



LOKTANTRASHALA (SCHOOL FOR DEMOCRACY)

Badi Ka Badiya village PO Thana, District Bhilwara (Rajasthan)

ANNUAL REPORT (April 2012 – March 2013)

Registration Number: S.no 05/Rajsamand/2003

Registered Address: Village Devdungri, P.O. Brar, Rajsamand, Rajasthan - 313341

Governing Body: The Governing Body of Loktantrashala (School For Democracy) met on the 18th of May, 2013 and following the completion of initial objectives, a resolution was passed to reconstitute the Governing Body as below;

1. Smt. Tripurari Sharma – President
2. Smt. Naurti Devi – Vice - President
3. Shri. Digvijay Singh – Secretary
4. Smt. Aruna Roy – Member
5. Shri. Sanjay Kak – Member
6. Shri. Vikram Vyas – Member
7. Shri. Lal Singh – Member
8. Shri. Satish Deshpande – Member
9. Smt. Rajini Bakshi – Member
10. Smt. Renuka Pamecha – Member
11. Shri. Sebastian Sunny – Member
12. Smt. Kamla Bhasin – Member
13. Shri. Saikat Ghosh – Member
14. Shri. Parasuraman. S – Member
15. Shri. Narayan Bareth – Member

OBJECTIVE

The Loktantrashala (School For Democracy) is a school for democratic education within the Constitutional framework, principally for eclectic learning, including those deprived of formal learning.

Academic Activities

The School for Democracy organised youth training (Feb 2013) concerning political awareness and activism. Youth from the surrounding areas of the campus attended the training. The training was designed to deliberate responses from youth about the current economic, social and political scenario of our country. The elements of training included understanding the need for a constitution, meaning of democracy, knowing fundamental rights and duties, directive principles of the state to formulate policies, understanding geo-political ramifications of Indian polity, analysing the role of caste, religion and class in our politics and society, learning about social policies such as MGNREGA, Right to Information and Right to hearing. Critical discussions were held on social movements, its need and the politics within them, social issues such as gender based violence and Dalit atrocities were also discussed. During the training, trainees were taught how to use puppets, songs and theatre to disseminate information about government schemes, politics and social issues.

The school for democracy has started organizing informal discussions on important issues called dialogues on democracy or charcha. The primary purpose of these dialogues has been to reach out to a cross section of young people. The idea is to focus on contemporary political issues, have discussions and debates on democratic rights and practice and seek involvement in ongoing processes of grassroots action. Discussions over the past six months have been held over topics such as Nuclear energy and its fall-outs (the Kudankulam issue), broadcasting an alternative politics and Afzal Gurus hanging and its consequences on Kashmir.

The Loktantrashala organized the Ajit Bhattacharjea Memorial lecture on 1st February, 2013. The lecture was organized at the Pink City Press club. Shri Gopalkrishna Gandhi gave a lecture – ‘Neta, Netritva aur Netagiri’. The lecture was attended by supporters of the RTI movement in Rajasthan and various other dignitaries in Jaipur. This memorial lecture will be organized every year as an SFD initiative.

An interactive session was organised with Shri Gopal Gandhi on the legacy of Gandhi. Students attended this session from schools and colleges and got a chance to ask questions from the Shri Gopal Gandhi. The students were given an opportunity to ask relevant questions to which Shri Gopal Gandhi gave apt answers. Apart from students various academicians and activist also attended the session. The idea is to start interactive sessions in Jaipur similar to the sessions held in Delhi.

AUDITED ACCOUNTS

The audited accounts for the year 2012-13 will be presented separately to the concerned authorities.

The 80(G) certificate and Audited accounts of the School For Democracy are attached with this report.