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December 2011 to March 2012

MEWAT RURAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME (MREP)

Udaan – opportunity for adolescent girls left out of mainstream Education

Udaan Camp is eleven month accelerated learning program implemented by SRF Foundation in collaboration with CARE India for 100 never enrolled and dropout adolescent girls in the age group of 11 to 14 years in Mewat. Launched on 24th November 2011, the first quarter focus was on enrollment, subject teaching, social learning with special focus on Urdu and Quran Education. Additionally Recreation and play facilities were provided and a small library has been set up in one of the Camp rooms. More focus on learning for the children and operationalization of one IBM Kidsmart center for learning through computer is planned for the next quarter.



Urdu and Quran education by Hafiz



Regular subject teaching-learning



Students enjoying play equipments

Mewat Children Win Medals in Sports Event at Gurgaon

Khel Khel Mein is an initiative by Concern India Foundation to organize Sports day with underprivileged children from various NGO's and Government Schools in and around Delhi. The event was organized on 25th Feb. 2012, in Gurgaon inviting teams from NGOs. With the practice and high winning spirit, 30 children from Mewat brought by SRF Foundation, won 25 medals and were awarded the second best team out of 12 participating teams. For selecting 30 students from 44 MREP School, a sports competition was organized in each MREP school under the supervision of Head Masters, Village Level Facilitators and Vidya Volunteers of SRF Foundation of SRF Foundation.



Participants ready to get set go



Participants in relay race



Mewat children with medals and certificates

IBM Kidsmart Scale up

In addition to the ongoing effort of IBM Kidsmart Program at 18 locations of Mewat; 8 new centers in Mewat and 7 new centers in Alwar have been added. Partnering with IBM and Department of Elementary Education Government of Haryana/ Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA), SRF Foundation is facilitating program expansion, benefitting 4500 and more children from the new centers. Appreciating the efforts of SRF Foundation a team from IBM visited the existing centers at Mewat on 15th March 2011.



Mamta Sharma, Head communication relationship IBM with Kidsmart students



Dr. Suresh Reddy, Director SRF Foundation with Government officials.



Students doing craft in Kidsmart centre



Udaan residential premises



Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Balraj Singh IAS



Hearing the views and concerns of community

Vigyan Prachar (Radio Science)

In an effort to reach out and educate children who are deprived of formal education due to parental occupational work or other household activities, SRF Foundation has initiated Vigyan Prachar; a monthly radio science program. Broadcasted on Mewat's community radio station for a period of 45 minutes, the program aims to hold general discussion on daily life issues that are related to science. During its first recording on 13th September 2011, key issues such as food and nutrition were discussed with the children.

At the launch, after touring the premises and hearing the views of community members on Udaan, Mr. Balraj stressed on the importance of making Udaan a successful camp in order to contribute towards the future of girls in Mewat.

ENHANCING EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAMME (3EP)

8th Batch of 3EP Trainees

On 8th November 2011, 3EP welcomed their eighth batch of trainees. 17 participants joined the program and underwent two days of orientation. During the program, trainees will learn about child development, curriculum and skill development, educational thought, etc. Already more than a month into the programme, trainees are now undergoing their first phase of two weeks internship. During this period, they will be sent to various schools in Gurgaon for observation of teaching practices



Handprints made by the trainees during orientation day



Interactive session with the trainees



Story-telling session helps to hone trainees' confidence

THE SHRI RAM SCHOOL (TSRS)

Best Day School Recognition

The Shri Ram Schools (TSRS) regained number one position in the annual survey of day schools conducted by Education World Magazine. Due to its innovative child-centric methodologies and strong performance of 480 staff under the guidance of Chairperson, Mrs Manju Bharat Ram, TSRS has now held the number one position across the country, for 3 out of the last 4 years. Out of 14 parameters, TSRS scored first in the country in four areas; Competence of faculty, Teacher welfare and development, Individual attention to students and Parental involvement.



TSRS leadership team with children



Innovative child-centric methodologies and strong staff performance are main proponents of TSRS



Mr. Mark Parkinson, Director of TSRS (middle) with Ms. Manika Sharma, Principal of TSRS Junior School (left), and Ms. Komal Sood, Principal of TSRS Senior School (right)

Tree Plantation Drive

In an attempt to involve children in 'Greening the Environment', The Shri Ram Police Public School, the newest member of TSRS, organised a Tree Plantation Drive on Sunday, 25th September 2011, in association with lamGurgaon; an NGO responsible for the 'Plant a Million Trees' campaign. Over 150 saplings of trees, shrubs and bushes that are native to the region were planted by the students, their friends and family. Children also got an opportunity to explore their creative abilities through art competition and clay modeling.



Over 150 saplings were planted during the tree plantation drive



Students, friends and families coming together to conserve the environment



Children trying their hands at clay modeling

MEWAT RURAL VOCATIONAL PROGRAM (MRVP)

TEACH India Launch

In coordination with Times of India, SRF Foundation recently launched the second batch of TEACH India Program. Held over a period of three months, 75 youths from Nuh attended the English Spoken Course, catered for 10th and 12th pass youths from marginalized sections of society. At the end of the program, participants will be offered entry level positions in the hospitality sector. Those in the program have begun classes on 11th October 2011.



Focused group discussion was conducted to understand youth's vocational demand better



One of the youth meetings held, sharing information on English Spoken Course



Candidates at SRF Foundation's field office, preparing to go through the screening process

SCHNEIDER Partnership – New Initiative for male youths

The youth assessment study done in all 19 villages suggested the need of Electrical Trade training for male youths in Mewat. Based on this, SRF Foundation initiated a discussion with SCHNEIDER Electric India Foundation for a partnership on electrical trade joint training, and placement. The draft MoU has been shared by both parties for review. The program aims at starting two training centers, one in Nuh and the other in Hermathala, targeting male dropouts from class VIII or X.

Production Centers – New Initiative for female youths

In order to ensure that the dormant skill set of female youths become productive, SRF Foundation has initiated village based production centers for those aged 16 to 30. Groups consisting of 15 to 20 females each, are provided with raw materials to start the production of crochet, knitting and patch work. SRF Foundation plans to provide market linkage to these centers as well as opportunities for skills upgrading, in the near future. As of now, there are six production centers. The Foundation plans to operate 19 village based production centers in all its operational villages.



Hand-knit woolen crochet



Hand-knit woolen socks



Hand-knit woolen shawls

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Joy of Giving Campaign

SRF celebrates 'Joy of Giving' for seven weeks, from 2nd October to 18th November 2011. In its first two weeks, SRFites all across have provided aid and support to the victims of Sikkim earthquake and Orissa floods by donating items and giving cash contributions. Following weeks after, each plant location have embarked on their own initiatives. Some have chosen to provide deserving students with scholarship awards, conduct plant visit for students, give gifts to orphans, contribute money to improve orphanage infrastructure, etc.



TTBT-Trichi gave to the 'Balagurukulam' orphanage by contributing useful gifts and cupboards for proper storage of children's items.



TTB-Manali flagging off their relief material to Goonj office



HO collected 15 boxes of donated items and 3 sacks of grains at the end of two weeks

Great Delhi Run

On 27th November 2011, 106 SRFites from Head Office and Bhiwadi participated in the Great Delhi Run. Covering a distance of 6km, they were all running in support of girls' education, particularly MREP's newly launched Udaan program. In collaboration with CARE India, Udaan is a residential learning program specifically designed to help never enrolled or out-of-school girls aged 11 to 14 complete primary level schooling in 11 months.



On stage, sharing with everyone about MREP and Udaan program



Starting the 6km run with much enthusiasm and energy



106 SRFites united as one, running together in support of female education

World AIDS Day

On 1st December 2011, SRFites all across participated in World AIDS Day. Everyone took this opportunity to unite in the fight against HIV, show support for people living with HIV, and to commemorate people who have died. Various awareness campaigns, activities, pledge undertaking and other activities were conducted by plant locations in support of this year's theme; Getting to Zero – Zero New HIV Infections, Zero Discrimination, and Zero AIDS Related Deaths.



SRFites in South Africa had an AIDS poster competition as part of their campaign



Manali plant organized health and blood check-ups for truck driver, cleaners and the public



Malanpur plant conducted an awareness session, at the factory gate, for all their truck drivers

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