

Donate five solar lamps and bring brightness into five poor families in a village in Bihar

Supply of electricity to the towns and villages is erratic and available for few hours. There are still villages where electricity has not reached. And in the villages having electric connections, power comes only for a few hours in a day and sometimes it doesn't come for days together. People are forced to use oil/ Kerosene lamps. Solar power can supply them electricity at night thus reducing dependence on kerosene or oil. The lamp shall not only light their homes, but it can charge mobiles. Balajee plans to identify the poorest people from a village and supply them with solar lanterns. We are planning to target 2000 poor and needy families to distribute solar lamps in FY 2017-18. The people will be given demonstration in using the product and taught how to maintain them.

Balajee Sewa Sansthan is distributing the solar lamp among poor families/widow women/poor school going students free of cost. They charge them in sunlight and they can use this throughout the year. 1450 lamps have been distributed in the last financial year.

Story -1. Lighting hut of a poor Schedule Tribal old widow women

A poor landless old widow lady named Akli Devi living in a interior tribal and naxal affected area in village Simtari, Kajra of Surajgarha block of lakhisarai district Bihar has living alone in a hut of bushes and woods. She is seasonal labourer in paddy season and have some goat.

Electricity Power supply to this village is not available due to hilly and naxal affected area.

She was depending kerosene lantern or lamp burning edible oil is the only option in time of cooking. Kerosene too is not easily available. It was becoming more challenging at the night to save the hut from fire of open kerosene lamp. She has no toilets and using open defecation.

Balajee supplied a solar lamp to the akli devi as well as other poor family of village who is not capable to invest even Rs.500 to purchase such types of lamp, which easily goes for 5-6 hours on one charge. Balajee Team provided the awareness about this solar lamp to the villagers. Balajee Sewa Sansthan is making people aware on how to use this solar lamp and what its benefits are. We also explain to them how the lamp can help in studies of children when

electricity is not available and how kerosene lamp can become dangerous for the eyes and for the environment in the long run and how they can save his/her huts and forest from the fire.

Before the arrival of solar lamp, the old lady cooked their food in early evenings and retired for bed early too. Open defecation in night of forest area is other big issue. Now the situation has changed. The glow on the face of old widow lady is good to watch. She is too happy as she can watch her goats in night or early morning as per their will.



Story -2. Lighting life of poor girls students of living in a villages of Bihar

Sunita Kumari, Daughter of Gulam Dhobi a fourteen years old school going students of a poor family. Her father and mother doing cloth washing job in village, so they have limited household income. She is living in kaccha house made from local soil, bamboo and bushes in Ramnagar village of Reega block of Sitmadhi district of Bihar. She has two younger sister age of 6 & 8 years old studying in local primary school. Power supply is erratic and coming for few hours in a day or late night.

In evenings when the family needs that for cooking, studying etc. Kerosene lantern or lamp burning edible oil is the only option in such circumstances. Kerosene too is not easily available. It was becoming more challenging for the Sunita to complete school work. Due to disturbance of electricity supply many times she earned poor marks in school and become mentally disappointed. While she is talented and laborious student in her class.

Balajee supplied a solar lamp to the family, which easily goes for 5-6 hours on one charge. Balajee Team provided the awareness about this solar lamp to the students in local primary and middle school. Balajee Sewa Sansthan is making people aware on how to use this solar lamp and what its benefits are. We also explain to them how the lamp can help in studies of children when electricity is not available and how kerosene lamp can become dangerous for the environment and for the eyes in the long run.

Before the arrival of solar lamp, the family cooked their food in early evenings and retired for bed early too. Children suffered more as they had to study in dim light of lantern lamp. Now the situation has changed. Now Sunita earned high marks in each exam and awarded best students of her class. The glow on the face of Sunita's mother is good to watch. Sunita and other children too are happy as the can study in night or early morning as per their will. Some times they are easily done group study with his/her friends.

