

# Student Social Responsibility at Abhakunj: An Eye Opener

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## **Introduction**

Visualize a world where all children have infinite possibilities and the capacity to reach their full potential, live flourishing lives, and serve a bigger Purpose. A future in which all children have access to a complete and long-term education that recognizes each child's unique abilities.

Abhakunj Welfare Society was established as a non-profit organization on April 2017, even before that since 2009 they have been focusing on the socioeconomic development of underprivileged children and youth in Indore, Madhya Pradesh. The class were started to educate and empower those less privilege children and youth who were dropouts working and enrolled in school name's sake thus streamlining them to the main stream of education by providing literacy, values, skills, training for vocations of life etc. The concept behind this was to help the children and youths advance in their lives, achieve their goals, be good human beings and contribute to the nation as good citizen. Thus, Abhakunj welfare society was officially registered encouraging more volunteers and interns to join for the services.

Open sky learning involves instructing children outside in more pleasant conditions. Open Sky Learning is about providing children from underprivileged families with opportunities for growth and education.

Abhakunj was founded with the intention of encouraging youngsters to reach their full potential. At open sky learning sessions, instructors, volunteers, and interns teach a variety of disciplines.

The key goal of Abhakunj is to give children's and youngsters who desire to study a free and complete education. Open Sky learning classes feature

volunteers, teachers, and internship opportunities in Abhakunj. Students have shown that a push from the right mentors can make them achieve milestones.

### **Highlights of the Classes at Abhakunj Welfare Society**

- All round development of the children, junior youths and youths
- Literacy classes- for all classes and all subjects of study till graduation
- Skill Development- arts and craft, tailoring, jeweler making, flower making, soft toys, clay modeling, etc.
- Self Defense
- Yoga
- Sports
- Women empowerment
- Spoken English classes and communication skills
- Computer Literacy
- Tally
- Value education
- Guidance and counseling for students and parents
- Various sessions on health and Personality Development.
- Community development through Devotional meetings/Satsang's at homes and group developmental study, awareness programs.
- Sustainable development- tree plantations and cleanliness programs
- Workshops on various topics of concern like Adolescence hygiene
- Health camps, Dental check up and treatment camps, eye camps etc.

### **Mission and Vision at Abhakunj Welfare Society Vision**

Abhakunj welfare society works for complete Education, Health, Skill Development and vocational trainings for the less priveleged children and youth. We work to bring about Socio-Economic development thereby bringing about huge transformation in the lives of the less priveleged children, junior Youths and youths by channelizing their capacity into constructive purpose of building a better society and improving their lives through Education, Vocational and skill development.

**Mission:** We at Abhakunj commit ourselves to:

- Identify and work for the Socio-Economic development of the underprivileged Youth, Children and women so they all grow up to be educated with the values of life, become skilled, aware citizens and good human beings.
- Help the children, youth and women to be empowered through education and in turn contribute their share in the development of the society.

- Bring about positive changes by instilling the values of life thus making them aware and good human beings
- To help the children and youth to be good citizens of a developing nation and exhibit good virtues in their life thus leading society and contributing their share in making a better place to live in peace and Harmony irrespective of the diversity.

### **Accomplishment and Growth over the Years**

- The students from open sky learning classes have achieved greater heights of success in regard of their career, some of them for example have completed the master degree, some are engineers, some are veterinary doctors, lawyers, nurses etc.
- Many of the students of Abhakunj are today working with multinational companies, company in IT field etc.
- This open sky learning class has been recognized far and wide including the ministry of women and child development. the recognition, as hundred most impactful women of India in the field of education, the inspirational global women's achiever award for literacy an acknowledgement through by the late president APJ Abdul Kalam for educating the less privilege etc.
- The work of education recently being recognized by adding it in a curriculum "TEJASWI" a ninth standard literacy book.



2009 में, डॉ. ललिता शर्मा, जो इंदौर में एक एसोसिएट लॉ प्रोफेसर के रूप में काम कर रही थीं, ने कुछ बच्चों को पास की झुग्गी में जुआ खेलते. सड़क पर लड़ते और लक्ष्यहीन घूमते देखा। बच्चों को इस तरह उनके भविष्य से खिलवाड़ करते देखकर उन्हें बहुत पीड़ा हुई।

### **Stories from Abhakunj that's Worth Reading**

Here are some success stories of the students who proved that you can dream big, you just need the right guidance to achieve your dreams.

- **Aparna Narvariya:** She was a dropout who was supported by Abhakunj. She completed her B.sc and did a course from Info beans, at present she is working and supporting her family.
- **Gunjan and Neeraj:** They are students who go to Government School, both are very intelligent can recite table up to 50. These kids are raised by a single mother; this brother and sister sell vegetables in the evening on living.
- **Pooja Singh:** She was on a verge of being drop out who was being supported at Abhakunj, she is still a volunteer after completing her MSC in pharmaceutical company as a gold medalist student. She works with the Cipla Company to supports her family.
- **Arpita Bhargava:** She has been a slow learner who completed her education from government school. Open sky learning classes has been really helpful to nurture and develop her capacity into a bright student scoring 94 percentage in her board 12 exam. Arpita graduated as a student of Fine Art College who now exhibits her painting and her art work.
- **Rishi Gurjar:** He is raised by a single mother who goes to work late in evening shifts to support his family. He is student of class 8 who is enrolled in government school he has learned various skills at Abhakunj, he can now modify bicycles and motorbikes he is very famously known as engineer babu at the open sky learning classes.
- **Sadhna Yadav:** She is an MBA graduate who completed her studies schooling with the support of Abhakunj she was enrolled at classes in her 3rd standard who could not read and write alphabets there are rigorous training and nurturing developed her capacity who turn to became a volunteer for her juniors at the classes. She supports her family as a trainer for the Flipkart Company.
- **Priyanka Costhee:** She has been a below average student who was guided throughout her schooling, enrolling her to government school, she was shifted to a private school sponsored by Abhakunj for 11&12 classes. She is now working and supporting her family with her brother and sister also streamlined through good courses, one of them is preparing for civil services and the other is preparing for medical exam.
- **Kunal Bhargava:** He is an IITian working with a very good package and supporting his family. His mother is a home maker his father is plumber. Kunal is supported and guided at the open sky classes every day ever since he was in his 4th standard he was prepared to face the interview and competitive exams today he highly acknowledges the support he received from Abhakunj as a child in the form of books and stationery guidance and counseling etc. today he volunteers to take session offline whenever he comes home for his holidays and also online session during his week

off.

- **Kajal Chandel:** She was supported throughout her education. She was enrolled at the open sky learning classes with her brother. She has been a dropout from her 7th standard she was streamline to education she completed her master's in social work and volunteer at Abhakunj for a long time before getting married and moving out of indoor.
- **Bhagirath Shakle and Narmada Shakle:** The two brothers lost their father at a very young age and were supported for education by Abhakunj they were regular students at the open sky classes, who received guidance and counseling nurturing and educational support for school education. Bhagirath secured distinction and now is an engineer. Narmada Sakhle is a student of law at the government law college. Both these brothers volunteer at the open sky classes of Abhakunj with the motive of given back to the society.

### **What We Saw ss an Intern at Abhakunj**

We got the chance to see firsthand the unwavering commitment of people who are passionate about improving the future of children through overall education. At Abhakunj, every day was filled with the excitement to teach the children's, it was replete with heartwarming. The team arranged several donations drives and health-related camps for the youngsters, which have assisted the underprivileged children. The open sky learning sessions had strengthened educational campaigns that targeted the less fortunate children. We have personally experienced the significance that it is to work together, be compassionate, and be adaptable when facing difficulties. As interns at Abhakunj, we assisted in teaching or participating in activities arranged at open sky learning courses of study. These experiences provided us with priceless insights that continue to shape our perspectives on social transformation and advocacy.

### **Challenges Faced**

The classes are held in the open space which makes it challenging during the rainy season. Furthermore, some parents may need to recognize the value of education. Many of them desire for their daughters to marry off at a young age, while others seek assistance in earning food, butter, and other necessities. The students are encouraged to finish their education, and these parents receive regular counseling. Consequently, many dropouts and children who work are directed toward education.

## **Conclusion**

In essence, open sky learning programs provide impoverished children with the opportunities they need to pursue education, development, and empowerment, acting as a beacon of hope for them. These initiatives, which remove obstacles to learning and foster a positive learning atmosphere, not only give students valuable knowledge and skills but also give them the confidence to set and achieve ambitious target. Let's reaffirm our dedication to creating a society where every child, despite their background, has the chance to reach out toward greater skies and realize their full potential as we encourage for inclusive education.