

From Founder's Desk

Looking back the last four months each and every person in LI had been pouring with enthusiasm and soul satisfying activities. Children of 2D animation have moved to 3D animation and photography. This has triggered children with newfound creativity which they thought they never had. The donated manual cameras came out with work of art by the kids.

Volunteerism

The last four months we found LI had been able to sensitize people from various strata of society. We were flooded with volunteers from the Corporate houses, Colleges, School and Business schools.

Besides this TALL GIANTS from United States of America Arrived to inaugurate NebSarai street children's center. They were the NBA players and later some of them visited the Vidyapeeth, Bajgera School also.

Teleperformance and Dell India, India have given a lot of opportunities for the children of LI in the form of Library, 2D Animation. Multi Media Lab and finally we will have science students under the school project.



Mr. Michael Dell became a Big Brother of one of our little girl of Vidyapeeth who tied Rakhi to him.

Children from Street children center, Nebsarai and Project Gurukul children along with women from Indha's Paper Unit went to meet our Honorable President Mrs. Pratibha Patil.

The last few months were indeed packed with activities, and I don't want to miss out on the TUPPERWARE's All India Manager's Conference where the MD of the company Ms. Asha Gupta projected LI as their NGO partner by launching the INDHA's colorful Product catalogue.

Buzzing Summer at Village Bajgera Center, Gurgaon.



During the summer holidays, there were constant activities in Vidyapeeth with volunteers from all fields coming in to work with children and teachers.

Amongst the various workshops conducted, there was Theater, Singing, Dancing, Computers, Spoken English as well as a workshop on Value Based Education.

Young volunteers from schools like The Heritage School, Gurgaon and colleges like The Hindu College, Lady Shri Ram College along with foreign students from Canada, Africa and the US came in regularly to Vidyapeeth to work on the dancing, singing, computer and spoken English skills of our children.

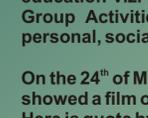


A workshop on value based education was conducted by Acharya Vasudev and he stressed on the six methods of imparting good education viz. Thought of the Day, Silent Sitting, Group Singing, Story Telling, Group Activities, Life Applications. Mr. Vasudev emphasized on improving personal, social and universal values through story telling and Yoga.



On the 24th of May, Dr. G.S Kainth from the Senior Citizens Forum of Palam Vihar visited Vidyapeeth and showed a film on Environment.

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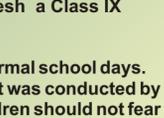
On the 24th of June, our DC Guragon, Mr. Rakesh Gupta along with the Director of Dell, Mr. Vivek Agarwal, inaugurated the Science and Animation Lab. The children of Vidyapeeth thanked them for the Lab and presented a cultural programme in their honour.



On the 30th of June, our boys of Class VIII and IX went to Rotary Public School for a cricket match. The Match was against IIPM College. Himesh a Class IX Student won the title of the Match.

July was Back to School the usual scurry and hurry of normal school days. On 19th July a workshop for teachers was held in Literacy India. It was conducted by Prof Man Mohan Choudhary and the main points of the workshop were that the children should not fear their teachers; teachers should accept the child and guide him/her towards proper development; teachers should not be unreasonably strict; and last but not the least encourage children to learn through the "do it yourself" method.

Viren Rana our committee member decided to celebrate his Son's Aditya's birthday at the school with the Kindergarten children. They all enjoyed their cake and while little took back with him, his little toy gifted by the children.



NBA COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN INDIA



NBA Stars at the ribbon cutting dedication ceremony on July 5th 2008.

E to E Learning Center Education Given Back to the Community In the alleys of New Delhi housed a brand new Learning Center that was officially dedicated to the community by BWB Asia with Literacy India this afternoon. Painted in bright shades of blue and orange were a new technology center, activity room as well as a vocational center that provided training for women in crafts and other skills, all for the aim of creating a community based livelihood enhancement model to achieve reduction in poverty. At the dedication ceremony, speakers including Mrs. Malini Thadani from HSBC, Mrs. Mala Ramadorai from TATA, Capt. Indraani Singh from Literacy India, Kyle Korver and Pat Garrity all agreed that these children who had been pulled out from the slums were real angels, and hoped that they could truly enjoy the facility.

Visit to President House



24th July was a memorable day for our students. Chaman Class VI and Pooja Class IV along with some other children of Pathshala, got a chance to visit The Rashtrapathi Bhawan. They saw the museum there and then gathered in a hall to hear Our Respected President's speech. Smt Pratibha Patil welcomed all the children and emphasized on the education of the Girl Child. The children were also invited to join our President for lunch truly a golden opportunity for the kids.

July 25th 2008



The ladies of INDHA were honoured as they were invited by our Respected President Smt. Pratibha Patil for the launch of ROSHNI a project that aims to make Rashtrapathi Bhawan an eco friendly zone free from plastic bags. Our ladies from the PAPER MAKING UNIT demonstrated how to make bags and other products from waste paper. It was indeed a memorable event for the entire INDHA team.



12 of our Pathshala Project girls have been sponsored for higher studies in Rai University under the Gifted Girl Scholarship Program. Girls have taken up degree courses on Fashion Designing, Interior Decoration and Business Management.

Happy Independence day was celebrated in all the Three Centers of Bajgera, Bijwasan and Saket.



The first half of August went by preparing for Independence Day. Vidyapeeth's children put in their best efforts for the celebration. Our Chief Guest for Independence Day was Dr. G S Kainth and the children greeted him. After the welcome, there was a flag hoisting ceremony and then the children put up a cultural programme in the hall. The first item was the school prayer, followed by a speech by Rahul Kumar a class IX student. The other items included a dance.

Indha Catalogue Launch by Tupperware

Tupperware's Launch of INDHA COLORFUL CATALOGUE OF PRODUCTS

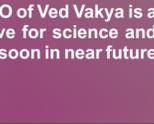


A special vote of thanks goes out to Ms. Asha Gupta for sponsoring the brochure for our products and for promoting our sales at the Tupperware Conference in Agra. Tupperware had a huge 2 Day all India Manager's conference where our Success story Sushma who is now an instructor with Maruti driving school with the help of LI stole the



August Ended with Mr. Bali giving a presentation on Mars in space. Mr. Bali, CEO of Ved Vakya is a ex-school teacher and avid lover of Physics. He believes in building in children love for science and application based learning. We look forward for session for the teachers and students soon in near future in our Dell Science Lab.

2D Animation We have a group of fifteen students who are now full fledged 2D Animation artists. They are working now on the Adobe Premiere to move on to the second level in the Multimedia lab donated by Lab. Due to ongoing power problem being in the village classes to get disrupted yet lot of headway has been made. We wish to take this teaching to our Street children Center Children teaching other children is what we are working on.

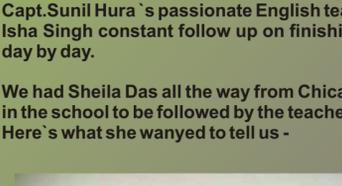


Volunteerism

We had many volunteers and making REAL change with the children. Tanvir from Maruti Ltd. made headway with the High school Maths teaching with the weak students.

Capt. Sunil Hura's passionate English teaching made children think in English Voila!! Isha Singh constant follow up on finishing Class IX Class X syllabi is making our children confident day by day.

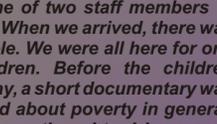
We had Sheila Das all the way from Chicago, USA. Her technique of teaching is now well documented in the school to be followed by the teacher, A GIRL!! Here's what she wanted to tell us -



I had a wonderful experience on Friday, August 8, when I went with Literacy India as one of two staff members to American Express in Gurgaon. When we arrived, there was an audience of about 300 people. We were all here for one reason: Literacy India's children. Before the children performed their outstanding play, a short documentary was shown about Literacy India and about poverty in general. The powerful film triggered many thoughts. I have seen many international fundraisers trying to get sympathy for the poor who are on the other side of the world. However, it moved me to see this kind of film shown to upper and middle class people of India's very own citizens. I think many of us have a tendency to become "immune" to the poverty right outside our doors

and therefore I see a need for advocacy for supporting the poor. Projecting the problem through a film helps present the problem as a reality. The film implied that it was our responsibility to help the underprivileged. It helped take away the misconception that many people have of blaming the poor for their own poverty. I think we should all try to make a difference.

Following the documentary, the kids performed the play which I found fantastic. Although my comprehension level of Hindi is fairly low, it amazed me to see the kids performing so expressively. It was evident that they were enthusiastic about performing and it made me so happy to see the kids having a boost of self-confidence in themselves. It is remarkable to give these children, who were once so impoverished, the opportunity to walk in a five-star building, not as floor-cleaners, but as stars of the day.



Its their **Craft**
Its their **Voice**
Its their **Livelihood**
Its women **Empowerment**

Exhibitions
The last three months have been very busy for the ladies at INDHA. They were busy completing orders for Bombay Stores, OMO etc. besides preparing for exhibitions at various corporates. The papermaking unit has taken off well and our paper products are getting a good response from the market. We would like to thank all the corporates who have helped support and promote INDHA viz. TUPPERWARE, PRICE WATER HOUSE COOPERS, AMERICAN EXPRESS, UTV etc.

Welcome
We would like to welcome Ms. Smriti Verma, who has brought in a wave of fresh energy we are very happy to have her join the INDHA FAMILY.