

## Awareness and understanding water and sanitation – events with Tribal children of KISS, Kiit University

On the 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 we organized two events in KISS (Kalinga Institute of Social sciences) to commemorate Children’s day and reiterate the theme of Swachh Bharat – better sanitation practices, part of our project (KSRRM CCS, supported by UNICEF.) The events were a **“Painting”** competition and a **“Complete the Story”** Competition. The event was attended by about 300 children, with 155 participating in the “Complete the Story” Competition and 96 in the “Painting” Competition.



Wash related pictures of a tube well, clean filtered drinking water, a toilet, and hand washing with soap along with a picture of a family of four was provided to base a story on the above pictures. Wash was the theme of the painting competition also.



The children were provided with water colours, a brush and art paper. At the end of the event certificates of participation were

distributed to all the students along with biscuits.

### The purpose of the event was

- To generate awareness among children on Wash.
- To develop a research paper on the behavioral changes found in children from low income groups, and tribal ethnicity living in an institution, on Wash in comparison to a control sample.



- To spread the activities of the CCS.

The events saw a very enthusiastic response from the children. The answer sheets are being currently



evaluated by the CCS and KSRM team and children will be given prizes (1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) for both the events. The prizes will be distributed at Sangati, an event being organized by KSRM with its objective, “Market based Solutions for Water and Sanitation”.

Different research techniques like Projective research techniques will be used as it is often found useful where abstract situations are to be assessed and the sub conscious thinking on practices of water and sanitation can be assessed. This will be particularly useful, to understand the behavioural changes of students from poor sanitation areas living in an institutional set up with enforced practices. The quantum of behavioral changes will help advocate for effective IEC with rural and tribal communities. Conventional Quantitative research techniques will also be used to help us measure the different variables.