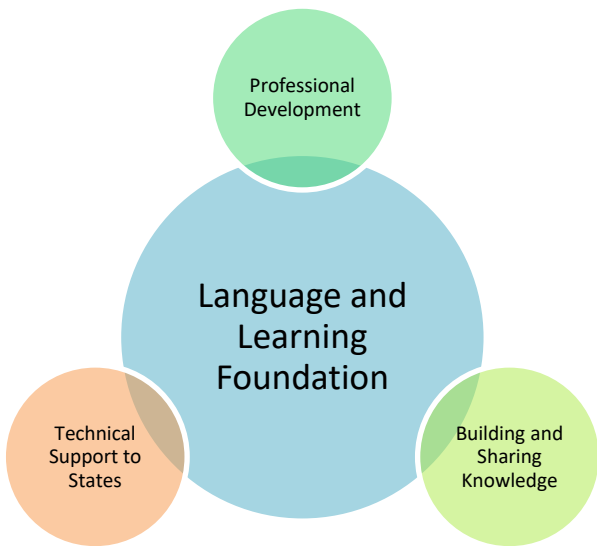




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Quarterly Newsletter



Language and Learning Foundation

Early literacy and numeracy is the foundation for all future development; if these are not developed fully and equitably in early years, children will not be able to catch up in later primary grades, with school texts becoming more dense and abstract. Therefore, strengthening the teaching-learning process of early language and literacy is crucial. With this conviction LLF came into existence in 2015 with a specific focus on language and literacy.

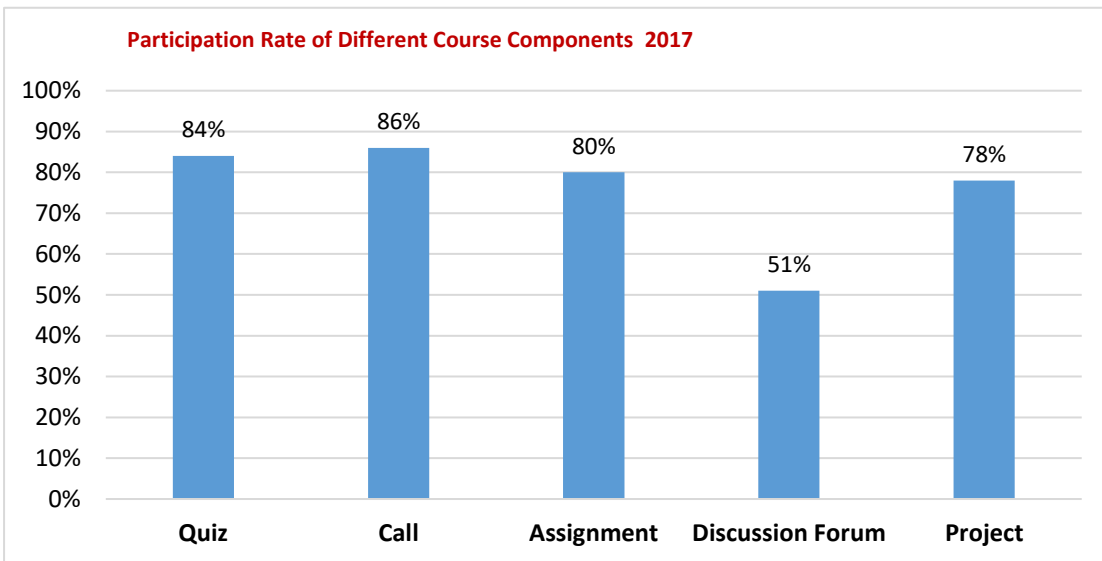
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Highlights (January 2018 – March 2018)

- A new short term course – ChangeMakers (*Badlaav Saarthi*) was launched for Cluster Academic Coordinators in Chhattisgarh with 17 participants.
- Final workshops under *Prarambhik Bhasha Shikshan* Certificate Course 2017 were organized in Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Rajasthan and Haryana.
- State Resource Group (SRG) in Haryana was formed with 32 members and a capacity building workshop was organized with them to orient them on early language and literacy. Similarly, a District Resource Group (DRG, comprising of 23 members) for Kurukshetra, Haryana was formed and oriented by the LLF and HSSPP team.
- Phase 1 of local language material development was successfully completed with a final workshop and presentation in Uttar Pradesh.
- MoU was signed between Government of Rajasthan and LLF for improving the quality of teaching-learning and student-learning outcomes in Hindi in early primary classes.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

1. Prarambhik Bhasha Shikshan Certificate Course 2017



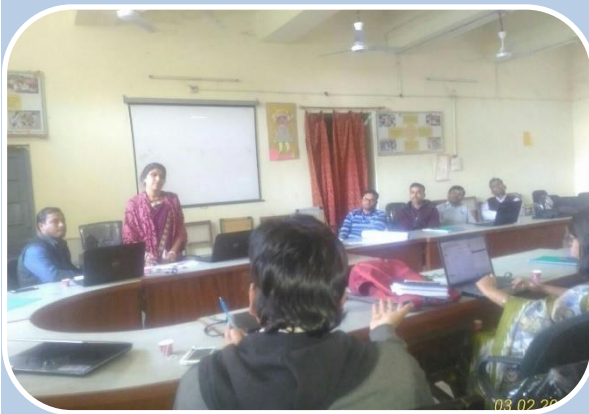
- The final face to face workshops were conducted in Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Rajasthan and Haryana. Participants from all these states presented their project work and discussed about the strategies they would like to implement at the ground level.
- The *Prarambhik Bhasha Shikshan* Certificate Course 2017 was successfully completed with 81 percent completion rate.



Bihar final face to face workshop was organized from 27th - 30th January with 33 participants



Chhattisgarh final face to face workshop was organized from 15th - 18th January with 65 participants



Rajasthan final face to face workshop was organized from 2nd - 3rd February with 19 participants



Haryana final face to face workshop was organized from 2nd - 3rd February with 19 participants

2. Short Term Course

Short Term Course – ChangeMakers (Badlaav Saarthi)

LLF introduced a new short term course- ChangeMakers (*Badlaav Saarthi*), for Cluster Academic Coordinators (CACs) of Chhattisgarh who had completed 9-month *Prarambhik Bhasha Shikhsan* course. The goal of this course



ChangeMakers (Badlaav Saarthi) Group

is to change the belief of CACs, in order to change their practices. It aims to shift CACs identity to see themselves as 'Education Changemakers'.

The course started with a 3-day workshop held in Raipur from 26 to 28 February 2018. 17 CACs participated in this workshop. The workshop sessions were facilitated by Ms. Suzana Brinkmann, Ms. Nidhi Vinayak, Ms. Swati Gandhi



Visit and motivational talk by Mr. Sudhir Kumar Agrawal, Director, SCERT and Mr. Sudish, Joint Director, RGSM



Fun activities during the workshop

and Ms. Akanksha Tyagi. Mr. Sudhir Kumar Agrawal, Director, SCERT and Mr. Sudish, Joint Director, RGSM addressed the participants at the end of the workshop. The workshop was followed up with one-month distant course activities. At the end of the course, an action plan is to be prepared by each participant on which they will work closely with teachers to bring change in teaching learning practices in the classroom.

3. Multilingual Education

In collaboration with UP SCERT and Tata Trusts, LLF began the 'Local Language Material Development and Action Research' Project. Under this project local language materials was used as TLM for oral language development activities, vocabulary development and interactive read aloud for class 1 and 2. During the project materials such as big books, picture



Mr. Shiv Kumar, participant sharing his experiences



Mr. Mukesh Aggarwal (in the centre) with a group of UP-MLE project participants and LLF team

cards and conversation charts were developed in both Hindi and Braj.

A final workshop was organized on 26th March 2018 in Mathura where participants shared their experiences of using these materials and activities in their classrooms. They also shared their feedback on the implementation of the material developed under this project.



TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO STATES

1. LLF and Haryana School Shiksha Pariyojna Parishad (HSSPP) Project on Language and Literacy

Situation analysis was done in two districts in Haryana - Rewari and Kurukshetra with an objective to understand the approach to teaching language and literacy, teaching-learning practices, learning achievements of children in early grade and literacy related teachers' beliefs and perceptions. During this

period State Resource Groups and District Resource Groups were formed and capacity building workshops were organized with them which witnessed participation from HSSPP and SCERT. Ms. Kalpana Sharma from Pedagogy, HSSPP participated in both workshops and Deputy Commissioner of Kurukshetra participated in the DRG workshop.



SRG workshop was organized from 6th - 9th Feb at SCERT, Gurugram with 28 participants.



DRG workshops were organized in two batches from 21st-24th March and 26th-27th March at Kurukshetra with 22 participants.



Session by APC and DEEO during DRG workshop



Group activity during DRG workshop



2. ELL Project in Chhattisgarh

Academic Project Coordinators Workshop on Early Language and Literacy

A three day Workshop with APCs on ELL was organized in Sirpur, Chhattisgarh. The workshop was organized with an objective to introduce them to Early Language and Literacy courses as well as to build their capacity on language and literacy in early grades, principles of learning etc.



APCs attending session on 'what is reading' during the workshop organized from 19th – 21st January, Sirpur

3. New commitment with Government of Rajasthan

MoU signed between Language and Learning Foundation and Government of Rajasthan for improving the quality of teaching-learning and student-learning outcomes in Hindi in early primary classes.



LLF'S UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Final selection of the participants for *Prarambhik Bhasha Shikshan* Certificate Course 2018.
- Mentors orientation workshop for the new session the course
- ToT for teachers training of phase-1 instruction in Kurukshetra.
- Training of teachers on phase-1 instruction under HSSPP-LLF project in Kurukshetra.
- Local mentors selection for 3 month course in Chhattisgarh on Early Language and Literacy.
- MLE Workshop in Raipur to develop a concrete roadmap to strengthen MLE related work in Chhattisgarh.