



A quarterly newsletter of

# Shanti Sahyog



DEDICATED TO TRUTH NONVIOLENCE &amp; SERVICE



In 2004, the Community Service Wing of Shanti Sahyog was started by adopting Sudhar Camp, a slum in Kalkaji, New Delhi. Today, however, our coverage areas include the following 15 slums in South Delhi: Govindpuri & Govindpuri Ext., Navjeevan Camp, Nehru Camp, JJ Camp, Transit Camp, Manav Kalyan Camp, Sarvodaya Camp, Bhumiheen Camp, Tara Apartments, Balmukund Khand, Tilak Khand, Rampuri, Subhash Khand, Tuglakabad & Kalkaji DDA Flats. Shanti Sahyog is currently running the following projects for the underprivileged:

- Education for Urban Slums
  - Children given quality education
  - Pre-school Education
  - Adult Education
  - Health Care
  - Non-Formal Education
  - Free Medical / Eye / Mammography Camps
  - Vocational Centre/ Training
  - Cutting & Tailoring Program
  - Computer Program
  - Legal Aid / Counseling
  - Delivering Govt. Social Welfare Schemes
  - Extra Curricular Activities
  - Gandhi Clubs in School
  - Gender Resource Centre
- Stree Shakti Suvidha Kendra  
Mission Convergence, Govt. of NCT of Delhi

*"The most important part of education is proper training in the nursery."* Plato

*"If we are to teach real peace in this world, and if we are to carry on a real war against war, we shall have to begin with the children."* Mahatma Gandhi

## SCHOOL RESULTS 2010-11 Shanti Sahyog Achievers

### DEEPALAYA SCHOOL

Anjali Std VI B - 63%	Sangeeta Std V B - 65%	Seema Std IV B - 89%	Gauri Std IV A - 76%	Neelam Std IV A - 76%	Sarika Std IV A - 73%	Malti Std IV A - 54%	Nida Khan Std III B - 68%
Arjun Std III B - 60%	Subhashini Std III A - 59%	Kajal Std III B - 58%	Jaiti Std II A - 88%	Rahul	Malher	Sonam	Arvind
S. Kunal	Deepak	Saurav Std I C - 69%	Aman Std I B - 68%	Karuna Std I C - 65%	Sneha Std I B - 65%	Shaheen Std I C - 65%	Sandhya Std I B - 61%

### SANATAN DHARAM VIDYA BHAWAN

Rishi Tiwari Std V A - 62%	Aakash Std III B - 82%	Karnail Singh UKG - 92.2%	Ankit Std IV B - 77%	Deepa Mistry Std II B - 72%	Manpreet Kaur Std II B - 99%	Shweta Std I A - 82%	Prem Mehto Std IV B - 69%	Neha Sorari Jr. Nur A - 97%

### SHANTI SAHYOG PLAY/PRE SCHOOL

			UKG GRADE-A					
Tara	Rahul	Anu				Karan	Ciyan	Amit
Rachana	Nikhil	Om Parihar	Kajal	Rajina	Ranjana	Kamal		

## LKG – GRADE A



Chhaya      Aarti      Jai Ganesh      Arman      Deepak      Amit      Amit B      Himanshi      Suraj      Sharda      Dhanlaxmi      Pooja



Sweetie      Durga      Aarti      Tanu

## PRE NURSERY A & B GRADE A



Krishna      Anshu      Rahul      Pradeesh



Tavish      Vishnu      Sahil      Durvesh



Nandini      Komal



Tamanna      Ritu      Sushma      Shruti

## PLAY/PRE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

25<sup>th</sup> January 2011

### Republic Day Celebrations:

Republic Day was celebrated with great gusto and enthusiasm by the students and teachers.



*Play/Pre School children line up for celebrating Republic Day*

25<sup>th</sup> January 2011

Our Sr. Vice President, Mrs. N Rishi, was invited by Lt. Col. Maher's Little Angles School on their Annual Day as a Chief Guest.



5<sup>th</sup> February 2011

## PICNIC



*Play/Pre School children having a gala time !*

## 8<sup>th</sup> April 2011, Protest against Corruption



*Shanti Sahyog Team protesting against corruption & supporting Anna Hazare at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi*





## Profile of Shanti Sahyog

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## From The Editor's Desk

As Shanti Sahyog completes 7 years of community service, it calls for introspection and deliberation. The past 7 years have been very hectic. It has been a great learning process for us all as we have struggled to achieve targets, meet deadlines and attain goals. Shanti Sahyog has delivered and built its credibility in a fairly short span of time. Our focus has been on **holistic development** which includes inter alia, health, education, employment, awareness, rehab and women empowerment.

We believe that the greatest stepping stone for a slum child is quality education. They are sent to good schools such as Deepalaya, Sanatan Dharam, Kalka Public School, S. K. Convent and Shanti Sahyog Play/Pre School. The children have performed well not only in academics but also in extra curricular activities – a matter of great pride for us! This standard of education is achieved by the combined efforts of the School and private tuition and coaching provided by us.

As I take a reflective pause, I want to congratulate each and every member of our Shanti Sahyog Team to have developed the capability of working successfully with minimum guidance. We all have become co-partners in our vision of helping the underprivileged, needy and deprived. Service has become a priority over salary. The very fact that starting in 2004 with the adoption of 1 slum, Sudhar Camp in Kalkaji, our community development projects today encompass 15 slums in South Delhi speaks volumes for our integrity, dedication and service. This is a very

heartening sign for a Gandhian NGO. Excellent team work and commitment of are Staff has helped our Health Center, Play/Pre School & Gender Resource Center make a mark. This emboldens us to expand our work from slums into villages.

Our integration with the community work with is best symbolized in relating the following anecdote: When a visitor to our Play/Pre School asked Tamanna - one of our pre-school students - her name, she answered, "Tamanna...Shanti Sahyog!!" Her answer reveals the level of empathy and identification with and reliance that the community now has on Shanti Sahyog.

A very **special thanks** is due to our **Sr. Vice President, Mrs N. Rishi**, who retired as Sr. General Manager from the India Today Group. It is due to her good will that we have culled support from the corporate world. She brings to the table enormous positive energy, experience, wisdom and work ethics. She is surely our friend, philosopher and guide !!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our supporters:

Corporates - **ansal API, JK Group & Canon**  
PSU's - **ONGC, SAIL, EIL, PDIL, IFCI**  
Last but not the least individuals – NRIs, Foreigners and Indian Nationals.

As we enter our 8<sup>th</sup> year of service to the community, let us once again pledge to further evermore the Gandhian vision of *satya, ahimsa, seva* – truth, nonviolence, service!

**Dr Suman Khanna Aggarwal**



## Stree Shakti Samajik Suvidha Kendra

1418, D/13 Govindpuri, Kalkaji, New Delhi

Estd. 1st September, 2010



Chief Functionary

Dr Suman Khanna Aggarwal

## GRC Staff at Work - Capable...Committed...Dedicated...



Kamlesh Prasad  
Project Coordinator



Ritu Sapra  
Project Officer



Dinesh Shahni  
Help Desk Counsellor



Kiran Sharma  
Tailoring Instructor



Rukhsana Khan  
Computer Instructor



Kanchan  
Non-Formal Education Teacher



Sarita, Mobilizer



Anand Kishor, Mobilizer



Poonam, Mobilizer



## SHANTI SAHYOG GRC - SK ACTIVITIES ACHIEVING AMBITIOUS TARGETS

Since 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010 Shanti Sahyog has been selected to run a Gender Resource Centre – *Stree Shakti Suvidha Kendra* under Mission Convergence, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.

### Vocational Training

#### 1. Computer Program

The main objective of the Computer Program is to teach MS-Office, Access & Internet. Every six months 50 girl students are trained divided into three batches. At the end of the six month course, the students have to pass an exam which is conducted in affiliation with *Jan Shiksha Sansthan (JSS)* Patel Nagar Computer Institute, which awards them Certificates. Most of our students passed with an A Grade. Rukhsana Khan is a very competent and efficient Instructor.



3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011: Computer Exam at Shanti Sahyog – GRC Centre

#### 2. Cutting & Tailoring

The chief aim of this Program is to teach the following course:

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Month - Baby Garments including Baby Frocks;
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Month- Lady & Gents Garments;
- 6<sup>th</sup> Month - Project Work: Theory & Drafting File.



3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011: Tailoring Exam at Shanti Sahyog – GRC Centre

As in the computer programme 50 girl students are divided into three batches and trained in a six months course after which they have to pass an exam which is conducted by *Stree Shakti Samajik Suvidha Kendra*, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, which awards them Certificates. Most of our students are A graders. Mrs Kiran Sharma is a very experienced and committed instructor.

### Non Formal Education:

#### Objectives:

- Functional Literacy for Women
- Bringing School Dropouts from regular schools, open schools, etc into the Mainstream
- Remedial Education for poor school-going children

Our Target Groups are young girls over 16 years of age and underprivileged women who have never attended school or are dropouts, non-school going children and regular poor school children who have no access to private tuition. 50 beneficiaries are targeted every 6 months. Study materials are provided to the women and children free of cost so they can afford to come to our Centre. There is a lot of interest in our programmes. Shanti Sahyog has achieved the target in both the Vocational Training Programmes as well as in Non Formal Education.

#### 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011 Health Camp

The main aim of this camp is to provide medical treatment to the community by not only a general physician but also by the following specialists: T.B., eye, dentist, oncologist, gynaecologist and paediatrician. Shanti Sahyog mobilizers,



Health Camp

go from door to door to muster the slum dwellers living in 15 slums in our catchment area for the Health Camps. This camp is organized once in two months.

### 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011 OPD Camp:

The main objective of this camp is to provide regular health care facilities to the community. This camp is organized at our GRC office in Govindpuri, Kalkaji, New Delhi. A large number of slum dwellers come to our OPD Camp especially for gynaecological problems. Medicines are given free. This camp is organized twice in a month.



9<sup>th</sup> March 2011: Group Discussion with Girls from the slums on: 'Adolescent Problems'

Shanti Sahyog GRC also provides information regarding Govt. Social Welfare Schemes like: widow pension *yojna*, old age pension *yojna*, *ladli yojna*, widow's daughter marriage *yojna* etc. We give detailed information regarding these schemes and provide them contact numbers and addresses of the centres from where they can get the benefit.

### Rashtriya Swasthaya Bima Yojna - RSBY card enrolment camp:

The Delhi Govt. relaunched RSBY, under which, medical insurance is provided to the underprivileged at a nominal cost of Rs. 30/- which covers 5 members of a family for Rs. 30,000/- each for one year. Shanti Sahyog Gender Resource Centre Team has made 983 RSBY Cards from Dec 2010 to Feb 2011, at different locations in their catchment areas. The oldest person to enrol for a RSBY Card is 119 years old Mohammad Ahmad r/o Navjeevan Camp!!



### 30<sup>th</sup> April 2011 Nutrition Camp:

This monthly camp is organized in the community itself for different age groups and categories - pregnant women, lactating mothers,

elderly women, adolescent girls etc. Our nutrition expert demonstrates how to make different types of nutritious dishes, explaining their nutritional value to the women and young girls.

### 9<sup>th</sup> April 2011: Legal Awareness Camp:

This camp also includes counselling. It is organized six times in a month and held in the community, where our advocate gives legal advice to women. Counselling Sessions on legal issues are also held in our GRC office. We also help to write applications for the women when needed.



Shanti Sahyog GRC Team at work 119 years old Mohd. Ahmad & his RSBY card!!

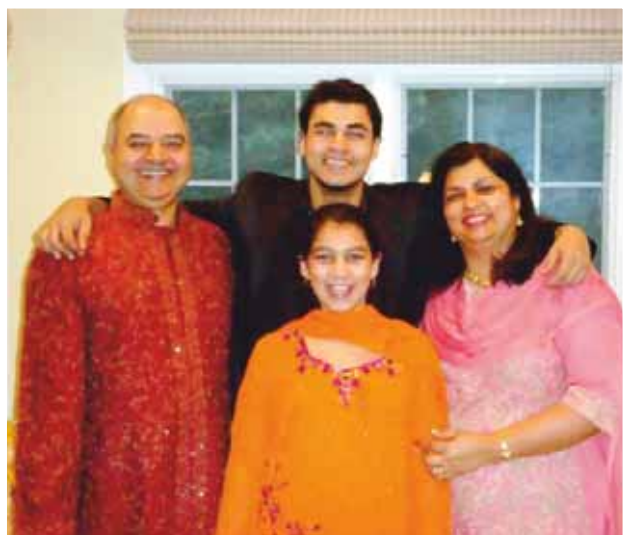
### Our Mobilizers: Backbone of our GRC Centre

Our mobilizers play a vital role in the successful implementation of our GRC Schemes. They go from door to door in the hot summer sun, in the rainy season and in the biting winter cold, visiting every home in our catchment areas, conveying information about our schemes, collecting details of every family member and encouraging them to come to our GRC Centre and avail the benefits offered by the Govt. to those living below the poverty line.



Three cheers for Ananad Kishor, Poonam and Sarita!!

# Acknowledgements



*Our heartfelt gratitude to Sangeeta & Ranbir (Paul) Jaggi for sharing their company profits with Shanti Sahyog by sponsoring the education of 10 slum children in 2008 and increased the number to 20 in 2010. They not only have great business acumen but also have large generous hearts as exhibited in their charity work.*

Sangeeta & Ranbir (Paul) Jaggi who met and got married in 1989 live in Sudbury, Massachusetts, USA. Their 20 year old son Angad is studying business in the University of Richmond in VA and their 13 year old daughter is in 7th grade at the Fay School.

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Paul Jaggi, a B.Sc from Delhi University, has an Executive MBA degree from St. Joseph's College Bangalore. He came to USA in 1985 to join his brother in the restaurant business. It speaks volumes for his entrepreneurial skills that he built the business to a small chain of 5 family owned restaurants.

Sangeeta Jaggi did her B.Com Honours from Jesus and Mary College, Delhi University. She came to USA in 1987 along with her parents and brother. Between 1989 and 1991 she worked and helped Paul with the family business part time.

In 1991 Sangeeta & Paul started an ethnic frozen food company called Ethnic Gourmet Foods, which focused on all natural food industry. The company grew to be the second largest player in the place and in 2001 they sold the company to Heinz and also ran the company for Heinz till 2004. In 2005, they started a new company named Rass Corporation which develops & distributes ethnic products for American grocery chains.

In Feb 2011, in addition to running Rass Corporation Sangeeta and Paul have acquired an ethnic food distribution company called The Exotic Foods. They currently work together to run Rass Corporation and The Exotic Foods out of their office/warehouse in Milford MA.

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