



ANANTMOOL TEAM AFTER DOING FARM WORK

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**“It is time that we all see gender as a spectrum instead of two sets of opposing ideals.”**  
— Emma Watson

From a fearful face to a joyful expression, from crying emotion to laughing action. This was amazing to see how children are transforming from one stage to the next. In the third quarter of 2022, children celebrated their joy by learning about farming, cooking, baking and meeting with different people on campus.

Slowly we also started gaining the trust of the community. I still remember the day, when one child's parents came to me and said, you know my child writes English so well. Other local people said that there are many children who never wanted to study, but you have provided that kind of space to them, that's why they come every day to your centre. This gave us so much satisfaction to us.

Dear friends of anantmool and supporters,

This achievement was possible not just because of your support, but also children did so well and participated actively in the sessions. We appreciate everyone's support made this journey possible. We are also open to hosting anyone at our learning centre. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us on the given number or email.

# STORY TELLING, ART AND EXPOSURE VISITS



## LEARNING LANGUAGE WITH ACTIVITY

Make a drawing of anything and I will tell you the story of your all drawings. Write some words and let's create a story. This kind of thoughtful activity was conducted during the sessions while learning languages. While reading the poem Clean your teeth, This is the Way... children went outside and did real activities of cleaning teeth and face. This helped in understanding the meaning of the poem in the English Language and English words. While learning the name of animals, children made their drawings, which helped them to identify with words in an artistic way.



## LEARNING ARTS WITH EVERYONE

Children made Jewellery from flowers and leaves and started making bricks using waste plastics and plastic bottles. Children are excited to make 1000+ bottles so that they can create some designs out of them. They also made paper lanterns and worked on making caps from leaves.



## CHILDREN ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND PATNA VISIT

Seeing to big buildings of Patna, big roads, gardens and fastly running cars. It was not easy for children to accept. But we prepared the product along with anantmool children and presented in Sunday shoppe. This was organized in the collaboration of 4 other organizations Khetee, Sahodaya, Wild and Sunday Shoppe. In this program, children learned how to interact with different people together and how to introduce our products. Although it was not easy for them to meet all these people for the first time, their effort was appreciated.

# NUTRITIOUS FOOD, BOOKS AND BAKE A CAKE



## COMMUNITY LUNCH, COOKING AND NUTRITION

Can I get more... Most of the children show this expression when we provide nutritious indigenous food for children. These are visible changes we are able to see in their activeness and Body Mass Development.

Our community cooking program with kids breaks gender-based stereotypes associated with cooking in children.



## DISTRIBUTION OF NEW BOOKS

With the support of The Pollination Project fund, we are creating a library of Books for the Bihar Government and installing one projector of the Epson Brand. We have subscribed to 5 different magazines which children can read.

We are raising more books and board games to provide a variety of choices of games for them.



## BAKE A CAKE: BRINGING INTEREST OF CHILDREN IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

This was a surprise for the children to bake a cake, where they learned how to prepare cake better, how to prepare utensils and how to use a wood oven to bake. We have created a small Wood Oven using local Jugaad of some iron rode and plates and Bricks on the campus only. This is the simplest model of the oven which can be created anywhere by anyone. Now on most special occasions, we bake nutritious cakes, Pizza and bread using indigenous food. Special thanks to the [Wild team](#) for conducting this session.



## PLANTATION DRIVE WITH CYCLE YATRA EK VICHAR TEAM

Plant a tree of your interest... This opportunity was given to children by Cycle Yatra Ek Vichar Manch at the anantmool campus. They travelled for 60 KMs with plants and reached campus. Children also brought some plants to their homes to plant there. Some plants were planted on the campus and some on the back side of the campus on wasteland. This helps to inculcate the value towards ecology in anantmool members.



## NATURAL FARMING MONTH: SEPTEMBER

Children learned Natural farming by practising it at a Model Agorofresty farm created by the wild team and by practising natural farming inside the campus. In this system, children learnt how we can fix nitrogen by planting different types of pulses, how to prepare natural manure from available resources and how to use leaves and mulching. There are more sessions will be conducted to teach this.



## CHILDREN WATCHED DIFFERENT MOVIES

During these three months, children watched different movies and discussed what they learnt. The movies were:- Blindsight, Baby's Day Out 1994, I am Kalam and Gulabo. Blindsight movie helped children to break stereotypes about blindness, Baby's Day Out made children laugh and how to fight in any situation, I am Kalam is also a child movie which helped them to understand the importance of education and Gulabo shows a different perspective on how a woman is very strong and able to fight with men.



# CELEBRATIONS AT ANANTMOOL



## REIMAGINING TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATION WITH CHILDREN

What does one thing you can teach us? On National Teachers Day, we started our celebration with this question. Then we got answers from everyone- climbing trees, football, swimming, cycling, Tribal language, climbing trees, and facilitators said that computer, cooking, bike riding etc. And then we asked who a teacher is in real meaning. Now, children answered that everybody is a teacher who can teach anything without considering age, gender, caste or any differences which separate us. Then all members gave a flower to each other and wished a great Happy Teachers Day. After that, we shared the story behind why we celebrate Teachers Day and remember the story of Dr Radhakrishnan.



## CELEBRATED INDEPENDENCE DAY OF INDIA

Dancing on the floor with the Indian Flag, hatting off and presenting the story of the Independence of India in different languages. This was an exciting moment for all children. Children also got the taste of Sweets and Snacks on the leaf plates. On this special celebration, children did plantation with the support of Cycle Yatra Ek Vichar Manch



## CELEBRATED GENDER-FREE RAKSHA-BANDHAN

Gender-free and ecological Raksha Bandhan celebration:- How boys will tie Rakhi on my hand? This was the question of children who were treated as girls. But when we shared the story behind Tying Rakhi, then there was no confusion to break a discriminatory tradition and tie on each other hand.



## SPOKE ABOUT ANANTMOOL IN MEDHA YOUTH RETREAT PRO.

Medha organized a two-day young leaders retreat program with 30 youths in Lucknow and invited 10 different speakers to motivate youth. Niwas was also invited to share the journey of anantmool. During the speech, Niwas invited all participants to draw pictures of some professions like Doctor, Dancer and Police and those who were about gender in the profession tried to draw cross professions like a female in police and a male dancer, but their representation was as if somebody has short hair then that is male. But when they started reflecting they found, how we are stereotyped in thinking about gender in regards to hairstyle, clothes and body shape.



## ATTENDED A MEETING ON GENDER IN PATNA

Niwas participated in a meeting on Gender, organized by Nirantar where more than 12 organizations discussed how we can decrease the differences based on gender in Bihar in collaboration with the administration. In this meeting, everyone shared their thought and experiences of working on gender. Nirantar team promised to visit anantmool learning centre and collaborate in developing curriculum further



## ATTENDED BIHAR DEVELOPMENT COLLECTIVES MEET IN SAHARSA

BDC is formed by different organizations in Bihar to support each other and impact on a mass level in Bihar. BDC is supported by Acumen and Teach For India X and different National and International organizations. During this two-day meet, we talked with many people and learned that Quest Alliance is working on breaking girls-related issues by introducing STEM. This information opened an opportunity to collaborate and work together.

# VISIT AND MEETINGS



## BHARTI RAJ DEPUTY COLLECTOR

Bharti Raj is a Deputy Collector in Jamui and especially interested in children development.



## KHETEE TEAM LAKHISARAI

Khetee Team visited and taken a session on natural farming with children.



## MAKESHWAR RAWAT SAMAGRA SEWA

Sir visited our work to see and how they can support our work.



## RAKESH RIDER AND ANCHAL, SRUTI ORG.

Rakesh ji and Anchal ji from JNU visited our centre to cover the story.

## PRIYA T. PHD AT IIM AHMEDABAD

Priya visited our centre with her husband to complete her PhD research work. She appreciated our work and promised to support.



## SHRAVAN JHA ALOK JI BIHAR DEVELOPMENT COLLECTIVES

BDC team visited to see the work and understand how they can support. They also started mentoring us.



# GENDER-FREE LEARNING LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



## WHERE WE ARE?

In three months we conducted training on gender sensitization in the classroom, how to talk with children, gender-free language, and how to organize sessions in the classroom and outside of the classroom.

Initially, our leaders were very much uncomfortable to be addressed by name by children. And it is taking time to overcome the power structure and hierarchal system of teachers and students. We are looking for two more teachers to join the team.

## MEET RAMESH AND ANITA: FIRST BATCH PARTICIPANTS



Anita Graduated from Jharkhand and married in Noontara. But lack of connectivity and remote location stopped her from continuing their education. But she always wanted to learn new things. When we invited her to join, she was worried about how she will work with children. But with the support of the anantmool team, now she is enjoying playing with children.



Ramesh graduated, but when he had to handle family, he left his job and returned to their village. After a few years, her wife started working in a college and Ramesh never stopped her to do it. Now, Ramesh cooks food, cleans utensils, cleans all clothes and supports her wife. Despite listening to many disagreements from family and community he is happy with his work.

# MEET OUR ADVISORY BOARD, TEAM AND PARTNERS



## BOARD OF ADVISORY & MENTORS



### RITI V. SRIVASTAVA

Riti joined anantmool when Niwas was getting training in kanthari and still Riti guiding anantmool to make a strong strategy on managing all the work effectively.



### SHRAVAN JHA

Shravan sir is our mentor from beginning. He believes that intention is very important to do anything. He is guiding our journey what he learned as a COO at i-Saksham.



### BHARAT WANKHEDE

Beyond official mentor from kanthari, Bharat helped all time in planning of raising funding and writing proposals. Bharat already running a school Mudita in Maharashtra.

## TEAM MEMBERS



### NIWAS

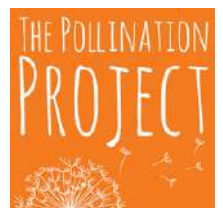
After completing Masters in Education from Azim Premji University, Niwas got training in leadership and management from kanthari international institute, Kerala.



### SHIVANI

After completing B. Tech from NIT Jamshedpur, Shivani did exposure visits of across India and decided to work in education and environmental work. She also got training from kanthari

## PARTNER ORG.



## ANANTMOOL IN MEDIA



- Small Big Wins:- [Gender-neutral school](#)
- Education World: [India's first gender-free..](#)
- kanthari blog: "[Born to be wild](#)"
- kanthari talks 2021: [Dream Speech](#)

## NEXT THREE MONTHS PLAN

In the next three months we are going to work on three different interventions:-

1. Developing gender-free worksheets
2. Training of Gender-free learning leaders with experience of teaching at anantmool
3. Children on exposure visits
4. Children will focus on learning the art

**DEAR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS,**

**THIS INITIATIVE WAS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU EVERYONE AND WISHING A GREAT TIME AHEAD WORKING TOGETHER.**

**-NIWAS AND SHIVANI**

## LOOKING FOR SUPPORT

We are looking for support in the given form:-

1. We are looking for scholarships for 4 more kids
2. We are looking for volunteers who really want to transform this world into a gender-free world by developing gender-free academic materials
3. We are looking for a knowledge and funding partner to run a gender-free learning leadership program

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