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From Me 2 You

Teachers Day comes and goes. Our teachers are seldom felicitated by their students as they would not even be aware that it is teachers day! Our children are from the slums and rural areas.

But this year a unique thing happened. In one of the municipal schools in Kalyan where we conduct a study class, the parents got together and felicitated our teacher with flowers and gifts. The reason, our teacher, Vaishali Kharat, is present every day in class every day and the children flock to her to learn. No other class in the school functions! Teaching aids are not even opened from their wrappers!! This good teacher is making use of all this and there is a appreciable change in the children. This is our way of waking up the sleeping giant: the govt school system.

Fr. Trevor Miranda SJ

REAP ENTERS INTO VASHIND WITH A 'STEELY' RESOLVE TO BRING QUALITY EDUCATION TO TRIBAL CHILDREN



Each year REAP looks for a new thrust area for expansion. This year it was the villages in Vashind. In these remote villages 10 new Balwadis, and 3 supplementary study centers have been started from this Academic



year with the support of Jindal Steel Works, Vashind Tribal and Katkari children in this remote area will no longer lag behind. We hope this partnership will pave the way for greater things and more outreach. Jindal High School is very supportive and opens their doors for our teacher trainings as well.

Nursery Kids Celebrate I.Day

Children of our English Montessori will have fond memories of their first Independence day in the school. Family India, our partner in this Project, made sure of this. Flags for everyone, songs, treats, with parents and guests

in tow, made it a grand success. Earlier at the parents meeting, women had tears in their eyes saying but for us, where would their children have English education.



'KAUN BENEGA HINDUSTANI'

On I. Day the bigger kids from the study classes were treated to a quiz competition on par with the famous quiz show complete with music and format. The theme: 'know more about your country'. This was followed by



a lively Magic Show. Thanks to Family India for organizing this programme.



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Support a child's Education**

Cost per child per year:

Rs. 1500

Cost per literacy centre per year: Rs. 30,000

From Deloitte With Love!



Deloitte Consulting employees have committed themselves to a year-long involvement

with our kids. On 21st Aug. they organized a computer literacy programme. For our kids who had never seen a computer, it was an

eye-opener. Again on 25th Sept. they organized a very good hygiene and

cleanliness programme with an excellent skit and group exercises. Each kid was given a cleanliness kit. The kids were very happy.



Tribal Boarding News!!

The best news is that all the girls from the first batch that appeared for the SSC exams this year passed. This has brought great joy to the all the girls and their parents as well. It was like a dream come true.

The boarding this year is agog with plenty of activities as well as sicknesses. To begin with, this year there are 8 additions: 6 in Std. V and 2 in Std. VI. They are a very lively lot and are putting their best effort in their studies. They are coping well.

The only sad news was that one of the VIII Std girls who had a heart problem expired during the May holidays. She was very good and is missed very much. Monsoon takes it toll: right now many of the girls have fallen sick with flu, malaria and eye sores. There are 35 girls in the boarding this year.



WOMEN SHOW THE WAY



There was a flourish of activity these past months among the groups with the festival season offering scope for income generation activities. Trainings conducted were on making of rakhies, chocolates, masala, pickles and squash.

On Independence Day, the SHG group of Majiwada, Thane, organized a free Eye-Check up camp and sold spectacles at lower prizes. A medical camp was organized in association with the civic authorities by the Vikroli Group. The Thane Groups were given a one-day training on how to effectively manage groups and do social mapping of their areas. An enlightening session was given to the women on the pitfalls of blind-faith and superstitions.



REAP teachers in the areas were felicitated on the occasion of Teachers Day. Social worker Shabnam Patel ignites hope and self-confidence in the women of Ghatkopar. In Kalwa area, the local Corporator was invited to interact with the women about their problems.



Jamnabai Teachers Visit

Twelve teachers along with their former Principal, Mrs. Jessie Vaz, visited REAP literacy centers on 25th Sept. They climbed the hills, walked through the dirt, taught the kids, sang with them and came back awed by their experience! It was like 'an old India, existing within the new India'. This is part of their Teacher enrichment Programme. The teachers have planned training programmes for our teachers during the year.



Fr. Bob, who was with REAP for 2.5 years has been transferred to Tara, Raigad Dist, another Jesuit work. We wish him all the best



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