



July-September 2015

## Rural Education Program

### Cluster and block level games at Mewat

Around 700 students from different schools supported by SRF Foundation, participated in Cluster Level Games held on 1, 2 and 4<sup>th</sup> of September at FP Namak. The students further participated in Block level games which was a bigger event was held at Rehna where 800 students from 40 schools spread across the block participated in games and sports such as 100m, 200m race, long jump, high jump, kho-kho, kabaddi and other sports. 2015 was the second edition of the event organised by the SRF Foundation which motivated students, brought them on a single platform to showcase talent and helped them indulge in healthy competition.



### MREP School is an example for AMCHAM

On 7<sup>th</sup> of July, members of American Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM) visited Govt. School Tapkan and they were accompanied by Dr. Suresh Reddy Director, SRF Foundation who briefed them about the Support My School (SMS) Campaign and its influence in the school. The purpose of the visit was to witness the change that the school and the community underwent through the campaign and to replicate it in AMCHAM's future CSR initiatives. The SMS Campaign is a collaborative effort of SRF Foundation, Coca-Cola –NDTV, UNHabitat and TetraPak.

### Salaheri looks up to SP Nangli for inspiration

21 teachers of Salaheri Govt. School visited SP Nangli Govt. School on an Exposure visit. The purpose of the visit was to get a glimpse of the premises and the practises prevalent in the school. The teachers shared best practises, innovative teaching methodologies and also took them to science lab and library. The visitors were really impressed and took note of measures which can be used back in school. Both the schools are part of SRF Foundation's Mewat Rural Education Program (MREP).



## Another science laboratory comes up at Rojka Meo

Govt. Middle School Rojka Meo became the 7<sup>th</sup> School to get a well-equipped Science Lab. The establishment of the science lab was a combined effort of SRF Foundation, Roop Auto, School and the Panchayat. The facility was inaugurated by Gaurav Jain, Director Roop Auto. The Science Laboratories in other six schools are functional and was facilitated by SRF. The joint effort that culminates into a science laboratory helps students of 7 schools from Std. 6-10 amounting to 1060 odd students to understand scientific phenomenon and principles and would help them to understand and apply science in real life.



## SRF Foundation at 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' campaign



SRF Foundation participated and showcased its Programs under Mewat Rural Education Program (MREP) at the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao Campaign organized by the Govt. at Gurgaon in August. The MREP is a collaborative effort of SRF Foundation, Govt. of Haryana and SCERT. The Program which grabbed the maximum eyeballs at the event was Udaan – a free residential 11 month Program for adolescent girls who have either dropped out or have never been to school. With the presence of Wasima, Brand Ambassador of Swachh Vidyalay Program and a product of Udaan, the stall became a popular crowd puller with actress Parineeti Chopra the brand Ambassador of 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Campaign' in attendance.

## Support My School – Exposure visit of Gwalior team to Mewat

Under its CSR Program, the SRF Foundation extended its "Support My School" Campaign in Gwalior (M.P.). The SMS campaign in its 4<sup>th</sup> Season is a collaborative effort of SRF Foundation, Coca-Cola-NDTV, UN Habitat and TetraPak. SMS ensures sanitation facilities, safe drinking water, sports facilities, libraries and improvement of landscape in schools. In order to get hands on experience, the Gwalior team came on an Exposure visit to the schools in Mewat supported by the SMS Campaign. So far, the Campaign has impacted 14,000 students of 34 schools across Mewat and Gwalior apart from the work-in-progress. The Campaign has been instrumental in increasing school enrolments and attendance, slashing out dropout rate of girls and has created conducive environment for learning.





## Launch of Swachh Vidyalay Program

Orientation sessions for Swachh Vidyalay Program, an initiative of SRF Foundation, were conducted at various Govt. Schools in Mewat. The HM, teachers and students were familiarized with the 5 points comprising it. To monitor different activities a committee of 17 students have been formed in each school which comprises of a head girl, a head boy and 3 students each to overlook 5 different activities. The Program has reached almost all the 19 villages of Mewat and addresses major issues like attendance, regularity and hygiene in schools. It aims at instilling leadership qualities and encourages students to take initiatives.



## Launch of Swachh Vidyalaya – Gummidipoondi



As per its commitment to provide clean, healthy and hygienic environment for students to learn, play and develop, SRF Foundation launched Swachh Vidyalaya at Government Boys Hr. Sec. School, Gummidipoondi in September. Under the program, Foundation is constructing 20 new urinals and toilets for 1200 students from class VI to Class XII. To make the program sustainable, the responsibility of maintenance shall be taken by the school administration and the community.

## Inauguration of IBM KidSmart Centre at Dahej

20<sup>th</sup> August 2015, Dr. Vikrant Pandey, District Collector- Bharuch, inaugurated the IBM KidSmart Early Learning Centre in the Government Girls' Primary School – Dahej. Overall, 11 KidSmart centres have been set up in Bharuch district out of which five have been setup this year under the Public-Private partnership (PPP) The centre was inaugurated in the presence of Mr. Yogesh Mittal and Dr. Rajbir Singh from SRF, SDM- Vagra, DEEO-Bharuch and the village people. In addition to this, garden with play equipment has been installed in Jolva and Suva school as well as in Community Park at Jolva village.



## Providing Quality Education – Bhiwadi

With a commitment to ensure 100% enrolment of children in the village schools and provide quality education, school enrolment drives and teacher training for government teachers was organized. The drive and training was undertaken in total 12 villages covered under our primary education program around Bhiwadi factory. The enrolment drive resulted into 546 new enrolments in these schools while training was to 19 govt. teachers and 14 project teachers supported by SRF.

## World Notices Mewat

On 26<sup>th</sup> August, International Management Institute (IMI Delhi), as part of Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme, an initiative of Ministry of External Affairs, GoI, chose SRF Foundation's schools in Nuh, Mewat for exposure visit. Working executives from 10 countries from Asia, Africa, North and Latin America visited Nuh, Mewat to see and understand the process, impact done by SRF Foundation in the field of Rural Education and fulfilling 'Right to Education.'



## Rural Vocational Program

### Skilling Manali



Under the Skilling Manali Program launched last year, the Foundation launched Forklift Training Program at Manali in September, 2015. The Program received great demand from the community after the completion and placement of all 20 students last year. The program includes 30 day training including both theory and practical. The training is followed by an assessment and placement in the surrounding industries.

18 Ladies from our Tailoring and Fashion Designing Program were placed with Lovely and Yazhini Industries Ltd. with salaries of Rs. 4k p.m. SRF Foundation congratulates all the job getters and wishes them best of luck.

### BETP Graduation Ceremony – Nuh

Nuh, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2015, BETP Program completed its 8<sup>th</sup> batch of electrician training. The course includes four month training both theory and practical and was completed by 21 students. The chief dignitaries present at the Graduation ceremony were Mr. Anurag Kapoor, GM CSR, Schneider Electric, Mr. Waseem from Waqf Board, Mr. Shahid Hussain from Radio Mewat. The qualified and trained students are given complete hand-holding by Foundation in getting placements and setting up of their own electrical shop.



### Eco Drive – TeachIndia

30<sup>th</sup> August, TeachIndia – Spoken English Program a collaboration between SRF Foundation and Times of India, organized a plantation drive in New Delhi. The plantation drive was done to mitigate the harmful effects of degraded air quality and climate change due to rising air pollution in Delhi. During the drive 100,000 saplings were planted where students from Nuh, Mewat too participated with great enthusiasm and planted 5,000 saplings.



## Women empowerment through tailoring skills – Bhiwadi

In the month of August, under our vocational training program, a new vocational training centre has been put into operation in Jhiwana village. Currently, 36 girls are undergoing 6 month customized course on tailoring and dress designing in 2 batches. So far, over 300 women and girls have successfully completed the course with 47% employed/self-employed earning around Rs 250-300 per day.



## SRF Foundation bags 2<sup>nd</sup> Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya Award



SRF Foundation added another feather in its cap when it bagged 2<sup>nd</sup> Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya Award under Gold Category for second time in a row at a function held at IHC, New Delhi on 10<sup>th</sup> September. The award was given to SRF Foundation for its Science Education Program across 315 schools spanning 21 districts of Haryana.

After positive response of the last year's Teachers Try Science (TTS) program, SRF Foundation, IBM and SCERT has continued with training of 84 Champion trainers (CT) for promotion of Science Education in Middle Schools. The program focuses on imparting activity based science education teaching skills and to use TTS web portal. The CT's will further train teachers in their respective districts. The Champion trainers also came up with innovative models and resources at the exhibition held at DIET.

## SRF Bhiwadi felicitated with Rajasthan State Bhamashah Award 2015

28<sup>th</sup> June 2015, as recognition to our contributions in strengthening elementary education in 12 rural schools, the Government of Rajasthan conferred the "Bhamashah Award 2015" on SRF. The award was handed over by the Hon'ble Governor of Rajasthan Mr. Kalyan Singh in presence of Minister of Education, Minister of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Secretary - Primary Education and Director - Primary Secondary Education, Govt. of Rajasthan. Dr. Rajbir Singh, AVP- HR & CSR (FCB & SCB) received the award for SRF. This is the highest award given by the Govt. of Rajasthan in the field of education and has been conferred to SRF for third consecutive time.



## Enhancing Early Education Program (3EP)



3EP started its July-December batch with 35 enthusiastic trainees. They were trained in developing course curriculum, lesson planning & presentations. The trainees also had an internship which exposed them to teaching learning process in the foundation years. 3EP also conducted Enhancing English Language Programme for two batches to develop functional language skills in both professional and personal capacity. 3EP supported an NGO called Vidya Roshan Trust Gurgaon by conducting three month training program for young girls/women which will empower them.

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