



LITERACYINDIA

Education With A Purpose



Message From The Trustees

The new year 2004 has started with spurt of activities for Literacy India . An important decision taken by the trustees is to double the school strength from 92 to over 175 children and the admission process is still on. Add to this the Remedial Open School Program which caters to over 100 children we have now reached a strength close to 300. Through generous donations from Mr. Prabhat Agarwal CEO Parsec Technologies a new class in Porta cabin and with furniture and fixtures donated by M/s ITNT Ltd. We are ready for the new school year. We are grateful to our donors who have made this possible.

Activities

Trip To Agra

A Trip to Agra was where our 27 children accompanied by the teachers from Literacy India's Karigari Project was arranged. This was a memorable trip as it covered history , education and sight seeing. For most of the children it was first ever visit to Agra and the visit to Taj Mahal was the highlight. The students had numerous questions and with the help from local guide the history and culture of the Mughal era unfolded in their far-reaching journey.



Republic Day Celebration

Republic Day was celebrated with joy and vigour at the school premises. The flag hoisting was followed by a brief address on our National history and freedom struggle. . Over 130 children participated in the celebration.



Sports Day



Literacy India celebrated its annual sports day on February 7, 2004 at Rotary Public School grounds. The event was sponsored courtesy American Express with prizes and a sumptuous meal for our children. Over 125 children participated in various events and races. All together a fun-filled afternoon for the kids.



Annual Day Celebrations





Annual day celebrations was held at School premises. The Chief Guest was Mr. Marc Van Heyningen , Managing Director Fluor Daniel . Over 170 children were present and out of which 38 children presented various dresses on the stage. It was indeed an enjoyable morning. The teachers, not to be left behind, presented a scintillating fashion show. The Chief Guest opted to speak in Hindi for the benefit of all present and his brief address was applauded by all .



Read Progame

About 74 children under going this basic reading skill programme, completed their verbal course lasting three months. Seeing their potential Literacy India has absorbed over 65 children in its regular School curriculum.



School Strength

It is a matter of great pride that the School strength has increased considerably and has risen to 345 from the present years' 93. Admissions are still on for admitting 10-15 students. We have also added one more class i.e. 6th standard.

New Class Room.

To accommodate the increased student strength we have initiated step to have a class room in a Porta cabin. The entire cost of Rs. 1.65 lac has been generously donated by Mr. Prabhat Agarwal , CEO Parsec Technologies. We are extremely grateful for this invaluable donation. From a broader perspective this contribution will avail imparting literacy to an additional 50 children year after year.

Furniture and Fixtures

We are fortunate in receiving donations in form of furniture and fixtures for the school premises from M/s ITNT Ltd., New Delhi. We are indeed grateful to this company for their generosity.

Workshops

During this period several workshops were held for theatre and story telling. A new cast is drawn up for the presentation of ' Humari Kahani' in SriRam Centre on 18th April 2004.

Volunteering

We are very encouraged to see that Corporate Employee Volunteering is catching on. During this period employee groups from FEEL of Fluor Daniel and Balarpur Industries Limited (BILT) have pledged their time and support for the children during their summer vacation.

Learning Centre At Daultabad



The experiment initiated early in this year has met with great success. 20 girls have completed the 7 months training in cutting and tailoring and they received certificates from Chairman of Board of Trustees Air Marshal D. Keelor . We are encouraging these girls to pursue their vocation either as job or start their own





small enterprise from their homes. A fresh batch of 40 Students has been inducted and their training has started



New Vocational Courses

Looking at the employment potential, Literacy India introduced two vocational Courses, as follows :

- 1) House Keeping : This class 12 students are imparted the basics of housekeeping to prepare them for a job in Hospitality industry. Radisson Hotel Group, New Delhi has been supporting this initiative and has provided some course material for which we are grateful to them . Hotel visits to Ashoka Country Resort and Hotel Sidhartha , New Delhi were arranged for the students.
- 2) Computer Education: A batch of 7 students enrolled and they are being provided with computer basic operation course.

Visitors

We had the following Visitors :-

- 1) Mr. Prabhat Agarwal , CEO Parsec Technologies.
- 2) Mr. Marc Van Heyningen , Managing Director Fluor Daniel.
- 3) Dr. Manmohan Choudhari , Scientist
- 4) Capt. Rachna Dhingra and Capt. Iqbal Dhingra , Pilots with Indian Airlines Ltd.
- 5) Ms. PriyaVishwanathan, Charities Aid Foundation .

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