

Rato Bangala Foundation
Dailekh School Project

Monthly Progress Report
Kartik 2072

Dailekh School Project (DSP) is a collaboration of the Rato Bangala Foundation (RBF), a non-profit organization, Rato Bangala Partnership in Outreach Program (RBPOP) (a social wing of Rato Bangala School) the Government of Nepal, particularly the Department of Education (DOE) and the District Education Office (DEO). The project inputs consist of teacher training programs, supportive supervision and provision of limited but durable materials to be utilized for multiple subjects. DSP seeks to overhaul teaching and learning in Dailekh, at a scale that will touch each and every household and thus be a catalyst for socio-economic transformation. The aim is to bring government school education in Dailekh at par with the national standards of classroom practice contextualized to fit the local conditions.

Vision Statement

Quality of Education in all primary schools in Dailekh improved to commendable National standards.

Objectives

1. Interactive and child friendly facilities in all classrooms of all schools are in place
2. Participation of SMC, parents and volunteers in academic and management development of the school increased
3. Pro active role of students in curricular and extracurricular activities assured
4. District based teachers and likeminded stake holders capacitated to manage Child Centered Teaching Learning (CCTL) approach in all the schools
5. Lead schools developed for wider replication
6. A lean management system to deliver quality services in place

1. Rato Bangala Network School Meeting:

The network of RBPOP schools formed at the outset in 2061; consist of 10 schools in Dailekh, 3 in Mallika RC and 7 in Narayan RC. The program phased out in 2065,

leaving intact the network of schools. Since the last one year, mobile meetings have been held at one of the member schools, on a rotation basis. These meetings are attended by school Principals, teachers, and SMC chairperson. Important issues faced by the schools are discussed at the meet and ways to improvise education in the district is sought. On the day of the meeting, quiz competitions or athletics between schools are held. The host school provides food for all those attending. A small grant has been provided by Dailekh School Project to hold the monthly meetings which also aim to empower SMC, PTA members. The funds make it possible to print out a yearly calendar for the network schools During Kartik, the RBPOP network school meeting was held at Janta LSS Narayan RC on Kartik 22. Participants included Chairperson Dilli Khatri from Basanta HSS Kimugaun, Khagendra Shrestha from DeepShisu PS. Simada, Chirta Thapa Magar from Bhanu HSS, Toraya, Dharma Raj Upadhya for Panchadewol PS. Bhurti, Yam Raj Thapa for Ishori PS. Sadu, Yam Bdr Thapa Magar for Balbhairav PS. Tallo Toraya, Himalaya Jung Shah RP and DSP staff.

Decisions:

- A new Chairperson was supposed to be chosen after Dilli Khatri's resignation but other members at the meet, declined to accept his resignation
- It was decided that the RBPOP network meeting would be conducted on a regular basis every month to provide continuity to ongoing good practices
- One extracurricular program will be initiated every month at the school hosting the meeting
- During Mangshir a quiz competition will be conducted at Panchadewol PS. Bhurti

2. Participation at the District Education Office (DEO) meetings:

The DEO Meeting was held at the District Education Office (DEO) Dailekh on Kartik 2, participated in by the District Education Officer, School Supervisor (SS), Resources Persons (RPs) and DSP Staff. The agenda consisted of constructing new and renovating worn out school buildings in the district and updating the DEO team about programs to be soon implemented in Dailekh.

Decisions:

- Discussion ensured about constructing new school buildings and renovating old ones
- Schools with poor infrastructure were listed out so that actual construction work could commence.

3. RC meeting at Naumule RC:

The RC meeting held at Naumule RC on Kartik 15, 2072 consisted of participants Mahesh Keshar Khanal, Jhalakj Pd. Koirala (SS) and DSP Staff.

Decisions:

- Discussions ensured about constructing new school buildings and repairing old ones. Tasks were assigned to the RC teams to start work on the same. Each RP was assigned a task and was expected to disseminate additional work to their colleagues.
- Schools with poor infrastructure was listed out so that repair work could commence on the same
- Teaching materials to be collected during the festive holidays were listed out.

4. DSP Staff Meeting:

DSP staff held an internal meeting on 18 Kartik to discuss ongoing work in the district. All activities to be carried out in schools were listed out.

Decisions:

- Survey of the plantation program in Mallika RC
- Collection of latest photos from schools to update the photo folder
- Monitoring schools
- Monitoring Vocational Education Curriculum.

Upcoming Activities:

1. Plantation survey to be carried out in Mallika RC
2. School Monitoring visits to be conducted