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# EDUCATION CENTRES IN JHARKHAND

*A Report on the ASSRA Remedial Education Programme*

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Community-Based Learning Centres for Out-of-School and Child-Labour-Affected Children

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*Children at the ASSRA Remedial Education Centre, Jorsya, Patamda Block, East Singhbhum (8 July 2026)*

### Background

ASSRA has, for a number of years, been working across rural and tribal habitations of Jharkhand to address one of the most persistent barriers to child development in the region: the loss of access to formal schooling on account of poverty-driven child labour. A significant number of children in these habitations, particularly those belonging to tribal and other economically marginalised communities, either dropped out of school or were never enrolled, as they were required to support their families through agricultural, domestic, or other informal labour.

Recognising this gap, ASSRA initiated a network of remedial education centres across affected villages, with the specific objective of reaching out to such children, restoring their access to structured learning, and working towards their eventual mainstreaming into the formal education system.



*Open-air remedial class in session at Churda, Patamda Block, East Singhbhum (7 July 2026)*

### Community-Anchored Teaching Model

A defining feature of the programme is that it is anchored firmly within the community it serves. Rather than deploying external staff, ASSRA identified, trained, and engaged local educated but unemployed youth from within the same villages as centre teachers.

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Being residents of the community themselves, these teachers carried an inherent degree of trust and social access that outside personnel would not have readily commanded.

This local connect proved instrumental in engaging directly with parents — many of whom depended on their children's labour, however modest, for the household's subsistence — and in persuading them of the long-term value of sending their children to the centres instead. Over time, this sustained, peer-led mobilisation effort has contributed to a gradual shift in parental attitudes, with education increasingly being prioritised alongside, and in due course in place of, child labour.



*Children engaged in structured learning at Khairua, East Singhbhum (7 July 2026)*

## Learning Support Infrastructure

### Free Learning Materials

To ensure that cost is never a barrier to a child's participation, ASSRA provides free learning materials — including textbooks, notebooks, stationery, and other basic teaching aids — to every child enrolled at the centres, at no charge to the family.

### Online Education Facility

In addition to in-person instruction at each centre, an online education facility has been extended to supplement classroom teaching. This facility enables qualified teachers, including those situated beyond the immediate locality, to conduct structured digital

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sessions, thereby widening the pool of subject expertise available to children even in the more remote habitations.

### **Teacher Training and Capacity Building**

ASSRA recognises that the quality of instruction delivered at the centres is central to the programme's outcomes. Accordingly, training of teachers has continued as an ongoing component of the programme, covering pedagogy, classroom management, and subject content. These continuous training inputs serve a dual purpose: they progressively improve learning outcomes for the children, while simultaneously adding long-term value to the professional development of the local youth engaged as teachers.

## District-wise List of Centres — State of Jharkhand

The following table presents the complete list of ASSRA centres currently operational across Jharkhand, organised by district, block, and village, along with the programme activities conducted at each location.

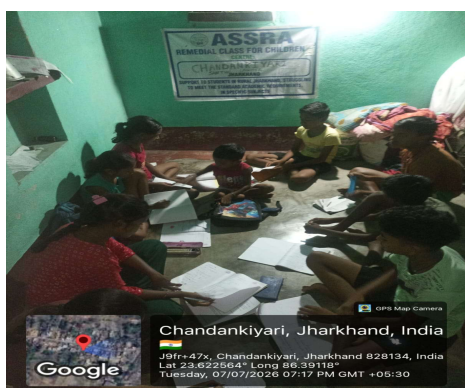
| District       | Block        | Village / Centre                             | Programmes / Activities                                                                                   |
|----------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| East Singhbhum | Patamda      | Bamni                                        | Remedial Education Centre                                                                                 |
| East Singhbhum | Patamda      | Kashidhi Gobarghusi                          | Handicraft Training Centre (used plastic); Manufacturing Unit; Tailoring Centre; Home-made Achar Training |
| East Singhbhum | Patamda      | Burudhi                                      | Kashidhi Flower Stick Handicraft Training Centre; Manufacturing Handicraft                                |
| East Singhbhum | Patamda      | Lowadhi                                      | Remedial Education & Library                                                                              |
| East Singhbhum | Patamda      | Jorsa                                        | Remedial Education Centre                                                                                 |
| East Singhbhum | Bodan        | Mirzadhi                                     | Remedial Education Centre                                                                                 |
| East Singhbhum | Bodan        | Lawa Patanda (Patamda Skill Training Centre) | Skill Training                                                                                            |
| Bokaro         | Chandankyari | Galgattod                                    | Remedial Education Centre                                                                                 |
| Bokaro         | Chandankyari | Brahmanlagda                                 | Remedial Education Centre                                                                                 |
| Chatra         | Simaria      | Sabano Village                               | Remedial Education Centre                                                                                 |
| Khunti         | —            | —                                            | Tailoring Skill Centre; Beautician Training Centre; Remedial Class                                        |

## East Singhbhum District — Field Photographs



Lowadih, Patamda — ASSRA Remedial Class & Library (7 Jul 2026) | Mirjadih, Bodan Block — remedial session in progress (7 Jul 2026)

## Bokaro District — Field Photographs



Chandankiyari — children studying at ASSRA centre (7 Jul 2026) | Chandankiyari — ASSRA Remedial Class board (6 Jul 2026)

## Chatra District — Field Photograph



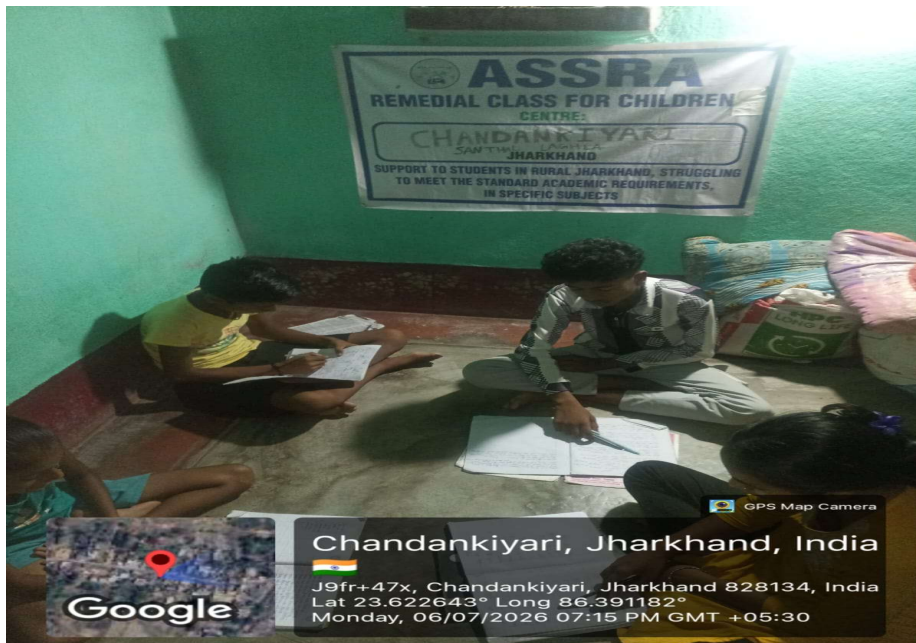
Children assembled at Sabano Village, Simaria, Chatra District (7 July 2026)



### Towards Mainstreaming

Through this combined approach — community-anchored teaching, free learning materials, technology-enabled instruction, and continuous teacher training — the programme works towards its ultimate goal: the mainstreaming of out-of-school and child-labour-affected children back into the formal education system, and the strengthening of educational continuity within the communities the centres serve.

The centres listed in the foregoing table represent not merely physical locations but active, sustained commitments by ASSRA and the local communities to reclaim the educational futures of children who, without this intervention, would have remained outside the ambit of formal learning altogether.



*ASSRA Remedial Class for Children — Chandankiyari, Bokaro District (6 July 2026)*

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