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President's Note

Dear Friends,



Season's greetings!!

The Annual Report of year 2015 is in your hands.

A new year marks a new beginning, an opportunity for renewal, change, refocus, re-energising and rejuvenation.

The year 2015 has seen PRAYATNA focus strongly on catering to the needs of the students of the government schools, sustainable funding opportunities for our ambitious project "School of Excellence" and empowerment programs for students and teachers. Re-energising senior students, instilling confidence and establishing suitable platforms for their increasing needs has always become challenging as I consider this to be the most crucial area of work.

On 5th January of this year we have completed seven glorious years of promoting reforms in education and providing solutions for the migrant children problems. Last year we had reached over 500 children in 4 other urban rural areas of Gurgaon i.e. village Sarhaul, Jharsa, Chakarpur and Nathupur and in the year 2015 we have also given assistance to establish new independent educational centres for our associates who are running these schools on the baselines of "School of Excellence" .

We appreciate and highly value the constant support demonstrated by our esteemed partner **Impulse India Pvt. Ltd.**, which has been our partner since year 2012. Impulse supported "School of Excellence" Jharsa has become the benchmark for all our upcoming projects. It is largely because of such support we have been receiving from the employees, volunteers and management of Impulse.

I must congratulate and give special Thanks to Mr **Niikhil Suri**, the Director of Impulse and Co-Founder of our SOE-Jharsa for his constant support and encouragement.

I invite suggestions and critique for our work so as to further strengthen our mission and vision.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Praneet Sushil
President

“I feel pride to announce that we have initiated our another social enterprise model 'Ojas Masale' that would help the mothers of children enrolled in Prayatna to fulfill their employment needs, hence enhancing 'women empowerment model' of Prayatna. This year 2016 will see a change not only in their economic conditions but also in their confidence level. Keep up the Prayatna!!”



Dr Sonali Saxena
Vice President

“Each time I meet the children, team of Prayatna I feel motivated. I congratulate the team on taking up the challenge of mentoring and leading the neediest of the society. Sharing is precious! You share your time, energy and skills with the children who are less privileged than you is tremendous. God bless you all.”



Ms Shammi Alhawat
Chairperson

Members:

Ashutosh Tiwari,	Treasurer
Mohit Gupta,	General Secretary
Anuj Dubey,	Coordinator
Himanshu Makkar,	Joint Secretary
Preeji Niar,	Coordinator, Impulse India Pvt. Ltd
Priyanka Maharana,	Volunteer, Impulse India Pvt. Ltd
Arvind Saxena,	Volunteer, Teacher
Renu Dahiya	Teacher
Monika Kumari	Teacher

About Prayatna:

“Prayatna School of Excellence” is an organization which aims to deliver Excellence in the Primary Education and lay the foundation for the citizens of tomorrow. Prayatna consists of a group of individuals who could see beyond themselves. The Passion to do something for the society and the zeal to overcome all odds and bring about a much needed change in the quality of education provided at the primary level in

the rural areas. The core team consists of a group of highly qualified and working professionals who spare their time to change the lives of those who are the future of our Mother Nation. We have the desire to revolutionize the Quality of education at the primary level by the introduction of innovative ways of teaching and learning. The necessity is to develop not just an educated citizen, but to produce a learned individual who can distinguish between what is right and what is wrong.

Mission

To promote education among various sections of the society and to take every step in furtherance of the same including setting up of formal schemes, development centers and all such activities essential to promote educational levels.

Where imparting education is 'service', where 'quality of service' is delivered by passionate, committed 'devotees' and where 'service to mankind' is considered as 'service to god', it has to be Prayatna School of Excellence.

We are registered for Tax Exemption for donations under section 80G of Income Tax Act 1961.

A Tribute to Shri Bimal Mohanty



An academician, Philosopher, Social Worker and Writer Shri Bimal Mohanty has been the constant source of Inspiration for Prayatna. We pay tribute to this great personality for his tremendous contribution in the field of social service and service to mankind.

He was the pioneer of few initiatives that have been taken under the banner of “Sr. Citizens Council of Gurgaon” for Prayatna projects. Along with his other companions he always supported “School of Excellence” works especially for children of Molahera. We at Prayatna pay a tribute to his sincere and meaning full life works that will be source of inspiration in our future endeavors.

“Khushiyaan” Team Event on Education Awareness

Place – “School of Excellence”, Jharsa

Date – 13th April 2015

[Khushiyan - Connecting Helping Hands](#) team organized an event for Prayatna children at SOE-Jharsa. It aimed to setup Library with various types of books so that children have access to more books to enhance their reading skills.

Library is a Source of Knowledge which empowers Children of different ages for many years !!

Following were the major activities conducted during the event.

1. Notebooks and Stationary distribution
2. Volunteers Collection of Children Course / Story Books
3. New books donated by Sanskriti team.
4. Solo performances by our children and best drawing awards.

We are much thankful to **Rohit Gupta, President of Khushiyan** NGO for visiting our center and spent quality time with students. They also gifted Stationary Items to all the deserving students and assured for full support in their academic session.

Wishing many more events together and spreading khushiyan together !!





(books donated by Khushiyaan team to "School of Excellence" centre)

Career Counselling and Mentoring Workshop

Date – Through Out the Year 2015

"Prayatna" demands a full time dedicated counselor for all schools and one stop solution for Career Mentoring by a "Career Doctor". A much needed reform in present education system.

A series of Counseling Workshops have been organized by Prayatna Group throughout the year. Prayatna has presented solutions for counseling problems:

- 1) High time to introduce a full time "Career Counselor" for all the students of standard 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th
- 2) Introduce "Vocational Courses" at school level (especially for govt. schools where children are not from privileged section)
- 3) Children who are not willing to pursue or not able to opt higher education must engaged into some vocational training/courses to become self-dependent in earlier stage of life
- 4) Introduce technological advancements and private consortium partnerships to uplift the schooling system for better results

Points are discussed in a workshop conducted on "Career Counseling and Mentoring", Professionals, associates and social workers of Samarth Swaraj group asked these questions because they are willing to work on these topics.

Expressions @ Management Development Institute, ggn

Extra Curricular Event by PRAYATANA kids

Compiled by MDI Samaritans Team

Like previous years Samaritans Team of MDI Group organized “Expressions” Programme for Children in the month of October. A small team from Samaritans visited NGO Prayatana with an aim of teaching them few cultural activities including dancing and singing. The thought of learning dancing and singing really energised all the students. They were excited and very enthusiastic to learn and show case their talent. To everyone surprise, few of them were really champs, they are well adept in singing, picking up notes of songs and steps of dance really well and after few practice rounds, they were performing their best. This really boosted their confidence. More than forty students prepared their performance and participated in the cultural event organised for them at MDI campus the very next day.

In next morning, kids were welcomed at campus, and after lunch, they were all set to perform in front of judges and audience. Loads of cheering, clapping, and encouragement set the stage for everyone, they were enthusiastic, excited and innocently waiting for their performance to come. Some performed alone, some in duos and many in groups. It was a treat to eyes, listening songs, their poise and soulful singing was awe-inspiring. Patriotic songs, Bollywood numbers, love numbers, hip hop, rapp songs, prayers, everything was covered by these bunch of kids. Such a talented lot, really inspiring and also a learning experience for we grownups that how to find happiness in every small little things of life. At the end, winners were announced and everyone was given chocolates.



(Prayatna Molahera and Jharsa Students at Competitions organized by MDI College Gurgaon)

They also played in the garden with the Samaritans team and made our day memorable.

Following is the list of winners for the drawing competition held at “*School of Excellence*” Jhasra and Molhera CDC.

From “*School of Excellence*” Jhasra

Manisha (Class 4 B)- 1st Prize

Shivali (Class 9 A)- 2nd Prize

From “*School of Excellence*” Molahera

Anil Kumar (Class 7)- 1st Prize



Varsha (Class 4)- 2nd Prize



15th August Celebrations and Awards Giving Ceremony

Place – Banquet Hall, Jhasra

Participated Students – “School of Excellence” Molahera and Jharsa

Compiled by Priyanka Maharana, Impulse Employee

REJOICING IN THE FREE COLORS OF INDEPENDENT INDIA!! JAI HIND!!

PRAYATNA celebrated 68 years of FREEDOM with grand fervour. The event was a hit inspite of the flooding rains. KUDOS to the indomitable spirit of the kids.

Here's the tale from one of our volunteers. Read on to catch up with us!!

"All the Prayatna liliputs had gathered themselves at the venue since morning. They had toiled across the day in the humid heat, charged up with patriotism and decking up the venue for their upcoming event. At around 2 when the chores were almost done and everyone was preparing to disperse for lunch, the heavens decided to show their ugly face. The rains poured fiercely, spoiling most of the decors. It did dishearten the kids for a while, but brave hearts that they bear, they resolved to put up a great show inspite of the odds.



(Inauguration of function by Prayatna Team and honorable guests)

We were expecting a very low footfall but the arrivals of eminent guests and a decent audience surely lifted our spirits. The kids put up a mighty fine show. A mixture of cultural events, patriotic dance/songs/plays and prize distributions kept the onlookers intrigued.



It was almost 7:30 in the evening. Night had fallen and it was still softly drizzling. Everyone was eagerly waiting for the much-heard “JHANSI KI RANI” play for which the kids had been preparing for the last 2 months. They were excited, nervous, anxious, all in characters but fate had some other plans. The lights went off. It was pitch dark and the generator too broke down. There was no way that the play would happen. All the adults started moving out suggesting that we should close down and that its futile to wait for the light. The kids were adamant, they didn't want to get off the stage. They insisted “hum light ka wait karenge”. It was next to impossible to convince them against it. No matter what we said they hung onto their decision.

Finally an idea struck. The younger kids all stood up, gathered around all cell phones they could. Directing the torch light towards the stage, they encircled the stage with their hands held high. The stage was lit up magically. It was a sight worth encountering. The play kicked off with the kids taking complete charge in their super-enthusiastic attire. Once started, neither did they stop, nor did they look back.... they just went with the flow, flawlessly delivering their dialogues in the partial darkness. The few who witnessed this were in awe and completely moved by the strong passion and will that the kids showcased. It ended with the audience giving a standing ovation to the bold harbingers of the country's bright tomorrow. The parent's swelled with pride. They know their kids are under excellent supervision."



(Jharsa Students stunning performances)

Molahera Students performed the play “JULOOS” based on story, written by great literary personality Munshi Premchand on this occasion. Play was directed by theatre actor Mr Avinash Avi who recently joined the team Prayatna.

“Prayatna Felicitated Top Performers Students in Year 2015”

Place – “School of Excellence”, Molahera

Date – 5th September 2015 (Teacher's Day)

Compiled by Sankalp Bhartiya, Engineer and Volunteer

The gifts and prizes were collected and distributed on the behalf of following guests:

Patrons:

Col. R. C. Chaddha, President, Global Cultural Foundation

Nikhil Suri, Director Impulse Corporation (SOE-Jharsa Partner)

Dr A. N. Bhatt, Retd. Professor, Sr. Citizen Council, DLF Gurgaon,

Shri Bimal Mohanty, President Ahwaan Spritural Organization www.ahwan.org

Dr Sushil Khurana, Chairperson Kalyani hospital and Owner Rotary Public School

Raj Chauhan, Actor and Producer (Haryanvi films)

Mrs Ratna Guha and Mrs Aruna Vajpayee, Media Centre for R&D, Gurgaon

Around 20 students from both “School of Excellence” centres with extra-ordinary performances in different areas of studies and extra-curricular activities were facilitated.

Top performers of Year 2015 (Till September) are:

Rahul Bhagat, Class 9th Village Molahera

Anil Kumar, Class 7th Village Molahera

Anwar Ali, Class 7th Village Molahera

Pankaj Kymar, Class 8th Village Molahera

Payal Kumari, Class 8th Village Molahera

Shivali Kumari, Class 8th Village Jharsa

Ritu Kumari, Class 5th Village Jharsa

Rinki Kumari, Class 6th Village Jharsa

“New Musical Group of Students “Heartbeats” launched”

Place – MDI Institute, Gurgaon

Date – 8th November 2015

Compiled by Sankalp Bhartiya, Engineer and Volunteer

This is the newly formed Musical Band "**Heart Beats**" of "School Of Excellence" Molahera Talented, Music Lovers Children. They are school students having immense love for music and art!! This was the first performance at MDI College of Gurgaon.



“GREEN DIWALI” Concept by Impulse volunteers

Date – 12th Nov 2015

Compiled by Priyanka Maharana, Impulse Employee

Here it is, the last but one Saturday of November 2015. Just few more weeks to 2016, and our year-end high spirits are already tuned in. Its strange how the much-awaited DIWALI just passed by in an eye's blink. Everyone around has been too occupied with holidaying and shopping and sweet hogging and bonding.

Meanwhile here at Prayatna too our little festive shenanigans left no stone unturned to make their FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS take the title of their GRANDEST celebration of the year. The preparations stretched a quality span of four long weeks. Ditching the idea of a polluted and noisy DIWALI, the kids decided to travel the eco-friendly route.

Several weekly workshops witnessed the kids engrossing themselves in adorning clay diyas and molding clay into decorative structures. "BEST out of WASTE" was our key focus. The volunteers at [Impulse Group](#) gathered around waste papers, fabrics, laces, sequins and many more such abandoned items that would otherwise have ended up in the dump yard. It seemed like another episode of Master Chef where you are exposed to an array of ingredients and its on you to make the bestest dish out of it.

The ultimate output of the workshops were put on sale at Impulse Group during their annual Diwali lunch. The stall was almost empty within few minutes with the crafts selling like hotcakes. The overwhelming response made us swell in pride.

Christmas and New Year are around the corner. Our goal is to make them GRANDER!! Come



join us and help make it BIGGER with your love and support!!

(**Mudit**, a volunteer from [Impulse Group](#) explaining the meaning of "**GREEN DIWALI**" before the kids plunged into making their DIWALI cards)

Testimonials:

"It is indeed my great pleasure to have met Praneet and his wife and then to have got associated with your excellent and dedicated initiative with 'Prayatna School of Excellence'.

During my 3 months association so far, I have seen your solid commitment and passion for the cause of children's education and your strong belief that you can make a quality difference at the grass root level. I am truly impressed!

I am even more convinced now after 3 months as I got to meet and interact with the children of Prayatna SOE - the discipline , the values , the energy and the confidence I see in them clearly reflects your 5 years of hard work. After every visit and interaction with those kids, I

return happy and feel energized myself and I feel more committed in joining you to take this initiative forward. Let us remain committed, the success will follow.”

Ram Krishna Mudholkar, Director, Dupont Corp. Gurgaon

“I like to thank you and other members of the organising committee of Prayatna for letting us participate in the most enjoyable function. We hope to keep supporting you as much as we can”

Dr A. N. Bhat, Senior Citizens Council, DLF Gurgaon

“A wonderful experience to get engaged with prayatna team, each time I meet to children, teachers and team members I discover I am exploring more about myself and at the end of day when I leave ‘school of excellence’ centre I feel a great sense of satisfaction and happiness.”

Col. (Retd.) R. C. Chaddha, Patron, President – Global Cultural Foundation

"Congratulations team Prayatna for this first milestone! For next five years Impulse-Prayatna association gets stronger. We are committed to upgrading the facility and teaching positions at SOE-Jharsa"

Nikhil Suri, Director Impulse Corp., Gurgaon

"It has always been a great experience to see the performance of prayatna students; I appreciate the hard work being put by the prayatna team. Keep it up and we will catch you in our school programs"

Pushpa Dhankar, Administrator, Delhi Public School, Sector 28, Gurgaon

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