



WELCOME TO OUR THIRD NEWSLETTER OF 2010

Between October and December 2010, SRF Foundation has been busy with several initiatives to transform education. We'd like to invite you to take a few minutes to know more about our activities.

Mewat Rural Education Program (MREP)

An Exposure Visit to the Science Fair

The Shri Ram Schools, operational under SRF Foundation, organised a Science Fair at the Vasant Vihar campus on 13th November 2010. Teachers and students from Mewat attended the fair, and were exposed to the world of colours, magnets, electricity, motor mechanics, etc. through the various activities conducted by The Shri Ram Schools' teachers and students. The Chief Guest of the occasion was the Young Indian Politician and Member of Parliament, Rahul Gandhi, who also took the time to interact with the Mewat teachers and students.

This visit gave an opportunity to the Mewat teachers and students to interact with their peers, learning new facts through interactive activities and bringing home new found ambitions.



Understanding how magnets work

Bharat Nirman Exhibition

Publicity Division of Govt. of India had organised the Bharat Nirman Exhibition at Nagina, where 42 Government Departments and NGOs working in Mewat (including SRF Foundation) put up stalls. The exhibition provided an excellent opportunity to all participants to showcase their mission, activities, and contribution. The exhibition saw some 2,000 visitors from the government, NGOs, and banks.

SRF Foundation maximised the opportunity by displaying large posters of our works, programs, and achievements in Mewat. We also provided handouts regarding our language and math courses, and even showcased a sample IBM Kidsmart computer that allowed children visitors to experience hands-on – which quickly became our main attraction.



Children trying our IBM KidSmart demo



The Foundation's booth, with posters from floor to ceiling

Workshop for Vision and Leadership Building amongst Head Masters and Sarpanchs

From 13th-15th December 2010, we organised a two-day workshop at SCERT, Gurgaon, for Head Teachers and Sarpanchs from the 40 Government schools in the 19 MREP villages. There were analogical presentations, group discussions, and games, that taught participants the importance of positive vision for the schools; the importance of cordial relationships between schools and panchayat; as well as effective leadership qualities. In addition, the residential program and the leisure time outings strengthened the bond and friendship between the participants and SRF Foundation.



Left to right: Presentation by one of our Keynote speakers, group activities, and playing the Game of Trust

Enhancing Early Education Program (3EP)

As the year 2011 rolls in, we would like to congratulate our fifth batch of 30 students who have recently graduated from 3EP, our 6-months training program for pre-school teachers. Most of them will now be joining reputed schools. All the best!



Learning creative methods of teaching pre-school children, through art and craft.

Shri Sambandh

Through this program, the Foundation supported the following NGOs: Aga Khan Foundation in promoting quality education in Nizamuddin Basti government schools; Read India in providing pre-school education in rural areas; and Shri Shiksha in running education programs for migrant children. The Foundation extended this support by organising workshops and training for the teachers & program officials, and developing training manuals, workbooks, and teaching materials.



Teacher training



Assessing learning levels of children

The Shri Ram Schools

The Shri Ram School (TSRS) through its parental body, SRF Foundation, has recently signed Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with the Haryana Education Board, and the Police Department of Haryana. They will support the former in setting up the Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Model School in Bhiwani, and collaborate with the latter to launch a new school in Bhondsi. In addition, TSRS will also provide academic services to the Viday Sanskaar School in Bhopal, and rural government schools in Mewat – all in an effort to promote quality education.



Left: Signing of MoU with the Haryana Education Board on the Bhiwani project; Middle & Right: Signing of MoU with the Police Department of Haryana on the Bhondsi project

Corporate Citizenship Engagement

World AIDS Day

On 1st December 2010, SRF Limited's plant units spread across nine locations in India and three abroad, observed the World AIDS Day, as they do every year. They organised HIV AIDS awareness programs, by collaborating with local NGOs, hospitals, schools and colleges.

Airtel Delhi Half Marathons 2010

The annual Airtel Delhi Half Marathon was held on 21st November 2010 in the heart of the city. The Foundation led a 70-member team from SRF Limited who ran the marathon with immense enthusiasm and vigor in an effort to promote a sense of social responsibility among SRFites, and quality rural education in Mewat.



Our SRF champions