



Making a difference

# NEWSLETTER

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• EDUCATING 17000 GIRLS • 560 LEARNING CENTRES



A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU & YOUR FAMILY



# ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATED ON 14TH NOVEMBER 2010 AT ALWAR



IIMPACT BOARD MEMBERS WITH MR. ROHIT ARORA OF TITAN INDUSTRIES

## CELEBRATING THE ANNUAL DAY

The annual function of IIMPACT was celebrated in November, providing the children of Alwar a platform to celebrate and participate in cultural performances. IIMPACT'S girls proudly showcased their talent and enjoyed receiving prizes and the recognition that came their way. This year village Mahua Khurd in Alwar, Rajasthan proudly hosted this fulfilled event. It is significant to note that Alwar is where IIMPACT'S very first centres were inaugurated, meeting some element of resistance from the local community. However, over the last seven years a sea change has been witnessed. We now have the support of the entire village community at large-they independently organized the entire annual day function. **The words of Mr Duru, Head of the Village Council of Mahua Khurd "When IIMPACT came to our village with an offer to educate our daughters we feared that our girls would be negatively influenced and we insisted on inspecting the academic content. However, today as I speak on this function I thank IIMPACT for positively influencing our village culture. Now, we have not one but two IIMPACT learning centres running here. I assure you all that I will take responsibility for the girls to study and make us proud parents."** This community is now keen for IIMPACT to expand within their geographies.

Girls who had performed well in this year's class V Board Exams were felicitated as they proudly received wrist watches courtesy Titan Industries.

Amongst those present were IIMPACT Donors, Other Invitees, IIMPACT'S Board Members and its Administrative Team.

## Felicitations Ceremony at Mehmoodabad

163 students from IIMPACT'S Mehmoodabad centres passed the class V board exams in U.P. and were honored on this special event. ING VYSYA Bank presented these girls with lovely wrist watches on this occasion.

## CELEBRATIONS

### Teacher's Day

Teachers across all IIMPACT centres were honored on this special day. The students praised them through beautifully rendered songs and presented them with hand made greeting cards. Small gifts were also presented to the teachers as a token of respect.

## FESTIVITIES

### Independence Day

**Eid, Dussehra, Diwali and Gandhi Jayanti were all celebrated with great fervor across IIMPACT learning centres.**



MOBILE VAN LAUNCH



COMPUTER AIDED LEARNING



DEUTSCHE BANK VISIT



MS. ANU & SIMRAN CHANDARIA

## Sports Day

Some centres in Bihar and Orissa celebrated Children's Day by organizing sports meets for the girls.

## IIMPACTFUL INITIATIVES

### SCIENCE ON WHEELS-Mehmoodabad, U.P.

IIMPACT believes that the best form of learning is by doing and experiencing.

IIMPACT'S Science on Wheels project at the Mehmoodabad centres has succeeded in inculcating basic knowledge of science and environment in the children and thus arouse their curiosity and interest for further explorative education.

### COMPUTER AIDED LEARNING- Alwar, Rajasthan

The Computer Learning Programme in the Alwar Learning Centres is running well. The girls have now gained a basic awareness about computers and are able to perform simple applications with ease. Daily classes run for 30 minutes to an hour.

## WORKSHOPS

The following workshops were conducted across IIMPACT centres:

### ● TEACHER'S TRAINING at various hubs such as Jaipur, Shravasti, Mehmoodabad and Gajapati

The main objective of the training programme was to introduce the use and development of new teaching learning material, innovative pedagogical practices, and subject specific training.

### ● SUPERVISOR AND TEACHERS TRAINED ON DEVELOPMENT OF SLM

Residential training programmes were organized for the teachers of different classes in four phases and the main focus of the exercise was the development of Self- Learning Material (SLM).

### ● REFRESHER TRAINING PROGRAM AND TLM WORKSHOP IN MEWAT

The focus of the training was to instill basic teaching methods, usage of TLM and prepare the teachers for the challenges and capacity building for effective teaching. A Teaching Learning Material (TLM) development workshop was also organized.

### ● FOUNDATION TRAINING IN MAYURBHANJ, ORISSA

These workshops help ensure that our teachers and supervisors remain well informed and updated as their skills are constantly being upgraded through well

## VISITORS TO OUR CENTRES

- Deutsche Bank Team-Noel Hadden, Vikas Nanda, Yogesh Malhotra, Sunil Mudgal, Arijit Chakravorty & Kalpesh Mashru
- Ravi Mehra, VP Finance Draftfcb ULKA & his team
- R P Jindal along with Saurabh & Pragya Jindal
- Alka Kesavan
- Joya Dutt
- Haran Kumar
- Mr. Guru
- Shayoni Nair
- Kiran & Neha Gujral from Germany
- Jas Grewal & Suren Dutia
- Anu & Simran Chandaria
- Murahdhara & Usha Kedaba
- Jayant Mehrotra, CFO & Joyatri Ray, CSR Head-ING VYSYA
- Navin Singh from Business & Community Foundation
- Sabu Mohan, Pradeep Kumar & Prasenjit from Glaxo Smith Kline
- Kishan Lalchand Chulani
- Manisha Kapoor
- Dhruv Gupta

structured capacity building programs.

IIMPACT also ensures that the girls' parents and local village community members are kept involved in its education program through regularly organized community meetings such as the one that took place in Gajapati, Orissa.

## VOLUNTEERISM - a great way of simultaneously learning and reaching out!

- Teachers training on science module at Mewat conducted by Anant Kesavan, Volunteer and Junned Khan-Program Manager.

The training was conducted in July by Anant Kesavan, an IIMPACT Volunteer from Washington DC. The main objective of the training was to impart innovative knowledge of basic scientific principles, which will prove very helpful in the teaching



TEACHER'S TRAINING



REFRESHER TRAINING



IILM STUDENTS VOLUNTEER AT IIMPACT



ANANT KESAVAN, WASHINGTON DC





MR. JINDAL, SAURABH & PRAGYA



MRS. JAS GREWAL

process. Problems and challenges faced by untrained teachers, and practical science were the main topics covered during this training program.

- Dimpy Aggarwal, a BA Political Science student and Sadia Rao a class XI student volunteered at IIMPACT during summer 2010. They visited IIMPACT centres in Mewat, Haryana and Alwar, Rajasthan where they closely interacted with the girls and village community members. They also spent some time at the IIMPACT office to understand the functioning of IIMPACT across various hubs.

#### IIMPACT AT IIMA GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

A presentation on IIMPACT was made by Committee Members G Srinivasan and Amal Jajodia during IIM Ahmedabad's Golden Jubilee Celebrations that took place the weekend before the New Year set in.

#### IIMPACT PARTICIPATES IN THE PAN IIT CONCLAVE, NOIDA

Anil Tandon made a presentation on IIMPACT. This was followed by showing a short film on the initiative. Krishan Dhawan, Anil Tandon, Devraj Singh, Nirmala Tandon and Urvashi Nair were present at this event.

#### IIMPACT THANKS

- **Room To Read** for donating a large number of very interesting books to IIMPACT through its Book Donation Program. Our girls are enjoying reading and handling these highly valued possessions.
- **Chandrika Krishnamurthy Tandon-New York**, for sharing with IIMPACT a generous number of copies of her Grammy Award nominated 'Soul Call'. Proceeds of the sale of the CDs will be donated to IIMPACT.
- **R. P. Jindal** for presenting solar lanterns to the girls, supervisors of his sponsored centres as well as to the local Panchayat members.
- **Lynn Morgen, Jas Grewal and Sudhakar Kesavan** for organising and graciously hosting fundraisers in the U.S.
- **Vipul, Ankit, Amit, Jyoti, Atul all IIMA alumni**, for conducting the very successful NCR Blanket Distribution Drive over the very chilly days around new year. Our girls enjoyed the warmth of the blankets on bitterly cold nights.



SADIYA RAO, GURGAON



DIMPY AGGARWAL, NEW DELHI



ING VYSYA DAY



'GLOBAL DAY OF GIVING' CELEBRATION BY ULKA TEAM

ING VYSYA CELEBRATES ITS ANNUAL FOUNDATION DAY WITH IIMPACT GIRLS AT MEHMOODABAD ON 26TH NOVEMBER.

DRAFTFCB ULKA CELEBRATED THE GLOBAL GIVING DAY AT THEIR SPONSORED CENTRE IN MEWAT.





## OVERSEAS FUNDRAISING EFFORTS- USA

IIMPACT embarked on its first fundraising and awareness building efforts in the US in October 2010. The cities of New York, Washington DC and San Diego were covered on this maiden endeavour. Generous well-wishers of IIMPACT came forward to host these intimate events at their homes in each of these cities. These events were very well attended and the response to IIMPACT was indeed fantastic. Anil Tandon, Krishan Dhawan, Nirmala Tandon and Urvashi Nair traveled from India representing IIMPACT.

In San Diego, Krishan Dhawan had the opportunity to interact with members of Soroptimist International of La Jolla, all of whom are supporters and great brand ambassadors of IIMPACT in the U.S.

## MANISHA-A DETERMINED YOUNG GIRL!

Manisha belongs to a very poor and largely illiterate family. Her 35 year old father Jagdish has studied upto class 5 and her mother Gholi Devi is completely illiterate. Eight year old Manisha herself had never previously been to school until the IIMPACT learning centre was established in the vicinity. Manisha's father works as a farmer on his own small piece of land. Manisha has been going to the IIMPACT learning centre every working day, covering a distance of approximately 2 kms on foot. She really enjoys studying and is very enthusiastic about her academics. Her determination to go to school is not effected by the large water canal located in a hilly area between her village and the learning centre. On rainy days the water

level in this canal is waist deep! Despite this obvious potential deterrent Manisha did not miss even a single day of school during the monsoons last year. At times she would be forced to wade through the waist deep water in order to get to school—but that did not stop the determined Manisha.

At the Learning Centre Manisha proves to be an 'ideal student'. The daily work that is completed in the centre is revised by Manisha on regular basis. This is highly unusual for girls in the village as they normally have to deal with housework within their homes once they return from the centres. However, Manisha is such an eager student that her teacher Chiranjiv Singh has to make sure that she is given some homework daily.

**IIMPACT Steering Committee Meetings were held at IIMPACT Office, Gurgaon on 4th September & 13th November.**

**MANISHA IS PROVING TO BE A MODEL STUDENT, SETTING A GOOD EXAMPLE TO ALL HER CLASSMATES.**



OUR SPECIAL GUESTS



MEHMOODABAD FUNCTION



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MS. MONIKA DHAWAN WITH AN IIMPACT GRADUATE

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**DIEGUENO COUNTRY  
SCHOOL GIRLS ORGANISE  
AN INNOVATIVE  
FUNDRAISER FOR IIMPACT  
IN THE U.S.**



**YOUNG FRIENDS OF IIMPACT IN USA  
RUN FOR IIMPACT**

The students at Diegueno Country School in Rancho Santa Fe, USA recently participated in a Peace Run in order to raise money to sponsor an IIMPACT Learning Centre in Mewat, India.

These students have demonstrated the ability of raising funds in this unique yet effective manner and have set a wonderful example to school children all over.

This innovative fundraiser has enabled these children to reach out to those less privileged living a world away.

**AN INSPIRING QUOTE FROM A LETTER  
FROM ONE OF OUR DONORS**

*"This is one of the most satisfying projects we have contributed to and it brings us lots of joy to see that the donations we make are so useful and well distributed.*

*All of us at Plantation, would like to wish a Merry Christmas and New Year to the whole IIMPACT family.*

*Kindest regards*

*Vicky (Plantation Foods)"*

**YOU CAN NOW DONATE ONLINE TO IIMPACT-**  
Please visit [www.iimpact.net](http://www.iimpact.net) and reach out to our girls.



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