

SMARTGRAM PROJECT INITIATIVE BY RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN

Basant Utsav Mela (February 2017)

Students from SmartGram schools participated in Basant Utsav Mela on 3rd February 2017, which was organized by Department of Education, Govt. of Haryana for career counseling and life skills.

Expressions India team interacted with school students from Alipur, Dhaula, and Harchandpur along with their parents for creating awareness about the career choices which they can make and the life skills which are necessary for sustainable development, vocational choices and proactive communication. **Students visited the MOBILE CLASSROOM EDUCATIONAL VAN to understand the implications and availability of such outreach programs.** As the van was fully equipped with audio and visual facilities for the better understanding of a mini classroom



Career counseling includes aptitude testing, individual/group counseling, and year-long capacity building workshops. Ongoing contact, through events organized every month, feedback from career counselors, and mentoring from professionals from diverse backgrounds help the participants to make appropriate choices about their future career. There are abundant career choices to pick from, but these children had no guidance to help them make the right choice. Most of them are the first ones in their family to go to school, and almost always do not have any support system to help them take that next step in their education.



The pre-exam workshops are initiated by agreeing to a schedule with the school principals. This workshop offers career guidance using tools such as a comprehensive career guidance information chart, interactive quizzes and game play, making it fun for the children and, more importantly, decide on what their choices are. SmartGram children participated enthusiastically and asked questions regarding their career choices, providing them with some clarification and knowledge for their future career prospects.

