

SEWAC-B Report for 2023-24

The Academic year 2023-24 started in June with 95 children in school. We held a Parent-Teacher meeting on 6th July to educate the parents about the school, its various activities, rules and regulations.

Anusuya, the school Principal of many years resigned from her position for personal reasons. Padmavathi, the senior most teacher was appointed Principal in her place.

All festivals and National days like Independence Day, Republic Day, Janamashtami, Diwali, Children's Day, Christmas, etc., were celebrated with much enthusiasm.

On 20th September, a Speech and Hearing Camp was organised by Dr Chandrashekhara Institute of Speech and Hearing. We introduced a Health History card for all children to handle any emergencies.

Sharon Gideon conducted two very useful sessions for the teachers titled: 'Speak, Listen, Connect: Mastering Communication with Students in Elementary Classroom.

Sports Day was celebrated on 6th December.

The recitation, story-telling and drawing competition was held on 14th December,

The Annual Day was held on 22nd December 2023.

In February children were taken for a picnic to the newly revamped Bal Bhawan. They enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

Exams were held in the last two weeks of March.

Counselling sessions were held for outgoing children and parents seeking admission in regular schools.

The Creche was attended by 33 children during the year. In July, Anganwadi inspectors gave the Cocoon creche a good report - the creche was neat and clean. the teachers are friendly and looked after the children well. In July, we had a visit by an inspector from the Women and Child Welfare Dept. They found everything



in order. A Medical checkup was organized for the Creche children and the doctor was happy with the children's health.

Some minor repairs were done in the school during the month of December. A new name board was installed. Lighting in the classrooms was improved and toilets fixed.

We are celebrating SEWAC's 50th year, for which we are hosting a series of information and discussion meetings every month on issues and subjects relevant to our community.

A workshop on mental health and how to manage emotions was held by NIMHANS on 9th January. People from the community, members, staff and parents attended the workshop. This was the first workshop in a series of information sessions that we plan to organise as part of our 50th anniversary celebrations. The second workshop in the series of information sessions was held on 20th March by the Post Office staff to inform the participants about the various saving schemes of the Post Office.

Cash donations of Rs. 189,000 were received during the year besides donations in kind. The financial statements were approved.

After a lull of a few months, UNNATI restarted its skill development centre in January 2023 with a new manager. 38 female students were trained in their Lifeskills programme for Women between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024. Ten of them got employed in various jobs. A total of seven training sessions were conducted.

Our first SEWAC Scholar, Jennifer Das, is in her fourth semester. She is a smart and hardworking girl and is doing very well academically. We are very proud of her achievements. She has two more semesters to go in order to complete her course.