

NAME OF THE SCHOOL: Nabgaon Mission School

PERIOD THE REPORT IS COVERING: January to November 2019



GENERAL

NAME OF SUPERVISOR: Peter Blen Lepcha (Oliver Lepcha is the local Supervisor)

NAME OF HEAD MASTER: Jyotika Dorjee

NAMES OF THE TEACHERS (FEMALE/MALE):

- a) Jyotika Dorjee (Female)
- b) Biswas Gurung (Male)
- c) Radha Khawas (Female)
- d) Alisha Lepcha (Female)
- e) Rumesh Chhetri (Male)

Volunteer Teachers:

- a) Monika Rai (Female)

NO. OF STUDENTS: 59 at present (Out of 59 students 13 are studying in Class V & VI).

NO. OF CLASSES AND STUDENTS IN EACH (NURSERY, LOWER AND UPPER KG, CLASS 1-4):

Nursery - 4, LKG -6, UKG -6, Class I – 8, Class II – 8, Class III – 6 & Class IV – 8 . (Class V -5 & Class VI – 8)

Total No. of boys – 37 and total no. of girls - 22

DAILY TIME SCHEDULE: School hours remained unchanged, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm for Nursery and for other classes it's from 9:00am to 2:30 pm.



Teachers group photo (Left to Right – Biswas, Monica, Elisha, Radha, Jyotika and Rumesh)

LEGAL

IS THE SCHOOL REGISTERED WITH THE GOVERNMENT?: The school registration work is at the same level without any progress or hindrance from the Government.

WHAT IS THE GOVERNMENT ATTITUDE TOWARD THE SCHOOL?: The Government and the local village council (adopted by the Government) fully supports the running of this school. Since the villagers are extremely poor and do not have the capability of educating their children in other expensive local English medium schools, they send their children to Nabgaon Mission School for education. Due to the upcoming construction of the highway many of the village buildings will be demolished including the Nabgaon School Building. Since the government recognizes this school they have officially ordered a compensation of INR 2,800,000/-. The authorities have even promised that they will not demolish the building until the school shifts to a new place.

HOW FAR IS IT TO THE NEAREST GOVERNMENT SCHOOL? 4 kms away.

CAN THE CHILDREN BE ADMITTED TO A GOVERNMENT SCHOOL AFTER CLASS 4? All the students of Nabgaon Mission School get admission in the Govt. Secondary school.

STUDENTS AND PARENTS

CAN ALL THE CHILDREN BRING TIFFIN FOR LUNCH?: The little ones bring their tiffin but some of the students of IV, V and VI who stay nearby go back to their home for tiffin and rejoin just as the tiffin time ends.



Children coming back from their home after tiffin

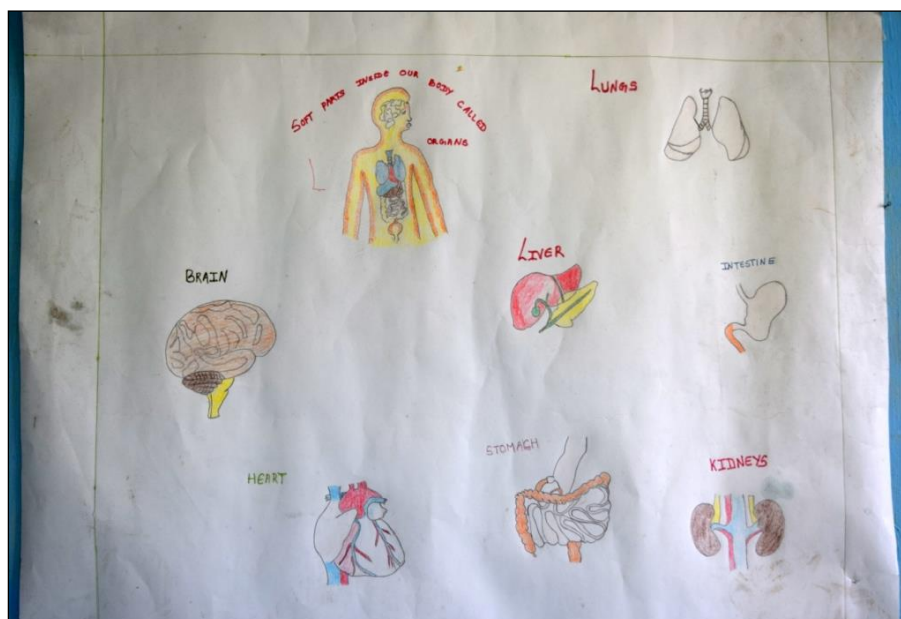


A student from KG standard

DO CHILDREN GET HOMEWORK?: Children of Class I to Class IV are given regular homework.

WHO HELPS THE CHILDREN WITH THE HOMEWORK?: Since most of the parents are not too literate they are unable to help the students in their homework. Hence, the teachers cover most in the class work and leave very little for the students back home.

WHAT MATERIAL IS AVAILABLE FOR THE TEACHING?: Apart from the regular exercise books, the teachers use alphabets, number charts, animals charts, science charts etc to teach the children. Kids of Nursery and LKG are taught with toys and sometimes they also watch kids education video on a computer.



Life science chart made by a class V student – used as a chart

CONTRIBUTIONS AND INVOLVEMENT FROM PARENTS: A little raise was charged this year and the parents co-operated.

Monthly Fees:

Nursery to Class IV Rs. 50/per month

Class V and VI Rs. 70/pm

For Admission / Session fees (Once in the beginning of the year):

Classes Nursery to Class IV Rs. 800/per student

Classes V & IV Rs. 1000/per student



Students in a decorated class room after celebrating Teacher's Day

Some students come from very poor background and those are taught at concession rates.

As every year, Children's Day along with a fete was arranged in the local village ground. Students from Govt. schools and also from other sub divisions attended the sports. Businessman, village council and guardians contributed to make it a success. This year 8 schools jointly organized the annual sports.



Students of Upper KG

SOCIO-ECONOMIC SITUATION OF THE PARENTS: Labourers and farmers are the main occupation here. Though most of the people are poor in this area but are very hard working. Apart from working as labourers and farmers many have left for the city to get better jobs and thereby better earning.

BUILDING

CONDITION OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING: Its in a pretty bad shape, specially the roof and the windows. Since the school will be demolished, as soon as the work of the highway begins, no repair works are needed.



ARE THERE TOILETS AND DRINKING WATER? Three toilets are there. Students drink water from the water source.

DOES THE SCHOOL HAVE A PLAYGROUND?: There is no playground in the school. The children use the nearest community playground.



Reward Chart for students of Lower KG

VARIOUS

WHAT FUTURE LIES AHEAD FOR THE SCHOOL?: The present school building is going to be demolished because of the construction of the Highway to Bhutan. The road construction and widening project was pending for a long time and due to objections the project was shelved by the Government for a period. But this year there has been much progress in the planning of the road construction. The main issue was the compensation offered by the Government which was not enough according to the villagers considering the loss of land involved. Now that the Government has raised the amount of compensation the construction work will soon start. This school building too will be demolished in due course. A letter from the Government was issued a couple of months back. The Government has promised to pay INR 2 800 000 (appr. SEK 370 000) as compensation. They will not demolish the building unless an alternative land with building is located and the school is shifted. The managing committee and the teachers have located a land which is about 10 mins walk from the present school. Once the amount is credited to the school account the final decision on purchasing of land and construction of the building will be taken. The school committee, teachers and parents had been to the road construction department of the Government and have requested them to let the school have a full session in 2020. Because the demolition within the school year will hamper the education of the children. The authorities have accepted to let the present school building remain during 2020.



Students of Class I

Students of Class IV



Students of Class III



Students of Class II



Students of Class V

ANY OTHER RELEVANT AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

The teachers, guardians and the local supervisor have a request to CHILD, Sweden, to support them till the end of 2020. Plans are being made to make the school self supported from the year 2021.

The students, teachers and guardians are thankful to CHILD for their continuous support without which the education of the poor children of this village would have never been possible.

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