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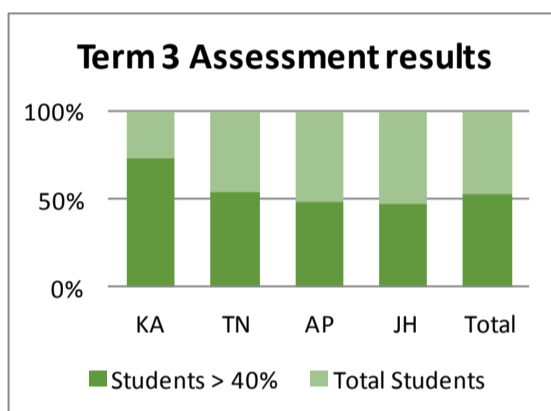
### OPERATIONS UPDATE

#### From the Editor's Desk:

Last month our ops team was busy getting the analysis for the diagnostic as well as term end assessments and getting the report cards for the kids.

So here is a snapshot of how kids performed across all our centers in the term 3 assessments which were concluded in the month of April.

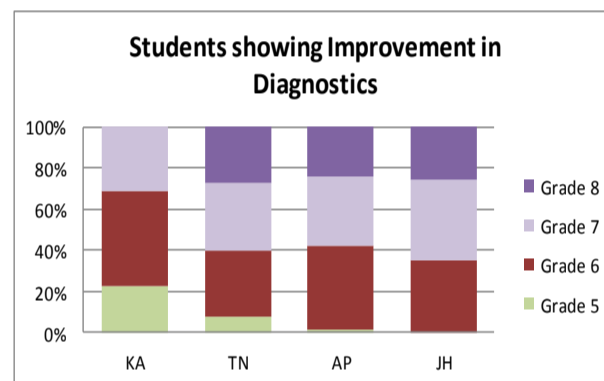
Along with the assessment result here we also present before you the diagnostic result and how our kids fared in the diagnostic assessment.



This Academic Year, we conducted Diagnostic Assessments, across all the Operational Centers for English and Maths offerings; to get a clear picture of where our students stand with respect to the basics.

The Diagnostic Assessments were conducted at beginning of year, mid of year and end of year to track their improvement on various categories of questions.

We have assessed over 2700 enrolled students for their understanding in basic English topics and Maths concepts. And, from the evaluation of the papers, we have observed that over 1200 students have shown an improvement in their basic levels in this academic year.



This gives us a clarity on planning for a more effective Academic Year 2016-17.

Let us keep these results in our mind and strive hard in the upcoming academic year 2016-17 to bring out a better and bigger impact on children and lets impart more knowledge.

### INTERVIEW

In this section we bring out an interview of our teacher.

Thank you Priya Krishnaswamy for interviewing and compiling the same for the newsletter.



Meet Archana Durairaja who has been with evidyaloka for the last 1.5 years. She is currently teaching in Tamil Nadu at Ariyur Govt. school 8th science. She is usually called for taking other subjects.

**My journey with evidyaloka:** I came to know about evidyaloka through my friends. I have found it a wonderful platform for people like me who want to contribute but live outside India. And kudos to the management for working on logistics.

**Other places you have volunteered with:** Bhumi (education)

**On volunteering:** We used to campaign while in college, to help students know that there are platforms available to volunteer. I think the stumbling block is many want to volunteer but at the same time are not aware of the opportunities around.

**Something that surprised you:** I usually ask children of evidyaloka to read the newspaper every day. We discuss it in class for 15 minutes and we end up having a discussion and debate. Few times, the children have completely surprised me by debating intensively. And you realize that the children are smart and they are thirsty for knowledge.

**What inspires you:** If I can get this opportunity to learn wherever I want, why can't these children? If I can inspire them to learn more, and help themselves to carve a path, I think I have then achieved something substantial.

**Teaching method:** Children love watching videos. That is my carrot. I usually announce it beforehand and tell them that, to watch the videos they have to be attentive in class. That always works. And always keep them thinking outside of the box.

### FIELD VISIT ROUND UP

Our Jharkhand Co-ordinator Pratima Chattopadhyaya went out for her 1st ever field visit to schools in Giridih center and who better can narrate the story to us than Pratima with her first hand record of details and experiences.

"I was over the moon and excited when I heard about the opportunity to go and visit a few schools I have been working with and above all to meet the local partners and class assistants whom I have talked only over the phone. Yes with all this excitement I boarded my train from Kolkatta on 10th April, 2016

4.30am in the morning and train reached Giridih station as I disembarked voila! There stands the Diwakarji and I had a feeling he is a real human in flesh and blood he too was excited to see me and took me to my hotel to freshen up.

From there first day I was taken to Shitalpur school, a small school in a quaint little village where, I felt like I came down from heaven by the way kids recognized me. Had a general talk with all the kids and connected them to Sarbari Gosh, their favourite teacher over skype.

The best person was the HM at school who gave away his room also for classes and decided to bring out his table and chair to the corridor. Indeed a mark apart I would say.

This brings that feeling of I have not done enough for the kids. There is a lot all of us can do and I would request each

one of you to gear up to make the next academic year a grand success. After shitalpur I was taken to Sonbad, which was a little different from Shitalpur because the school was bigger than what Shitalpur school. Here also I did interact with the kids as well as teachers.

Later in the evening the much awaited event happened- the meeting with class assistants. My first chance to meet those wonderful people who makes sure classes happen and the



infrastructure is in place. Here is a photograph of me with the class assistants of our Giridih region,

After a long and exciting day at Jharkhand I retired to bed while looking forward to the morning of April 12th when I will

travel to Purulia, West Bengal to have a look at the schools shortlisted over there. An early morning start I doubted leaving back my sleep but it was all worth it for the view of the awesome sunrise and travel thorough forest road the main naxal belt. All the excitement of the travel reached us in Purulia where we visited 3 schools namely Lakda, Dimdiha and Podlara and shortlisted on Podlara to start off our journey in West Bengal. And finally a meeting with the local partnerCESR at their office about all the documents and process involved, along with Sarbari who joined us there.

Thank you god for this awesome and wonderful experience , I am infact packed with energy for the upcoming year and hope it will be the same with all of you reading through my thoughts."



Pratima with the lovely kids