



October-December 2016

Mewat Rural Education Programme (MREP)

SRF Foundation Won Four Libraries!!!

December started with a high note as we won four libraries from Pratham Books, a treasure trove of books exploring STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) subjects through engaging narratives and eye catching illustrations aimed to spark curiosity and discovery in children. The books will help open new doors to the world Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths where fun will meet facts. To know more [click here](#).



Now Every Saturday is a 'Joyful Day'

Ensuring holistic development of students, the Haryana government on 19th November, declared every Saturday as a 'Joyful Activity Day' for all government schools in the state. Leaving their books and bags at home, the children on this day only engage themselves in extra co-curricular activities like yoga, exercise, quiz, games and other fun filled activities ensuring their personality development along with regular studies. Our children from MREP schools got a chance to bring out the best in them on this day as they explored their hidden talents in varied fields.



Mewat Children's Tryst with Technology at Shri Sambhawana

An exposure visit to the annual event of Shri Sambhawana – Technology Mega Festival, at the Shri Ram Schools (TSRS), Aravali, in December, by our 60 children from MREP schools, opened new doors into the wondrous world of Science for them. Accompanying the students were Science teachers, champion trainers and Gurugram DIET faculty members from our Science promotion programme. During their tryst with technology the children got a chance to have a glimpse into the world of augmented reality and virtual reality and its relevance in the 21st century.



17 Start-up Entrepreneurs from South Africa Visit Mewat

In November, 17 young Start-up entrepreneurs from South Africa visited our MREP school of Kerala to understand the rural education system and role and importance of local resources and linkages for smooth functioning of the school. The visit was organised by SRF Foundation along with Coca Cola and Start-up Safari. During the visit the entrepreneurs were briefed about Coca Cola NDTV Support My School programme and how it focuses on the holistic development of not only children but the school and teachers as well.



Giving Equal Opportunities and Facilities to Differently Abled Children

In December, 10 physically impaired delegation from Afghanistan, visited our MREP school of B.A. Pur to understand the components of a 'Model School' and the efforts of SRF Foundation along with its partners, Coca Cola and Tetra Pak, in providing a friendly school environment for all the children. The visit was organised by Coca Cola along with Association for Disabled People The delegation also inaugurated a toilet for differently abled children, contributed INR 2000 to the school headmaster for the upliftment of the school and vowed to donate 100 books to school library.



Cross Learning – Bhiwadi Meets Nuh (Mewat)

In December, 10 headmasters, teachers and SMC members from our nine adopted schools in Bhiwadi location visited MREP schools at Nuh to observe and understand the components and best practices of a model school, its impact on children's Learning Level Outcomes, importance of headmaster leadership, community participation and government initiatives for the betterment of the school. The exposure visit enabled the headmasters and the teachers to interact with and learn from each other, allowing them to view practical example of integration of sustainable practices.



Swachh Vidyalaya – Making Children Responsible Citizens

This quarter, Swachh Vidyalaya Orientation Programme was conducted for 700 students and 60 teachers from our 50 adopted schools in Bangalore, Chengalpattu, Dahej and Nuh, Mewat. During the programme the children were sensitised towards the need and importance of personal hygiene and creating a clean environment at school, home and community. A students' committee was also formed in Bangalore, Dahej and Chengalpattu to monitor the same. The programme aims to promote responsible citizenship amongst the students.



Learning Across Cultural Borders – School Twinning Programme

SRF Foundation initiated School Twinning Programme by connecting rural based Mewat Government Schools with city based The Shri Ram Schools (TSRS) for enriching and mutual cross learning. The programme, a unique initiative, provides a platform for students coming from different backgrounds to share best practices, create camaraderie and positive feel. This quarter 130 children from four of our MREP schools visited TSRS and learned about the importance of cleanliness and sanitation through the medium of theatre.



Mewat Schools Triumph at State-Level Primary Sports Meet

At 30th State Level Primary Sports Competition held on 25th November, 52 children from Mewat gave their best performance and proved to be a tough competition for their counterparts. Among the team, Manoj from B. A. Pur and Nafisa from F. P. Namak School made us proud by winning Gold, Silver and Bronze medals. Manoj won Gold and Bronze medal in 200 and 100 meter race, while Nafisa won Silver medal in long jump. We at SRF Foundation are proud of them all.



Children from MREP Schools Steal the Show at District Level

At Padhe Bharat Badhe Bharat District level competition, under the aegis of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, for improving reading and writing skills of children, our children from MREP schools stole the show by winning all the prizes under story writing, story reading and storytelling categories. SRF Foundation has successfully been working towards the qualitative transformation of Government schools through its 'Academic Enrichment Programme' focused at increasing the quality of students learning and development of 21st century teaching skills in teachers.



Mewat Rural Vocational Programme (MRVP)

Employment Knocks at Doorstep for our BETP Students

Striving towards making the youth of Mewat gainfully employed, the Foundation in collaboration with Schneider Electric has been training the youth in the trade of electrician. On 10th November, convocation for 11th batch was organized with 25 students completing the course with more than 50% students getting job offers for the position of electrician with industries present locally while rest opting for further studies or being skilfully self-employed. On the same day the 12th batch of students was also inaugurated.



Teachers Try Science to Middle School (TTS-MS)

Promoting Science at the First Haryana Science Forum Meeting

On 28th November, a day-long meeting was organised by SRF Foundation in collaboration with IBM India, Haryana Education Department, SSA, RMSA, SCERT- Gurugram and NIT Kurukshetra for the promotion of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) based Science education in Haryana. The conference aimed to understand the current status of Science education in Haryana, ongoing initiatives for its promotion and evaluate scope for alignment of STEM based education with Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan (RAA).



Enhancing Early Education Programme (3EP)

Exploring New World of Expressions through Storytelling

Ms. Geeta Ramanujam, an internationally renowned storyteller, an Ashoka fellow and Director of Kathalaya, Bangalore, came to take a storytelling session with our enthusiastic trainees in Enhancing Early Education Programme (3EP). Under the aura of her unmatched energy, throughout the session the trainees were glued to their seats with attentive eyes and ears. They were also encouraged to develop storytelling skills as it was an integral part of early childhood education. Kathalaya, is the only globally recognized Academy for Storytelling in the World.



Partnerships and CSR

Embarking on a New Journey with Akshaya Patra and HP

As a new venture, this quarter SRF Foundation joined hands with Akshaya Patra and HP. With Akshaya Patra, together we will ensure fresh hot food for 50,000 students spread across more than 200 Government schools, at Bharuch in Gujarat under the 'Mid – Day Meal Program'. With HP, we are starting a mobile bus named as 'World on Wheels (WoW)' for digital inclusion in Bhiwadi, Rajasthan. This initiative aims to provide e-learning opportunity to school children, employable and entrepreneur skills to rural youth and digital services to communities.



A New World Awaits the Children of Chennai and Bangalore

Great progress has been made in SRF Foundation Capgemini “School Adoption Project” which aims at holistic transformation of 20 Govt. schools of Chennai and Bangalore locations. The head masters and teachers of all the schools have taken onto themselves to provide the children with a whole new world of books and knowledge by setting up the best library a child can think of by January 2017. To motivate them further SRF Foundation has promised a cash prize of INR 50,000/- and INR 25,000/- for the two best innovative libraries.



8th CSR Capacity Building Workshop

The CSR Champions and their Council members have been doing an excellent job in implementing the CSR mandate of SRF Ltd. To assess the same, 8th CSR Champions Capacity Building Workshop was organized by the Foundation at SRF Head Office, Gurgaon on 16th and 17th of November. At the workshop, all the champions again came together under one roof to have an enriching cross learning amongst themselves. This time the focus of the meeting was to strengthen CSR Councils, encourage gender balance in them and increase employee engagement at plant locations.



CSR at Plant Locations

Serving as a Role Model – SRF Gwalior

It was a proud moment for the Gwalior team of SRF Foundation when school leaders and officials from 14 Govt. schools of Bhind District of Madhya Pradesh came forward to understand the Science Lab set up in Chinor Govt. School, one of the components under Support My School (SMS) programme, its operational processes and the best practices for replicating the same in their own schools. The visit served as an eye opener and inspiration for them to do better in their schools. Mr. Sanjeev Sharma, DPC, Bhind, Dr. P. K. Dibolia and Mr. Sanjeev Doorwar, APC, Bhind and Mr. Shyam Bihari Ojha, APC, Gwalior also joined the exposure visit.



Fork Lift Operation & Maintenance Training Programme – SRF Manali

As a part of SRF Foundation's CSR initiative, one month long training programme on "Fork Lift Operation & Maintenance" was conducted SRF Manali at V. Ramakrishna Polytechnic, Chennai in the month of October for 30 unemployed persons belonging to SC/ST category having poor family background under Affirmative Action scheme. The syllabus of the program covered Fork Lift operations as well as basic maintenance skills of Fork Lift equipment. Because of its unique syllabus the Fork Lift programme achieved 100% placement for its attendees.



Special Tuition for Academically Weaker Students at South Locations

To provide quality education to all, SRF Foundation started special tuition classes for academically weaker students of 10th and 12th standards at Boys and Girls Higher Secondary School at its plant locations of Gummidipoondi, Viralimalai and Manali. The efforts of students and teachers have shown surprising results with 99% pass result. Apart from this, 120 boys and girls from disadvantaged sections of the society have benefited from a three month long Computer Training Program at Viralimalai.



Giving Back to the Society – SRF Gummidipoondi

As part of Employee Engagement Activity, SRF Gummidipoondi celebrated the Joy of Giving Month in October where 230 employees contributed useful gifts worth INR 51100/- for the children of three orphanages near their plant location and imparted 5S training to the primary school students of KLK Primary School, Gummidipoondi. They also observed AIDS Awareness Day on 1st of December in which they visited the HIV affected children and served lunch to around 130 members. Apart from this they helped in the construction of a sewage tank in Government Girls Higher Secondary School, benefitting 1500 students and promoting clean and healthy environment in the school.



Transforming Government Schools into 'Model Schools' – SRF Kashipur

Our team in SRF plant location of Kashipur did intervention in the Govt. Primary School of Manpur and Jaspur Khurd, ensuring holistic development of 205 children by initiating infrastructural upgrades. Their intervention made possible, safe drinking water facility, proper access to sanitation by construction of toilets, installation of play equipments, ground filling and levelling for promotion of sports, construction of boundary walls and school gate for security of children and BALA paintings for print-rich environment and for enhancing learning level outcomes .



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