



Shanti Sahyog

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" Democracy: When People lead and Governments follow."

Mahatma Gandhi



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

Shanti Sahyog Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on 21st December 2011 in our Health Centre premises. The meeting commenced with an impressive cultural performance by our school children which was greatly appreciated by our Members. The Annual Activities Report & the Financial Report for the year 2011 highlighted the significant strides made and targets successfully achieved during the year by:

- Shanti Sahyog Play/Pre School
- Health Centre &
- Gender Resource Centre (GRC)

The GRC has been granted an extension for another year by Govt. of NCT of Delhi. Some of the young girls trained in GRC Vocational Trades - Computer & Tailoring - narrated their success stories. The President outlined the future objectives of the Society for 2012:

- Plan to adopt two villages on the outskirts of Delhi for providing Education, Health Care, Sanitation (Toilet facilities) & Vocational Training for Women to make them self-reliant
- Expansion of Computer Training Centre
- Setting up of Old Age Home & Working Women's Hostel

Interaction with our Members was very fruitful. They made suggestions for expanding our activities and enthusiastically offered support in raising funds for our varied Community Development Projects, getting more sponsors for the education of slum children and also making new dynamic members. The meeting ended on a very cordial note.



Clockwise performance by our Play/Pre-school & our older students from Deepalaya School

Acknowledgements

Shanti Sahyog thanks EIL for providing the Swaraj Mazda School Bus & Five Computer Systems (HCL) under their CSR Initiatives



Sh. L N Gupta, Director (Govt. Nominee on EIL Board), Sh A K Purwar, Independent Director, Sh. U N Bose, Director and Sh. A K Purwaha, C&MD flagged off the 24-seater school bus on 22nd December 2011 from EIL Bhawan, Bikaji Cama Place, in presence of all the functional Directors and senior officials from EIL & Shanti Sahyog Office Bearers.



*Shanti Sahyog children
NOW GO TO SCHOOL
IN THEIR VERY OWN
SCHOOL BUS!*

“ *Shanti Sahyog thanks General S & Mrs Promilla Mohindra for donating furniture to our Play/Pre School*



We thank the following for their donations:

- Furman University USA
- Students of Furman University USA
- Progressive India Women's Club, Greenville USA (Courtesy Dr. Veena Khandke)

Visitors at Shanti Sahyog in 2011

On 3rd September, Rajiv and Supriya Kapoor came to our Play/Pre School bringing snack boxes, sweaters and tricycles for the children to celebrate their son Rajit's birthday.

On Diwali, members of the 'Art of Living Group' visited our Play School children and distributed gifts to them.



On 30th October, eighteen graduate students along with two Furman University Professors - **Dr. Veena Khandke** and **Dr. Kate Kaup** spent an entire day at Shanti Sahyog, interacting with our Play/Pre School, GRC Centre and visiting slums in Govindpuri. This was their third visit as part of their **Furman India Study Away Program**. Their continual interaction reflects the rapport Shanti Sahyog has established with Furman University.

On 21st November, our NRI Sponsors from USA- **Sangeeta & Paul Jaggi** – came to meet the 20 children whose education they sponsor. They were delighted to meet and interact with the children and brought a lot of gifts for them.

In December, **Roger Hayes** from UK met with Shruti – his sponsored child and **Sarita Nagpal** interacted with our school children and distributed lunch packets to them on the occasion of her husband's first death anniversary.

SHANTI SAHYOG STALL AT LSR COLLEGE DIWALI MELA





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From the Editor's Desk

Dear Readers,

As 2012 dawns on us, a bit of reflection on the year past and a hopeful look at the year ahead. Time magazine declared 'The Protestor' as their 'Person of the Year 2011'. This is a resounding tribute to the rising power of ordinary citizens to catalyse social, political and economic change. This is also in line with *Gandhi's* view of power as popular (belonging to the people), not elitist (government). For our team at Shanti Sahyog, who are active supporters of *Anna Hazare's* anti corruption movement (please refer to our May–August 2011 Newsletter) Time's person of the year resonates deep. As an NGO engaged in the 'business' of bringing about change, we hope to carry this momentum into the year/s ahead as we bring hope and welfare to the most under served and marginalised in our society.

For us at Shanti Sahyog, 2011 saw several highlights. Here are a few:

- Our children will finally travel safely and in comfort to and from their school - *Deepalya* - in their brand new school bus that was generously donated to us by Engineers India Limited.
- We established The Gender Resource Center (GRC) at Govindpuri servicing 15 slums in South Delhi. The range of work spans from non-formal education and vocational training to legal and medical aid and assistance in access to government welfare schemes.
- The GRC also enabled 7,000 slum dwellers to procure Unique Identification Cards (UID). A further 983 people were insured under the *Rashtriya Swasthya Beema Yojna* for the nominal cost of Rs. 30 covering 5 members of a family for upto Rs 30,000 each for 1 year. GRC also started training school drop-outs (mainly boys) in the *Swaran Jayanti Shehri Rojgar Yojna* in the following trades: plumber, electrician, backhoe loader, crane operator, fashion designer, computer literacy.
- 5,000 slum dwellers had access to medical help through our Health Center - thanks to the dedication of our medical specialist - Dr. PC Khanduja.
- Our Play/Pre School completed three years this September and got a long overdue makeover thanks to the Lioness Club, South Delhi (Kalkaji).
- Our Computer Training Center got a much needed boost as Engineers India Limited gave us 12 old and 5 brand new computers.
- Summer of 2011 saw a bevy of volunteers coming for field experience in Shanti Sahyog from different schools and colleges – Summer Fields School - Kailash Colony, DPS R K Puram, Mother's International School - Sri Aurobindo Marg, IIT Delhi, BITS Pilani, and Mata Sundri College. We also had 20 National Service Scheme (NSS) volunteers from Lady Sri Ram College (LSR)
- Our 200 school children are one year closer towards a life free of the poverty their parents have lived through, thanks to the continuous support of our corporate, PSU and individual donors who help us fund their education. For more information on the wide range of our activities, please refer to our Annual Report 2011.

Shanti Sahyog's 'Person of the Year' is shared by two of our most committed and tireless workers who are wholly responsible for the success of our Gender Resource Center: GRC Project Co-ordinator - **Mrs Kamlesh Prasad** and GRC Project Officer - **Ms Ritu Sapra**. Congratulations and thank you to both!

Shanti Sahyog's Donor of the Year is - **Engineers India Limited** - Thank you and we look forward to your continued support!

On behalf of the Shanti Sahyog Team, I wish you all,

HEALTH, HAPPINESS, SUCCESS & PEACE in 2012 !

Dr Suman Khanna Aggarwal

Shanti Sahyog Play/Pre School

Completed three years



Play/Pre School

We are indeed proud to have transformed our Play/Pre School into an inspiration and a source of knowledge to solve societal problems. It is a humble effort where the children are equipped with reading materials. An effort is made to involve manual labour and help classmates and help. The noble vision of the school is to offer us their talent and the hope of tomorrow.



Mrs Anita Sharma, our LKG teacher brings her 12 year long experience of teaching at SK Convent School, Kalkaji, to our Play/Pre School. Her work ethics is commendable.



Mrs Kavita Pradeep, our Nursery 'B' teacher, has been with us since the beginning. Her devotion to her underprivileged students is exemplary and has paid rich dividends.



S. Thilagawathy, Kavita's Mother:
"Shanti Sahyog School mein bachhon ki parahi par bahut dhyani diya jata hai."



Maya, Puja's Mother:
"Shanti Sahyog School ka mein dhanyawad karti hoon – school mei bahut achhi parahi hoti hai."



School, Kalkaji, New Delhi

Started on 1st September 2011

Staff at Work – Doing their very best for the students

It is a privilege to have as our Principal, Mrs Neeru Mehra, formerly teaching at Cambridge School. She is an invaluable asset who has transformed our Day/Pre School into a model School by inculcating discipline in the students and infusing a new positive spirit in the school. She is both a role model to her Staff.

Education is a noble act of sharing one's deep spiritual wisdom with the learner. Wisdom is more than intelligence; it is using one's own experiences to solve the people's problems. Our School aims at uplifting the life of the little angels who come from not so privileged surroundings of our society. This is a noble effort on part of the Management and Staff of the School, who work with a lot of dedication and love to make this School a place where children can learn with fun and can develop their personalities and potential. The School provides a clean and friendly playing space, a well-equipped library, a computer room, recreational and creative activities like painting, indoor games, art & craft, and music classes to polish their growing skills.

We aim to run the School on *Gandhi's* educational method as embodied in his '*Nai Talim*'. This entails that the students learn the dignity of manual labor and service as a way of life. As such, the little ones are taught to dust their desks and chairs and clean up after eating and to be kind to their peers and respectful to their teachers.

The School has attracted a number of school and college going energetic youth who volunteer to teach here. They are a great help as they bring their own skills and help us in making our activities more interesting and meaningful for our little children. Our children are the **promise of today and the hope of tomorrow.**



Ms Deepti, our Nursery 'A' teacher, gives her all to managing the 3 year olds in her care.





Health Camps at Nehru Camp & Tuglakabad Extension, New Delhi

➤ Health Camps

Health Camps are held in Govindpuri and its catchment areas. The slum dwellers have free access to an Eye specialist, Gynaecologist, Paediatrician, a T.B. Specialist and an Oncologist. The Health Camps were held on **23rd Sept. & 26th Nov. 2011**



Camp at Shanti Sahyog GRC, SK Center

➤ OPD Camps

OPD Camps are organized twice a month at our GRC office in Govindpuri, so that slum dwellers have free access to medical specialists and medicines. The patients are treated with utmost compassion by a team of Doctors. The OPD Camp were held on **5th & 19th Sept. 3rd & 17th Oct., 9th & 21st Nov., 5th & 19th Dec. 2011**

➤ Nutrition Camps



Nutrition Camps at Transit Camp & Sarvodaya Camp, Govindpuri

Nutrition Camps are organized monthly in the community for different age groups. As Prevention is better than

cure so preventing a disease is less costly than treating a problem. In these camps doctors educate pregnant women, lactating mothers, old women, adolescent girls about their diverse nutritional requirements. The nutritionist prepares different dishes explaining their health component. These Camps were held on **24th Sept., 29th Oct. & 24th Nov. 2011**

➤ Legal Awareness Camps

Women have often been the target of violence, rape & oppression in their domestic and work lives. Legal Awareness Camps are held by GRC periodically in our catchment areas to provide legal advice and help to women facing problems in their domestic life and at work. These were held on **12th, 17th, 28th Sept., 1st, 13th, 22nd Oct., 5th, 19th & 21st Nov., 3rd Dec. 2011**



Legal Awareness Camps at Tuglakabad Extension, DDA Flats, Navjivan Camp, Sudhar Camp & Sarvodaya Camp

**GRC
Shanti Sahyog
organizes Health
Nutrition
Legal Aid-Camp
Camps for
of the
dwellers**

5th Sept. 2011 Teachers Day Celebrations



Legal Counselling

Legal Counselling sessions are held in our GRC Office thrice a month for the benefit of the slum dwellers to safe guard there interest. These camps were held on 9th, 14th, 21st Sept., 12th, 17th & 19th Oct., 2nd, 9th & 16th Nov., 7th & 14th Dec. 2011.



UID/Smart Cards

As per the Delhi Govt. Directive, Shanti Sahyog GRC started issuing UID/Smart Cards from 28th Sept. 2011. So far 5023 UID Cards have been issued by the GRC Staff. Let's give them a big hand for their massive efforts in enduring long queues and rowdy behaviour of the people. Very often police is called to control them.



UID Cards being issued in Gender Resource Center

Swaran Jayanti Shehri Rojgar Yojna

As per a Delhi Govt. Directive, GRC started enrolling school drop-outs (mainly boys) in the Swaran Jayanti Shehri Rojgar Yojna – SJSRY - from 11th Sept for training in the following trades: Plumbing, Electrical Training, Backhoe Loader, Crane Operator, Fashion Designing, Computer and Cutting & Tailoring. Training for the 75 school drop-outs who enrolled under SJSRY started from 1st Nov. 2011.

27th Dec. 2011 - Cancer Awareness Program



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Health, OPD,
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the welfare
of slum
dwellers

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