

Theme: Leading Community Partnership for School Transformation

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CASE STUDY

LEADING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FOR SCHOOL TRANSFORMATION

A Case Study of Government Primary School, Skara Yokma, Skara, Leh, Union Territory of Ladakh.

Established in 2013

- Student Strength- 91 (2023)
- Teachers Strength- 10 (2023)
- School Head- Tsewang Dolma
- School Management Committee (SMC)- Village Head, Parents, Teachers and Teacher representative from the school

Government Primary School, Skara Yokma, Skara, Leh, Union Territory of Ladakh



Community Initiatives

- Shift of classrooms from 03 rooms to 06 rooms at the District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) Hostel in 2023.
- Initiative by the Village Head (Skara), Zonal Education Officer (ZEO), Chief Education Officer (CEO), parents of students from Skara Yokma; Principal, District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) and Deputy Chairman & Honourable Councillor, LAHDC, Leh.
 - Strong SMC
 - Organising events with Community Involvement

- Parental Involvement
- School Group photo in the new school compound at DIET Hostel, 2023
- Cleanliness of the school with the help of parents at the new school compound, DIET Hostel, 2023
- School Beautification
- Teachers painting stairs, classrooms and the outside of the school during zero hours as part of School Beautification, 2023
- A Student makes art about 5 sense organs in the classroom, 2023
- Classes painted in bright colors to make school fun for the children, 2024
- Talk on Healthy Eating Habits by Dietation Sonam Nurboo Memorial Hospital , Leh 2022
- Eat Right school certificate
- Hygiene Rating by FSSAI, 2023

LADAKH DAY & FOOD DAY CELEBRATED

IMPACTS

- Junk food not allowed in school premises
- Provision of local food during mid-day meal
- Use of local dishes during school events
- Zero Waste Initiative: Students bring their own cups and plates
- Declared 'Eat Right School' in 2023

SCHOOL EVENTS & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES



- Students encouraged to wear traditional attire during school events.
- Use of traditional musical instruments instead of recorded music during school events
- Junk food not allowed
- Martial Arts: Kung Fu
- Kathak Natya
- Yoga
- World No Tobacco Day 31st May
- Class Agreement

IMPACTS

- Self-Confidence in students
- Good eating habits
- Healthy Eating Habits
- Team Work



- Leadership qualities

SCHOOL EVENTS

- Kung Fu presentation during school event, 2024
- Yoga taught by Miss Soko Takeuchi, Indian Yoga Association (IYA), Ministry of Ayush, 2024
- Kathak Natya Practice, 2024
- World No Tobacco Day, 31st May

SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND ETHICAL LEARNING (SEE Learning)

ACTIVITIES

- SEE Learning introduced in 2023.
- Teaching of Moral Ethics to children
- Kindness activity, drawing emotions



IMPACTS

- Students give importance to small details.
- They are kind and helpful towards each other during lunch time.
- Arguments and quarrelling among each other has become less.
- Good manners

- They are helpful to their elders and grandparents.

ROLE OF PARENTS

SMC and parents at a school meeting, Government Primary School, Skara Yokma, Leh, Ladakh. Photograph by school staff. 2023

- Parents are part of the School Management Committee
- Engaged voluntarily with the school in school projects such as School Beautification project; events, talks etc.
- Collaborate with school to organise school events like Ladakh Day, Food Day.
- Parents give talks about their profession to children.
- Ensure healthy eating habits, cleanliness and hygiene of children.
- Parents from various fields such as doctors, government employees, teachers have enrolled their children in the school. This helped in motivating other parents to enrol their children our government school.

ROLE OF DISTRICT INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING (DIET), LEH

- Events conducted by DIET on regular basis.
- Active participation of the school and its students in those events.
- Zonal Education Officer, Leh, provided primary support of 02 lac rupees under 'Samagra', for school beautification, teaching aids for children. children.

ROLE OF COUNCILLORS, LAHDC, LEH

- Active participation of the Honourable Deputy Chairman, Ladakh Autonomous Hill Council (LAHDC) Leh, in most of the programmes at the Primary school to support the young students.
- Active participation of the Honourable Councillor Tsering Namgyal, the elected representative for Lower Leh, during school events.

ROLE OF NGOS

- 'SAVE the CHILDREN' or 'Bal Raksha Bharat' educated the children about School Safety, Child Rights, and also formed Child Groups, where students wrote down their classroom rules.
- Ladakh Ecological Development Group (LEDeG) (for 06 months) and Ladakh Nutrition Project (LNP) provided volunteers to keep students engaged and learn spoken as well as written English.
- LNP also provided assistance such as providing furniture, carpets etc. to the school
- Yoga taught by Miss Soko Takeuchi, Indian Yoga Association (IYA), Ministry of Ayush. Three students also taught video editing
- The Art of Living taught martial arts—Kung Fu— to the children.

The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Shri B.D. Mishra presented an appreciation award for Kung

Fu to a young student of Primary Government School Skara during 'Summer Camp 2023', University of Ladakh, Leh. Photograph by school staff, 2023.

OTHER COLLABORATORS

- 'Cultural Academy, Leh: Provided teachers to teach traditional music, traditional dance to the students.
- All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan Leh (DD Leh), under the 'Swatcha Pakwada' programme made a pledge to clean the school compound and classrooms along with students.
- Student excursion to LENA, an enterprise that focuses on producing textile products out of indigenous wool, helped students learn about how to use the local good for business. adakh Ecological Development Group (LEDeG) (for 06 months) and Ladakh Nutrition Project (LNP) provided volunteers to keep students engaged and learn spoken as well as written English.
- Generous funding from the community was used for exposure trips within Ladakh. Tour to Council Model School Sakti for exposure and to learn best practices.
- One teacher and a few students were taken for an exposure tour to 'Kashmir National Level Conference on Peace Education' in 2023.
Teachers of the school during an excursion to Council Model School Sakti and various parts of Ladakh. Photograph by school staff, 2024.
- LENA Co-founder teaching students about wool at their workshop in Skara, Leh, Ladakh.
- Eat Right Certificate being awarded by Chief Executive Councillor, LAHDC, Leh



CONCLUSION AND WAY FORWARD

Having an ethically sound and a peaceful mind with the correct motivation to educate children not just in academics but also cater to their overall needs, whether it is health, sports, music, fun activities alongside learning ethics; provides a positive and healthy atmosphere for young minds.

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