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Promoting Cross Learning Among Institutions & Partners

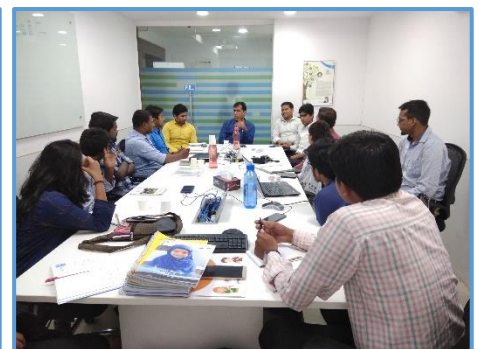
Mantra summer interns visit to Mewat

Last month, 26 management students from leading B-Schools, who were interning with our partner, Coca Cola, visited Nuh to observe SRF's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) under its Support My School (SMS) programme which is in partnership with Coca Cola. The team of students along with Mr. Mohit Kharbanda, HR Business Partner, from Coca Cola were given a warm and traditional welcome by the headmaster and the students at the government school of B.A. Pur, which is one of our 35 intervention schools.



Gandhi Fellows visit to Mewat

It was an enriching experience for the 11 Gandhi Fellows who visited our government program schools in Mewat as well as the vocational centers there to understand the thematic area of our intervention in the region. It provided them a fresh perspective on how to keep children at school, reduce dropouts and increase enrollment through beautification and infrastructure development. They also visited our head office and interacted with the whole Foundation team along with our Director, Dr. Suresh Reddy to know how an organisation functions.



Making Reading Fun with 'Mazedar Kahaniya'

To generate interest in students towards reading and side by side increasing their listening comprehension, speaking and writing skills along with vocabulary, reading clubs were formed in our program schools in Mewat in September, 2017. Owing to its huge success and great impact on 6952 primary school children, this academic year again, Mazedar Kahaniya (Reading Clubs) are formed in 18 Primary and 19 Middle schools of 18 villages in Mewat which will help transform the lives of more than 11,000 middle and primary school children.



Taking the Streets for the Cause of Education

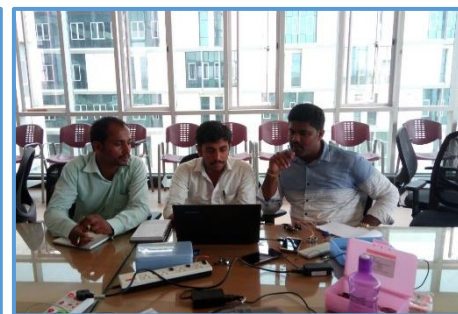
On the onset of the new academic year, students and teachers from all our program schools of 19 villages under Rural Education Program (REP) in Mewat took out a Pravesh - Utsav Rally encouraging the parents to send their children to schools! The students came prepared with inspiring slogans and placards which echoed throughout the streets wherever they went. New admissions were also announced during the rally, as a result, a huge increase was observed in Class 1 enrolments in all the schools.



Highlights of Capgemini School Adoption Project

Building In-House Capacities for InnoSTE(A)M Project

On 18th and 19th of April 2018, our nine field team members from Chennai and Bangalore under Capgemini School Adoption Project received a training on Basic Arduino Workshop on Multiple LED, RGB LED, Temperature Sensors, LDR (Light Dependent Sensor), Servo Motor, etc. and on the operation of InnoSTE(A)M labs from veterans at Indian Institute of Information Technology Design & Manufacturing Kancheepuram (IIITDM), Chennai. Their training was a part of the InnoSTE(A)M labs we are planning to set up in our 13 program schools in Chennai and Bangalore.



12 Students Won DSERT National Means cum Merit Scholarship (NMMS)

In the National Means cum Merit Scholarship (NMMS) exam held by Department of State Education Research and Training (DSERT), which is conducted for Class 8 students, 12 students from our adopted schools in Bangalore and Chennai under Capgemini School Adoption Project were selected for the same. The scholarship will be given to them for 5 years @5000/- rupees per year till Class 12. To win this scholarship, the children went through General Mental Ability Test (GMAT) and Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), both containing 100 multiple-choice questions.



Provision of Infra Facilities to Aid Learning

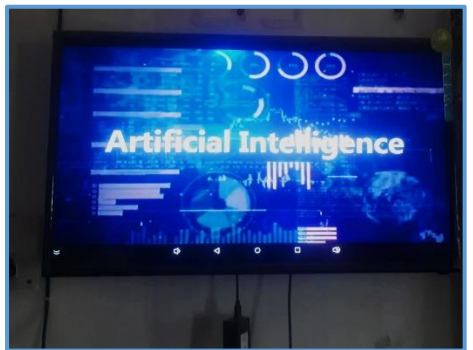
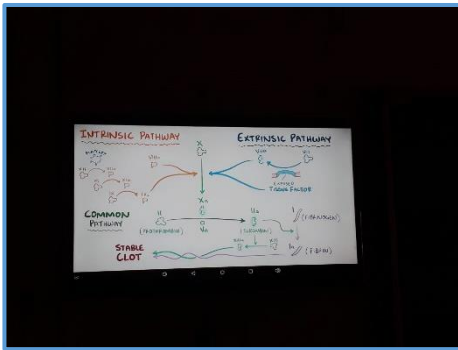
To ensure overall development of the children and to provide them with a comfortable learning environment, 300 Dual desks, 20 Public Address systems and 20 different types of sports materials were provided to the 10 adopted schools in Chennai under Capgemini School Adoption Project, as per their needs. DEO, Mr. Yegambaram, Chennai, was also invited to kick start this mission and encourage the students to ensure proper and complete utilization of the resources given to them.



Highlights of Brillio Digital Learning Program

Opening New Dimensions in Summer Holidays

During the Summer Camp, students in GJC Kadugodi Celebrated World Haemophilia Day in which they were made aware of the disease, its causes, symptoms and treatment all by the use of Digital Media provided by Brillio under its Digital Learning Program in Bangalore. 23 students from the different schools participated in this program. Apart from this, the students were also exposed to 21st century latest technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI) and auto pilot cars during the Summer Camp.



Promoting Design Based Learning (DBL) through STEM Application

On 10th April 2018, a hands-on workshop session for both teachers and students of Govt. Co-Ed Sec School located in President's Estate New Delhi was organised by IBM TTS – Teachers Try Science for Science Promotion. During the daylong workshop, the teachers were trained on STEM Innovation in schools to bring an experience of tinkering for innovation. The workshop broadly focused on orienting teachers and students on design thinking framework to showcase experiential, hands-on learning for effective teaching learning in classrooms and beyond.





Making Learning Fun with BALA – SRF Dahej

To develop creativity and curiosity among the students and to promote learning through pictures, BALA (Building As Learning Aid) paintings were completed in five of our government program schools under SRF Dahej plant location. The paintings depicts various syllabus related activities and content of all the class standards which are painted on the walls near the classrooms and in the school vicinity. The teachers have also started using BALA as Teaching - Learning material making teaching and learning process more fun and colourful.

Moving Towards Individual Social Responsibility (ISR) – SRF Bhiwadi

In the month of April, the CSR Council members of SRF Bhiwadi plant location diligently visited their adopted government schools and put all their efforts to understand the school's needs and concerns. From analysing the utilization of infrastructural upgrades to giving feedback towards the hygiene of the mid-day meal kitchen, the CSR Council members left no stone unturned to ensure proper learning environment for the students. They even helped the schools by putting their expertise into use, like installing new batteries and UPS for power backup.



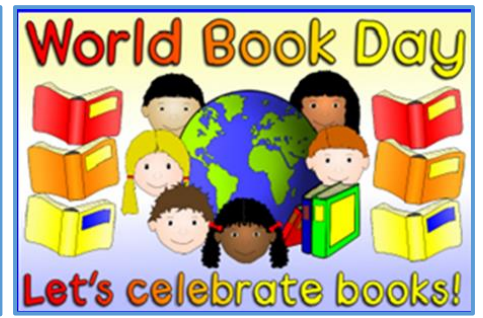
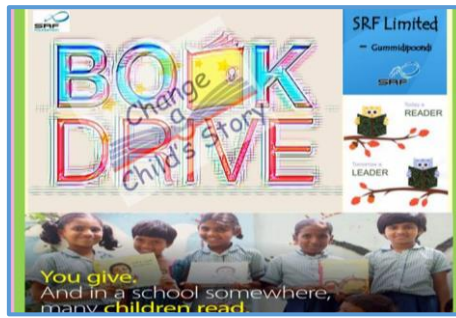
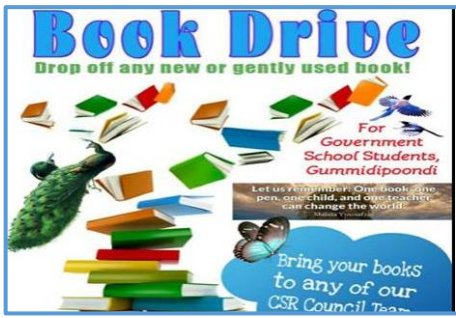
360 Degree Development of Schools and Children – SRF Viralimalai

As a part of SRF Foundation's Education Development Initiatives, the CSR Council of SRF Viralimalai plant location inaugurated a Library with fully equipped infrastructure at Government Girls' Higher Secondary School. In the same school, various sports equipment were also handed over to Head Mistress as a part of Sports Development Initiative. Whereas, in Government Boys Higher Secondary School, all the teachers who had contributed towards the Slow Learners Project were recognized by the Council and sports equipment were handed over to Physical Directors.



Driving Employees towards ISR – SRF Gummidipoondi

On World Book Day on 23rd April, the CSR Council of SRF Gummidipoondi plant location initiated a month long 'Book Drive' encouraging employee participation and contribution towards Individual Social Responsibility (ISR). The collected books will be handed over to KLK Govt (Boys & Girls) School. So far the self-motivated employees of SRF Gummidipoondi plant have donated 116 books and the numbers are only increasing! Kudos to the CSR Council and such motivated employees!



Running Towards Glory – SRF Pant Nagar

Our five super runners from one of our program Government schools in Pant Nagar, Uttarakhand, out-shined and stood in the top ten positions at a 5 KM long cross country race organised at Pantnagar on 18th April, 2018. The Cross Country race was a race for both girls and boys covering road, street and community locality. The run started from the district stadium and completed via Awas Vikas Colony, Police line and administrative area. A total number of 112 runners from six schools participated in this event.

Highlights from Enhancing Early Education Program (3EP)

Last month, the trainees of November-May 2018 batch got an opportunity to intern with The Shri Ram Schools, Aravali and The Shriram Millennium School, Noida, Faridabad while seven got placement with reputed schools of NCR. Apart from this, two preview workshops were conducted to give an insight into the course in which 40 candidates participated and showed interest in the program. Under Shri Sambandh, in-service teacher training workshop was conducted at TSEY (Sohna Road) where 20 teachers attended the session on 'Redefining Play' and 'Discovering the World Around Us'.



Highlights from SRF Vidyalaya

On 21st April, mentor and family get together was organized at SRF Vidyalaya to encourage participation from the parents in school activities. Games and debate were conducted on the day and a sumptuous meal was arranged for all those who attended the function. It was a day filled with fun and frolic. Also, bridge course enrichment program was conducted by Vivekananda Educational Trust at Mudichur on 25th April in which eight mentors attended the session.

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