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India empowered must mean, first and foremost, is empowering the people of India. The idea of India always begins with 'we, the people' and definition of the people always begins with the working people and the oppressed. It is important to emphasize this at the outset because the people are often counted last or not counted at all. Large sections of them have been rendered invisible they are probably counted only once in ten years when the nation counts all its survivors. India does justifiably mean many things to many people a multifaceted stream of history, a unique cultural mosaic, an amazing treasure-house of nature, a great nation, a mammoth state, and of late a huge and lucrative market. But a macho Indian state doing a tango with the looter called global capital, and together riding roughshod over the lives and liberties of millions of dispossessed and dissenting Indians that can never be the vision of an empowered India.

Freshers orientation:

As the first initiative of My India this semester, we have organized the orientation program for the newcomers. There was a good turn out with nearly 75 interested students mostly from juniors. The session went for nearly two hours with all the project coordinators explaining the functions. It was a totally interactive gathering, with few students coming up to the stage and discussing different problems India is facing and their view on how to conquer them. The flash presentations made by the technical team were very moving and inspiring. Some of the members gave motivational speeches to drive their

interest towards developing our country. Finally we are able to attract a good number of students and instigate in them their responsibility and their role in nation's development.

Independence Day celebrations:

My India celebrated the glowing spirit of freedom, India's 60th Independence Day with all enthusiasm and energy. Here are the details of the programs that we undertook on 15th of August.

Raila Visit:

Few members of My India visited the school at Raila and conducted a quiz competition to the students of 6th-8th standards to improve their knowledge about the heritage of India. Books and pens were distributed to the kids who gave correct answers. The village library was reopened on the same day, where many village folks came and read the books.

Thimau Badi Visit:

A group of 12 students visited middle school in Thimau badi a village few kilometers from Pilani. There was a huge gathering of nearly 150 villagers and 50 kids. Ramniranjanji, President of Hindi writers in Rajasthan was the chief guest for flag hoisting. There were many motivational speeches given by the members. They inspired the villagers towards setting up self help groups. A quiz was conducted for the school kids. Books, pens and fruits were distributed after the ceremony. It was a successful emerging in a new village on Aug 15th.

Tree Plantation Program:

Apart from Independence Day celebrations in different villages, My India took up the tree plantation activity in the campus after the flag hoisting. Nearly 50 saplings were planted by the faculty and students in different places in the campus. We planted the saplings in Gyan vihar also, where Gyanbodh is going on. It was taken up in association with NSS.

Apart from the Pilani chapter, Vizianagaram chapter conducted a blood donation camp at their place. It was a great initiative of Vizianagaram chapter members.

CLP resumes:

Computer Literacy Program has commenced in Raila on 22nd Aug. With fresh blood and energy into the programs, the first yearites are participating very enthusiastically. This time, a lot of planning has gone into this activity. The whole syllabus is designed in Hindi to facilitate the villagers. Coming to the trainees, the members have handpicked 6-7 interested students to train them to the intensity of providing employment to them. The classes are deigned such that they will get basic exposure to operating computers and working on MSOffice. Practice sessions will also be held.

Gyanbodh Back to form:

Gyanbodh has commenced from 14th August, with a turn out of 30 students on the first day. It reached 60 on the next day. It took a few days for the students to become regular and cooperative. The members designed a experiment kit in two tiers, set of 10 experiments for 7th-10th students and set of 9 experiments + one Craft for 3rd to 7th students. The experiments will be carried out on every Saturday by groups of students on a rotation basis. The syllabus for each class is being designed for the semester. It is proceeding with all standardized plans and strategies.

ALUMNI Visit:

The 75-80 Batch, Alumni visited the campus during last week. They showed a great interest in the activities taken up by My India. They are 8 in number, all leading professionals and Entrepreneurs from different places. They talked to the core members for a long time and wanted to see how all the projects are being conducted. They visited Gyanbodh, interacted with the volunteers and the students of Gyanbodh, and encouraged us with their words and appreciated My India and its initiatives. They gave lots of suggestions and gave us a broader vision of education. They were asked to plant few saplings in Gyan Vihar. WE have had a great interactive session with the Alumni.