



## IIMPACT QUARTERLY REPORT OCTOBER, 2013

“FUTURE OF THE NATION”



*“Give a girl an education and introduce her properly into the world, and ten to one but she has the means of settling well, without further expense to anybody.” — [Jane Austen](#)*

## MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF THE QUARTER

### Independence Day: 15<sup>th</sup> August - Celebrating a special day in a special way



Jaunpur – UP



Gajapati –Orissa



Pakur – Jharkhand

Every year 15<sup>th</sup> August marks the biggest day of India's history. It is our Independence Day. Independence day is celebrated across all the IIMPACT Learning Centers with great fervor. This year this day was celebrated by thousands of children in the villages where IIMPACT works. Activities were conducted to increase awareness of the process by which our country became a free nation. This year, as always, celebrations included a flag hoisting ceremony, singing of the national Anthem and national songs by children, march past and physical formations, sports and quiz competitions, games, distribution of sweets and other assorted activities at different locations. The distribution of awards to children who have done well was undertaken at several locations, as always it proved to be an exciting and encouraging event that every child looked forward to. These celebrations have a special place for the parents as well as they also participate and enjoy themselves along with the children.

### Teachers Day: 5<sup>th</sup> September



Gajapati –Orissa

This year Teachers Day marked the 125<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of former President of India Dr. S. Radhakrishnan. Several events were organised at our Learning Centers. The girls at the learning centers were eagerly awaiting this day as it offers them a chance to give something back to their teachers - their respect and their love.

The parents and community members also took part in thanking and honouring the teachers who impart valuable knowledge to their girls. Students showed their gratitude to the teachers by giving them presents and singing Guru Vandana. At some learning centers children imitated their teachers through skits and drama and made portraits of their teachers by participating in drawing competition



Kishanganj- Bihar

### **Teacher Convergence Meet at Kota, Rajasthan**

A Teacher Convergence Meet was organised at Kota, Rajasthan on 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2013. Thirty Five teachers, supervisors and project staff members participated in the Convergence programme.

During the convergence a thorough review of the project was conducted by Mr Junned Khan, Director Programmes, IIMPACT and Ms Shradha Vasisht , Coordinator of Training & Pedagogy at IIMPACT. Each teacher got a chance to share the progress and present status of the children and that of their respective Learning Center.



Teachers Convergence at Kota

### **Activities Conducted Under the IIMPACT - SAR LA TRUST Resource Center (RC)**

The objective of the Resource Center established by IIMPACT and Sar La Trust is to support IIMPACT-Girls Education Project through training and curricular enhancement. A large number of activities are taking place every month under the aegis of the RC. Over 24 quarterly trainings were organized during the last quarter in different project areas itself. The RC overlooked the training content, training relevance and training effectiveness vis-à-vis the learning



outcomes planned for each child in IIMPACT's programs. Some Training initiatives need a special mention here. A Mathematics training for 25 teachers in Gajapati, Orissa that helped teachers make children learn through very innovative and attractive methods. Level evaluation and level teaching trainings covering class I to Class IV that were organized at Mayurbhanj, Orissa, Alwar Rajasthan, South 24 Parganas and Murshidabad at West Bengal, Kishanganj at Bihar, Pakur at Jharkhand, Shahjahanpur, Jaunpur and Shravasti at Uttar Pradesh. A very attractive and effective training on Foundation Course and TLMs was organized at Shepur in Madhya Pradesh.

### **Mobile Science Van Programme Reaches Shahjahanpur (Uttar Pradesh) - Supported by ING Vysya Foundation**

On its third anniversary, IIMPACT's Mobile Science Van project reached another district of Uttar Pradesh, Shahjahanpur. The project was formally launched on 15th August at the District. Supported by ING Vysya Foundation, the Mobile Science Van project has already benefitted over 3000 girls in the neighboring Sitapur District from 2010 onwards. Now the project has been shifted to Shahjahanpur to bring Science Awareness among the children and communities in this area. The Mobile Van was launched at the Vinoba Bhave Sewa Ashram here in the presence of Mr. Junned Khan, Director



Mobile Van

Programmes, IIMPACT and Mr. Ramesh Bhai, Founder of Vinoba Sewa Ashram. The Launch programme was marked by various cultural items presented by the teachers and children and speeches by the staff members on how they will benefit from the Science Initiative. On this occasion, from IIMPACT, Mr. Abhishek Gaur, Project Officer, UP, and Mr. Mukesh Saini, Project Incharge, IIMPACT - VSA Girls' Child Education Programme along with the entire team of IIMPACT – VSA Girls Education Project were also present. The Executive Director of VSA, Mrs. Vimla Behan, shared with the participants that our great freedom fighter and visionary and the source of inspiration behind Vinoba Sewa Ashram, Acharya Vinoba Bhawe, was a great proponent of Science Education and Girls Education for Indian kids.

### **Learning Centers in Backward Areas – Challenges vs. Achievements**

A social study of the tribal areas of Odisha (Orissa) was conducted during the last quarter. IIMPACT runs learning centers in several tribal locations. Gajapati, a backward district of Odisha, has always struggled with issues such as malnutrition, drought, child-trafficking and poor health. Most of the girls coming to the Centers are engaged in household work and in taking care of siblings during the absence of parents who are out earning a living. The local people constantly face problems in getting work and making ends meet. In the absence of viable livelihood options they are mostly dependent on pastoral occupation, further threatened by depleting forest covers. Children are the worst victims of hunger and malnutrition. The scattered population in hamlets poses a big challenge for the schemes like MNREGA and Mid Day Meal.



Under such conditions, the setting up of IIMPACT Learning Centers close to the girls' habitation has brought new hope by involving girls in a meaningful education. In scores of villages the learning centre is proving to be a first step to education as the existing schools have remained inaccessible. In spite of these challenges the attendance of the girls in these Centers is remarkable i.e. 100%! This is because of their love for education. They are eager to learn and to fulfill their dreams.

### **A Story of a Very Special Child - (from Dehradun Learning Centre)**

An ever-smiling girl, 6 years of age lives in Timli Village. She has three brothers and sisters. Her elder brother is the only earning member in the family and takes care of their basic needs.

At birth, she was extremely weak but somehow doctors managed to save her life. After one and half years her parents noticed that she did not behave like other children. Gradually they were told that she was differently-abled and would need great care. However she proved everyone wrong.



Like any other child her age, this young girl likes dancing and playing. Her mother talks about her special qualities with tears in her eyes- "My daughter understands everything. Even though she cannot communicate with words, she uses her hands to express herself. She recognizes her family members. Though she often forgets the way to her home, she never misses coming to the learning centre".

Her teacher is very happy with her and says that she is the brightest child at the learning centre. Initially she did find it hard to understand and follow instructions; however she has gradually devised her own ways to understand everything that is being said. She is as capable a learner as all the other children around her. Her teacher says that, "She is a delightfully mischievous girl who never sits quietly".

Her mother is also a very brave lady. She has full faith in her child. She looks forward to the day when her child will also become successful in life, like other children.

### **Uttarakhand Floods: IIMPACT's Response**

The last quarter saw the ruthless ravaging of this State by the unprecedented floods. Thousands of people lost their lives, livelihoods and everything they possessed. The sudden devastation has left behind a very long struggle for the people. The worst affected are the villages and within the villages the children. It is difficult to reach the villages high up in the mountains as the roads have been washed away. Soon after the devastation IIMPACT had sent a team to study the situation in the affected areas of Uttar Kashi and Rudraprayag. It is in these locations where IIMPACT has started Learning Centers for children affected by the floods. In the absence of schools, these centers provide great relief for the children as they can now spend their time learning while their parents are busy putting their lives back together again.



Interaction of IIMPACT Team with Survey Panel

### **IIMPACT Australia**

IIMPACT – Australia Chapter was formally launched on 9<sup>th</sup> August at City Hotel in Sydney. It is a big event marking 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of IIMPACT. While IIMPACT in India has educated over 30,000 children since 2003, in a first, another entity has been established in Australia to further the cause.

The Counsel General of India in Sydney Mr. Arun Goel was the Chief Guest at the launch programme organized to mark the occasion. IIMPACT's CEO in India, Mrs. Nirmla Tandon, made an emotional appeal for support via a Skype video-link from the IIMPACT office in Gurgaon. She confirmed that the first cheque from Australia would go towards funding a Learning Center near New Delhi.



IIMPACT Australia

More information on the launch can be accessed in the full page feature which appeared in Indian Link: <http://www.iimpact.net/wpcontent/uploads/2013/08/IIMPACT>

## Inauguration of the first IIMPACT Australia Learning Center

While the launch of IIMPACT Australia took place at Sydney, their initiative was inaugurated on 28<sup>th</sup> September at a Village called Indpur in India. This is the first learning centre of IIMPACT Australia that will benefit hundreds of school drop-outs of this village. There will be many more learning centres in the coming future that IIMPACT Australia will initiate. Indpur Village is in Alwar District of Rajasthan, located at a distance of 100 kms from New Delhi.



Mrs. Alka Goel addressing community members

The learning center was inaugurated by the Chief Guest and Honorable Patron of IIMPACT, Mrs Alka Goel. Both Mrs. Goel and her Husband, India's Consul General in Sydney, Mr Arun Goel are big supporters of IIMPACT's cause of Girl Child Education. It was indeed very special to have her present at the village of Indpur in Alwar on this day.

The learning centre was co-inaugurated by Mr Rajiv Dhar, IIM-A Alumunus and the inspiring force behind IIMPACT's Girl Child Education Support Initiative in Australia.

Mr. Dhar's presence was commendable as he came all the way from Sydney on the morning of the inauguration, flying well over 6487 miles. He travelled another 130 kilometres from the airport to participate in this event.



The entire IIMPACT-Gurgaon Team was present at the occasion – Founder President, Mr Anil Tandon, CEO, Mrs Nirmala Tandon, Director Marketing, Mrs Urvashi Nair, Representative of IIMPACT 1988 batch, Mrs Monica Aggarwal and Director Programmes, Mr Junned Khan. The local community members greeted the guests with warmth – each guest was garlanded and offered a traditional welcome.

Mrs Goel addressed the local village community members and the young girls with impassioned words about the importance of education of girls. She very effectively outlined how education could transform not only the life of a girl but also the lives of her family members and of the entire community. She expressed her gratitude to the community members for organising this event and told them that she was privileged to be part of this significant process taking place in their villages.



Mrs Alka Goel, Mr Rajiv Dhar with the IIMPACT Team

The young girls impressed the guests as they proudly and confidently displayed their newly acquired knowledge at the IIMPACT Australia Learning Center. An unforgettable experience for everyone.

## *IIMPACT at the First Givers Club Inaugural Summit in New Delhi*

Give India recently launched the “First Givers Club” initiative with 50+ High Net worth Individual families seriously inclined towards giving in Delhi/ NCR. An inaugural summit was held on Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> evening at the Oberoi providing an interactive, outcome- oriented knowledge exchange platform.



Launch of First Givers Club



Mr. & Mrs. Relan, Ms. Nirmala Tandon, & Ms. Urvashi Nair at First Givers Club

The sessions featured philanthropists presenting their personal engagement experiences and NGO leaders sharing their interesting models of work. IIMPACT, represented by Nirmala Tandon and Urvashi Nair, was one of the three NGO leaders invited to participate in this event. On this occasion Nirmala spoke passionately about IIMPACT’s unique model.

Mr. Ajay Relan, Managing Partner – CX Partners and one of the IIMPACT’s important donors spoke at length about his reasons for selecting IIMPACT, the organization he has supported over the years. Mr. Relan shared his IIMPACT journey with all those present. Mr. Rakesh Bharti Mittal was the keynote speaker at the event. Ms. Anu Aga (Chairperson, Thermax) and Mr. Amit Chandra (MD, Bain Capital) were the key speakers at the summit.

## *Visits across the IIMPACT Learning Centers*



Mr. Anand Rao of Titan Industries Ltd. along with his team visited Learning Centers located in Dehradun sponsored by Titan



Prof. S.K. Barua, Ex Director of IIM Ahmedabad along with Ms. Nirmala Tandon, CEO, and IIMPACT visited Learning Centers at Alwar



Ms. Monica Suri, Complex Director, HR & Training, Westin Hotel with her team visited the Learning Center sponsored by them



Representatives of Concern India Foundation visited their sponsored Center at Mewat



Major Aditya Jha and Sachin Bali of Sachmud.com visited a Learning Center in Nuh

## **YOUTH MOVED TO ACTION**

### **A goal in her heart and bracelets on her hand**



Mirai Patel at the Fete

Young Mirai Patel has been associated with IIMPACT for the last 5 years. It was Mirai who galvanized her peers while in Grade 4 in Junior School in San Diego to raise funds and support a Learning Center. Today, their sponsored Learning Center, Diegueno Daughters, has been up and running since she was in Grade 4. Mirai's support has grown with each passing year. Now in class 9 at Pacific Ridge School in the US, Mirai continues to inspire her peers. She has founded an organization of her own – "A Million Knots" and has raised

funds to support an additional IIMPACT Learning Center. "In a Million Knots, we make and sell bracelets to raise funds to sponsor a school in India. When I was in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, during Pacific Ridge School Fall Fest, we were able to sell almost all of the bracelets my school friend and I had made. We raised almost \$6,00! I then raised another \$1,100 for the cause at a community tennis event in Orange Country with the help of my cousin Akshay Patel, so now we have over \$4,000 needed to fund the school for at least two years. I am thankful that I have friends who have supported me along the way and parents who support and inspire me to give back "says Mirai. We at IIMPACT applaud Mirai's highly commendable efforts and achievements

### **Wesleyan University Student Group - "IIMPACT India" supports a Learning Center**

Shayoni Nair, a recent graduate of Wesleyan University, Connecticut, USA motivated a group of fellow students during her senior year at the University and founded "IIMPACT India"- Wesleyan University Student Group with a focus to raise funds for IIMPACT. They have since funded the Alampur Learning Center in Alwar. It is heartening to learn that the group remains actively engaged and current students at the University have joined this initiative. They will help ensure that the desire and the drive to raise funds for IIMPACT continue.



Wesleyan University Student Group