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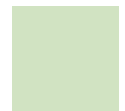
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## Chairman's Message

"Pehal" is more than a newsletter. It is an effort of our team to showcase the initiatives taken by us to bring a much needed change in the society. We have always stressed the need to create a society where there is a holistic growth. A society where everyone is equal, everyone knows his or her roles and everyone is a responsible citizen. We can bring these changes in our society only through small incremental steps. This quarter our activities mostly circled around the young citizens of our society. We taught them, trained them, entertained them and even learnt from them. Some of the people who visited the school were enthralled by the way the school was maintained and by how the students were being managed. Their visits assured us that we were on the right track with our efforts.

This course of social transformation that we have started would have been impossible without our students performing well in both academics and extracurricular activities. The work of the organisation has resulted in the development of kids as confident and compassionate human beings who are capable of standing on their own feet. We must also thank the parents of these students who understood the importance of education and have supported us in every possible way.

This message would be incomplete without thanking our sponsors who have been a constant support since the start of this journey. We have travelled a long distance and have educated a fair number of young citizens. Still there is a lot more to be done and a fair distance to travel. We hope that we get the same level of support and encouragement as we have had in the past.

**Padma Shri Dr. S.C. Manchanda,**

Senior Cardiologist, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi  
Chairman, Advisory Board, Diya India Foundation

## Republic Day Celebrations

The students of our schools Chetan Vidya Mandir and Chetan Playway School celebrated Republic Day on January 24, 2015. The event was marked by cultural activities organized by our students and staff members. The school principal hoisted the national flag after which books and chocolates were distributed among students. The students greatly enjoyed themselves and learnt the importance of the day in our great nation's history.



## World Cancer Day

The Students of our school have always stood for social causes. They have always tried their best to increase awareness about various social issues. Cancer being one of the major social issues is always in focus of Diya India Foundation. On February 4, 2015 our students came out to create awareness on Cancer. The students prepared pamphlets and distributed them near the premises of our schools. The students were able to connect with a lot of people and disseminate invaluable information about cancer.

## Tryst with Hockey Stars

The Students of Chetan Vidya Mandir under the supervision of our staff members paid a visit to the Hero Hockey India League on February 21, 2015 at Major Dhyana Chand National Stadium. The students enjoyed and witnessed their star players competing live. We made this sporty excursion of our students a fantastic experience by providing refreshments and transportation for their convenience.



## Bidding **Goodbye** to Class V **Students**

The students of class V were given a farewell by their immediate juniors on February 28, 2015. The farewell was celebrated with full pomp and show. Students managed the entire event perfectly and entertained their seniors through some entertaining performances. This initiative enabled students to brush up their managerial skills at such a young age. The seniors were overwhelmed because of the great show put up by their loving juniors.



## The Glittering **Holi** Carnival

The colors splashed in and around Chetan Vidya Mandir and Chetan Playway on the occasion of Holi. On March 5, 2015 our students along with their teachers fervently celebrated the festival. The spirit of the festival was well maintained as the location witnessed the spirit of fraternity all over. Some essential moral teachings were also imparted apart from enjoying the festival of colors and togetherness.

## **Entering** into the Tech **Savvy** World

The Students of class III were in for a brand new experience when they were introduced to the world of computers. They were taught the basics of M.S Paint. The students were asked to draw whatever they wanted. All the students responded to the program very enthusiastically. The teachers helped them in learning all the basics. Soon, our students will master both the art and science of working on computers.



## Go Green Adoption of Park

Diya India Foundation under its Project Parivartan, has 'Go Green' as one of its objectives. Planting a tree is one of the easiest and most sustainable way to positively change the environment. There can never be enough numbers of trees on earth.

Diya India Foundation in association with Hirohama group has adopted a park in the Japanese Zone, Neemrana. Under this adoption, Diya India Foundation planted 2000 plants. Thereafter, the association has been in constant effort to maintain those plants.



## Ration Distribution to **Blind Girls**



India is now the home to the world's largest number of visually impaired people. Of the 37 million people across the globe who are visually impaired, over 15 millions are from India. Diya India Foundation has taken the initiative to support and distribute ration to 23 born visually impaired girls at Nihal Vihar in Delhi.

We feel that these people really lack the opportunity to learn and earn for themselves as a result they end up struggling for their survival. Diya plans to keep providing the basic ration needs to these girls every month.

## Health Camp at Dharam Bhawan, South Extension

Even after decades of freedom, India is still struggling to provide basic health services to its people. Diya India Foundation continues to work towards to the basic healthcare of the underprivileged community. Diya organized a health camp at Dharam Bhawan, South Extension and pulled the crowd from Kotla, Kidwai Nagar, etc. The camp conducted check –ups like Eye test, ECG, Dental, Blood pressure and blood test. A session on yoga was also conducted by Dr. Ramesh, Yoga Expert – Sir Ganga Ram Hospital. He explained how to heal the basic pains by correcting the body posture and exercising. People who had poor eye-sight were also distributed free spectacles.

Some prominent doctors like Padma Shri S.C Manchanda Senior Consultant Cardiologist, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital were present there for consultation. Such health camps provide health services to underprivileged people free of cost.



## Health Camp at Neemrana

Health is Wealth is the message we spread. Diya India foundation, under its Project Jeevan, is committed to provide healthcare to those who otherwise go untreated. It is for this reason that we concentrate our efforts in remote areas where most deprived and disadvantaged people live. Diya organized health camp at Margaret Engineering College, Neemrana. More than 700 people went through basic health check-up including Blood test, Eye check-up, General health check-up and Counseling. A large number of people have benefitted with free medicines and free consultation.

## Gift of **Mobility**

It gives immense pleasure to our team whenever they become the reason behind someone's smile. On April 20, 2015 we experienced a moment of joy and happiness when home and healthcare company, Soma sponsored two wheelchairs for a child and an elderly woman. The family members of both the child and elderly woman were overjoyed when they heard this news from our team. The best part was experiencing the sense of bringing a difference in the lives of two individuals which is truly incomparable.



## Workshop on **Sexual Abuse**

With each day, the number of sexual abuse cases against children in the city is increasing. Hence, we at Diya India Foundation considered it as our duty more than a necessity to educate our students about sexual abuse through a workshop conducted on April 29, 2015 at Chetan Vidya Mandir school premises. Our teachers knew that in such workshops, levity has no scope. Hence, they carried several mock drills amongst themselves and took the help of those who already have an experience in carrying out workshops on such sensitive topics.



Only few schools conduct such workshops where the students are taught to differentiate between a good and bad touch, not to accept sweets from strangers and also be vigilant irrespective of the gender. There were few engagement activities to help the children understand what involves being sexually assaulted. Children were also encouraged to share or be open with their family members in case such situation takes place. The best part of the workshop was that children did not hesitate or shy away from participating in the engagement activities carried.



## Workshop on **Water** Conservation

Water is one of the scarce resources that we human beings are dependent on for survival. Diya India Foundation took this cause to the young citizens and tried to create awareness amongst them through a workshop on water conservation held on April 29, 2015 at our school premises. The workshop began in an interactive manner where students were asked certain questions and the real picture of adverse water conditions across the globe was discussed. The workshop ended by asking children to promise that they will make sure that they would neither waste any water nor they would allow anyone else to do that.



## An Ultimate **Musical** Extravaganza

The students of Chetan Vidya Mandir were ecstatic when our teachers broke the news about the musical performance by Hamsa band on April 29, 2015. The whole school including the teachers and students was filled with a pulse of excitement. The frenzy of excitement peaked among the students when they saw Hamsa team members Nitin & Abhay preparing for their performance. The band started with some light tracks and swept the crowd off their feet thereafter. They entertained the audience by performing songs like Chak De, Dama Dam Mast Kalandar, Aashayein and their very own popular track "Tera Mera Pyaar". The young crowd waived hands, clapped, laughed, and sang along with the band members. In the end, the band members appreciated Diya India's efforts and commitment towards the children and blessed the children for their future.



# Vocational Training

Training the youth of the country, with a special emphasis on women, to make them self-sustainable is definitely the need of an hour. Diya India Foundation has been constantly working to provide skill training to the underprivileged section of the society so that they can earn for themselves and have a financial stand in life.

Diya India Foundation runs its Vocational Training Centre at Nihal Vihar. The centre has been training women in dress making, tailoring and embroidery for them to enhance their skill and earn their livelihood.

We plan to extend our horizon in skill development by preparing individuals for initial entry into employment and specialized occupation. Courses like ITES, retail and hospitality will be offered to make the youth of the country self-sustainable. Diya will also help them with placement post training. Skill Development of the working population is a priority.

We have also extended our help by providing them different platforms to not only showcase their talent but also sell it. Products like clutch bags, rakhis, shagun envelopes, etc were sold at Millennium School, Noida and Sapient Corporation, Gurgaon.



## Gender Resource Centre (GRC)

In association with Delhi Government's project Samajik Suvidha Kendra - Mission Convergence, Diya has been running its GRC at Nangloi. Under this, Diya has been running Vocational Training Programs, Health Camps, Nutrition Camps, Legal Counseling and Awareness, WATSAN (Swachh Bharat), Education Adult and Remedial, Suvidha Kendra. Through this project, Diya is catering to the needs to approximately 1 lakh slum PEOPLE.

## Blissful Rendezvous

Chetan Vidya Mandir witnessed the visit of Dr. Ved Pratap Vaidik, Chairman of the Council for Indian Foreign Policy. He ardently wanted to meet the students and analyse how NGO affiliated schools function. He was extremely pleased after spending some time with the students. He was impressed by the infrastructure and maintenance of the school, level of education imparted and the facilities provided by the Diya India Foundation. He congratulated us on our efforts and blessed our students with a great future.



Mr. Amit Arora, Director, Aval Fashion House, one of our key sponsors came to visit our schools. The first thing that struck him was the sanitation and cleanliness maintained at both the schools. He interacted with our students and teachers and tried to understand how he can further help our cause. He praised the staff and our students for their combined efforts to make our school an epitome of quality education. We were humbled by his appreciation which in itself is a boost for us to achieve more in the future.

## Testimonials



**Echo**  
Volunteer  
China

Words are just not enough to express, happy to see those kids enjoy themselves and have chance to acquire their dreams. There is one saying that caught my eye, "Education should be a journey but not a race." And that is exactly what the Diya India foundation is doing.



**Alice**  
Volunteer  
China

I feel, because of Diya India, the children and women can get educated and have a much brighter future. I hope more and more people can give hands to Diya India for those people who need help.



**Michael**  
Volunteer  
China

I witnessed what Diya has done. I went to Chetan Vidya Mandir school to teach slum children computer, I saw the light shining in those kids' eyes. I went to Gender Resource Centre (GRC) Center and Vocational Training Center and saw how they're leading an independent life.

## Future Plans

In the next quarter, we will be focusing towards the adoption of villages and schools with special emphasis on women empowerment. We have already started taking initial steps for the same. We are in the initial stage of adopting a school for differently abled and a village in Faridabad. We will also be joining hand with FLO FICCI in their 'Women Empowerment' in Education.



## Website Launch

We are happy to announce the launch of our new website [www.diyaindia.org](http://www.diyaindia.org). The new website carries not just a new look but also a new outlook. The website now provides an array of options to support our organization. Now you can donate online, enroll as a volunteer, access our newsletter and annual report, and can stay updated about all of our activities. Log on to our website and be a part of the transformation.



## Contribute

Come and be a part of the change. We request you to support us through your priceless donations as it keeps our movement alive and helps us in many worthy social causes. Some less fortunate individuals somewhere needs your help, be it in cash or kind. Make the right choice and 'SUPPORT'.

## Help Nepal

Diya India Foundation understands the pain of not having the shelter above the head and no food to eat. In association with Goonj, Diya donated blankets and basic medicines to Nepal victims. Diya, in its own little ways, will strive to bring back Nepal back to its feet.



"Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school."

– Albert Einstein

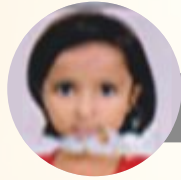
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Anjali

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Simpi

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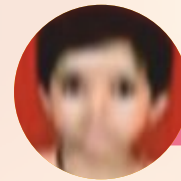
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### CLASS III



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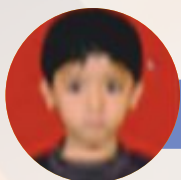
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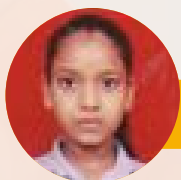
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Sachin

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### CLASS V



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Suman

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