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“My faith is in the younger generation, the modern generation, out of them will come my workers. They will work out the whole problem, like lions.” – Swami Vivekananda

The faithful journey continued, in the auspicious month of October during which India celebrates Diwali and Id-ul-fitar. This newsletter speaks about the progress of various projects taken up by My INDIA, Pilani chapter. Your suggestions and support are welcome.

For the new subscribers of this newsletter,

My India is an organization working with a noble aim of achieving a developed nation. It takes up projects in two focus areas – education and employment generation. My INDIA has its arms spread across at Pilani, Hyderabad, Bangaluru, Vizianagaram, Kakinada.

From poverty to empowerment....

The rural technology wing of my India has come up with three small scale business proposals with the aim of economic empowerment in rural India through technology transfer. All the financial aspects are thoroughly worked out keeping in mind the present market demand for incense sticks, papads and wax models. The team leaders have given a presentation to the professors. They have given us guidelines and many important suggestions so as to reach to the totality of the projects. Presently the groups are working on developing the samples of the products and the quality control aspects. The team of SHG is working on identifying the village beneficiaries and encouraging them to take up these medium scale businesses. The expertise of the professors helped us immensely during the making of project reports and identifying the key factors for the completion of the projects.

Pratham with My India in Jhunjhunu:

Pratham is a NGO working in 14 states across the country with the aim of raising the standards of primary education in the country. ASER is Annual status of Education report that is released by this organization which gives the yearly status of primary education in India. My India took part in the survey for Jhunjhunu district. 20 volunteers covered 10 villages in this district and surveyed 20 households in each village. The volunteers have got a real picture of Rajasthan villages and the scenario of poverty in the country. This is the first of its kind experience for many of the volunteers. My India has just participated in the first formal partnering with an all-India NGO and this is a great impetus and boost to our organization for many future collaborations.

Self-Help-Groups(SHG):

Out of the numerous discussions that we had with our professors, one of the stand alone point which every one stressed upon was the economic development and upliftment in the villages. The staunch feeling was that only through helping the villagers improve their economic status can we sustain any of the activities that we planned above. Mr. Niranjan Sharma is a social worker who works for a NGO (non-governmental organization) SOHARD in Alwar district of Rajasthan. He works for the upliftment of condition of rural areas through the concept of self help groups (SHG). My INDIA's latest venture is SHG in the village of Bhaas. He explained us clearly the concept of SHG's and the ways to uproot the problems in the present society in rural areas. He has formed above 180 SHGs in the district of alwar. We are really grateful to him for his support and encouragement.

Gyanbodh - Fresh and clean!

With Saturdays growing more and more interesting with the science experiments and extra curricular activities, the children in Gyanbodh are showing more interest to learn and discover. They took up the cleaning of GyanVihar, removed all the weeds, painted the idol of Lord Shiva, and made the place look more serene and beautiful. They now have a better ambience for learning. They dedicated their weekend for this purpose.

Gyanbodh program in Raila village is coming up with a new dimension. The team surveyed nearly 60 households and made a database of children in the village. They are planning to conduct a science fair for children, to infuse a curiosity about science and bring out their creativity. The Computer Literacy program is running successfully with the trainees operating the computers on their own and learning MS Office.

Shiksha – A new horizon in education:

This project is started with the aim of helping the drop out students, who are greatly interested in resuming their education. The yearly savings of the organization are proposed to be redirected into this project. The first person receiving the scholarship is Hazarilal.

This young lad approached us a few months back and expressed his willingness to continue his education. He was taught for 3 months under gyan bodh program. He studied till 12th. In a family of 7 and a mentally retarded father, Hazarilal has been helping his mother to earn a livelihood for the family since four years. His immense interest and capabilities impressed the team and they have sorted out all the options for another 3 months, finally he has got admission into Siddhi Vinayak Engineering College in Alwar. A sum of Rs.6000/- is granted to him for the year 2006-07. We wish to extend this scholarship to more number of deserving students each year, broadening their horizons and creating new aspirations.

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