

SETU MARCHES

From program coordinator desk

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Dear Well-wishers,

Setu Entered the New Year with new hopes and with it came new responsibilities and many an occasions to celebrate and last ourselves for what we were able to do over the last one year. We hope you will enjoy this edition of the Setu Newsletter as Setu continues its journey of “Transforming Lives”.

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Activities at SETU multiskill centers

After the grand success of Sadarpur Multi Skill Center, a new similar Centre was launched at Berhampur Village, Ghaziabad under the Direct Aids program Australian High Commission New Delhi. The facility has a capacity to skill around 400 women in a year.

The center was formally launched on 28th March 2017. Special invitees were Ms Pallavi Nayek, Direct Aid Program Administrator, Mr Akhilesh Tripathi Financial Controller, Sudhanshu Mittal HR head – Dr. Wilmar Schwabe India along with Lorraine Squares Administration Head Mentor Graphics India. Also present on the occasion were the students, current and ex-employees of Setu. Currently 80 women are getting training on Basic Computer IT, Sewing and Health Care Skills.

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New Skill Center

The last quarter was full of activities and new initiatives. Two new courses were launched at Sadarpur Multi Skill Center in Beauty & wellness and High end Tailoring.



Currently 20 Women are under going the tailoring course at the centre which is being sponsored by Creatnet and Beauty and wellness with 34 students are attending the course under Project "Saksham" sponsored by Fidelity International

Major activities at Skill center

"Go Green Event with the special students at SETU , Wonderful experience for all"

Members of the Price Waterhouse Coopers India Foundation from across India participated in a go green event with the Special students at Setu. Pots were jointly painted and then plants were planted during the event. It was a wonderful experience for all.



Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for Hearing Handicapped along with National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped facilitated a special health camp at the Setu Skill Centre for Differently-abled. Over 170 people were examined and the event was inaugurated by Mr Manoj Kumar MLA Delhi Govt.



Mohd Junaid and Adil Shahid volunteer barbers helped groom the Differently abled students at Setu Centre for People with Disabilities..



International Women's Day was celebrated by Setu Students and Faculty at the Setu Women Empowerment Centre at Sadarpur. Empowering women was the theme of this wonderful event where students from all courses, Tailoring, ICT, Health Care, Hospitality, Beauty and Wellness along with the specially abled participated.

The students of the Smile STeP Course went for an **Exposure visit** to Dr Wilmar Schwabe India Ltd. Mr Sudhanshu Mishra HR Head interacted with Setu students during an orientation trip to the organization



Volunteers at Skill Centers



Volunteers

Volunteers from corporates ensured that the knowledge and skill of the students at the skill centres is multiplied with Guest Lecture and Remedial teaching. Accordingly the Students of STeP courses had guest lectures by employees of Cognizant .



Volunteer Students of Ali Yayurjung National Institute of Special and Hearing Disabilities conducted interactive sessions for the Special students of Setu

Convocation

“110 women were certified on completion of their course under the SETU Women Empowerment Program”

110 women were certified on completion of their course under the Setu Women Empowerment and Employability Program at a ceremony held at the Setu Sadarpur centre. The Certificates were handed over by Ms Nidhi Varma, Mr Sanat Vatal and Mr Abbas Rizvi from MetLife GOSC.



The First Convocation of the sewing batches of the Women Empowerment Program - Saksham was held at Nithari Skill Centre was held on 27/02/2017. Thirty four women were certified and Venu Kapoor along with Siddharth Jindal from Fidelity International interacted with the students and handed of the certificates.

Success Stories

Pragati belongs to a family of 13 members which include her parents and 11 siblings. She is the only deaf child which made it more difficult for the parents to deal with her limitations. As it became difficult to interact with her immediate family she didn't go through a formal education leading to further disorientation of her development. She grew pessimistic

and in a situation with no strings attached to the social world leading to inferiority complex and fear for the world outside in her. Pragati joined the Setu Skill Centre for Differently abled at Sadarpur Village and with the support of her elder sister, the facilitator tried to break the ice and take her into trust as she was vulnerable and completely closed to

any communication. As weeks passed by with a compassionate heart and friendly approach they were able to pierce through her shield. Inducting with her social skills they made her aware about other students with the same situation and embarked on the journey to mainstream her. Teaching her the Indian Sign Language and regular counselling of Pragati along with her family members gradually brought out a change in her inhibitions and lead to development of her basic humanistic skills.



Pragati

Pinki belongs from a middle class family. She is 12th pass and currently pursuing graduation. She always wants to become independent and help her family for betterment. So, she wanted to do a job and earn for being independent as well as for improvement of her family's condition. However she was-

n't available to find a job after completing 12th. Then, she came to know about the SteP Program at Setu Nithari Skill centre and its benefits for the underprivileged youths through our mobilisers. She enrolled herself for smile course to fulfill her basic requirements of skills which is important for find-

ing a good job. After successful completion of this course she picked up job of **Tele-caller at IMRB Call Center with salary of Rs. 8000/ month.**



Pinki

Activities at SETU school

Being the last quarter of the year it seems to be very hectic at school as academic session draws to a closure and planning for new academic session was on. Final exams were conducted in February 2017 and students moved into the new session which started on 20th MARCH 2017. Eighty four new students were admitted and the total strength moved upto 348. The second batch of Class X wrote the class 10 exams.



In our endeavour to provide Hygienic food and drinking water to our students, Setu has setup a new Kitchen. Keeping cleanliness as a key factor, the kitchen facility has an automatic Dishwasher, RO plant for providing pure Drinking water thru two new water coolers as well as a world class cooking facility. We thank some of our Corporate and individual donors who have made this possible.



In House activities



Lohri was celebrated with fan and fare at Setu School. All students and teachers participated and popcorn and sweets was distributed to the children.



The 68th Republic day was celebrated with fun and fare at Setu. The highlight of the event was the National anthem which was led by Hearing Impaired students from the Setu Skill Centre for Differently abled followed by a Cultural show presented by the Setu School students.



Students and Staff at Setu participated in a Holi Milan Event organised by the Student of Setu. The students presented a Skit, organised a Kavi Samelan followed by dances on how Holi is celebrated in the various states of India. There after the teachers and Students sprayed colours on each other to mark Holi. Food hampers were distributed to the students courtesy our Donor Mentor Graphics India P Ltd.



Volunteering Activities

Volunteering by employees of Corporates continued thru the last quarter regularly and we had activities almost every Saturday.

- Workshop for Girl Students and their Moms Health and Hygiene conducted by representatives from Proctor and Gamble
- Remedial Classes for Class 11 students by volunteers from Price Waterhousecoopers
- School Decoration and Painting by employees of Cognizant



During the national volunteers' week, volunteers from HDFC Bank and Cognizant supported Setu school. Employees of HDFC were involved in classroom teaching and activity along with a Session for adolescent Girls while employees of Cognizant continued with the painting and decoration activity.

Courtesy employees Mentor Graphics and Anuja and her family birthday party was organised for school students. Happy Birthday all.

Class 8 students of Mayoor School Noida participate in a joint Science workshop with Setu school



Inter School activities



School students participated at the Saksham Bharti Painting competition our students and three students won prizes

Setu School students excel in an Inter School Sports Meet organisation by Concern India Foundation winning 8 medals in 4 events and also the Trophy for Discipline and Cleanliness among 13 participating schools



Exposure Visit



Class 7 and 8 Students of Setu Shikshajyoti Kendra Nithari Noida courtesy our advisor Mr Arun Agarwal who organised an Educational trip for the students who visited Qutab Minar, Lotus Temple and Humayum Tomb. It was a great experience for all the 27 students, our teachers and Mr Aggarwal



Students of Setu Shikshajyoti Kendra Nithari Noida along with volunteers from Pricewaterhouse Coopers had a great learning experience at the Science Museum Delhi

Class V11,V111 and 1X students visited CIEF for a workshop on waste management .They also visited Herbal Garden and were learnt the process of Rain Water Harvesting.They also learnt how solar energy is produced and how to make organic compost.



Class 9 and 12 students of Setu School were invited for an orientation visit by Fidelity international. A great learning experience for the students and also the employees had great time. Their feedback - " We enjoyed and our entire staff was very impressed by the aptitude of the children"



THANK YOU