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Newsletter by Swatantra Talim

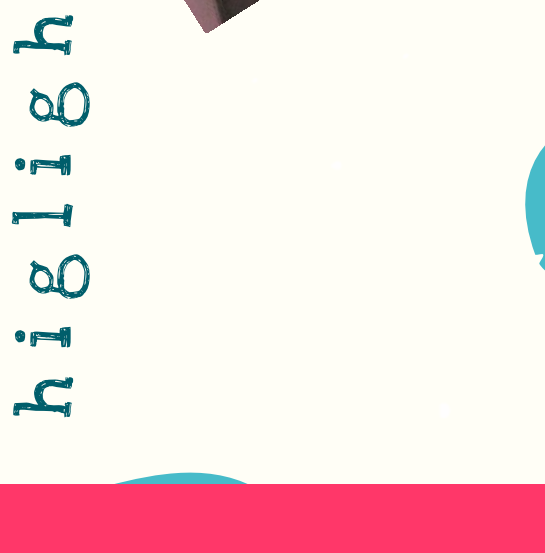


Hello Friends,
Swatantra Talim team co-creates a space for the children where everyday bright eyes are determined to bring about a change in their lives. Children think out of the box, never give up and in the process acquire a new way of looking at the world.
Last year, we had many new experiences and this newsletter presents a small slice of the varied work we do with children.



Keep smiling and spread smiles,
from:
Swatantra Talim team

Surkhiya



highlights



UP Baal Samaan Award:
Our Swatantraites Yasmeen and Sobi from Ramdwari Village received the award by Deputy Chief Minister of UP



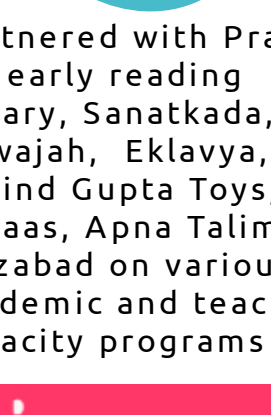
UP Board Results:
Our first batch passed their class 10th board exams with flying colours with Shakeela and Aasma from Ramdwari topping their school with 85% and 84% marks



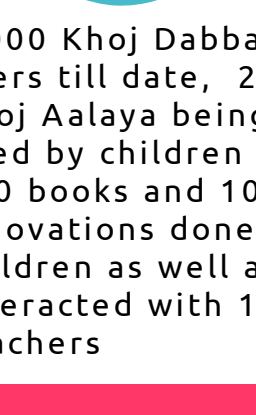
Grassroot Innovation:
Our Children from Ramdwari Village made a fodder cutting machine using a bicycle to ease manual work of the community

Pragati

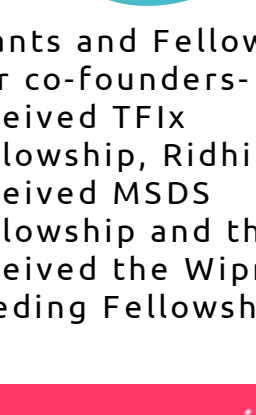
Organisational



Partnered with Pratham for early reading library, Sanatkada, Bewajah, Eklavya, Arvind Gupta Toys, Ehsaas, Apna Talim Ghar Faizabad on various academic and teacher capacity programs



1,000 Khoj Dabba users till date, 2 Khoj Aalaya being used by children with 900 books and 10 innovations done by children as well as interacted with 160 teachers

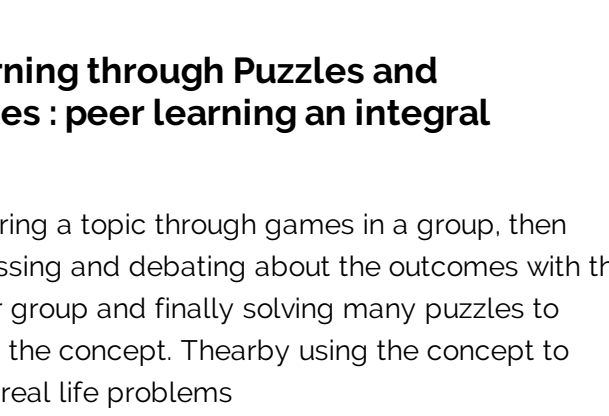


Grants and Fellowships: Our co-founders- Rahul received TFX Fellowship, Ridhi received MSDS Fellowship and they both received the Wipro Seeding Fellowship

Academic

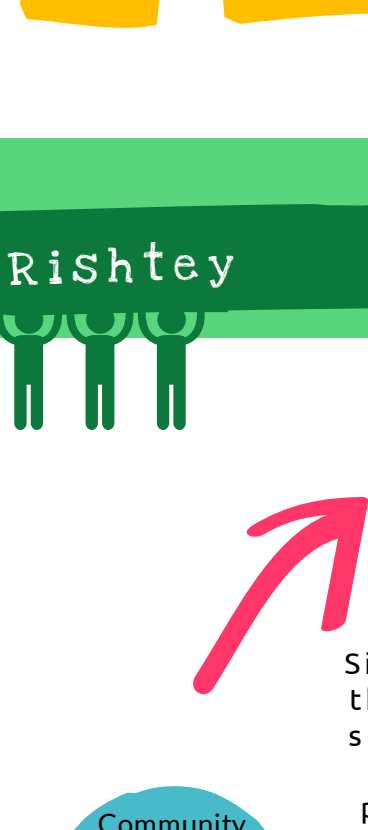
Our approach of using hands-on learning strategies, exploring concepts using material as well as questioning have helped children go beyond understanding concepts. For this we need to regularly engage children in the process of their learning. The data set includes assessment through several classroom activities as well as through student's self-assessment. 35% of students made progress learning to conduct their own inquiry, an objective at the top of bloom's taxonomy.

Students progress on Learning Objectives



Study by Swatantra Talim (Swa-Aangan children)

Nav Shrijan



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Learning through Puzzles and games : peer learning an integral part

Exploring a topic through games in a group, then discussing and debating about the outcomes with the larger group and finally solving many puzzles to apply the concept. Thereby using the concept to solve real life problems

02

Grassroot Innovation by children of Ramdwari Village

Children identified a problem that grass cutting involved lot of time and effort leading to inorganic manure, no milk from cows and restricted options for cooking fuel, so they applied their conceptual knowledge to build a bicycle fitted fodder cutting machine to reduce time and effort for the community

Rishtey



Henna and Meera from Universe Simplified visited the Swa-Aangan and this is what they said about it - "What stayed with us even after the trip was the power of Swatantra Talim's program. Having girls go to grade XI for the first time from that village is such a huge feat and the beginning of a transformation of the mindset of the entire village. There is a need for such a program in every village."

The community of Ramdwari village went a step forward in sharing their traditional knowledge with children and collaborated with Swatantra Talim to help build grass-root innovations in Khoj Shaala.



Children celebrated National Science Day on 28th Feb 2017 by organizing a Science Mela in Ramdwari village. The Swa-Aangan Qila Paasi explored various concepts of science with IIT Gandhinagar B.Tech students.

Aawaz

children's voices

What's Coming Next

UP CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL BY AND FOR THE CHILDREN

1

Abhishek and Amarjeet attended "Scientoon workshop" at Regional Science City Lucknow

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Sobi, Yasmeen, Aasma and Shakeela attended "Child Rights workshop" by UNICEF and Ehsaas

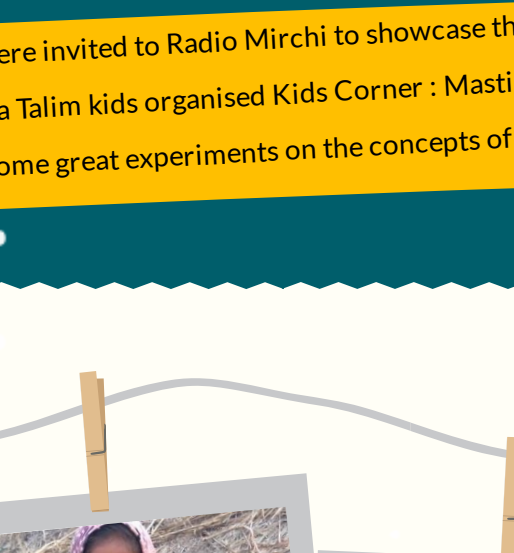
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Children played Cricket and Football for the first time on a actual field (professionally) at La-Martiniere Boys school Lucknow

snippets of our day to day work

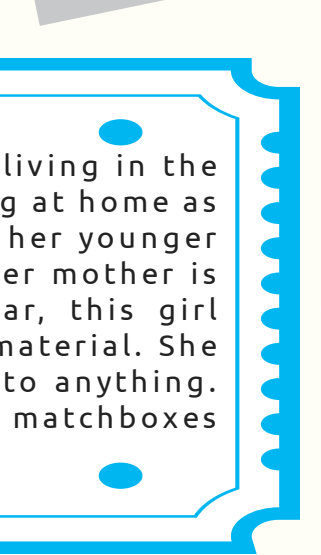
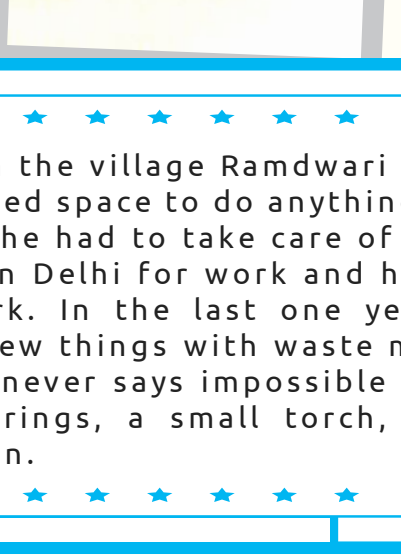
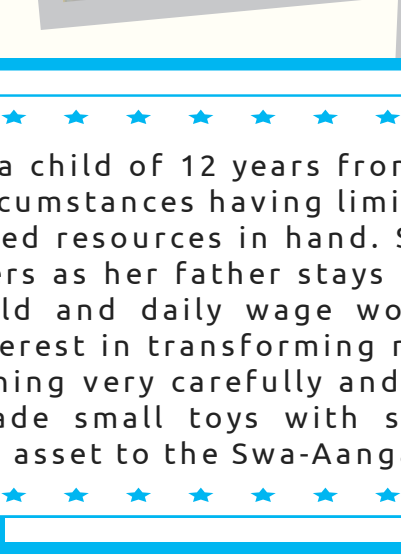


- 1) Rubber-band game: A great team building game for improving concentration
- 2) Solving Matchstick puzzles to learn concepts in math
- 3) A play on fundamental rights done by children of Ramdwari Village



- 4) Children were invited to Radio Mirchi to showcase their innovations
- 5) Swatantra Talim kids organised Kids Corner : Masti ki Pathshaala
- 6) Kids made some great experiments on the concepts of "light" in science

stories of change



Aafreen : She is a child of 12 years from the village to Ramdwari living in the most difficult circumstances having limited space to do anything at home as well as very limited resources in hand. She had to take care of her younger brother and sisters as her father stays in Delhi for work and her mother is busy in household and daily wage work. In the last one year, this girl showed great interest in transforming new things with waste material. She listened to everything very carefully and never says impossible to anything. Now she has made small toys with strings, a small torch, matchboxes puzzles. She is an asset to the Swa-Aangan.

Raja: We met this child in 2014 in village Qila Paasi, Lucknow. He used to be extremely irregular to the Swa-Aangan and was less interested in academics. He was very inquisitive about things around him and tries to question and make small models with material collected from unused toys, faulty mobiles and material from scrap vendor. The interest he showed made us to believe that he can be an asset in Khoj Shaala making different activities using math, science and technology. The same thing happened and this child while continues to make things has got interested in understanding theory and concepts and now he has understood that to create something new requires deep knowledge and understanding

Thank you !!!

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