



Manthan SVK

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The holistic education program, DJJS



Bearing the fruit of acknowledgment, this recent opening of new Manthan-SVK has earned Award to Rotractors {SGGSCC, DU} who have been honoured with the best Community Project Award by their club.

New SVK in Delhi Shines with a Jubilant Start

The new Manthan-Sampoorn Vikas Kendra (SVK) that was inaugurated at Patel Nagar, Delhi in April 2014, commenced on a high-spirited note, with Early Childhood Education (ECE) classes for pre-primary and first, second, and third standard students. Designed with an amalgam of educational content for pre-nursery, LKG and UKG students (ECE), the approach of Focused Learning is being followed initially to strengthen the basic concepts of students and develop their core educational foundation.

The opening of a new centre was, undoubtedly, the fruit of hard work and dedicated efforts put in by the dynamic volunteers of Manthan. This endeavour earned laurels to the team from teachers as well as parents of the students.

This centre smiles with the innocence of children who are enthusiastic to travel this journey and aim high in their life.



Parents' Teacher Meet

A Parents' Teacher Meet was held recently at this centre. Teachers discussed the progress of students with their parents and also sensitized them on the issue of gender equality. Parents highly appreciated the meet as this was the first time they were counseled on child related issues.

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Health Checkup Camps at Manthan-SVKs

Stepping forth with its commitment towards children's health, Manthan organized health checkup camps at different SVKs.

In a significant partnership with OneSight India Foundation, Manthan-SVK organized an eye checkup camp at Shakurpur centre, New Delhi on 15th May 2014. Held for Shakurpur SVK students and its community people, the camp was dedicatedly supported by experienced and dynamic volunteers from both the organizations.

Over 250 patients, including children and community helpers, were screened by a highly qualified Optometrist, along with an Optician. 93 patients were found to be in need of eyeglasses that were hand delivered to them by OneSight India Foundation, in a separate event hosted by Manthan-SVK.

Lauding the efforts of Manthan team, OneSight India Foundation, in their Letter of Support, stated, "The Management of Manthan including all the volunteers and staff was really supportive and helpful in organizing the eye camp. They are doing a great selfless job. Devoting their valuable time to the under privileged sector of the society and that too with a parental concern is too hard to find in the social sectors."

Similarly, a health checkup camp was organized at Manthan-SVK in Gurgaon, Haryana, with the support of an expert Physician. Around 75 attendees including Manthan students and their siblings were the beneficiaries of this camp.

In the health checkup camps at Vikaspuri SVK and Badli SVK, 39 and 37 students, were screened, respectively.



World Day Against Child Labour: A Drive to Sensitize Masses

Manthan's aim to teach under-privileged children of the society is accompanied by its vision to upgrade the level of local communities by sensitizing them on various social issues.

Exhibiting their staunch commitment, Manthan-SVKs at Shakurpur, Mangolpuri, Vikaspuri, and Badli in Delhi set-off for a sensitization drive to eradicate child labour, on account of the World Day Against Child Labour on June 12, 2014.

Representing the dire need to eradicate child labour, students made collages to express their views. Teachers also acquainted them with various laws in this regard.

The drive continued on June 14 at Shakurpur centre where students performed a street play on the relevant theme. Community people were also familiarized with the need to combat this issue, by teachers.





Manthan Initiates Financial Assistance in Education Program

Having broadened its scope, Manthan now embarks on a new initiative to elevate the academic level of those children who are not the direct beneficiaries of Manthan-SVKs. The parents can't afford their education as they live below the poverty line (BPL) stratum of our society.

The recent collaboration between Manthan and Women's Empowerment International Foundation (WEIF) marked the beginning of this remarkable initiative in Bihar, India. WEIF would fund the education of ten children who want to pursue X, XII, Graduation, and Vocational Courses for the year 2014-15, which may be extended further depending on their progress. Among the ten children, there are four students who will be supported for their school fees as they belong to play school, LKG and third standard respectively.

Manthan also strives to enhance the academic skills of ten of its SVK teachers in three centers of Bihar. All the enrollments for children and teachers would be made in Nalanda Open University, Saharsa, Bihar and SIYA-ITI College, Saharsa, Bihar, for the year 2014-15.

Contribution Appeal: This joint initiative perceives of a major transformation in the life of disadvantaged families whose poor social and economic conditions hamper their progress. Your support is solicited to make these families work and become self sustainable. Give it a thought, you can help them earn livelihood and live a dignified life. For details, kindly visit – www.djjs.org/manthan.

Community Initiative Program and Village Improvement Project underway in Bihar

Keeping social transformation at the forefront, along with its unique educational initiatives, Manthan joined hands with Women's Empowerment International Foundation (WEIF) to undertake a Community Initiative Program in Bihar.

This happened recently when Mrs. Nargis Jamal, the Founder of WEIF, visited a Manthan-SVK in Bihar and praised the endeavour of Divya Jyoti Jagrati Sansthan (DJJS), in introducing such a holistic education program for underprivileged children. She offered a joint collaboration with Manthan to introduce and fund a Community Initiative Program in the state. This initiative encompasses the educational support to four centers of Bihar (Villages - Padampur, Dhanoja, Gaya and Parsoni) and the enhancement of teachers' skills, who would be enrolled at Rishi Valley Institute for Educational Resources (RIVER), Madanapalle, Andhra Pradesh. This will enrich their knowledge base and capability to teach students more effectively.



Manthan SVK, Bihar



Ms. Nargis Jamal at Manthan SVK

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WEIF will also administer, support and supervise the course of action entailing the purchase of buildings, construction of schools, their registration etc., to make Manthan-SVKs full-fledged registered schools in due time.

In another momentous beginning, DJJS, under its Rural Development initiative, again collaborated with WEIF to undertake an ambitious Village Improvement Project in the state.

This joint venture is directed towards elevating the condition of four flood-affected villages, namely Dhanoja, Sukhasan, Lokahi, and Parsoni, located in Saharsa and Supaul districts of Bihar. Focused on the training of village women, this project will provide sustainable living to their families whose members work on their own lands or some of them might be landless labourers. As a pilot project, 30 women have been selected from each village and therefore, 120 women will be the beneficiaries of this project.

It is important to mention that Manthan schools are also setup in these chosen villages. So, this would serve as an extra advantage for the overall community development project of DJJS.

WEIF would also provide agricultural support for the provision of good quality seeds, organic fertilizers, bio pesticides etc. Secondly, bore wells in villages contain contaminated water that is high in iron content. WEIF would facilitate digging new bore wells up to 400-600 feet (as per need), offering clean drinking water. Such meticulous tasks would be undertaken in consultation with Krishi Vibhag Kendra (KVK), Saharsa, Bihar that will provide technical assistance and monitor this entire process.

Women from the families of landless labourers would be given vocational training to make soaps, detergents, papads, noodles etc. This target is set to make these families economically sound.



Summer Camps at SVKs Gladden Manthanites

Not only school students bask in pleasurable moments during their vacation, but they also find an opportunity to explore their areas of interest and indulge in wide-ranging recreational activities.

Such an idea triggered the Manthan team to organize five days Summer Camp for students across all its centres in Delhi, Punjab, and Haryana.

The activities throughout the camp were backed by the concept of Infotainment i.e. Information combined with Entertainment. Every day had a unique theme, Day 1 - Creativity with a Cause (supporting Antardrishti program of DJJS), Day 2 - Khelkhel me Vigyan (Learning science in fun way), Day 3 - Aao Sanskrit Padhe (learning Sanskrit), Day 4 - Gyanpaheli (Riddle), and Day 5 - Fun day (Games), wherein students not only enjoyed, but also put on their thinking caps to answer the questions posed to them.

Students rocked with an active spirit that was apparent from their enthusiastic participation and so was the delight among teachers who also mingled with joyful students.

While the camp has successfully concluded at all the centres in Punjab and Haryana, it is still underway at some locations in Delhi and is slated to conclude in July 2014.



Your sponsorship brings them joy

We earnestly take this opportunity to offer our deepest thanks to all the sponsors whose contribution made it possible for under-privileged children to discover their academic potential. Full of joy, pleasure, and hope, these children are the proud Manthanites today.



Your contribution their smile

Your contribution rekindles the hope and desire among students to discover their latent abilities and cultivate a passion to learn more and more.

So, go ahead, support this noble cause by sponsoring a student with the donation of Rs. 7200 for one year. You can also make small donations that would be used in stationery, leisure trips, parents' counseling etc.

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