



## E-Newsletter, March 2024

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### Usha Silai School LRP Training Unveiled!

27 March 2024, Bodhgaya (Gaya): We're happy to share that 16 dynamic women from Jharkhand and Bihar recently completed the Local Resource Persons' training under the Usha Silai School Program by NBJK with the support of Usha International Limited! Hosted at the NBJK premises in Bodhgaya, this intensive two-day training equipped participants with invaluable skills in Data Maintenance and MIS. They delved into various modes & modules of Usha Silai School Trainings,

including Classical, Adopt, Satellite, and Partnership variants. What's truly inspiring is that these trainees, hailing from Munger, Bhojpur, Lakhisarai, Gaya, Bhagalpur, Hazaribagh, and Giridih, are now poised to become local resource persons, empowering women through tailoring training in their communities. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Ritesh Lohani (State Program Manager-UIL, Bihar), Mr. Felix Turkey (SPM-UIL, Jharkhand), Mr. Shailesh Kumar (Program Coordinator, NBJK) and Md. Nayeem (Asst. Manager, NBJK Bodhgaya) for their invaluable contributions and support!

### Empowering Farmers through Water Conservation

23 March 2024, Deoghar-Chakai: Thanks to the collaborative efforts of Nav Bharat Jagriti Kendra and SBI Foundation, farmers in Deoghar and Jamui districts are experiencing a remarkable transformation in their lives! In the past, insufficient irrigation led to crop damage and economic hardships for farmers, who relied solely on unpredictable rainfall. But now, with initiatives like SBI Gram Seva and SBI Gram Saksham, supported by SBIF, things are changing for the better in 30 villages. Through these projects, 77 wells and 14 ponds have been renovated in 15 villages of Deoghar Sadar block. 150 electric motors have been provided to 750 farmers. To provide drinking water facility, 49 hand pumps were repaired and 22 new hand pumps were installed. Similarly, in 15 villages of Chakai block, 12 ponds including 92 wells have been renovated, 55 hand pumps have been repaired, along with 14 new hand pumps, 750 farmers have received 150 electric motors. All these ensured consistent water access for farming and drinking purposes. As a result, farmers are no longer limited to paddy cultivation. They're diversifying into crops like wheat, potatoes, and corn, boosting their income and self-reliance.





### **Celebrating 50 Years of the JP Movement!**

18 March 2024, Hazaribagh: Old agitators of JP Movement have gathered to commemorate the spirit of the JP Movement that swept across India half a century ago. Honored to have Mr. Shivanand Tiwari, an ex-MP and key figure in the movement, as the chief guest, he reflected on Loknayak JayPrakash's monumental contributions to India's democracy. Mr. Girija Satish (President, NBJK) highlighted JP's vision of Total Revolution, advocating for a society free from divisions of

race, caste, gender and religion. He was concerned about liquor, drugs addiction among young generation and suggested to launch a social movement with support of women against such evils. Addressing contemporary issues, Mr. Gautam Sagar Rana (Ex-MLA) expressed concern over the influence of money in politics, while Mr. Lalchand Mahto (Ex-Minister) stressed the need to revive recognition for JP Movement agitators. Many other speakers acknowledged that while the movement may not have achieved all its goals, its principles remain relevant today. Coordinated by Mr. Harish Shrivastava, a former agitator, the event brought together 150 delegates from various districts.

### **SBI Life's Regional Director Honors MRTC Trainees with Certificate**

16 March 2024, Hazaribagh: 121 trainees of second batch in SBI Life supported & NBJK run Mission Rozgar Training Center have been honored with their course completion certificate in the trades of Basic Computer Applications, Nursing Assistance, Beautician & Tailoring. Mr. Dinesh R., Regional Director of SBI Life, personally congratulated the youths, highlighting the pivotal role of young talents



in our evolving society. He emphasized the importance of empowering our youth with opportunities, affirming their potential to bridge the gap in skilled workforce. SBI Life pledges continuous support to MRTC for providing quality training locally. Mr. Devashish Sahoo, shed light on SBI Life's commitment to social responsibility, particularly in women empowerment through initiatives like MRTC. Mr. Ritesh Prasad and Mr. Bhaskar Sinha commended the courage of young girls venturing out for skill training and employment. Mr. Satish Girija, Secretary of NBJK, expressed gratitude to the guests and stressed the importance of MRTC in tackling unemployment by offering employability training. Trainees also shared their experiences, highlighting the impact of the program on their lives. Thanks to the dedicated team behind MRTC's success: Mr. Rupesh Mallick, Mr. Mrityunjay Kumar, and esteemed faculty members. Together, we're shaping a brighter future for our youth!



### **CMPDIL Supports NBJK with a Mobile Eye Care Van**

14 March 2024, Ranchi: CMPDIL, a Mini Ratna Company under Coal India Ltd., is extending its hand of care to the communities in need! NBJK is delighted to announce the launch of a Mobile Eye Care Van under CSR support of CMPDIL, benefiting people through its LNJP Eye Hospital in Bahera, (Chouparan, Hazaribagh). This state-of-the-art van will revolutionize eye care accessibility, reaching

remote villages across Hazaribagh, Ranchi, Ramgarh, and Chatra districts. Equipped with cutting-edge instruments like Trial Box, LED chart, Portable Slit Lamp, Retinoscope, and Non-Contact Tonometer, it ensures comprehensive eye examinations and early detection of ailments like refractive errors, glaucoma, and cataracts. The van's Edging Machine allows for instant production and delivery of glasses during screening camps, ensuring swift access to corrective measures. With a dedicated medical team comprising an optometrist, nurse, optician, driver, and support personnel, we aim to serve nearly 10,000 eye patients annually, especially those in areas lacking basic eye care services. Together, we're bridging the gap in eye healthcare, reaching the underserved and making a tangible difference in their lives.

### **Save Water: Demand Generation Workshop for Farmers**

13 March 2024, Chanho (Ranchi): In an effort to promote sustainable farming practices and conserve water, a Demand Generation workshop for farmers was held in Chanho (Ranchi) under the HDFC Bank supported Focus Rural Development Program by NBJK. The event, inaugurated by Dr. Parmeshwar Bhagat, emphasized the crucial role of water in



agriculture and rural life. Mr. Ashutosh Tiwari (Member, Zila Parishad) highlighted the importance of adopting new farming methods for water conservation and income enhancement. Activities such as seed distribution, solar light installation, and construction of small check dams by NBJK in 15 villages of Chanho block were briefed by Mr. Satish Girija (Secretary, NBJK). Prof. Nafasat Ali underscored the indispensability of water for rural economies. Village Development Committees, along with individuals like Mrs. Rita Khakho and Mrs. Anita Bindi Munda, presented their initiatives and micro-plans for sustainable development. Mr. Priyanshu Kumar encouraged farmers to join Farmer Producer Groups for mutual benefits, while Mr. Sunil Kumar Gupta highlighted the progress of the project and its convergence with government schemes. As a token of support, 29 farmers received sprayer machines from the district agriculture department. Gratitude was extended by Mr. Ramchandra Munda, President of VDC, to all participants and contributors for making the workshop a success.





### Women's Day Special!!

08 March 2024, Jharkhand-Bihar: Mrs. Tabassum Parveen, a resident of Lohsinghna in Hazaribagh, faced financial challenges with her husband, Syed Arshad Hussain, being the sole breadwinner as a newspaper hawker. In 2020, she joined a women's SHG promoted by NBJK in her locality. With the support of the SHG, Tabassum borrowed a modest

amount of Rs. 3,000 to tackle immediate needs, which she successfully repaid. Buoyed by her initial success, she ventured into entrepreneurship; using a Rs. 30,000 loan to establish a mini shop at her home. The business thrived, leading her to expand further with microcredits of Rs. 38,000 and Rs. 44,000. These funds not only enriched her shop but also enabled her husband to purchase an electric three-wheeler, boosting their income. Today, Tabassum's daily business exceeds Rs. 5,000, with a daily income ranging from Rs. 500 to Rs. 700. Her children attend an English medium school, and she dreams of a comfortable family life. With her recent loan of Rs. 49,000, she aims to further develop her shop. Tabassum's journey showcases the empowerment it brings to women like her.

### Training Certificate & Employment to Youths with Disabilities

06 March 2024, Hazaribagh: Under NBJK run employability training program for differently abled youths with support of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank & Cheshire Disability Trust, a certification ceremony was held for such youths been trained in the month of February. A heartfelt gratitude to our chief guest, Mr. Abhishek Sahay (Hazaribagh Branch Manager, Ujjivan Bank), for his inspiring words and hope to continuing this vital program. In the past month alone, 20 incredible individuals, including 16 locomotor and 04 HI youths, have been trained in Basic Computer and Nursing Assistant, with 09 successfully placed in local establishments like Common Service Centers, Medical Shops, and Grocery Shops. Thanks to our dedicated program coordinator, Mr. Ajay Sinha, and the faculty members for their guidance throughout that resulted as placement for 42 and remaining under process among 65 such trainees during last three months.



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