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to make them
Smile...

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Vision & Mission

Vision

Our vision is to propagate welfare of the underprivileged in the society with an emphasis on slum children, youth, physically and visually challenged, aged, infirm and destitute.

Mission

- To ensure the holistic development of underprivileged children by providing them quality education, healthcare and balanced nutrition so that they can lead better life and can contribute to the society as responsible citizens.
- To guide, train and impart skill development in the youth of the country so that they can secure a job and be self-reliant.
- To provide medical services to those people who otherwise go untreated due to their economic conditions.
- To extend financial support to underprivileged children up to the age of 14 years suffering from chronic diseases.
- To enrich the lives of the aged people with care and comfort that they deserve.
- To promote a healthy society by encouraging healthy environment through tree plantations & cleanliness drives across the country.

Chairman's Message

Dear Donors,

It is my pleasure to introduce Diya India Newsletter "Pehal". I thank each one of you sincerely for your participation, commitment and support towards underprivileged children of the society. It is you who have made our dreams and goals possible.

As Diya India is determined with bigger goals now, if we all join hands together all important goals of the foundation will soon be a reality.

Very soon we are starting a mobile clinic, which will go into the slum clusters and provide regular check-ups and free blood tests and will also provide outreach programs for disease prevention and education. Diya India is committed to serve the poorer of poor in the slums of India.

In this edition, you will be glad and feel proud to see how your support has brought positive changes in the life of many. The work and the continued growth of Diya is only possible because of YOU.

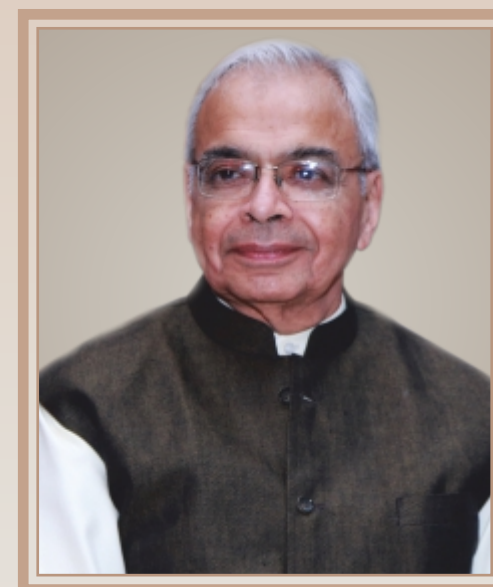
We believe in you, your energies and your kindness. Let me take this opportunity to thank everyone for your support and guidance, which helped us successfully mark Diya India's 4th Anniversary.

Diya India is on a mission, a mission that will change India for the better.



Padma Shri Dr. S.C. Manchanda

Senior Cardiologist, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi
Chairman, Advisory Board, Diya India Foundation



*Generosity
is the most
Natural,
outward expression
of an inner
attitude of
Compassion
and
Loving Kindness.*
~ Dalai Lama

Events & Happennings

A Day Dedicated to our Teachers

Teachers' Day was celebrated on Friday, 5th September in Chetan Vidya Mandir with great fervour. The day buzzed with excitement and smiles all around. The students took great efforts and ensured that teachers enjoyed every minute. All the students from class nursery to class V expressed their thankfulness to their teachers.

The Festival of Lights

Diwali, 'The festival of lights' came alive at Chetan Vidya Mandir and Chetan Playway. Diyas and lanterns adorning the corridors in bright colours. The Principal lit the lamp to begin the assembly on the auspicious occasion. Students talked about the significance of the festival - how good always conquered the evil. Besides sensitizing students to the ill-effects of crackers, they also shared the guidelines on being safe while bursting them.

The Aura of Gurupurab

Chetan Vidya Mandir and Chetan Playway celebrated Gurpurab. The students sang religious hymns from the holy Guru Granth Sahib on the school campus, which was decorated with fresh flowers. The gaiety and sanctity of the occasion was doubled at the time of langar. Ms. Jasmine Arora, the school principal, asked the students to follow the teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

Merry Christmas

As part of our international curriculum, students explore and celebrate all major festivals from around the world. Christmas is a time to give and forgive. Celebrated everywhere as a joyous family affair, we too, at school celebrated Christmas as a happy time for our children. A special assembly of the little children was held in the pre primary premises. "We wish you a merry Christmas...", "Dashing through the snow..." filled the air with festivity. Little Santas too made a grand entry and gave adorable poses to click. The delight was uncontained especially as gifts were given.

Blissful Basant Panchami

Basant Pachmi was celebrated in both Schools, Chetan palyway and Chetan Vidya Mandir with a lot of enthusiasm and bliss. Students of Chetan playway were dressed according o the festival and the event was followed by aarti and pooja simultaneously.

Celebrations of Lohri

Lohri was celebrated at Chetan Vidya Mandir and Chetan playway with a lot of exuberance and fanfare. Students totally absorbed the festive spirit of Lohri. The function started with speeches highlighting the importance of the festival of Lohri, which ushers in the cheerful spring season bidding adieu to the dull winter. The students and teachers sang songs immersed in rich cultural folklore of Punjab.

A Salute to Indian Republic

The 69th Republic Day was celebrated with patriotic fervour and gaiety in the school. The celebrations commenced with the customary unfurling of the national flag followed by the National Anthem. School Principal threw light on various tasks to be undertaken by the present students who are the future citizens of the country. Cultural activities were held and the gathering was treated with some spectacular musical feats.

Eid Mubarak

Eid-ul-Fitr is a festival of prayers, joy, and brotherhood. At Chetan Vidya Mandir and Chetan Playway, Eid was celebrated with great excitement. The celebrations began with an informative presentation, in which the School Principal explained the meaning & importance of Ramzan to the children and the subsequent celebration of Eid. The Pre-primary section was not behind in celebrating Eid with the same enthusiasm. In fact the children of playway came dressed in the traditional attire and learnt how to meet and greet friends and relatives and how to offer them sweet delicacies on Eid.



Celebrating 2nd Children's Heart Day

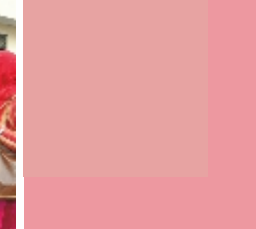
Diya India Foundation in association with FIVE Holdings, Dubai & Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi celebrated 2nd Children's Heart Day on 19th November 2017 at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi.

The programme started with lighting of lamp by Guest of Honor Ms. Meshenka & Mr. Jaydeep Anand, COO FIVE Holdings, Dubai, Padmashree Prof. Dr S.C. Manchanda, Chairman of Diya India Foundation & Dr Raja Joshi, Chairman, Dept of Pediatric Cardiac Sciences, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital.

With the support from FIVE Holdings & Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, under Project Udaan, Diya India Foundation is taking care of complete medical expenses of underprivileged children up to 14 years by providing financial support for the costly pre and post-surgical procedures.

The Program started with the Parental Interaction with Pediatric Cardiac Sciences team that included scar management, psychological issues of children and their families related to such surgeries. The parents also discussed their concerns and worries with the surgeons and psychiatrist.

The afternoon was enlightened with dance performance by the students of Chetan Vidya Mandir, a school supported by Diya India Foundation and magic show.



#ProudtoBleed Give a girl her own Dignity

#Proudtobleed is an initiative started by Diya India with the motto to promote "Menstrual Hygiene and Debunking Menstrual Myths in India". In this Initiative the Foundation is giving awareness sessions and distributing sanitary pads to the underprivileged women free of cost every month so that there is no risk to their health and also helping women to embrace their womanhood in a healthy way.

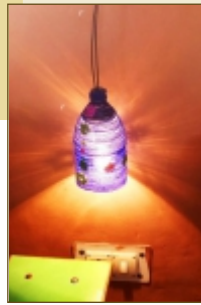
It also aims at 'breaking the ceiling' of the age old Menstruation taboos prevailing in our society today through knowledge awareness, thus, changing the mind-set of the people positively.

Diya India take the pride that #ProudtoBleed campaign has successfully completed 6 months in which it has covered various slum areas of Delhi.

Our Young Artists

"Art, Freedom & Creativity will change society faster than politics."

Arts and crafts are great for children's development, they learn to think and act as artists, working creatively and intelligently. The students of Chetan Vidya Mandir and Chetan Playway participated in arts and crafts activities organised in various occasions. Both boys and girls enjoyed designing Lamps, Santa, Diyas and other decorative material.



A Tribute to Ayushi

"Some memories are unforgettable, remembering ever vivid and heartwarming"

Ayushi, daughter of one of our respectable supporters is no longer with us, but her memories are still alive with us. Remembering her school board was decorated with paintings dedicated to her. She was fond of art and craft.



Blissful Moments

Visit by Dr. Reeta K. Thukral

From USA, Dr. Reeta K. Thukral, eminent nephrologists and President, Global Charity Foundation, USA visited Chetan Vidya Mandir and Chetan Playway, she was extremely pleased by the functioning of the schools.

She was highly impressed by the hygiene maintained at both the schools. She interacted with our students and teachers. She praised the staff and our students for their combined efforts to make our school an epitome of quality education.

We were pride and honoured by her appreciation which in itself is a boost for us to achieve more in the future.



Excursions

A picnic is a short trip for pleasure to a beautiful place. Picnics add spice to our life. They provide the much sought after relief from our routine life. The students of Chetan Vidya Mandir and Chetan Playway visited Air Force Museum, Red Fort and Children's Park.

The young energetic children had a wonderful time. All the students expressed their desire to revisit these places again. Indeed it was great day for all the students and teachers as it strengthened the bond between the students and teachers.



*we Thank You for
your Support & Generosity*





Spreading Warmth

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In the freezing January night of Delhi, when the entire city dons their sweaters, monkey-caps and mufflers with a hot cup of tea (which they enjoy holding instead of drinking), there are few underprivileged who cannot afford even a blanket and die - without a roof or cloth on their bare bodies - to add one more to the count of deaths in North India due to cold wave every year.

Diya India distributed warm Blankets to the less privileged people of the society by carrying on a blanket distribution drive. The beneficiaries after receiving warm blankets extended great thanks to Diya India for their kind support and saving the life in severe coldness.

Water for Health

A Gift of Purity for Little Souls



This Children's Day, we feel delighted to spend some time with the kids of Ramjas Day Boarding School, Anand Parbat. The Volunteers of Diya India Foundation distributed water bottles to them as gifts. Seeing the spark and ecstasy on their faces after receiving the gifts truly made our day.

Pullovers Distribution

We have observed that Children belonging to poor backgrounds avoid going to school in winters as they don't have woollen clothes to safeguard them from scorching cold. As a result, their education and health suffers. So, to help such children in every possible way that their education and learning never stops, Diya India organised an event to facilitate the distribution of sweaters to the children at the beginning of winters.



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