

PROGRESS OF WARDHA SCHEME

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Bihar

A training centre with sixty students and eight teachers has been started in the Training School, Patna, for a 'six months' emergency training course, and a compact area has been selected for experiment in the Bettiah thana of the Champaran District, where 50 Basic Schools will be started from March 1939.

Orissa

A Basic Education Committee consisting of both official and non-official members has been appointed by the Government, with Sjt. Gopabandhu as chairman, to take the necessary steps for the introduction of Basic Education in the province. Eight workers have been selected by the Government and sent to Wardha to be trained as training school teachers and supervisors. One of the party is Smt. Annapurna Chowdhuri, the daughter of Sjt. Gopabandhu Chowdhuri.

A training school with one year's course will be opened in April 1939, and Basic Schools will be opened in April 1940 in a selected compact area.

C. P.

160 pupil teachers are receiving a further training of two months in the training school while the school-building and equipment is being got ready for starting Vidya Mandirs. It is hoped that one hundred schools will be ready by the end of December, and will start work with the new year.

A committee consisting of C. P. educational officers and local members of the Hindustani Talimi-Sangh has been formed by the Government to guide the work of the training school.

Madras

The Government has deputed three trained teachers, including the headmaster of a training school, to undergo two months' training in Wardha. The secretary is meeting the Education Minister on Nov. 5th and 6th, to discuss further details regarding the introduction of Basic Education in the province.

A private training school with forty students has been organised at Masulipatam attached to the Andhra Jatiya Kalasala and is doing very good work.

Bombay

The Education Minister has accepted the plan submitted by the secretary for the introduction of Basic Education in the three linguistic provinces of Maharashtra, Karnatak and Gujarat and is sending the Education Secretary Sjt. Gandhi to Wardha towards the end of November to discuss further details.

Kashmir State

A short reorganisation course organised for all teachers and inspectors to acquaint them with

the principles of the Wardha Scheme has been successfully completed, and a training school has been opened to train teachers according to the Wardha Scheme of Education.

Mysore State

A Wardha Education Committee has been formed. The secretary has been invited to preside over the first conference and open the first experimental school on November 2nd, and 3rd.

TRAINING IN PALM-JAGGERY

Under the auspices of the A. I. V. I. A., the class for imparting training in palm-jaggery making has been started for the current season from 1st November 1938, at Segaoon, near Wardha. The course is for a month. Tapping is not included in it. Only the process of gur making is taught. The students have to do practical work for about 7 hours a day. Theory is taught for an hour daily, for acquainting the students with the various aspects of the industry, including its botany, chemistry, commerce, history, economics etc. The students must be strong enough to stand the rigour of the practical work. A fee of Rs. 5 is charged per student. The boarding charges will be about Rs. 8 and Re. 1 for lodging. A deposit of Rs. 15 is required to cover the said expenses and of Rs. 10 for ensuring return journey expenses. The class will be closed on 31st March 1939. Intending candidates should apply for admission to the Secretary, Training School Committee, A. I. V. I. A., Maganvadi, Wardha (C. P.), and should not proceed before obtaining a permission in writing.

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