Leading Community Partnership for School Transformation

Bezgaon L.P School

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Introduction

Our School situated in a very remote area beside the world heritage site Kaziranga National Park in Golaghat district of Assam. The School was an old one of the entire locality established in 1937. Ninety percent of the students are from Tea- Tribes and another ten percent students come from the Assamese community.

I, Pranjal Nath, now as the head of the institution joined in the school only before one year four months. It was 16th August 2024. After one month of joining in the school the headmistress retired from service and another teacher was transferred to home district. Since then the school became single teacher. I had been teaching alone before the new teacher was appointed on November 2025.

During this year 1 year 4 months duration I tried my best to transform the school accordingly. I am trying to give a pen picture with some photographs of the transformation in this case study.

Now, the school has 50 students with 2 teachers.

Challenges I faced

After being transferred to this school I faced many problems –

- Lack of community involvement
- Poor attendance of the students
- School became single teacher
- Poor infrastructure
- Lack of discipline and punctuality
- Water logging problem of the yard and in front of the gate
- Threatening 440 volte electricity wire in the premises
- Poor and un hygienic PM Poshan
- Lack of Co-curriculum activity

Very beginning I took oath to make community participation for 100% attendance and 0 dropout.



Before



After

Community Mobilization Drive

Very beginning it was observed that the community participation is not encouraging. Finding out the weak points, the steps are taken very carefully so that the community can be mobilized . Instead of inviting parents and guardians to school teacher went to their yard first. The majority of the community are very busy and so time was scheduled as per their busyness. While reached their yard their neighbors also came forward to join the discussion. Every matter of the discussion was about the school programs and plans. Every time it was discussed about the students attendance. The meeting at yard was going on for a few months. Later this meeting was changed to Sunday meet. Sunday meet was held in school and in community hall also. During Sunday meet health camp was also organized for all. Our motto was to involve all the community in the school. Some times “Preety Bhooj” or “Community Feast” was also arranged. Awareness programs like Child Marriage, Drug Abuse etc. were also arrange. Gradually people stated coming to school. People started to love the school as well as the teacher. Accordingly, they tried to understand the problems of the school and offered the helping hand to school according to their capacity. Community themselves took steps to make attendance 100%. A special chair has been kept for SMC President and I-Card has been issued to the members. Advised the Matrigut to wear uniform.









With the help of community, the following challenges have been successfully solved

Barrier Free Child Friendly Campus

There were three major threatening problems of the campus. The water logging problem in the yard was a very serious problem. During rainy session students faced a lot. To solve this problem some community members were asked to donate a few tractors of earth and they did so. Everything was planned well and the problem has been solved successfully.

Another threatening problem was the 440-volte electricity wire that ran through the school premises. With the help of community, a public petition was submitted in the electricity board and kept contacted thereafter. After two months the age-old problem was settled successfully. The electricity department sifted the wire to the outside of the school premises.

For a long period of time the water logging problem in front of the school gate brought threaten to students. On does days during rainy days students hesitated to come to school due to the water logging problem. To solve this problem discussion was made with the concerned department and also lodge the matter in black and white. It took three months to solve the problem. The PWD took steps and setup a culvert in front of the gate. No more barrier to students to come during rainy days now.









Before

After

Setup Children Park

An application was submitted to the nearest Maruti Suzuki Dealer (RD Motors) to donate a children park in the school. According to their scheme, they set up a children park in the school.



Setup Kitchen Garden

With the help of community, a kitchen garden has been setup. The students have been enjoying fresh and organic vegetables from the garden in their PM Poshan. Students are also thought to setup mini kitchen garden themselves.











Setup Bhojanalaya (Dining Hall)

Before, students set on floor and took their mid-day meal. It was not hygienic. Therefore, the Headmaster brought bamboos from his own side and with the help of the community a dining shed has been built. Now the students are happy to take their meal at dining table.

Improvement Of PM Poshan

PM Poshan in the school was not served with adequate nutrition. Only 5/6 eggs were bought and divided among 30/40 students, which was not regularly also. Later it was improved. Now PM Poshan has been served with adequate nutrition following the daily routine. Besides meat is also served once in a month.









Before

After

Behavioral Change

Students are taught to change some of their behaviors. They have been taught to wear shoes regularly. During the very hot days special wooden shoe stand was made. After arrival of the school, they take off shoes. Two pairs of sleepers are kept in each classroom. These sleepers are used to go to the urinals. While students remove shoes only two students to go outside at a time. It helped to maintain discipline. Moreover, there are one special “Pass” in form of I-card in every room. The students who have the pass can go to the outside. Bhojan Mantra has been practiced. Before taking meal, the students sing Bhojan Mantra together. Students are taught

Yoga. Every Saturday there is a special class on Yoga. They are advised to practice Yoga at home too. Students now practice Yoga at home which is now very fruitful.

Students are always encouraged to focus their talents. As a result, students came forward to paint a wall. Now they help themselves to find out their hidden talents.





Sampriti Bhojan

The community people were not aware of "Sampriti Bhojan". It was discussed in the meetings and then people came forward to join in "Sampriti Bhojan". Now, not only the student's birthday but another community members also come to celebrate their occasions in the school. On day of "Sampriti Bhojan" students bless the birthday child with "Kalyan Mantra".





Monthly Songs: An Innovation to Maintain Discipline

At first total 12 songs were assigned for 12 months. One song was for one month. All songs were patriotic. Later 24 songs have been assigned for 12 months. Two songs for a month. While the students go to the class room from the morning assembly the sing a song. They continue the song till the end and then they seat and sing the "Guru Bandana" and sound "OM kar". From this best practice it is now very easy to maintain discipline while they leave the morning assembly.



Increased Enrollment

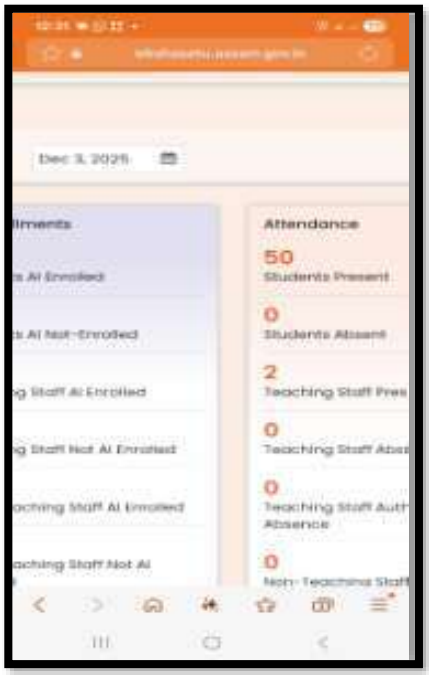
Community is now aware of the facility of the Govt. School as well as the quality of the education. This year enrollment increased to 30%. Five students from nearby private school came and took admission.

Attendance Increased

At the beginning attendance was so poor. But now a day's attendance is almost 100% everyday.







Conclusion

Bezgaon L.P School is known in its locality for its discipline and academic improvement. Community has also been come forward to help the school authority in its development. We hope in near future the school will be well known all over the state.






Community Involvement