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# PROGRAMMES AT MEWAT AND IN HARYANA

# Visit of Mrs. Smriti Zubin Irani Hon'ble HRD Minister, Govt. of India to Mewat

On 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014, Mrs. Smriti Zubin Irani Hon'ble HRD Minister, Govt. of India, Mr. Ramvilas Sharma, Hon'ble Education Minister – Haryana accompanied by Mr. T. C. Gupta – Principal Secretary, School Education Dept. Haryana, Mr. Alok Varma – State Project Director (SPD), SSA, Haryana, Mr. Pankaj Agarwal – Director Elementary Education and other dignitaries have graced the concluding event of 'Bal Swachhta Mission' at Mewat Model School, Nuh. On this occasion, SRF Foundation in collaboration with Education Dept. of Haryana presented 13 Stalls on Mewat Rural Education Program (MREP) initiatives. Wasima (11 year old) girl undergoing special training in an MREP program called 'Udaan – Adolescent girl's residential education program' has been chosen as a brand ambassador for Bal Swachhta Abhiyan by Hon'ble HRD minister Mrs. Smriti Zubin Irani.











#### NDTV CoCa- Cola 'Support My School' Campaign Launch: Season 3

On 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014, India's largest multi-partner NDTV Coco - Cola 'Support My School' campaign Season 3 was launched at Mewat Sonkh Govt. School hosted by SRF Foundation. The event aimed to spread the campaign across 1000 schools throughout the country. On this occasion, Mr. Venkatesh Kini – Coco-Cola President – India & South West Asia, Mr. Vikram Chandra – CEO, NDTV and Anushka Sharma – a leading Actress, major Partner CEOs from CAF India, Plan India, World Vision and SRF Foundation along with respective teams have graced the occasion. 50 Scouts and Guides, 1500 students and 50 teachers from MREP schools participated in the event.







### **Launch of Academic Competitions for MREP schools**

SRF Foundation, striving towards education transformation in 47 government schools, targeting nearly 15500 students of Nuh block in Mewat, organizes academic competitions for 400 students on monthly basis. The enthusiasm showed by the participating students provided the event its true meaning while making it a resounding success. The event was graced by the participation of teachers, academicians and government officials of Haryana. All the winners are recognized with gifts and certificates every month. The motive of such events is to encourage the students as well teachers to participate in developing subject competencies among them.







Launch of Swachh Vidyalaya Program

On the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's birhtday central government launched the ambitious Swachh Bharat mission to promote the practice of cleanliness in the country, now the Centre has also decided to take special steps to include school children in the campaign through a 'Bal Swachhta Mission', kicked off on Nov. 14, 2014. Following the same path SRF Foundation started 'Swachh Vidyalay' Program in Mewat's schools to maintain cleanliness, health & hygiene in students and ensure schools maintain these practices on a sustainable basis. Hence 16 Students Committees with a Head boy / Head Girl are formed in each school with a separate dress code. These committees will take up school issues during daily morning assemblies and weekly Bal Sabhas. The 1<sup>st</sup> orientation was organized for 350 student committees on 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2014. The Head Boy / Head Girl will be provided training on monthly basis for enhancing Leadership skills in them.







TT\$ — M\$ Program: Training of Champion Science Trainers, Exposure Visits

SRF Foundation in collaboration with IBM India and State Council for Education and Research (SCERT) Haryana has in the past months of October to December 2014 conducted training of champion science trainers at SCERT to promote science education through activity-based learning. Students from the programme's selected Master Trainer's schools participated and won in a block, District and State level science exhibition and science drama. Champion trainers were supplemented with an exposure visit to National Science Centre, Delhi to widen their perspective on science education.









#### **Rural Youth Sports Competition**

SRF Foundation under its MRVP Program organized Rural Youth Sports Competition on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014 in which teams from 20 villages faced off each other in shooting volleyball games. The objective of the tournament was to create awareness and garner support from the community for the work SRF Foundation is doing in the Govt. schools in 19 villages through MREP Program and the Spoken English and Electrician Training Program part of MRVP Program. The team from F.P. Namak bagged the winning position while Rewasan was the first runner up and Rehna was the second runner up. All the teams played with high sportsmanship, zeal and enthusiasm and showed high motivation and desire to perform their best and win the tournament.









# **CSR Capacity Building Workshops**

# 3rdCSR Workshop

In continuation of series of effort to empower the CSR Champions at the plant locations 3<sup>rd</sup> CSR Capacity Building Workshop was conducted on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 at SRF head office Gurgaon. The purpose of the meeting was to review of CSR plans and actions taken so far at the locations and also to plan and strategize the execution of CSR plans for the rest of the year.

#### CSR Council Meet - Manali & Gwalior

First in the series of CSR Council Meet were organized for the CSR Council Members from SRF Manali, Goomdipoondi and Viralmalai on 20<sup>th</sup> November and for CSR Council Members for SRF Kashipur, Pantnagar, Gwalior and Indore on 22<sup>nd</sup> November at Chennai and Gwalior respectively. The objective of the meet was to provide a brief knowledge of CSR to the Council Members, to learn about the best practices regarding execution of CSR Projects and disseminate the same at all locations.













# **CSR at Plant Locations**

# **SRF Celebrates World AIDS Day**

On 1st December, SRF under the aegis of CSR program organized AIDS Awareness and Diagnostic Camp across all its plant location, not just for its employees but for migrant labor and the people outside its plant and in the schools where SRF has been working in its CSR Projects. With these diagnostic and awareness camps, SRF aims to achieve zero discrimination, zero new HIV infections and zero AIDS related death's inside the plant or villages around the plant.









#### Eye Camp at SRF Bhiwadi

As a part of the community health program, SRF Bhiwadi organized an Eye Camp on  $9^{th}$  December, 2014 in collaboration with SARD and All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi to provide free of cost quality surgery and lens replacement to Cataract patients.

From 40 villages of Tijara Tehsil, 466 patients attended the camp, 360 were screened for eye related problems with over 150 were provided with refraction services and 32 patients were operated upon successfully at AIIMS, New Delhi.





# School Education Program at SRF Pantnagar

A part of Promoting Education, SRF Pantnagar on 28<sup>th</sup> November, launched Scholarship Program in Girls Inter College, Phazilpur Mehroula to promote education in Girls of SC/ST Community. In order to make school environment more conducive for learning, the Quality Check team visited the school to implement TQM/5S in the school and also the classrooms were given a new flooring and whitewash.

# **Electrician Program at SRF Gwalior**

To impart employment skills and provide an opportunity to the unemployed educated or school drop-out youth of Malanpur Industrial Area, SRF Gwalior in collaboration with Galav Rishi Industrial Training Institute started "Basic Electrician Training Program" on 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2014. 30 students have been enrolled in the first batch of the course.



### Joy of Giving Week at SRF Goomdipoondi

When whole country was busy bursting crackers and distributing gifts among friends and relatives, the employees of SRF Goomdipoondi decided to bring smiles to lips of 50 children of Balagurukulam Orphanage by providing gifts such as school bags, notebooks, sports kits, bicycles, new clothes, sweets, crackers etc. worth Rs. 28,552 as per the wish-list of each child.

#### Rural Sports Competition at SRF Manali

In a bid to support Rural Communities through Sports Promotion, SRF Manali organized a mega Sports Camp on 24<sup>th</sup> December for children of all schools in Northern Chennai. The first part of the camp focuses on coaching of participants in Athletics, Volleyball and Cricket from 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 to 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2015.





Spoken English Program at SRF Indore

In order to enhance the employability and boost the confidence of the youth and school children of Pithampur Dist., SRF Inodre started free of cost, three month long Spoken English Classes in Sagore on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2014. At present 115 boys and girls divided into three batches are attending the classes.

### Special Tuition Classes at SRF Viralimalai

For the betterment of performance of students in class 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> board exam respectively, SRF Viralimalai launched free of cost Special Tuition Classes for students of Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Vadugapatti on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 and Govt. Boys Higher Secondary School, Viralimalai Village on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2014. At present 264 girls and 178 boys are being benefitted by the Special Tuition Classes.



School Bus for Girls at Dahej



Non-availability of high schools in village Suva and Jolva leads to the drop-out of many girls after the primary education. To deal with this issue in the surrounding villages near the factory at Dahej, a bus facility has been extended for school children, especially girls, to commute from Suva & Jolva village to Dahej high school located 12 km away. This has improved the regularity and retention of girl students in the high schools as compared to the previous years. This facility will continue, on need basis, in the years to come.

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