Former Director, The Institute of Evening Studies, J.N. Vyas University, Jodhpur).

Welcome at SFORD

As the Parivartan team entered their campus, the children welcomed us by Tilak ceremony which was very affectionating and expressed our cultural values. Then we met the SFORD team. Dr. Pranay Garg, director(resource team, SFORD) took us for the Campus/area visit. what we found is following:

Core Aims of SFORD

- Provide formal and informal education to the rural mass.
- Provide vocational training to restrict alienation of rural population to town.
- Facilitate career counseling for educated youth.
- Co-operate with other national and international organization with similar objectives.

Academy: A Rural School with Computer Orientation

SFORD is an upper primary School affiliated with Govt. of Rajasthan Education Board which believes that money should not restrict one to being educated, therefore, it provides the following facilities free of charges to all the enrolled students.

- School Uniform, Stationary and Study Material.
- Transportation Facility at their doorstep.
- Library Facility with newspaper and latest child magazines.
- Teaching through LCD Projector and Science Lab.
- Indoor and Outdoor Games.
- Routine Medical Check-ups and Daily Refreshments.
- English Speaking through Theory Classes and TV.
- Computer Education

SFORD Campus

- Class Rooms
- Offices
- Library
- First-aid Dispensary
- Computer Lab
- Science Lab
- Residential Units
- Workshop
- Big Playground

It has open land to undertake outdoor activities like :

- Morning Assembly for prayer
- Yoga
- Games etc.

Student Village Centre-(SVC): A School to Village

A novel initiative has been taken by providing education in the village itself. SVC offers informal education to the rural children especially school dropout. SVC's main aim is to educate rural girls; those are unable to attend school in day time due to family responsibility. SVC also act as a main source to identify and choose village children to grant scholarship for further studies in SFORD Academy.

These centers function in the evening when all men, women and children are available in village. These centers are activity centers. Every centre has an instructor who imparts education to children and also maintains contact with their families to understand the challenges faced by communities living in the village. SVCs are also a source to identify and choose village children to grant scholarship for further studies in SFORD Academy. Every Sunday children and their instructor visit SFORD Campus to participate in group activities Computer training, Drawing, Sanskrit teaching, Projector teaching, Reading books, etc.

- SVC runs in the evening for 2 hours daily in the village itself.
- Every Center has as instructor and maximum 30 rural children.
- Instructor provides elementary education by informal way.
- 21 villages of Luni Tehsil have been benefited in the last 8 years.

Impact Area of SFORD Academy



Action Plan



Ideas given to SFORD Academy

After an interactive session with the SFORD Academy members, PARIVARTAN Team suggested few ideas for their more efficient functioning. Few of them are listed below:-

- To prepare and train Students for entrance in 'Navodaya Vidyalaya'.
- To introduce Vedic Culture in their Curriculum.
- To make them familiar with internet and IT Section.

- To interact those students with student of different Public Schools so that they can compare themselves.
- to make their Campus more green.

Our step Further..

Encouragement received from Academy have given the incentive to strengthen and expand our ongoing steps and undertake the following activities :

- Introduce the rural children to the IT world through intensive training and use of internet as a mean of earning in the village itself.
- To generate an idea similar to SVC, for imparting education to Village students and elders too.
- Initiate vocational training to the rural population so as to engage them within their own village in viable commercial activities during drought and other adverse conditions.
- Undertake adult education, women in particular, in the villages itself through Awareness program.
- To organize Health Camp in nearby Villages and also Health awareness program.

Members Visited

Amer singh; Mahesh; Amit kumar verma; Bhart kumar; Aayush; Narendra; Chetram; Siddharth; Puneet; Permod; Mohit; Jaswant; Saurav Bhagat; Wins; Heena ;Ram narayan; Rohan; Mana Ram; Ram niwas.

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