MEWAT RURAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (MREP)

Reinventing Education Teacher Training Program

Under Reinventing Education Teacher Training Program, 32 days of training on 21st century teaching learning process and classroom transformation along with 5 days of IT training and 4 exposure visits have been conducted. RE is an initiative by SRF Foundation in partnership with IBM and Department of Education, Haryana which conducts weekly teacher training, exposure to IT and other educational services by regular onsite support and visit by resource persons in Mewat schools. Through this initiative a total of 62 teachers from 47 Government schools have been transformed.

Launch of ‘Support My School’ Program in Mewat District

The quest to make a difference in revitalizing schools and to ensure that education reaches every child; it is imperative that children study in healthy and active schools with basic amenities. This has led to the launch of ‘Support My School’ program in Mewat District under our flagship program of Mewat Rural Education Program (MREP), in collaboration with Enrich Agro Food Pvt Ltd/Coca Cola India and Tetra Pak India. This collaboration will create maximum impact and will make a difference in 8 village schools by providing toilet, drinking water, library and playground facilities.

Launch of ‘English Language Development’ Program

SRF Foundation launched ‘English Language Development Program’ on 8th March 2013 with an aspiration to empower Mewat teachers with English language skills for teaching practices. The Program will benefit teachers and will give them an opportunity to learn appropriate spoken English in their premises. It is a comprehensive 3 months spoken English program and classes are conducted twice a week after school hours.
**Launch of ‘Sports Promotion’ Program**

To promote sports and co-curricular activities in school, SRF foundation has launched volleyball game and distributed volleyball kit in 19 schools for middle school students and in 19 villages for village youths. Special training to teachers and village volunteer will be provided to run the classes, which will be followed by matches.

**Launch of IBM KidSmart Center in SRF Vidyalaya, Chennai**

IBM KidSmart center at SRF Vidyalaya, Manali, Chennai was inaugurated on 7th March 2013 by the leadership team of SRF Ltd. Mr. Shekar, Unit Head, Manali Complex; Mr. A. Narayanan, Chief Manager, Admin and Mr. Anand Bhaskar, Chief Manager, H.R. accompanied the school Principal, staff and students. The center being the crown of the school gave a lot of pride for the school, company and community. In continuation to this, the 1st phase of IBM KidSmart Teacher Training Program was also conducted in SRF Vidyalaya in Manali, Chennai. The training was conducted from 6th to 8th March 2013. Sixteen teachers of pre & primary school participated in the training. The teacher training program has given exposure to the teachers about the latest technology and methodology for effective classroom teaching learning process.

**IBMers visit to Mewat**

50 IBMers visited Tapkan Government School on 16th February 2013 and participated in various activities with children. They conducted Painting Competition, Group interactions sharing ideas & thoughts, playing cricket, teaching rhyming poems and contributed stationary, 1100 Maggi noodles as mid-day meal for all students & staff and finally appreciated with exciting prizes. The IBMers also conducted a stationery drive and contributed for the benefit of Mewat children. The event created a friendly environment between Urban and Rural people, opportunity to share ideas and stimulated many new thought processes in children to think out of the box apart from their community.

**UDAAN – Adolescents Girl Residential Program**

The second batch of adolescent girls residential program was started in January 2013, in collaboration with CARE India and AMIED. The camp enrolled 100 out of school and never been to school girls between ages 10-14 yrs. with 7 female teaching staff. The Centre is providing free boarding and lodging facility, primary level subjects learning, computer education, social learning, and Urdu and Quran education for a span of 11 months and mainstream them next into regular class 6th either in KGBV/ Govt schools.
Avishkar has now become the integral part of the school’s curriculum in MREP schools. The students’ attendance is the evidence in itself, which shows their excitement level and dearth to use it. Despite harvesting season and examination in the last month the Van has reached 3319 students in 19 schools and 3145 community people of 19 villages. Avishkar is not only promoting SRF programs in villages but is supporting showcasing movies and short animated films in many events like Water and Sanitation Health (WASH) Program conducted in Rewasan school complex in association with Enrich Agro Pvt. Ltd.

**MEWAT RURAL VOCATIONAL PROGRAM (MRVP)**

**Basic Electrician Training Program**

Out of the 17 successful students from the 1st batch, 5 are offered jobs in Uttaranchal plant of Schneider Electric and rest have started their electrical repairing shops at Nuh Block in Mewat. The 2nd batch of 30 is operational at the present and has visited ITI Jhirka, Sohna and an Industry at Rozkameo as their exposure visit. The students of second batch has also been awarded 2nd prize in a competition organized by Schneider Electric by developing a wind energy based mobile phone charging model.

**Spoken English Program (Teach India)**

The felicitation ceremony of the fifth batch of ‘Teach India’ Program students was organized at Siri Fort Auditorium, Delhi by Times of India. A total of 258 boys and girls from Nuh block and project villages have been trained so far. Recently a job fair was organized by Times of India in Delhi. Out of 17 aspiring candidates 9 have been offered jobs in the hospitality sectors and call centres in Delhi & Gurgaon.

**Launch of Project ‘Rahat’, a low cost sanitary napkin production center in Mewat**

Project “Rahat” is an initiative for the production of Low cost Sanitary Napkin for improved health of women and provide employment to the women of Mewat district. The project will provide direct employment to 24 women and will facilitate door to door access to 2500 women of villages.
ENHANCING EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM (3EP)

Along with the regular content of the program that is Child Development, Educational Thought, Curriculum and Skill Development and Classroom Management, the participation of external facilitators brought in new ideas and fresh energy to the program. The 3EP facilitators have also conducted workshops for ‘Pardada Pardadi Education Society (PPES) and The Shri Early Years (TSEY)’, as an integral part of in-service training program. The Trainees have conducted Micro-teaching session in the 3EP classroom in preparation for the internship in March and also visited Mewat for a differential enriched learning. These sessions were viewed and evaluated by external examiners.

CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP

Joy of Giving Campaign across SRF locations

We have been running the “Joy of Giving” drive for last 6 months across SRF offices and plant locations. Life is but grey if not for the colors present around us. We made a sincere effort to bring some colors in the lives of others through our acts of ‘Giving’! The theme for this year’s Joy of Giving Drive is “Rainbow” and we have tried to ode to the selfless act of Gifting. Each month bears significance to one Rainbow Color and inculcates the characteristics of that color.

A blood donation Camp and a car pooling drive was started in the Head Office under joy of giving campaign in last three months in which many SRFites participated enthusiastically.

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