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to make them
Smile...

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Vision & Mission

Vision

Our vision is to promote and support welfare of those facing challenges of sustaining themselves in inopportune circumstances of an unequal society and imbalanced economy - the slum children, youth, differently abled, aged, infirm and destitute.

Mission

- › To ensure the holistic development of impoverished children by providing them quality education, healthcare and adequate nutrition so as to aid their growth as an individual and resource for the society.
- › To guide, train and develop skills among the youth of the country so that they can secure a job and become self-reliant.
- › To provide medical services to financially backward strata of the society who are unable to afford the treatment for their ailment.
- › To extend monetary support to the deprived children up to the age of 14 years suffering from chronic diseases.
- › To enrich the lives of the aged people with the care and comfort that they deserve.
- › To promote a healthy society by encouraging environment sustainable measures like tree plantations & cleanliness drives across the country.

Chairman's Message

Dear Donors,

It is my pleasure to introduce 7th edition of Diya India Newsletter "Pehal". I sincerely thank each one of you for your contribution, commitment and support for the sections of the society that require a little help from those of us at a better, more privileged position. It is you who have held our belief strong every step of the way towards reaching our goals of a society that is equally accepting and uplifting for all.

As Diya India is now determined to accomplish bigger goals, we hope to continue receiving the love and support of all those who share our vision of a brighter future.

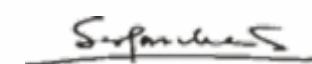
Our upcoming initiative is about a mobile clinic Van, "Health on Wheels" which will go to the slum clusters and provide regular check-ups, free blood tests and will also provide outreach programs for disease prevention and education. We are committed to serving the slums of India.

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

We are humbled by the generosity and compassion of the beautiful humans who have been a part of our journey. Our hearts full of gratitude, seek your support and guidance, which helped us successfully mark Diya India's 4th Anniversary.

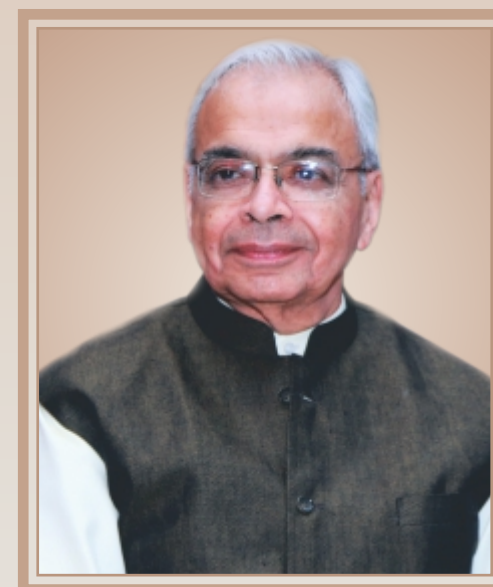
Our mission to change India for better will be resilient in the face of any adversity that comes our way. And our strength comes from each one of you.

God bless you !!

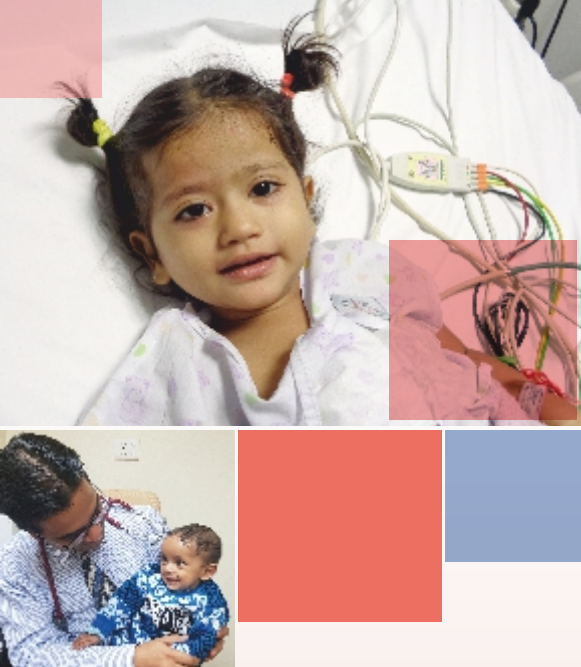


Padma Shri Dr. S.C. Manchanda

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



Children'sTM Heart Day

...making children smile

Celebrating 2nd Children's Heart Day

Diya India Foundation in association with Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi celebrated 2nd Children's Heart Day at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi.

The programme commenced 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 of Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, under its Project Udaan, Diya India Foundation is taking care of complete medical expenses of underprivileged children up to 14 years of age by providing financial support for the costly pre and post-surgical procedures.

Parental Interaction with Pediatric Cardiac Sciences team that included scar management, psychological issues of children and their families related to such surgeries was a crucial part of the event. The parents also discussed their concerns and worries with the surgeons and psychiatrists.

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



#ProudttoBleed[®]

Give a girl her own Dignity

#ProudttoBleed is an initiative started by Diya India Foundation to promote "Menstrual Hygiene and Debunking Menstrual Myths in India". In this Initiative the Foundation is giving awareness sessions and distributing free sanitary pads to the underprivileged women every month so that there is no risk to their health and they can revel in 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 mindset of the people for good.

Diya India take the pride that #ProudttoBleed campaign has successfully completed 1 year in which it has covered various slum areas of Delhi.



OUR NEW ENDEAVOR



Save the *Earth* Save Life



*"It's not yours, nor mine.
It's ours, protect your mother who nourish you."*

"The Earth has enough for man's needs but not for man's greeds", told Mahatma Gandhi. We reinforced it to our students this Earth Day. We owe it to ourselves and our kids- to prepare the next generation to undo and further not do the damage that has been done. Kids raised right will only grow up as responsible adults and the upbringing of the next generation will make all the difference on the face of Earth.



Taekwondo Class

Standing up for oneself is the first step towards standing up for others and developing the skill and the confidence to be able to do that is undeniably important today. Equipping the little ones with these abilities by training them in taekwondo is a step towards our vision. Learning to combat early is going to make them self-reliant in future.



Good Health Together

Health is Wealth is the message we spread, nothing feels as good as being healthy. On 12th February, 2018, Diya India Foundation in association with Man Mohini Kaul Healthcare & Diagnostic Centre organised free Dental and Eye check-up camp for the underprivileged students of Chetan Vidya Mandir and Chetan Playway. 400 students of the schools were benefitted through this camp.



"Healthcare is not a Privilege, It is a Right of every Human Being."

Health on Wheels is a national level multi- centric project which has been initiated by Diya India Foundation with an objective of providing a comprehensive range of health care services to underprivileged community in outreach, remote rural areas and slums through an equipped Mobile Medical Van. The program is focusing on providing wide range of promotive, preventive and curative health services to the beneficiaries.

The model envisages an efficient and cost effective health delivery system for rural and remote India. This involves reaching to community participation, thus assuring availability of basic diagnostic and expert service of mobile medical van to the needy people.



Health Check-up Camp

Diya India Foundation and Manmohini Kaul Charitable Medical Trust in association with Rotary Club, Delhi Nirvana on the eve of Independence Day, in its new endeavour **"Health on Wheels"** organised Free Health Camp on 13th August 2018 in Nihal Vihar, a slum cluster in New Delhi.

The health camp included general health check up, monitoring BMI, B.P, Blood Tests(LFT, KFT, Blood Sugar, etc), Free Eye Check up. A special awareness campaign on ORAL Cancer & its screening was done.

Over 200 people attended the camp and availed facilities of free medicines besides general health check up and counselling. The camp was a complete success. The blood reports were provided to the patients on the same day of the camp.



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 enthusiastic smiles all around. The students made efforts ensuring that teachers enjoyed every minute of their day. All the students from nursery to class V participated.

The Festival of Lights

Diwali, 'The festival of lights' came alive at Chetan Vidya Mandir and Chetan Playway with diyas and lanterns adorning the corridor. The Principal lit the lamp to begin the assembly on the auspicious occasion. Students talked about the significance of the festival and how good always conquers the evil. Besides sensitizing students to the ill-effects of crackers, they also shared the guidelines on celebrating the festival in an eco-friendly way.

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 with an aplomb. 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 made grand entries and gave adorable poses to click. The delight was uncontained especially as gifts were given.

Blissful Basant Panchami

Basant Panchami was celebrated in both schools, Chetan playway and Chetan Vidya Mandir with the idea of teaching students the relevance of the day and receiving education to enlighten one's mind. Students, clad in yellow, were in high spirits and joined the aarti and the pooja.

Celebrations of Lohri

Lohri was celebrated at Chetan Vidya Mandir and Chetan playway with a lot o folk exuberance. 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 winter. The students and teachers sang songs immersed in rich cultural folklore of Punjab.

A Salute to Indian Republic

The 69th Republic Day Celebrations were immersed in patriotic spirits. 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 of tomorrow. Cultural activities were held and the gathering was treated with some spectacular musical feats.

Eid Mubarak

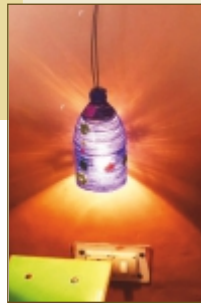
Eid-ul-Fitr is a festival of prayers, joy, and brotherhood. At Chetan Vidya Mandir and Chetan the celebrations began with an informative presentation, in which the School Principal explained the meaning & importance of Ramzan to the children and the subsequent celebration of Eid.

The Pre-primary section was not left behind. 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.

Our Young Artists

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

Arts and crafts are essential to wholesome development of children as it allows them to tap into their critical thinking and introspective abilities. The students of Chetan Vidya Mandir and Chetan Playway participated in arts and crafts activities organised on various occasions. Both boys and girls enjoyed designing Lamps, Santa, Diyas and other decorative material.



Excursions

A picnic provides 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 for picnic, full of fun.

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 them.



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 forever to stay. Remembering her, the school board was decorated with paintings dedicated to her as she was extremely fond of art and craft.



Blissful Moments...

Visit by Dr. Reeta K.Thukral

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 proud and honoured by her appreciation which boosting us to achieve greater in the future.



*we Thank You for
your Support & Generosity*





Spreading Warmth

In the freezing January nights of Delhi, when the entire city dons sweaters, monkey-caps and mufflers enjoying a hot cup of tea, there are few under-privileged who cannot afford roof over their head or cloth on their bodies. This adds one more to the count of deaths in North India due to cold waves every year.

The team of Diya India distributed warm blankets to these 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 lives in severe coldness.

Water for Health *A Gift of Purity for Little Souls*



This Children's Day, we were 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. Seeing the spark on their faces after receiving the gifts truly made our day.



War Against Hunger

Food sustains life and everyone deserves the right to live. Distributing ration is one step towards growing a healthier society. As a part of our monthly distribution of ration to the underprivileged families, we fulfill our promises every month without failure. We are grateful to Mrs. Heena Goyal and the management of MCKS (food for Hungry Foundation) for supporting 20 BPL families in Nihal Vihar, New Delhi.

All Dressed Up

Children belonging to poor backgrounds avoid going to school in winters as they don't have woollen clothes to safeguard them from extreme cold. As a result, their education and health suffers. So, to ensure that their education and learning isn't hampered, Diya India organised an event to facilitate the distribution of sweaters to children in the beginning of winters.



When we were kids we used to get very excited to see our school uniform. The same expression of happiness was reflected at Chetan Vidya Mandir and Chetan Playway School when new school uniform was distributed to the students.

We would like to thank Mr. Pankaj Chhabra, Chairman, Kotton People for supporting school uniforms.



For an underprivileged child in India, the path to school is arduous - children are most often barefoot, while a few wear ill-fitting second-hand footwear or shoes that are fraying to the point of being threadbare from constant use. Students were excited to see the boxes full of school books & school bags. We are thankful to Liberty shoes Ltd. for their generous support of school shoes, socks & school bags to the children of Chetan Vidya Mandir and Chetan Playway School.

Gift of Education

The excitement reflects on the faces of students of Chetan Vidya Mandir & Chetan Playway School. Books distribution day is one of the highlights of the year and marks the beginning of a new school year. For the teachers and students in these communities, it will be a year filled with books, learning and new experiences.

We are thankful to Mr. Nipun Gupta, Director, Jaishree Infrastructure Ltd. for supporting our children by donating books



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