

THE VIGYAN VIJAY FOUNDATION

The Vigyan Vijay Foundation was established as a result of several rounds of deliberations among three engineers and a sociologist of New Delhi who shared a common vision: to assist individuals, communities and organizations to harness the benefits of Science and State of the Art Technology, and use it to improve the quality of life. Several meetings and consultations later and with two more engineers and a doctor, The Vigyan Vijay Foundation was registered as a Society, under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 on 3rd September, 2001 (No. S-40224).



Children at Sakshar school run by VVF

VVF is educating the children living in slums or JJ clusters through informal schools under its "Sakshar" wing, providing vocational training under "Tarang" and implementing green ecology projects in New Delhi and NCR under its "Prakrit" wing..



Key Intervention Areas

Basic innovative education
Community Health
Bridging the digital divide
Capacity building in information technology
Creating self –income generation opportunities
Awareness building on various social, environmental issues

Branches of VVF

<u>Saakshar – Non-formal education for deprived children</u>

Informal school and Remedial Classes

- Basti Children
- Families in Need
- School Students

Mid-day Meals, Health Check up, Sports and Cultural Programs

Tarang - Information Technology & Skill Development for Community

Capacity Building IT Culture & ICT

Computer Training

- Computer Hardware
- Computer Software

Skill Training

- Health Education
- Self Help Group
- Cutting & Tailoring
- English Speaking & Personality Development
- Beauty Culture

Association with Org.

NIIT Foundation

Prakrit-Sustainable livelihood in urban communities

Environmental Upgradation

- Rain Water Harvesting
- Waste Water Recycling
- Waste Management
- Awareness Programme

Advocacy & Mobilization

- Science & Technology
- Water & Energy

Capacity Building

- Appropriate Technology
- Green Initiatives

The VVF strongly believes that no outreach program can succeed by looking singularly at one target group. The impaired become disabled when the society fails to recognize their needs. The

poor become socially deprived because the market caters only to the well off. Consequently, rehabilitation efforts need to have an inclusive and integrated approach where the entire community is part of the program.

VVF Mission

The Vigyan Vijay Foundation, in conclusion, works with communities, individuals and organizations reaching out especially to economically disadvantaged families empowering them with Awareness & Information and assisting them to harness the benefits of Science and Technology to use it to improve their quality of life.

SMT. ASHA RANI-FOUNDER

Asha Rani Kumar is one of the founders and presently the Executive Director of Vigyan Vijay Foundation (VVF). Proving the adage "Where there is Will, there is a Way", Mrs. Kumar has not only transformed herself from a housewife to a professional but has also instilled the confidence and self respect in many others through her exemplary work, especially in the field of empowering women and down-trodden. Evolving out of her circumstances where the whole family burden fell on her when Mr. Kumar, a bureaucrat, became bedridden and her four daughters were studying, she did the graduation in sociology, raised her daughters with courage and care, making them stand in their life to lead highly successful careers and personal lives and then devoted herself for the cause of society. Mrs. Kumar has been striving relentlessly to implement the vision behind VVF and tributes her accomplishments to the motivation and support from Mr. Kumar and her daughters. Possessing the personality of a confident, self-reliant, strong woman, she has a poetic heart. With a strong belief in empowerment of women through education, awareness and skill development she express her desire to keep thriving for reforming this suppressed & neglected strata of society into the self-dependent individuals, leading a secured life and commanding respect in society.

Auditors: Malhotra & Associates Chartered Accountant

SAAKSHAR – Centre for Non – Formal Education for deprived Children living in slums/JJ clusters

Introduction

The Vigyan Vijay Foundation has established three Saakshar Schools in Palam area and Saakshar-IV in Noida. In 2002 Saakshar started in a Dharamshala with 24 pupil and two teachers. Now Saakshar runs with an Advisor, Coordinator and staff of seven teachers.

At present Saakshar Schools mainstreamed 90% of its students to Government Schools.



Mission - Education for All

- > Understand the approach to child development.
- ➤ Enthuse children living in slums/JJ clusters
- ➤ Identify the advantages and limitations of the longitudinal approach.
- ➤ Prepare them for the school environment and integrate them in formal school.
- ➤ Remedial classes to improve performance
 - Child Care Centre: Early intervention Group for 1 4 Yrs
 - Non Formal Education Group: for 4 8 Yrs & 8 13 Yrs.
 - Mid Day Meals for Students.
 - Medical Intervention.
 - Amalgamation with main stream

Core Initiatives

Every girl child must have the privilege of education. VVF has been striving for this purpose, conducted a survey in our area of operation and deduced that Girl Child ratio, is higher in comparison to boys. Parents and children have been motivated for sole benefit of girl child with the prospective and ultimate goal of women empowerment. Routine dental and medical check ups are carried out for the enrolled children. Mid day meals are being provided to all enrolled children with an average calorie count of 400 per pupil approx. We are grateful to Mr. Anil Aggarwal, founder of EktaFoundation (a non-profit Organization) who is responsible to distributing mid-day meals to all Government Schools of W Delhi. Students of Saakshar III are also getting nourished diet due to this contribution.

'Remedial Classes' are an initiative where Saakshar is trying to be involved with children long after they have been mainstreamed. A program has been launched to teach computer to students from standard VI to X (Govt. School).

SUCCESS STORIES OF SAAKSHAR STUDENTS



Antosh: has long association with V V F (right from his early childhood) His father is a rikshaw puller. He is appearing for 10th Board CBSE secondary examination. V V F wishes for his bright future.

BABLOO: is a student of Delhi University. He is interested to learn English language. He has enrolled in Skill Training Programme conducted by VVF and taking training of Hardware/ Software computers.



KAJRI: was enrolled in crèche section of Saakshar in 2002. She has been under the care of our endeavour Saakshar for the last 10 years. She has born with quality of Dance and secured prizes in folk dances. She has also performed with celebrities' of STAR PLUS CHANNEL. Now she is a student of 9th



class in Government School . Kajri is a regular Remedial student.



ROOPA: was admitted in Saakshar at the age of 3+. She came to the Saakshar with her two brothers. She was groomed in progressive environment and then mainstreamed to Government School. This year she is appearing for 8th std. Roopa has been participating in various painting competitions through V V F efforts. Her sincerity and behavior adds to her grace.

TARANG-A Center for Vocational Training & Employment Generation

Tarang is an extension of VVF. It is involved in creating and building ICT awareness amongst educated masses. Girls and women are encouraged and trained in the field of ICT on priority basis.

Vocational Training in

- Computer Software:
 Foundation & Advanced
 Courses, DTP, Tally, Web
 Designing etc.
- Computer Hardware & Networking
- Typing



Vision

To broaden the spectrum of populace/audience, so as to cover the entire society at large.

Mission

Information, Communication and Technology are imperative requirements for development of an educated society with special emphasis on Women Empowerment. Promoting the Community's income –generation options by nurturing traditional skills.

Since January 2002, about 1800 students have passed out from the training center and are occupied with various respected employers like Pasco Motors, LIC, MTNL, Blaze flash Couriers, Convergys, DTC to name a few. Some of them are self employed too. Special care has been accorded to sponsor the computer education to underprivileged groups too as well as provide relevant content to community.

Associations

NIIT (National Institute of Information Technology) under its social outreach initiative through NIIT Foundation has accredited VVF to conduct Computer Education Programs.

IIFT, New Delhi- Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, has been in regular association with VVF and nominating its MBA students for Social Responsibility Awareness Programme.

NASSCOM Foundation & AEGIS – conducted Career Counseling Program, Skill up gradation workshops and job oriented sessions with special focus on women.

Bharti College & Lady ERWIN College, Delhi University nominated their B.Ed. students under Community Service Project to get on ground level Work.

WIPRO BPO JASOLA invited VVF for Festival fate. VVF sold there products made by cluster children.

Individuals associating with Tarang, VVF

Volunteer Work by Ms Anjali Sharma, working with telecom company, XIUS Hyderabad in conducting counseling sessions on various aspects of career and personality development.

Session on financial literacy and career counseling by Mr Anshoo Sharma, an IIM Ahmedabad alumnus, working with a private equity firm.

Improve teacher's skillset through various practical measures with the expertise of Dr Sunita Bhasin Educationist and director of Swami Shivananda Memorial Institute Punjabi Bagh Delhi and Mr. Shushant Verma specialist management Guru of personal Leadership Development program.

PRAKRIT- Our venture towards an Eco-friendly future

Prakrit is an environmental conservation and restoration venture. VVF continued its effort to create awareness among the masses and sensitize them to the need and urgency of water conservation, management and RWH.

Vision

To sustain an eco-friendly future.

Mission

Create awareness among the masses for water conservation and Capacity Building in the field of implementing technology for

Environmental Up gradation & Restoration.



Core Initiatives

Environmental Upgradation specifically in the field of

- $\hfill\square$ Rain Water Harvesting , Waste water recycling & Water Conservation and Restoration
- ☐ Waste management, minimization Programs, health and hygiene in the community.
- □ Capacity building in the field of implementing environmental technology.

Strategies for implementation:

- □ Conduct R&D, evolve innovative, cost effective sustainable solutions in communities.
- □ Consultancy and implementation services to individuals, institutions and organizations
- ☐ Set up exhibition projects for awareness raising, Join hands with other organizations.
- □ Facilitating research on environmental issues to students and volunteers
- □Conduct awareness campaigns, workshops, trainings thro' Street Plays

Solid waste management, bio waste as compost/manure for on site plantation:

Collaboration with IIT-Delhi Design development pilot testing of Waterless Urinals Micro-Model Complex, Centre for Rural Development Technology, Guidance for facilitation of Green Initiatives water, waste solar Energy at Old Age Home, Panchvati Trust, Tughlakabad New Delhi.

Awareness and Participation on environment initiatives including:

Guidance for facilitation of Green Initiatives water, waste solar Energy at Apartments RWA, Surya Vihar Society, Kapashera, Gurgaon Haryana-40 villages at Churu District, Rajasthan.

Taking Care and progressing with Projects implemented earlier:

RWH maintenance and clean-up drainage at campuses as below:

- Laburnum Apartments
- Kribhco Complex
- Bharati College, Janak Puri
- IHE-Institute of Home Economics
- Eco-club work at Hamdard School
- tudents Training at VVF:
- Bharati College
- DU Env. Science M.Sc.
- TERI (Ms Anjali Grover, Ms. Manpreet, Ms. Paulomi and Ms. Himashree)
- MGIIREP (Ms. Reena Dubey and Ms. Shilpa Jain)

Guidance Green Initiative- plantation, water, waste, Solar Energy at Old Age Home

Facilitation of Green Initiative-Waste water reuse at Old Age Home, New Delhi

2 Yr Project: Evolve Youth as Innovators, Eco-games Govt. School, Noida, UP.

2 Years Project: Evolve Youth as innovator Visit at Agrasen Baoli, NDMC area, off Mandi House, Delhi

Glimpses- Sakshar















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Glimpses-Tarang









Glimpses-Prakrit







