



PARTNERING WITH IIMPACT

ING Vysya Foundation & Cognizant Foundation, Matrix Clothing Limited and Hamied Foundation join hands with IIMPACT.

Special teams from each of these organizations visited our centres in order to evaluate the possibility of getting involved in our initiatives. We are pleased to welcome each of them to the IIMPACT family.

A Special Thank You

A very special thanks to Sarla Education Trust R. Jhunjhunwala Foundation and the Chandarias for their continued and growing support.

It is Sonam's enthusiasm and desire to learn that has helped her come so far. We derive great satisfaction from such results. These situations help us realize the importance of our role as educators in a child's life.



Miss. Usha Rani From Cognizant interacting with the girls.



2. A Success Story - Ashma Bano's

Abu Sameedullah and his wife Khaleekum would never have dreamt that their daughter Ashman would ever go to school. Her life and future had always seemed to be destined to be dismal. He injured his hands in an unfortunate accident and is not physically fit to work with his hands, leaving his family extremely poor.

It was when the IIMPACT learning centre was operational in their village and the learning centre teacher Sabiha reached out to the prospective students that she laid eyes on Ashma. Ashma had a unique problem- she had been inflicted with polio in her early childhood. She could barely walk, that too only by dragging her feet. This did not deter Sabiha from approaching Ashma's parents and introducing them to the IIMPACT program. Ashma's parents were initially hesitant to consider sending their daughter to school but soon gave in.

Today one can see Ashma arriving at the centre before anyone else on her wheelchair (pushed by her sister) which was given to her in order to enable her to get to the learning centre. She is a dedicated and diligent student who has the distinction of not having missed a single day of school since December 06.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held on 8th September, 2007 at the DLF Golf Club, Gurgaon. The meeting was attended by Anil Tandon, Amal Jajodia, Rahul Tandon, R. Ambarish, Satish Kumar, Krishan Dhawan, Biswajit Sen, Devraj Singh, Amit Bose, Uday Mogre and Ms. Nirmala Tandon.

Plans for 2008 -2009 were approved and it was decided to open two more hubs at Raichur and Ranchi in addition to Alwar and Mahmoodabad.

Children's Day Out with ING VYSYA

ING Vysya organized a day with their local charity partner for 30 officials from their Lucknow office. This provided them a rare opportunity to meet and interact with the IIMPACT children in their sponsored schools in Lucknow. A 100 girls were treated to a fulfilled visit to the local zoo along with sumptuous breakfast and lunch delights. The event was covered by a local television channel.



The children were thrilled to see themselves on T.V.



Inspiring Words

It is always heartening to get honest and encouraging feedback from the very people our work is meant to impact. Here are some nuggets we would like to share with everyone:

- One of our donors recently visited a few centres in Alwar. He was keen to understand why the girls preferred to attend school at IIMPACT learning centres as opposed to the apparently more desirable option of government schools where children get free mid day meals. He discussed this with Mrs. Anandi the leader of the local Self Help Group in Moreda who pointed out that it was not the free meals that mattered but the quality of education imparted to the children, which was far superior at the IIMPACT centre.
- Ms. Bhuteri of Bandipura currently studies in class VIII of the local government school. She graduated from the IIMPACT learning centre at Bandipura. She said that the awareness level and academic ability of IIMPACT students is far superior to that of their counterparts in the government schools.



making a difference



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Students: 5318

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2008!

20 new centers in Mahmoodabad
+ 30 new centers in Alwar

50 new centers from July to Dec 2007.

174 Learning Centers. 5318 students.

iimpact = making a difference.

ANNUAL DAY FUNCTION



IIMPACT centres celebrated their Annual Day function on a grand scale at Alwar. The venue was an auditorium in Alwar city. The children came in buses accompanied by their parents and teachers. This was a first trip to Alwar for many of the girls. Many days of preparation and practice preceded the event.

The girls displayed their innate talent, dancing, singing, acting, speaking and thanking everyone with gay abandon. It was hard to believe that this was their first time on stage. An audience of 700 people did not deter them their confidence levels were remarkable.

The 75 girls who passed this year's Class V Rajasthan Govt. examination were felicitated and honored.

Our three toppers were awarded bicycles and all the girls were presented school uniforms for their next big step into the local government secondary school. A special award was given to a girl child who, inspite of her physical disability, has reached Class X. (We plan to enroll her as an IIMPACT teacher once she clears Class XII).



The Guests present on the Annual Day occasion

CELEBRATIONS

CHILDREN'S DAY AT MAHMOODABAD

Children's day was celebrated on 14th November at Mahmoodabad. The children from each group displayed their talents in singing or public speaking as the visitors stood back in amazement. What came through was a great desire to impress and to be appreciated in return. The girls confidently reached out to the visitors, conversing



articulately and asking questions without a hint of shyness. "Aap apna naam to bataao!" were words often repeated by some of the girls.

Creatively designed competitions put everyone's very good maths skills to test. Strong competitive spirits surfaced as teams and individuals vied with one another to score more points.

A talent show served as the grand finale where girls in colourful costumes and makeup performed. Simple but very effective props were used to enhance performances. The girls sang, danced, recited poems and Urdu Shairi and acted very convincingly. The performances were full of grace, poise and plenty of humour!



Best Teacher Category Award

TEACHER'S DAY

All the IIMPACT teachers were given special gifts in celebration of the important role played by them in the lives of the children. Special awards were given to the teachers outstanding commitment and overall excellence.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

The girls have all learnt to appreciate the significance of Independence Day on 15th August. The occasion was celebrated at all the centres. Flag hoisting was conducted with great pride and many girls made an effort to dress in the colours of the Indian national flag. Art competitions were organized where the most relevant and imaginative pieces of work made it to the final list.

