

Events at Diya Vidya Mandir in 2007-08



Children enjoying fireworks on Diwali



Uniform distribution to students



Christmas Day celebrations at Diya Vidya Mandir



Children sang songs and danced around traditional bonfire to celebrate Lohri



Mrs. Kusum Gulati visits Diya Vidya Mandir



Students and teachers enjoying Holi

Some SUCCESS stories

- Nine year old **Pushpa** cannot see from one eye. Eyesight in her other eye is also weak. The schools nearby denied her admission saying that she should be sent to a blind school. Her mother works as a house maid and her father is a drug addict who mostly stays away from home. Diya Vidya Mandir admitted her in nursery class and Pushpa at nine years of age has now started learning alphabets and numbers for the first time. Diya teachers are giving special attention to her and she seems to have adjusted well in the school. The Foundation now intends to get her proper medical treatment to save her remaining eyesight.
- **Ashish** started his education at Diya Vidya Mandir in 2003. His family comprises of his parents and two siblings. His father sells belt accessories and mother does handwork on garments off and on. Ashish was initiated into the world of reading and writing at Diya Vidya Mandir. Initially he was extremely aggressive, would not study and was always upto some mischief or fighting with fellow students. Diya teachers together worked persistently and were able to awaken Ashish's interest in learning. Last year, he passed from class III of Diya Vidya Mandir and was admitted to a public school nearby where he is doing well. Diya Foundation still bears his school fees.

"No skill is more crucial to the future of a child, or to a democratic and prosperous society, than literacy."

Our New Advisory Board Member



Diya Foundation welcomes Dr. Reeta K. Thukral, M.D., FCAP, FASN, a leading Nephrologist and active social worker, to its Advisory Board. Having graduated in medicine and surgery from Government Medical College & Hospital, Srinagar in 1970 she did her Masters in Surgery from Rajasthan University. In 1973 she immigrated to USA. After a three year residency in internal medicine at Truman Medical Center, Kansas City she did her fellowship in Nephrology at Research Medical Center, University of Missouri, Kansas City. She was awarded Fellowships by American Society of Physicians in 1994 and by American Society of Nephrology in 2008. She has served on various medical committees, published papers and is member of a number of medical societies and associations. Besides medicine, Dr. Thukral is an active social worker and is deeply interested in education and healthcare of poor children. She is the Founder President of Global Charity Organisation which provides medical and educational aid to poorest of poor in India, Africa and other countries. Dr. Reeta K. Thukral can be contacted at E-mail: drreeta@sbcglobal.net

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Our Mission

To propagate welfare of the underprivileged in society with special emphasis on slum children, handicapped, aged, infirm and destitute.

Donations to be made in the name of "Diya Foundation" by Cheque/Draft or Online (visit our website www.diyafoundation.org)

Diya Foundation is a registered society under the Societies 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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Our Future Plans:

- Setting up a string of schools for the underprivileged children.
- Computer Centre for underprivileged.
- Vocational Training Institute for women & handicapped.
- Integrated Health Care Plan for underprivileged & aged

Implementing Plans

Construction of new school building on a 400 sq. yards plot of land has commenced to set up a bigger school and computer centre.



COMPASSION

DIYA FOUNDATION

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We Feel!



We Act!



We Care!

Message



Diya Foundation has been running Diya Vidya Mandir, a school for slum children in Nihal Vihar, New Delhi for the last five years where over 120 underprivileged children are being provided free education, midday meals and regular medical check-ups and support. Being housed in small building the area around the school is abound with a large member of needy children.

Foundation could not admit more students, though the area around the school is abound with a large member of needy children.

To accommodate more children, the Foundation has started construction of another school building to house a Computer Training Centre and a school for about 250 more underprivileged children. The Foundation now not only has to raise funds for its ongoing activities like providing free education and healthcare to over 120 students of Diya Vidya Mandir, holding medical check-up camps, supporting old age homes and carrying AIDS awareness and deaddiction drives but also for the upcoming new school building.

I appeal to all socially conscious individuals, corporates and other organizations to donate, lend support and join hands with Diya Foundation for successful completion of this new school project for underprivileged children. Let us all work together in our common quest to alleviate pain and suffering of the weaker sections of the society.

With warm regards

Dr. S.C. Manchanda, Padma Shri Awardee
Chairman, Advisory Board, Diya Foundation
Senior Consultant Cardiology, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital &

ANOTHER SCHOOL PROJECT UNDERWAY

Project Chetan Public School

Construction commenced



Construction underway



Proposed new school building

Construction of new school building of Chetan Public School, a school for underprivileged children, commenced on 29th Dec., 2007 on a land of 400 sq. yards in Nihal Vihar, New Delhi. The new school building which is very near to Diya Vidya Mandir, the existing school being run by Diya Foundation, will accommodate about 250 more students upto Class V. The school will have a computer education cell for providing quality education to poor senior students of the area. It is also proposed to hold vocational training classes for women in the new school building after the school hours.

Diya Gets International Appreciation

From United Kingdom



Presenting cheque for donation by Lions Club Enfield

A high powered delegation from Lions Club Enfield, U.K. visited Diya Vidya Mandir in Nihal Vihar on 29th Dec., 2007. They were pleased to see the functioning of the school and made a donation to support the construction of the new school building in Nihal Vihar, New Delhi. They also attended an audio-visual presentation and charity dinner held in their

From Canada



- Surjit Verma Foundation for Children's Education, Canada has entered into an agreement with Diya Foundation to provide regular support to its activities relating to education of the underprivileged children in India. Mr. Surjit Verma, a renowned educationist of Canada had earlier visited Diya Vidya Mandir in Nihal Vihar, New Delhi.



- Mrs. Raj Verma, Chairperson of Vedanta Ashram Society, Canada attended the audio visual presentation and charity dinner held on 29th Dec., 2007. Addressing the gathering she appreciated the efforts of Diya Foundation to provide education and healthcare to slum children and pledged support on behalf of Vedanta Ashram Society as well as from Women of India Auxilliary, Canada and INDISA (Indian Sub-Continent Students' Association) Canada.



Lions Club members with students of Diya Vidya Mandir



Chairman, Dr. S.C. Manchanda welcoming Lions Club members



Lions Club members at the proposed site for new school building

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From Australia

Lion Clyde Lee and Lioness Connie from Lions Club of Heathcote, Sydney, Australia and Rtn. Dr. Krishan Anand of Rotary Club of Sydney attended an audio visual presentation about activities of Diya Foundation followed by a charity dinner in Dec. 2007. They really appreciated the efforts of Diya Foundation and pledged their support to its activities.



From USA

Global Charity Foundation USA pledges support



Dr. Reeta K Thukral, a leading nephrologist of USA and Chairperson of Global Charity Foundation (a registered public charity in USA) was so impressed during her visit to Diya Vidya Mandir that she pledged to support a class of 30 students on regular basis, institute scholarships and support the students for higher studies once they leave school.

A visitor at Diya Vidya Mandir

Mr. Pankaj Kapahi, a scientist working in the field of Biotechnology in USA visited Diya Vidya Mandir in May 2008. So taken in was he, that he immediately offered to represent Diya Foundation in USA. He pledged not only his personal support but also promised to spread the good word about Diya Foundation in USA and organise contributions for its educational and healthcare programmes for the underprivileged children in India.



Health Camps at Nihal Vihar

Free Health Check-up Camp



Free Eye Check-up Camp



A free General Health Check-up Camp was organized in Nihal Vihar, New Delhi on 23rd Dec 2007. Senior doctors from reputed hospitals in Delhi volunteered for this camp. A large number of people of the area availed facilities of free ECG and tests for Diabetes besides general health check-up and counselling.

On 20th January 2008, a free eye check-up camp was held in the Diya Vidya Mandir school building in Nihal Vihar, New Delhi. A team of doctors led by Dr. Neeraj Manchanda checked over 200 patients. After check-ups free spectacles were distributed to 42 persons.

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MCKS Food for Hungry Foundation joins hands with Diya Foundation

MCKS Food for Hungry Foundation has been spearheading the movement for providing food to people below the poverty line. Diya Foundation has now joined hands with MCKS Food for Hungry Foundation for distributing food grains to the poor.

The programme was inaugurated on 23rd Dec. 2007 in Nihal Vihar by Mr. Manoj Shokeen, District President (BJP), Punjabi Bagh, Delhi State. Diya Foundation in association with MCKS Food for Hungry Foundation now distributes food grains to 120 families (below the poverty line) every month.



"If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way."