

ASER Kangra - Unveiling Insights from the ASER Survey

The ASER survey was primarily conducted in Dharamshala, Kangra district, Himachal Pradesh, and was carried out in collaboration with a government-associated DIET organization. This survey involved approximately 80 to 90 dedicated volunteers and a monitoring team of about 10 members.

The survey is structured in a way that ensures a systematic approach to collecting data. The survey begins with a three-day training program, meticulously conducted at every level. Following each training session, participants are engaged in quiz rounds to evaluate their understanding and knowledge. This process ensures clarity and understanding of the survey procedures.



After the training phase, the survey teams venture out into the field. The monitoring team, comprising 8 to 10 individuals, visits various locations to oversee the data collection process. Teams of two to three people are then formed, using specific blocks as reference points, and these teams, each consisting of three to four individuals, were deployed to different locations for mapping and data collection.

Personal Sharing's: My personal experience when I went to a new mountainous area for three days on a bike rental was fascinating. I discovered that different blocks in various talukas (sub-districts) have Gram Panchayats or District Talukas, such as Badai, and Gathutar talukas. Saving water is still crucial, and there is a lot of work to be done, especially due to the hilly and rugged roads, which took an hour to cover just 20-25 kilometres. When I visited one house to another, the people displayed curiosity. Though I faced some challenges in certain places, when the volunteer communicated with them in their local language, a connection was established, and they provided valuable information.



I also had the opportunity to visit the oldest & biggest ITI in Shahpur, Himachal Pradesh, where almost 15 trades are ongoing & every year 1300+ youth trained. I met with the principal, Mr. Chan Sing, and the Chairperson of the Industry Management Committee, Mr. Surjeet Rana, where we exchanged our views and information about the courses offered at Government ITI and those available at Pratham. Furthermore, I presented them with a memento from the Plumbing Program and extended them best wishes.

In conclusion, the ASER survey has proven to be an enlightening and effective research endeavor, shedding light on various aspects of Dharamshala in the Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh. The findings of the survey provide a valuable foundation for understanding the socio-economic and technological landscape of the area.

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