



Shanti Sahyog

Newsletter



Dedicated to Service of the Underprivileged

“Service which is rendered without joy helps neither the servant nor the served. But all other pleasures and possessions pale into nothingness before service which is rendered in a spirit of joy.”

Mahatma Gandhi

On 16 January 2016

The 22nd Shanti Sahyog Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held at Shanti Sahyog Multi Functional Centre, Govindpuri, New Delhi. As is our tradition, the AGM was preceded by a cultural program comprising of skits and songs presented by our kinder-garden and senior students. After the cultural program the President/Chair, Dr Suman Khanna Aggarwal, called the Meeting to order. Welcoming the Members, she introduced our new General Secretary – Mrs Suman Chopra who presented the Annual Report for 2015-16, interspersed with first hand accounts of the beneficiaries of our Projects in Education, Health, Skill Development and Women Empowerment. Their sharings were greatly appreciated by our Members who got an insight into the work being done. The President discussed the future plans of the Society with the Members who gave valuable inputs. Thereafter gifts were distributed to our students and beneficiaries. Our Life Member, Gaurav Gupta, who is also President, Lions Club International, District 321-A1 had brought Pictorial and General Knowledge books and drawing sheets for our students. Sr Vice President, Mrs N Rishi proposed the vote of thanks after which the Meeting was adjourned by the President. Refreshment was provided by Vedant Kanoi, Co-founder Food Cloud.

On 29 December 2015

Shanti Sahyog participated in Airtel Delhi Half Marathon

to raise funds for our Education Project for Slum Children



Our Projects

➤ Education for Urban Slums

- Play/Pre School
- Primary & Secondary
- Nonformal & Remedial
- Adult

➤ Health Centre, Kalkaji

- Free Medicines
- Free Eye & Cancer Camps - Mammography / Cervical / Oral

➤ Gender Resource Centre, Kalkaji

- Vocational Training
- Cutting & Tailoring Program
- Computer Program
- Legal Aid / Counseling
- Advocacy & Awareness
- OPD, Health & Nutrition Camps
- Delivering Govt. Social Welfare Schemes
- Awaaz Uthao Women Campaign

➤ Multi-Functional Centre, Govindpuri

- Dental Centre
- Nursery
- Computer Application
- Skill Development & Placement:
 - Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY)
 - National Digital Literacy Mission (NDLM)
- Beauty Culture Training
- Nursing Assistants Training

➤ Gandhi Clubs in Schools

➤ Centre for Peace & Conflict Resolution

We work in 17 Delhi slums (Kalkaji-Govindpuri Area)



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Readers,

On behalf of Shanti Sahyog, sincere thanks to:

Australian High Commission for a Direct Aid Program (DAP) Grant in December 2015 to upgrade our Computer Centre with 20 Desktop Computers, 4 Laptops & 1 Printer.

This Grant will enable us to provide more students with Computer Skills with a view to help them get, jobs in Computer Operations – such as Data Entry Operator, Customer Care Executive, Computer Operator, Office Assistant, Technical Assistant, Storekeeper, Office Coordinator, Help Desk, Receptionist. This will empower them by providing sustainable livelihood leading to economic independence. Special attention will be paid to include school drop outs with a minimum qualification of Class VIII in our Computer Training which is a pre-requisite today for any job and a help in career growth.

Canara Bank – Nehru Place Branch for their donation of 15 Sewing Machines in November 2015 to Underprivileged Women in our Cutting & Tailoring Centre. The goal is to encourage these women to start up their own small businesses to supplement the family income, empowering them with confidence and economic independence. We were honoured to have **Mr Avatar Singh, MLA, Kalkaji**, to distribute the machines on 6 November 2015. **(A special thanks for their help to Dushyant Dash, Sr Manager & Anita Relan, Officer for Women, Priority Credit Cell, Canara Bank)**



Indian Council of Human Relations (Chairperson, Aruna Abhay Oswal) for donating 150 sweaters to our Pre School students on **5 November 2015** at India International Centre, New Delhi.



Projects & Development India Ltd for their continued support for Education Sponsorship of 13 Underprivileged Children from 2011 to date.

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ROTARY CLUB DELHI CAMA PLACE CHARITABLE TRUST & SINGER for collaborating with Shanti Sahyog to set up a Skill Development Tailoring Project for Underprivileged Women.

The MOU was signed on **1 February 2016** by Poonam Joshi, President, Rotary Club and Dr. Suman Khanna Aggarwal, President, Shanti Sahyog. The Centre was **formally inaugurated** by **Julio Sorjus, Director, Rotary International, 1998-2000**, on 18 February 2016, in the presence of Rotarians **D G Sudhir Mangla, ADG Abha Jha Choudhary, Poonam & Rajnish Joshi, Vivek Jain, Bhaskar Chaterjee, Parool Trehan, Ashi & Neeraj Kapur, Kavita & Rajnish Virmani and Vinay Mittal.** Darshana - CSR Officer and Alpana Sarna - Asst G M (HR) **Singer India Ltd, Shanti Sahyog Staff and 30 Beneficiaries** of the First Tailoring Course were also present.



Besides the above organizations, a special salute to **Sangeeta & Paul Jaggi, living in the US, for their generosity in Sponsorship the Education of 20 Underprivileged Children from 2008 to date!**

With a touch of nostalgia, I inform my Readers, that this is the last issue of our periodic Newsletter, as our Executive Board has decided to make our Annual Report very comprehensive so as to include Shanti Sahyog News updates – which were so far contained in our periodic Newsletters.

Wishing you all Happy Reading & Revitalizing Summer Holidays!

Suman Khanna Aggarwal, PhD

Deepalaya School (DS); Sanatan Dharam Vidya Bh Indal Memorial Public School – IMP

**CBSE
Board
Exam
Std X**



Ankit Prasad
Std X 88% (DS)



Sangeeta
Std X 66% (DS)



Ravi Sahani
Std X 66% (DS)

**Above
80%**

**Above
90%**



Parveen
Std III-B 98.86% (SDVB)



Neha Sorari
Std IV-A 92.2% (SDVB)



Manpreet Kaur
Std VIII 91.77% (DS)



Kirti Prajapati
Std I-B 90.46% (SDVB)

**Above
70%**

**Above
70%**



Nitish Sharma
Std V 70.78% (DS)



Sandeep Verma
Std V-A 70.68% (DS)



Jaiti
Std VII-A 70.22% (DS)



Naina
Std III 69.51% (DS)



Shivam
Std III-B 69.46% (SDVB)



Gunjan
Std IV 67%

**Above
60%**



Rachana
Std V-B 63.03% (DS)



Amit
Std V 63% (DS)



Kishan
Std IV 62.25% (DS)



Malher
Std VII 61.73% (DS)



Kamal
Std V 60.58% (DS)

**Congra
A**

Shanti Sahyog Gender Resource Centre (GRC) Adult Education Program

has helped 150 illiterate women get education till date: 78 of whom have passed their exams: 40 qualified the Basic Level; 6 passed Level 3; 5 passed Level 5; 26 passed Level 8 and one student - Nazma Praveen – passed Level 10 with 60% marks from National Open University. This is a great achievement for Nazma, who has not had the opportunity of formal schooling. Illiteracy is a major hurdle in the reach and success of any social development program. Illiterate women are often easy targets for exploitation. It is a great challenge for Shanti Sahyog to motivate women and girls to come out and study as they fear becoming the laughing stock in their families and community. However we have succeeded in making our beneficiaries understand the value and benefits of education.



Nazma Praveen

ool Results 2015-16



awan (SDVB); Gyan Mandir Public School (GMPS);
S; Shyama Prasad Vidyalaya (SPV)



Sahil Rawat
Std I-A 88.26% (SDVB)



Khushi Kumari
Std II 87.16% (GMPS)



Tarun Singh
Std II-B 86.26% (SDVB)



Anshu Kumari
Std II-A 84.38% (SDVB)



Anurag Prasad
Std VIII 82.07 % (DS)



Tavish
Std IV-B 81.57% (DS)



Rashi Gupta
Std IV-B 77.4% (SDVB)



Geetanshi
Std III 75.08 % (DS)



Rambeer Kumar
Std I 75% (IMPS)



Anand Kumar
Std IV-A 73.6% (SDVB)



Anjali Tiwari
Std I-B 72.33% (SDVB)



Karnail Singh
Std I-B 70.83% (SDVB)



An Sagor
7.3% (SPV)



Ayantika
Std IV 67.57% (DS)



Deepak
Std VI 67.38% (DS)



Nikita
Std III 66.92% (DS)



Bhavisya
Std IV 69.6% (SPV)



Rajat
Std VIII 64.05% (DS)



Vishnu
Std I-B 63.73% (SDVB)

26 Students from our Beauty Culture Course 2015-16 Qualify from Jan Shikshan Sansthan



Left to Right:
Shabnam,
Neelam, Kanchan,
Tabassum,
Sheetal, Nivedita,
Asha, Mrs Jyoti
(Teacher),
Mrs Meenakshi
(Examiner),
Farheen, Neetu
Kunari, Neetu
Shrivastava, Anjali
Jaiswal, Preeti
Kumari,
Rajvinder Kaur,
Julie, Shivani,
Chandrawati &
Chanda

We are deeply indebted to Navy Chief, Admiral Rabinder 'Robin' Dhowan, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, ADC for instituting an **Indian Navy Education Scholarship** for an underprivileged child enrolled with Shanti Sahyog. **The first recipient of this scholarship is Nidhi** - studying in Nursery-A, Shanti Sahyog Play/Pre School, Kalkaji, New Delhi.



Nidhi

Nidhi's Report Card for the School Year 2015-16 says she is an excellent student, who has secured 'Grade-A' in all subjects - English, Hindi, Number Work, Drawing & Pasting, and General Knowledge/Moral Science. When Nidhi finishes school, this scholarship will be given to another child from the slums we work in ...and then anotherand so on. Thus **Admiral Dhowan** has ensured that the **Indian Navy will be doing 'vidyadaan' for ever!** Admiral Dhowan has had a distinguished Naval Career:

An alumnus of National Defence Academy (NDA), Defence Services Staff College, Naval War College, Rhode Island, USA, and Sea Harrier Direction course, UK, Admiral Dhowan was commissioned into the Indian Navy on 1 January 1975 after graduating from NDA, where he was awarded a 'telescope' for 'Best Cadet', and was later awarded the 'Sword of Honour' after his midshipman training. He is a 'Navigation and Direction' specialist; and has commanded the missile corvette INS Khukri, and guided missile destroyers INS Ranjit & INS Delhi. After his elevation to flag rank, he served as Assistant Chief of Naval Staff, in the Integrated HQ (Navy); Commanding Officer - Eastern Fleet; Chief of Staff at HQ, Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam and the Chief Staff Officer (Operations) at Western Naval Command. From 2002 to 2005, he was Naval Adviser, Indian High Commission, London. Later he took charge as Commandant, NDA, Khadakvasla, served as a Deputy Chief of Naval Staff, was appointed Vice Chief of Naval Staff in August 2011 and was **Navy Chief from April 2014 till 31 May 2016**.

Validating the saying that, "Behind every great man, there is a woman who supports him", **Minu Dhowan, the First Lady of the Navy**, has always been besides the Admiral, successfully fulfilling her duties and obligations as his wife. In addition she is a graceful hostess, with excellent culinary skills. As the **President of Navy Wives Welfare Association (NWWA)** she has championed the cause of empowerment of women and launched a series of initiatives across the Navy, for providing a better quality of life for the naval community. She is a philanthropist at heart who works with her team to bring smiles on the faces of people she associates with.



Admiral Dhowan with Mrs Meenu Dhowan presenting a memento to Dr Suman Khanna Aggarwal

On 17 November 2015 Indian Navy celebrated Navy Day with Shanti Sahyog Play/Pre School students at

Rail Museum, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi. Guest of Honor was Sujata Sinha. Our students were treated to Puppet / Music shows & Toy Train Rides which they enjoyed. They were also gifted School Bags, Water Bottles & Geometry Boxes which they were happy to get.



On 8 March 2016 afternoon, Shanti Sahyog GRC organised a **Women Sabha** at DDA Community Center, Kalkaji, New Delhi, to celebrate **International Women's Day** in which about 100 women participated. These included beneficiaries from our catchment areas, Self Help Groups (SHG) Members, GRC Staff, Collective Members and Stake Holders Committee Members. The multiple facilities available at our GRC such as Vocational Training, Non-Formal Education (NFE), OPD, Health & Nutrition Camps, Water & Sanitation Training, Legal Awareness & Counselling and *Awaaz Uthao* Unit for Women Safety have benefitted and empowered hundreds of underprivileged women from the 16 slums we work in. The **Chief Guest was Sunil Kumar, SHO, Govindpuri Police Station, New Delhi** who, in his address to the women, encouraged them to speak out against domestic abuse and sexual harassment. Our Chief Functionary **Dr. Suman Khanna Aggarwal** spoke to the women about the importance of economic independence as a stepping stone to freedom from male domination and subjugation. **Mrs Kamlesh Prasad**, Project Coordinator, GRC, spoke about the importance of the girl child, reciting the following slogans "*Beti bachao, beti padao, apni soch ko age badhao*" and "*Ma chahiye, Biwi chahiye, behan chahiye to beti kyun nahi?*"

Many of the women were facilitated for achieving milestones in their lives in literacy and vocational training. For instance, Hazara Khatoon, who was illiterate when she started attending our NFE classes and has now passed several exams and is able to help her children with their homework. Her short speech in English was greatly applauded! And also **Anuradha** who topped in our skill development program. The Event ended with refreshments and the beneficiaries filling the format sent by District Resource Center which can be submitted whenever required.



On 17 December 2015 Outing for Shanti Sahyog Play School Govindpuri Children with their Teachers Naima & Muskaan



At Doll's Museum, New Delhi

At Children Park, India Gate, New Delhi



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