

“A test of a people is how it behaves towards the old. It is easy to love children, but the affection and care for the old, the incurable, the helpless are the true gold mines of a culture.”



Activities Carried Out In 2006-07

April 2006: A special function was held at Uppal's Orchid, New Delhi to commemorate the completion of three years of service by Diya Foundation.

June 2006: Wedding of two blind students was sponsored by Diya Foundation.

July 2006: Formal education from Kindergarten to Class III was commenced at Diya Vidya Mandir, Nihal Vihar, New Delhi. Earlier only non formal education was being provided.

July 2006: Four students of Diya Vidya Mandir got enrolled in regular school in classes III and IV.

August 2006: Independence Day was celebrated at Diya Vidya Mandir, Nihal Vihar, New Delhi. Salute to the National Flag was given by the students followed by a cultural programme.

August 2006: Janmashtmi celebrations were held at Diya Vidya Mandir, Nihal Vihar, New Delhi. A dance drama of Shri Krishna and Radha was enacted by the students.

September 2006: A free neuro, eye and general health check-up camp was organized at Nihal Vihar, New Delhi. Free medicines were distributed.

October 2006: Doctors from Diya Foundation carried out health check-ups of the students of Heritage School, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi.

October 2006: Diwali was celebrated by children of Diya Vidya Mandir with lots of enthusiasm. The school was decorated in traditional way and fireworks display was much enjoyed by children.

November 2006: Free Eye and General health check-up Camp was held at Nihal Vihar, New Delhi. Free medicines were distributed.

December 2006: Students of Diya Vidya Mandir were taken on an excursion cum picnic to the National Railway Museum, New Delhi.

December 2006: Christmas was celebrated at Diya Vidya Mandir, Nihal Vihar, New Delhi.

January 2007: A Computer Lab of 10 computers was established with the help of Jagannath Institute of Management Studies. Regular computer classes will start shortly at Diya Vidya Mandir, Nihal Vihar, New Delhi.

January 2007: Lohri was celebrated at Diya Vidya Mandir, Nihal Vihar, New Delhi on 13th January. Children sang songs and danced around the traditional bonfire. Local residents of Nihal Vihar also joined in the fun.

January 2007: Regular healthcare programme was put in action at Diya Vidya Mandir, Nihal Vihar, New Delhi. Arrangements were made for quarterly check-ups of all students of Diya Vidya Mandir by qualified doctors.

February 2007: Free General health check-up camp was held at Nihal Vihar, New Delhi. Free medicines were distributed.

Diya on Television

Regular telecast of a documentary film highlighting the



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Our Future Plans:

Setting up a string of schools for the underprivileged children.
 Yoga and Meditation Centre.
 Vocational Training Institute for women &

Implementing Plans

Two plots of land have been purchased to construct another school for about 500 underprivileged children and for setting up a Yoga & Meditation

Diya Foundation is a registered society under the Society Registration Act, XXI of 1860

All donations to Diya Foundation are eligible for deduction under section 80 G of the Income tax Act, 1961

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DIYA FOUNDATION

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Message



I am pleased to note that Diya Foundation completes yet another year of dedicated service to the underprivileged. This charitable society which commenced operations in April, 2003 by setting up a small school with about 20 children has, during the last four years diligently worked to provide succour to the children from the slums, handicapped, aged, destitute and needy sections of the society.

Good work has been done also in helping the blind students.

From a small beginning Diya Foundation has achieved much during these four years. Today, Diya Vidya Mandir, its school for slum children is housed in its own building with 120 students on its rolls who are being provided free education, uniforms, shoes, mid-day meals, books and stationery besides regular medicare. Children who were earlier roaming in the streets aimlessly or doing menial jobs now regularly attend school, proud in their uniforms and eager to learn more. Besides education for the underprivileged children, Diya Foundation has been regularly organizing free health check-up camps and deaddiction drives. It also lends support to old age homes.

Not to rest on its past achievements, the Foundation is planning to set up another school for about 500 students and commencing an adult literacy programme. A Yoga & Meditation Centre is also being planned as part of holistic approach to medicare.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the Governing Body and convey my sincere thanks to the members of the Advisory Board, our donors, volunteers, executives and the staff for their continuous whole hearted support and encouragement.

Let us all strive hard together to do our bit and alleviate pain and suffering of the weaker sections of the society.

With warm regards

S. C. Manchanda

Dr. S.C. Manchanda, Padma Shree Awardee
Chairman, Advisory Board, Diya Foundation
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Going miles
to make them
Smile



Annual Function organized at Uppal's Orchid

Diya Foundation completed three years of dedicated service and compassion for the underprivileged in April, 2005.

A special function was held at Uppal's Orchid, New Delhi to commemorate the occasion. The Spiritual Evening started with Saraswati Vandana by students of Diya Vidya Mandir followed by an audio visual presentation of the activities of Diya Foundation and speech by Padma Shree Dr. S. C. Manchanda, Chairman of our Advisory Board. A talk on Yoga lifestyle by Swami Dharmanandji and a lecture and demonstration on Art of Living by Dr. Vinod Kochupillai, Professor and Head, Department of Oncology, AIIMS and Chief of the Institute Rotary Cancer Hospital (AIIMS), New Delhi were much appreciated by the invitees. The highlights of the evening were rendition of devotional songs by Ms. Chitra Roy (of Art of Living fame) and release of Souvenir by our major donor Mrs. Kusum Gulati.



Health Camps at Nihal Vihar



Three free health check-up camps were organized at Nihal Vihar, New Delhi during the year. Neuro, eye and general health check ups were conducted and free medicines and spectacles were distributed.

Visitor at Diya Vidya Mandir

Dr. Rishi, a social worker from U.S.A. visited Diya Vidya Mandir in January, 2007 and had a wonderful time interacting with the students. The working and the cleanliness of the school were much appreciated by him.



Events at Diya Vidya Mandir in 2006-07



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Republic Day celebrations at Diya Vidya



Medical check-up of Diya students.



Our pillar of strength and source of continuous inspiration- Mrs. Kusum



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Diya Plans Another School!

Construction of Chetan Public School, a new school for 500 children is to commence shortly.