



April – June 2015

## 5<sup>th</sup> CSR Champions Workshop

CSR Champions are backbone of our programme execution at plant locations. To build their capacities on CSR planning, execution, and monitoring, Foundation has organised a two-day workshop for them at SRF HO Gurgaon on 10th and 11th June 2015. As this is 5th in series and 1st in the year, the workshop proceedings revolved around programme execution, partnership building at local level, ways and means of promotion of Individual Social Responsibility, and importance of communication etc. A total of nine CSR champions from nine plant locations attended this programme.



## Congratulations Job Getters

In the month of June, 2015, 15 students of JCB operator and 22 of Forklift operator course got job opportunities with various companies in the Manali Industrial Area, Chennai. Our SRF Manali plant collaborating with Ramakrishna Polytechnic College organised this course for unemployed youth spread in and around Manali, Chennai. The average salary of the trained operator is Rs. 10k per month with highest being Rs. 20k. Foundation congratulates each one of them.





## Launch of Support My School Programme in Madhya Pradesh

With the successful implementation of 'Support My School' programme in Mewat, Haryana, Foundation collaborating with Coca Cola and UN Habitat expanded the SMS programme to Gwalior and Bind Districts of Madhya Pradesh. The programme provides quality access to toilets, drinking water, libraries, and sport facilities to 10 schools covering six in Gwalior, two in Bind and two in Mewat. SSA and Education department of Government, Village Panchayat, Teachers and students are partners in this programme.



## Launch of KidSmart Learning Centre at Gwalior

In collaboration with IBM India and Department of Education, Foundation has launched the KidSmart Early Learning Programme at Gwalior. The programme aims to provide 21st century teaching learning process for 3 to 8 years old kids and teachers through technology, reading and crafts corner activities. Dr. Sanjay Goyal, District Collector – Gwalior, inaugurated the programme in presence of programme stakeholders on 16th May. Followed by the inauguration, a special summer camp has been organised for the children by adding the fun games, sports, arts & craft activities to the programme.



## Promotion of Science Education – Teacher Try Science to Middle Schools

Foundation facilitated two days science workshop for DIET faculty from 21 districts of Haryana thrice during April to June under Teacher Try Science to Middle Schools (TTS-MS) programme. During the reporting period, the DIET faculty shared the best teaching practices of their respective districts in a presentation form, along with challenges in the Programme. In May, Foundation facilitated an exposure visit for DIET Faculty, Resource Persons from TSRS and SCERT Science wing to Science hub developed at Jamalpur, Gurgaon for studying innovative ideas developed for promoting science education. In parallel, Foundation nurtured the online collaborations among DIET faculty and teacher community through TTS Website and Science Planet.





## Teach India – Spoken English Programme: Placements

On 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2015, SRF Foundation in collaboration with Times of India completed 14<sup>th</sup> batch of 'Teach India – Spoken English Programme at Mewat'. As a follow-up, Times of India has organized a job fair for the pass-outs of 14<sup>th</sup> batch in New Delhi by inviting 50 companies both Indian and MNCs. From Mewat 30 students opted for the interviews, out of which 24 students got placed with various companies. Some of the noted companies where our students got placement are- Bajaj Capital, KFC, Café Coffee Day (CCD), Mou's Kitchen, and PVR Cinemas etc. Later on 10<sup>th</sup> June, the students Trained during 2014-15 attended the convocation ceremony organized by Tol in Siri Fort Auditorium with Union HRD Minister, Smt. Smriti Irani as the Chief Guest.



## Basic Electrician Training Programme (BETP) – Graduation of 7<sup>th</sup> Batch

Foundation collaborating with Schneider Electrical Company offering four months long Basic Electrician Training Programme for Mewat unemployed youth since 2011. In the process, it has facilitated completion of 7<sup>th</sup> Batch training on 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2015. The 30 trainees of the programme gained hands on experience in the areas of electrical works such as house wiring, motor winding, and electrical appliance repairing etc. Upon completion of the training, each student is fit to work as an independent electrician by opening a shop of his own or work in industries directly or through contractors. By completing the course, some of the students got placement in Claro Energy, and Okaya Batteries. The rest were working on their own as well associated with contract agencies.



## Mewat Welcomes Be! Fund

SRF Foundation welcoming the 'Be! Fund', a not for profit risk capital fund, to Mewat organized an orientation session for some creative and exciting young people who have skills to start a business on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015. The session saw good response from the passionate youth, who expressed various business ideas with enthusiasm. As a result, five business ideas were shortlisted for next stage. Out of which – Cloth Bag Project - was shortlisted for launch with funding.





## CSR Benchmark – Visit of Rane Industries Team

To study the CSR best practices followed at SRF and SRF Foundation, a two member team, Mr. D Viswanathan and Mr. Ganesh, from Rane Industries Chennai made a two day visit to Foundation on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Spending a day on understanding CSR policy, strategy, execution and monitoring mechanisms of SRF, the team made a visit to the field second day. In the field, it has interacted with ground level programme stakeholders and observed the school education and vocational skills programmes in operation.



## Gandhi Fellows Learning Journey to Mewat

As a part of learning process, a team of nine students, who have been pursuing Gandhi Fellowship at Piramal Foundation – Jhunjhunu, made a visit to SRF Foundation programme schools and villages at Mewat in May. The visit observations and interactions with various stakeholders provided enough food for thought for them. Gaining rich programme experience at field, the team offered valuable suggestions to Foundation for improvements in ongoing programmes.



## School Twinning Programme

Foundation initiated School Twinning Programme by connecting rural based Mewat Government Schools with city based The Shri Ram schools for mutual learning in Science, Math & Hindi Subjects, Clay Moulding, Theatre, Best out of Waste, Banking, Quiz and Performing Arts. The programme provides exposure to the students of middle schools in a structured manner over a period of four months during the year 2015-16. The programme also provides a platform for students coming from different backgrounds to share best practices, create camaraderie and positive feel.





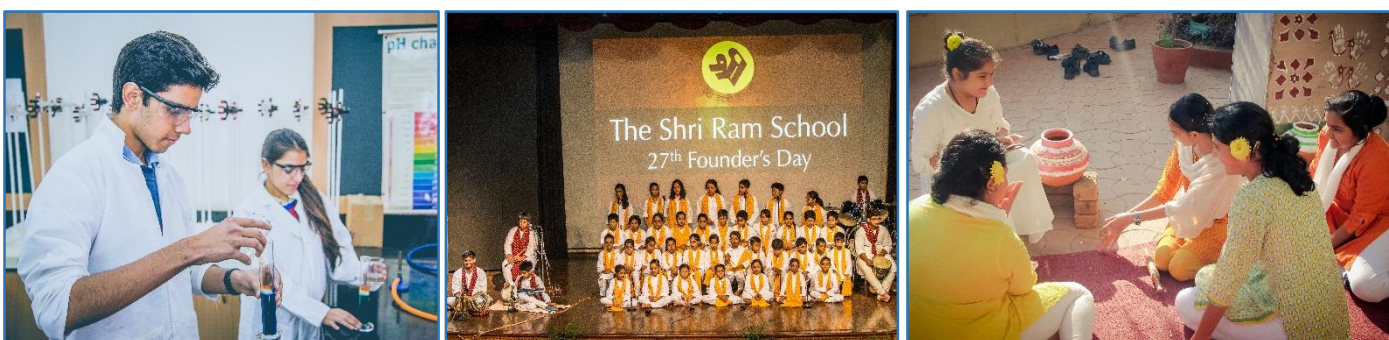
## Education Official Visit to Science Labs at Mewat, Haryana

On 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015, Mr. Manoj Kaushik, SSA - Training Coordinator based at SCERT, Gurgaon visited Mewat Govt. schools to study the Science Labs set up by SRF Foundation. Impressed by the lab set up, displays and materials provided in the Science Labs, he took these Science Labs as the base models to be replicated across all districts of Haryana. Simultaneously he visited the Science education programme operational at GETTI, teacher training institute, in village Firozpur Namak and requested the science faculty to provide support to the teachers working in schools where Science Labs were set up by the Foundation.



## The Shri Ram Schools (TSRS)

With the completion of academic year 2014-15, The Shri Ram Schools once again proved their might by being rated as one of the 'Best Day Schools' in the country in a survey conducted by Education World, a magazine of national repute. As well, in the recently announced results of ISC & ICSE 2015 exams, TSRS Aravali campus attained a school average score of 87.27% and 86.93% respectively. Similarly, the Mousari Campus also managed school average score of 88.58% for ISC 2015 and 87.90% in ICSE 2015 exams. Both the schools have 100% pass rate.



## Enhancing Early Education Programme (3EP)

Enhancing Early Education Programme (3EP) is a six month long experiential, contemporary and specialized nursery teacher training programme. The programme is specially designed to encapsulate the ethos of 'Shri Educator' and aims to spread the Shri Ram Methodology across schools at the foundation level. On 8<sup>th</sup> May, the programme completed its 14<sup>th</sup> batch with 17 candidates. The programme graduates got placements in schools like Pathways, Shalom Hills, Shikshantar, Gems International, Ambience Public School, KunsKapsKolan School, as well as our own Shri Ram Schools.



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