

## Newsletter Highlights

- Independence Day
- Child Scape Saket launch
- Computer Lab Inauguration
- CHAKDE INDIA
- Indha at Saras Mela 2007

## Donors Of The Quarter

- KPMG
- Teleperformance
- Harish Kathpal
- CAF
- Right Choice Services Pvt. Ltd.
- District Red Cross Society
- Youth Reach
- PVR Nest
- Calibre
- Ashok Marwah
- Marc Van Heyningen
- Sam Mcgoun
- Raj P Gupta
- Reeta Brendamour

## Visitors Of The Quarter

- GOOGLE, India.
- Dell, India
- Microsoft
- Mr. Harish Kathpal with his Family
- Response Net Team
- Aid Gurgaon Team
- Team of Perna from IIT Delhi
- Harry Anthony Williams GE Money
- Ankita
- Sovan Mandal
- Niti Acharya
- Chaitalli Roy
- Harish Kathpal Kathpal Foundation USA
- Mini Shastri
- Nisha Singh Google India
- Sumesh Pansari

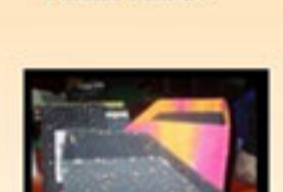
## New Indha Gifts for Diwali



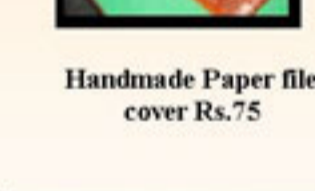
Embroidered Elephant Frame Rs.350



Embroidered Horse Frame Rs.350



Handmade Paper file cover Rs.75



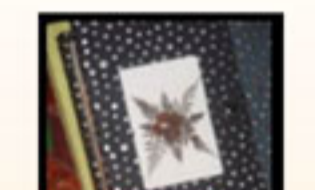
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Window Diary with Slip Box Rs.300



Telephone Index Rs.200



Asha Bag Rs.375



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## Our Current Status

- Center Bajgera Vidyapeeth Project Vidyapeeth Beneficiaries 375
- Project Pthshala Beneficiaries 170
- Project Karigari Beneficiaries 70
- Project Health Center Beneficiaries Variable 50 - 100
- Center Sarai Alawardi Project Karigari Beneficiaries 40
- Center Bharthal Project Karigari Beneficiaries 40
- Project Pathshala Beneficiaries 80
- Center Saket Project Pathshala Beneficiaries 40

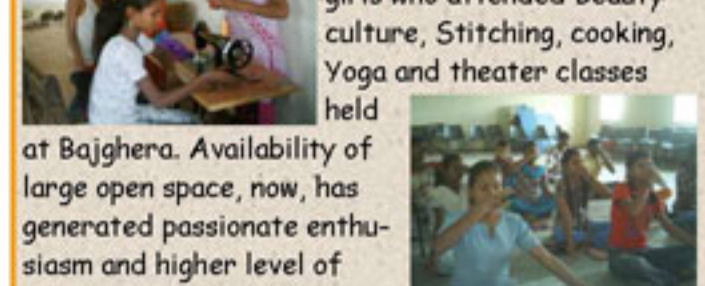
## From the Founder's Desk

One of the major concerns that I and our teaching staff had while shifting to the new school building at Bajghera was children dropping out because of the somewhat distant location. Our fears, however, proved to be unfounded. After the summer break, we have had a steady stream of children, both old and new, joining across various projects. I am pleasantly heartened to record that, on date, we have 375 children in Vidyapeeth. Student strength in Pathshala project has gone up to 175 and Karigari project has over 70 beneficiaries enrolled at village Bajghera.

Our predominant concern, presently, is the maximum utilization of the infrastructure facilities at Bajghera and raising funds to meet operational costs for the projects and maintenance/upkeep of the building. Teleperformance continues to provide funds sufficient to support about 230 children's education... We have partnered with PVR nest for the street children's program in Saket and the group has renewed co-sponsorship of Pathshala Project. We thank Youth Reach for organizing funds for the running of Health Center for another year. I express my gratitude to Dell India for donating funds for a 7.5 KVA DG set. The set has, since been installed. I wish to place on record my sincere thanks for our first ever donation from the Govt with the help of DC, Gurgaon, Mr. Rakesh Gupta who has charmed whole of Gurgaon with his dynamism and is also well known as an able administrator with result orientation. His contribution & support to Literacy India has made us better appreciate the functioning of the Govt. authorities.

## Events

Summer break and the intense May-June heat did not dampen the spirits of a large number of boys and girls who attended Beauty culture, Stitching, cooking, Yoga and theater classes held at Bajghera. Availability of large open space, now, has generated passionate enthusiasm and higher level of participation in games and competitions by boys and girls from all the projects of LI.

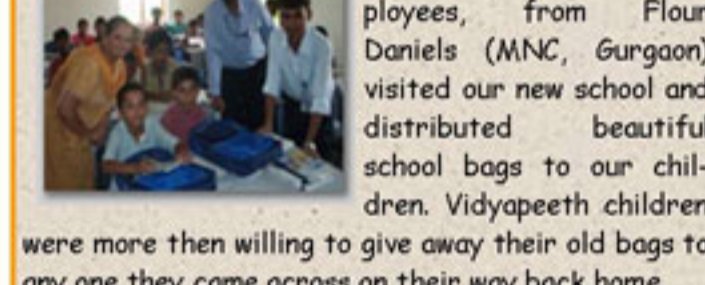


• Donation of a Maruti Van by KPMG, a well known management consultancy firm was a literal boon and solved numerous transportation problems for the teachers, staff and the children.

• Mr. Sam Vice, President Marketing Of American Express, Singapore, visited Vidyapeeth and theme based Drawing Competition was organized for the Children. Children were all thrilled to show off their creativity to GORA SAHEB.

July has been buzzing with Real Action. George flew down all the way from Teleperformance, Philippines to meet the children of Vidyapeeth. He seemed thrilled to see COTW badge on Student's School Uniform. Teleperformance is sponsoring a large number of student's education.

Our Good old Friends - FEEL, a group of 40 employees, from Flour Daniels (MNC, Gurgaon) visited our new school and distributed beautiful school bags to our children. Vidyapeeth children were more than willing to give away their old bags to any one they came across on their way back home.



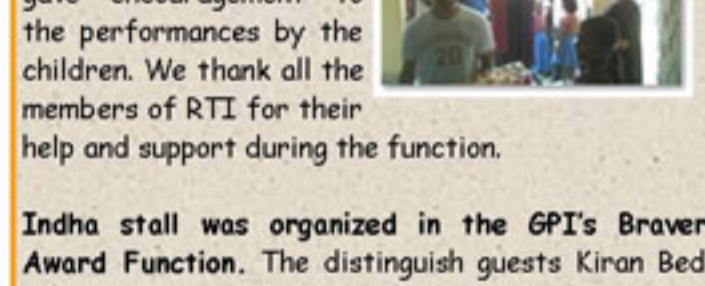
Vidyapeeth children performed skits at the software company ARICENT in Gurgaon on the eve of Independence Day. The topics on which skits were performed were Environment, Unity, Joint Family System, Street Children and Literacy. All the employees appreciated the acting skills of children and gifts were distributed to the children

Happy Independence Day! Independence Day in Vidyapeeth was celebrated with great enthusiasm. The function started with the flag hoisting by the children and National Anthem. A musical show was organized in the conference hall. Children loved the presence of TV and Film personality Mr. Vinod Singh. He danced to the tune of patriotic songs with children along with the volunteers of Teleperformance. We were happy that our partner organization RTI also participated in the function and gave encouragement to the performances by the children. We thank all the members of RTI for their help and support during the function.

Indha stall was organized in the GPI's Bravery Award Function. The distinguish guests Kiran Bedi, Ila Arun and other invitees at the function visited our stall and appreciated the craftsmanship of the Indha women.

Rakhi was celebrated in Vidyapeeth with joy and happiness. Girls tied hand-made Rakhis to their brothers in school.

On 27<sup>th</sup> August computer Lab at Vidyapeeth was inaugurated by the MD of Teleperformance Mr. Sanjay Mehta. The vendors and staff of Teleperformance were present on the occasion. The infrastructure for the lab was donated by the vendors of the company. This fully equipped Lab now has 16 computers and Laser printer. It is also net worked well to be used in all the stations. Children of the Childscapes were exposed to the lab and they were fascinated by the world of Power Paint and Brush software of the windows.



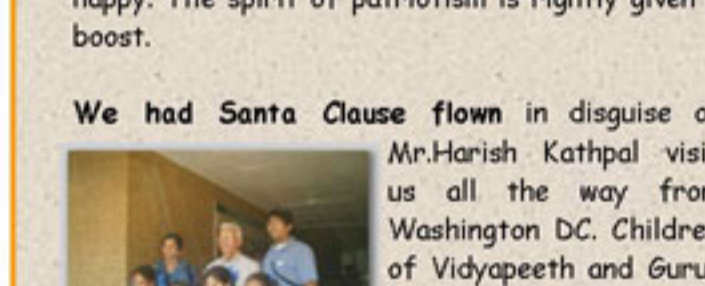
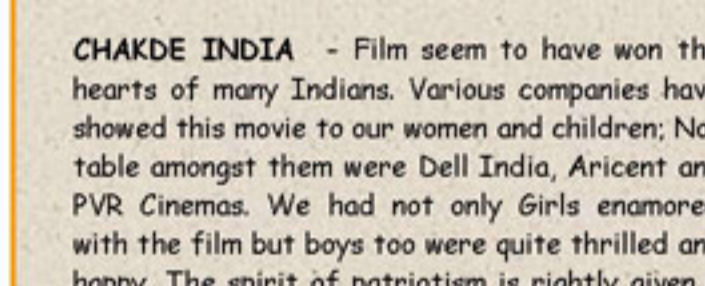
HECTIC SEPTEMBER CHAKDE INDIA - Film seem to have won the hearts of many Indians. Various companies have showed this movie to our women and children; Notable amongst them were Dell India, Aricent and PVR Cinemas. We had not only Girls enamored with the film but boys too were quite thrilled and happy. The spirit of patriotism is rightly given a boost.

We had Santa Clause flown in disguise of Mr. Harish Kathpal visit us all the way from Washington DC. Children of Vidyapeeth and Gurukul Project performed theater and Dance for him and his family.

VOLUNTEER DAY We celebrated this over two days in a row; with Microsoft India on 28<sup>th</sup> with Dell India on 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. Children thoroughly enjoyed the Magic Show organized during this period.

INDHA IN SARAS MELA 2007 in Leisure Valley Gurgaon. This is the first time ever INDHA has participated with craftsmen from all over the country. It was indeed an exciting moment for the Indha Group being a part of such a huge event. This Mela will be on till 15<sup>th</sup> October 2007.

CHILD SCAPE SAKET WAS FORMALLY LAUNCHED ON 25TH SEPT. AT PVR CINEMA SAKET. Ms. Renuka Chowdhury Hon'ble Minister of State Women and Child Development LAUNCHED THE PROGRAM. The Launch function followed by, Street Scapes Award for Excellence was bagged by our workers Sohni Yadav and Raju who led the group of street children. The function ended with screening of the film Chakde India.



## Children's Column



Major Decisions Children of Class VIII appeared for Board Exams through the Haryana Open School, Bhiwani this September. It is a daunting task ahead for LI's teachers to get these children to come out with flying colors in these examinations.

Special Thanks to GE Career counseling classes GE is helping us out every Saturday with Career counseling program for the Youth that mainly involves the overall grooming, spoken English and giving Interviews. They are trying incorporate few of the techniques of Retail Management course, which largely entails customer handling. The youth Wing visited Big Bazaar along with the GE team. Kudos to their effort!

Special Column Renu Lekha a dedicated volunteer came to L I in the month of February 2007. She is not only Msc. gold medallist but also has past experience of working for the underserved children in Don Bosco school project. During the summer vacation she spent time with the children at vidyapeeth in village Bajghera. She has taught cooking, yoga and singing to the children. She has also helped in making the individual Musical record sung by the children. She, indeed, is one of a dedicated social worker who wishes to make a difference in people's life.

Poonam is working with us from last one hand half years. She is one of those teachers who have risen from the community and been trained to be a teacher. She came to Literacy India to learn computer skills under project Karigari. She is currently pursuing her BA correspondence from Delhi University. Her painting and drawing skills made her activity teacher. She is taking activity period from class I to VIII. She is very hard working and dedicated teacher. Children love to spend time with her and she also loves the children. Her creative skill made her very popular amongst children due to her friendly behavior. We appreciate her for her sincerity, helpful attitude and dedication towards her work.

Indha Exhibitions We are grateful to all organizations who permitted us to hold exhibitions in their premises. We acknowledge their cooperation. Their names are :

- DLF Infinity Tower
- Nokia
- Microsoft
- Adobe
- GPI Award Function
- Spring Travels Pvt. Ltd
- Ivory Tower Gurgaon
- Teleperformance
- SARAS Mela
- Dell Gurgaon

Planning for the Next Quarter Next few months will have the First Term examinations of Vidyapeeth students, followed by preparations for the Child Rights Day Function along with fund Raiser and the Christmas celebration. With winters approaching we will be in dire need for the woollens and blankets for our beneficiaries. We are looking for Donors for Vidyapeeth Project which is expected to have over 500 students by March next year. We also need assistance to meet higher costs of transportation on account of higher fuel cost and larger number of children to be ferried. For the Street children there are various worries about children addicted to Glue & Whitener affecting their lungs. The attempts have been made to partner with Drug/Alcohol rehab centers. We are always on the look out for Volunteers who could contribute towards grooming & Spoken English Classes.