

IIMPACT QUARTERLY REPORT

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The Unveiling of Hidden Talents



VARIOUS EVENTS

-----Celebration of Eid -----

Celebrating multifarious cultures and festivals symbolizes unity and integrity. The Eid celebrations were a great success. The students showed their bright faces and enjoyed a whole day of fun and games. All of them took part in activities conducted to acquaint them with its religious significance, history, stories and legends, as well as associated traditions and customs. This day was a wonderful and informative one for the children and everyone enthusiastically took part.



-----INDEPENDENCE DAY -----

With the advent of the month of August, all of us are filled with a zeal and enthusiasm to express the feeling of unity and secularism as we participate in the celebrations for our country. Our children presented different patriotic activities which helped create an atmosphere of national pride. The programmes started with the unfurling of the tri colour by the eldest lady of the village which brought home a strong message to all that everyone is respected, valued and equally treated. This was followed by a colourful presentation of cultural events. Teachers were specially advised to prepare children for the programme much ahead. Beautiful messages were given by the leader of the area which increased interest towards girl child education.



“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”

Nelson Mandela

-----TEACHER'S DAY-----

This day was dedicated to all the teachers. Students conducted various programmes. Girls had made posters for the teachers as gifts. Special handmade articles were presented to the teachers by the students.



-----GANDHI JAYANTHI-----

Gandhi Jayanthi was celebrated throughout all our Learning Centers, in the memory of Gandhi ji as a “Great political and spiritual leader who was responsible for the independence of India. Rallies were organized and inspiring talks were given by the local leaders on his philosophy and ideology of “*Ahimsa*” (non-violence), and *Satyagraha* (holding on to truth). It was really inspiring to see the interest of the girls to take part in the rallies. This was the first time such programmes were conducted at the village levels.



“Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom”

George Washington

Visits

-----ACC LTD-----

ACC group of companies visited the Mewat, Haryana Learning Centers. A warm welcome was given by the community and teachers along with the girls at the learning centers. It was wonderful to see the active participation of all girls and their involvement in the question answer section. ACC staff conducted awareness programme on Rules on Road. It was informative and useful. Prize distribution was also conducted. It was a memorable day for all of us.



-----Mr. Venkataraman visits his sponsored learning centers-----

“I want to see all these girls through Std 10, so that they not only attain a certain level of literacy but are also confident and employable,” says Mr Venkataraman whose visit was inspiring and encouraging for the girls and the community members. There were many cultural programme that were organized and the best effort was made by the girls of different centers.



“Education is the movement from darkness to light”

Allen Bloom

Mr. B.S. Shantharaju, CEO, Mr. Bimal Dayal COO & Mr. Manoj Kumar Singh, Head of Regulatory Affairs & Sustainability of Indus Tower Ltd, visited Hallu Bas(Khanpur) Village in Alwar District of Rajasthan. There was a traditional welcome by the village committee and the girls of the Learning Centre. There was active participation by the girls in displaying their skills in English, Hindi & Mathematics.



-----A DAY WITH ALUMNI MEMBERS-----

“To be successful in life, we will have to be willing to give our level best. We have to translate our ability into work done with commitment and reap the fruit of hard work.” says Nirmala Tandon. Over the past years we have begun to reap the fruits of our hard work. It was a feast for the eyes to see that the graduates of IIMPACT Learning Centers continue to pursue their studies in class 10.



“Education is not the preparation for life; education is life itself”

John Dewey

-----Computer Training-----

Computer Training is in full swing in 30 selected IIMPACT Learning Centers supported by Concern India Foundation. Students from different learning centers from Class 4 and 5 are selected and are provided with free computer training. With the help of special teacher the students are learning basics of computer. Great enthusiasm and interest is displayed by the girls and they are never absent from class.



-----Teachers Training-----

The highest number of teachers training took place in this quarter. Subjective Trainings took place in our residential and nonresidential working areas. Foundation trainings were conducted in newly set up areas of Bundi in Rajasthan and Haridwar in Uttarakhand. The main objective was to impart standard training to all the IIMPACT teachers. (A detailed report is attached)



“Education is all a matter of building bridges.”

Ralph Ellison

-----Swachh Bharat Mission-----

The people of many remote villages where IIMPACT Learning centers were established practically lived in filth. Even the surrounding areas were filled with piles of garbage and the villagers had no clue that the water they drank was extremely polluted. But things have now changed in the villages with the awareness and empowering programs we conducted. In the village's Learning centers students are taught the importance of cleanliness, and they, in turn, spread the word to their families. This growing awareness has resulted in a clean village. Swachh Bharat is now an anthem for most of the villagers.



-----Backpacks for Hope-----

The students of University of Wisconsin- La Crosse, USA recently visited an IIMPACT Learning Centre in Mewat. They were impressed and moved by their visit and interaction with the girls. These students organized a fundraising drive for IIMPACT and have sent lovely colorful bags for IIMPACT girls to use. A big thank you to the University of Wisconsin Students from the young girls at IIMPACT!



“The foundation of every state is the educations of its youth.”

Diogenes

-----ProEngage -Tata Group's Volunteering Program at IIMPACT-----

Through ProEngage, a group of Tata employees have volunteered their time on weekends to work on a structured 6 month long project with IIMPACT, using their managerial skills. We welcome the team on board!



Case Study-1



An inspiring dreamer, Samida Khatun

Samida Khatun is the daughter of a poor and illiterate farmer who struggles to make a living. Samir Sheikh is suffering from asthma and constantly visits the local hospital. Her mother along with the other children makes *bidis* for an income for their struggling family. Samida has 3 brothers and 3 sisters. She is the eldest of all the children who never got chance to go to a school as she had to look after her siblings.

She has witnessed the constant suffering of the family. At night she used to cry a lot while listening to the cries of her father struggling to breathe. The family had spent all that was possible to treat and support him. But all was in vain. There were days when she went to bed on an empty stomach. She had to sacrifice her food for her younger ones.

“All I want is an education and I am afraid of no one.”

Malala Yousafzai

It was good news for her when she heard that Ban Vikrampur village is going to have a school of its own. She joined IIMPACT Learning center programme. She got so engrossed-she does all her household work early morning itself and comes to the center on time for class. The teacher is so happy as she is a bright student and works very hard. She is good at teaching the other children in the class as well. She goes home and teaches her brothers and sisters. Her dream is to become a doctor. She does not want see her father suffering. She says enthusiastically that I would be able to cure my father once I become a doctor. She is a great inspiration to all the girls in the class.

Case Study-2



Love can change everything

Nasreen, the 12 year old girl is mocked by all the kids in the village. She is differently abled. She has not been taken to any hospital for any treatment. Her poor parents never could do that. She is unable to take any decision by herself. She never shows any interest in work assigned to her. She never communicates with anyone. She used to aimlessly roam around the streets of Jhanadupur.. Children used to throw stones at her. She was never cared for or loved by her parents.

While conducting a survey, IIMPACT staff came to know about her. She was brought to the Learning Centre. Mrs. Usha, the Center in charge took great initiative and started to teach her. It was surprising for her to see that the child showed interest in studies. The teacher started to counsel the child and encouraged her. The teacher used to bring the child from home along with her to the centre. There is great improvement seen in her now.

The teacher eventually visited her parents and counseled them. They started to take better care of Nasreen. She is showing great improvement in her dealings with others and started to take more interest in studies. The teacher is expecting a change for the better in her. She has found in her great potential to do well in studies. IIMPACT is so proud to have such a committed teacher.

“Education is the transmission of civilization”

Will Durant

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Instead of senseless gifts destined to be recycled, an IIMPACT gift certificate indicating that a girl child is being given the gift of education in its place makes for meaningful and responsible giving.

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HAPPY DIWALI WISHES FROM ALL 45,000 YOUNG GIRLS AT IIMPACT!