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From the Secretary's Desk

Year's first quarter Literacy India started with an event on Jan 26th '05. Though on Republic day constitution was written but Indian women specially from the village yet to come up and have their own identity. Project Karigari have trained over 200 women in tailoring /stitching in villages like Sarai, Bajgera, Daultabad & Isapur khera. Daulatabad village had larger number of pass outs, therefore it was time for them to form a self help group and start their own livelihood ventures. Group had been named **Indha** which means support to carry weight over their head in other word these women go out as an empowered individual to take more responsibilities. Indha has also become a brand name for their products. **Indha** was launched on Jan 26th '05. This year we will be moving with the double energy and strategy towards the progress of the under served women i.e. not only to educate them but also to empower and make them self sufficient. April saw a starting of batch of Women enrollment in Adult Education. They are the mothers of many children coming to Vidyapeeth.

Activities & Events

VILLAGE FESTIVITY ON Jan. 26th

There were songs, folk dances and skits. Food stalls serving traditional snack food was popular. The women sold their wares under the **Indha** brand. The general attitude of the women folks on the whole village was **WE CAN DO IT.**



Sporting Delight

Vidyapeeth, a non-formal primary school held its Annual Sports Day on Feb. 06th. Events like 100 mtr Races, high jumps and games were organized for the children who thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the winners took away prizes to their proud parents. There were some budding athletes in the making!



Sir Chottu Ram's Birth Day Celebration

Literacy India's children staged a skit in the Sir Chottu Ram Bhawan . L I Children and Women had been invited to give a program in Birth Day celebration of Haryana`s freedom fighter Sir Chottu Ram on 13th Feb 2005 at Sir Chottu Ram Bhawan in Gurgaon. The Chief Guest Prof. Raj Singh Dhankhar , Vice Chancellor of Maharshi Dayanand University , Rohtak applauded the colorful performance given by the children .



VIDYAPEETH's FIFTH ANNUAL DAY

On 27th Feb 2005 our Vidyapeeth School celebrated its 5th Annual Day . Air Marshal Nadkarni was the Chief Guest and needless to say our beneficiaries look upon such personalities as role models. This time L I included the children from the basic literacy program (Evening batch) to perform song and dance items . This function made these children more enthusiastic towards the school . Fun learning methods always works on human brain. Mrs. Nadkarni who also attended the function along with her husband appreciated the talent of the young ones. She understood the pulse of these children as she herself is a social worker. Air Marshall Nadkarni`s speech in Hindi did impress the audience.

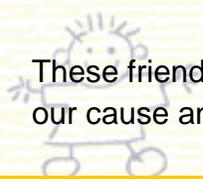
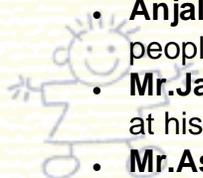
Month of March

opened with an event of Donor Meet organized by Charities Aid Foundation India in SHRI RAM SCHOOL on 06TH March. Our children famous for their theatrical skills , staged a play . Their performance was praised by the donors. Children also participated in Painting competition and our Village women exhibited their products in a stall. Ms Abha Adams of Shri Ram School and Mr. Praveen Agarwal of Coca Cola India were among the honored guests. All in all it was a great outing and fun for our beneficiaries and the children came home with lot of certificates.

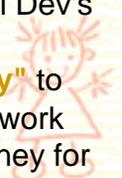
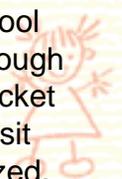
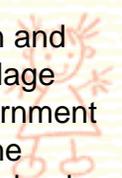


APRIL `S MAJOR EVENTS

On April 10th Jagrukta Program was carried out in Village Isapur Khera & Chauma. This was an attempt on our ongoing effort to bring awareness on two specific issues - Importance of Girl Child & Women in community and Importance of education. Village Isapur Khera has a population of 1500 where women are working in the houses as well as in the fields. Their desire to educate themselves and learn new skills is suppressed by the men folks. L I is running a Tailoring Center in Village Isapur Khera and to make these women aware of these classes and to attend them more seriously we organized these street plays under our **Project Jagrukta** . Through this medium we interact



with the community at large to touch their conscience, propagating gender equality and importance of education and after the program counseling session was conducted. Village Chauma has our Vidyapeeth Center and a Primary Government School, yet children loiter about the alleys and lanes of the village. This event was an attempt to woo them back to school. End of May will have another one of these programs. L I for the last few years had been trying to raise money for the school land by organizing various fund raisers, none was big enough as the one held on April 16th `05. Mr.Kapil Dev Indian cricket Icon, an active committee member took the initiative to visit FREMONT CA, USA where a Charity Dinner was organized. Kapil Dev's Autobiography "Straight From the Heart" was presented to each donor who attended the function. Kapil Dev's speech punctuated with humor was well received by the audience. He appealed to all to commit to **"a dollar a day"** to support LI's Projects. Many people in US volunteered to work for LI. Vigorous efforts are already underway to raise money for the school land. A special mention to Viren Rana who single handedly marshaled the efforts of like minded persons to setup a group Friends for Literacy India in USA .



Our Special Thanks to our well wishers in USA

- **Vimaljit Singh Kohli, Atul Solanki, Rakesh Sadhwani** who also along with the **Mr.Viren Rana** gave their valuable time in organizing and coordinating the event on April 16th .
- **Anjalee & Sushil Jhangiani** for coming up with early morning fund raiser event on 17th April bringing people together to BAT WITH KAPIL DEV.
- **Mr.Jatinder Wadhwa Chairman of Oakland University, Chicago** for organising like minded donors at his residence urging them to support LI.
- **Mr.Ashok Marwah** in Pitts Burgh also organized a dinner meet for a local support. He himself generously contributed for the school land fund.

These friends who selflessly came forward to contribute their time in giving Literacy India a thrust to serve our cause and to help & raise funds for the school building in future from USA.

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