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8th Grade Girls from a Village high school Girls conduct a camp to test blood group of 300 students from South Mumbai School

Ten 8th grade girl students from Rakesh Jain Madhyamik Vidhyalay in Village Shivkar (Taluka Panvel) have conducted a camp to test blood group of 300 students from Seva Sadan, a well-known school from South Mumbai on Feb 29th 2012.

Lend-A-Hand India, an NGO providing job and life skills training as part of the high school curriculum to rural students, have been running its program in the Rakesh Jain School for last six years. Students learn how to test blood group as part of the “health and hygiene” section.

The Blood Group Testing Camp was a real life learning experience for students as well as an income generating initiative defraying some of the costs of Lend A Hand India program. The project also provided for interaction between the students of both the schools leading to exchange of ideas and striking new friendships.

“Lend-A-Hand India has always strived to combine academic learning with practical business and employable skills and the blood group testing project is a perfect example of the same” said, Raj Gilda, co-founder of Lend A Hand India.

About Lend-A-Hand India (www.lend-a-hand-india.org)
Lend A Hand India (LAHI) provides vocational training to young boys and girls from rural India. Currently, working with government aided high schools in the remote villages in three Indian states, LAHI runs a three year job and life skills training program in 61 villages reaching more than 10,000 youth. The program has been formally recognized by government of Maharashtra as part of the curriculum.

LAHI recruits local trade practitioners (carpenters, plumbers, electricians, agriculturists etc) to teach trade skills at local high schools for one a day week for three years, making the high school education much more practical and relevant. The impact of this model has been outstanding-- over 25% of the students are now getting admission to much sought after higher technical education, positively impacting attendance, and school drop out rates at the same time empowering girl students as well.
LAHI’s co-founder Sunanda Mane was recently awarded the prestigious Ashoka Fellowship for the work done by Lend A Hand India.

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