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## Editor's Desk

This has been an eventful quarter filled with events showering in-tandem with monsoon. While the dazzling spirit of I-Day celebrations augmented to the organisation's commitment for social accountability, Raksha Bandhan and Eid celebrations were used to bring out the creative best among students by organizing various activities.

Dedicating this edition to the spirit of independence was an easy decision. As stated by Albert Camus "Freedom is nothing but a chance to be better" - focus at SETU has been to continually improve ourselves in whatever we do. A glimpse of our efforts in this direction can be seen as we go through this newsletter.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks to all our patrons who have put their trust in us and helped us in our march towards a better future.

## Chairman Speaks

Dear Friends,

Welcome to SETU a movement for the rights of the under privileged. A movement that, thanks to entirely donors like yours, shall be able to fulfil its mission—Save and Empower The Underprivileged.

As part of our transparency policy we at SETU have been sharing our activities with our esteemed donors. We at SETU decided to re-design our news magazine "SETU MARCHES".

Through this first edition of the news magazine we take this opportunity to update you all on our progress and activities. Constant support of our donors, staff members and other stake holders is the key-driving force and therefore I take this opportunity to thank all of them for the generous support, their believing and having trust in us.

### Film Leadership Project – Design for Change

SETU school among 20 selected of over 3000 schools from Delhi/NCR

PVR Nest, along with CINE ART organized an introductory workshop on film making at PVR Saket on 9<sup>th</sup> of August 2011. This was an introduction to the "Film Leadership" Workshop project for Design for Change 2011. The event had participants from various schools across Delhi/ NCR region. The event showcased some interesting theme oriented films of 2010, made by the young students of different schools. SETU made most of the occasion by getting selected for CineArt 2011 Leadership Power Session and further for Film Making.

PVR Nest works on various issues concerning the environment and children and engages with young adolescents across India by training them on visual and performing arts and turns them into creative ambassadors. YOUNG LEADERS of tomorrow who believe in Being the Change. On 8<sup>th</sup> September, 8 selected students of SETU along with the Principal and a teacher, attended the Master Class of the Film Leadership Project at PVR Plaza (C.P), where all the selected schools gathered. This workshop was conducted by well known film Director, **Mr. Vishal Bhardwaj** and Mr. B. Diwaker, Professor of Film Production, on FILM MAKING PROCESS, about the idea, production, story, board and various other technicalities of the art of film-making. This was followed by on the spot scene creation by Vishalji with the children, where few selected students were selected among the crowd, one of which was SETU student, Ajay



Children were given a theme on which they had to act upon. It was a fantastic show, followed by the discussion-session with the children on how the hero is made to dance, how villain is beaten, how the helicopter is zoomed etc. Thus children enjoyed and learnt the very idea of art of film making on themes close to their heart and then came the time to prove the same. Thus the next step for them was the FILM MAKING itself.

The final stage of the film-making process was the 5-day film-making workshop by PVR in American-Excelsior of Gurgaon, where the children of SETU interacted with the Gurgaon school students.



Finally, the children selected from SETU made a fabulous film on environment and the film made by them during the CineArt workshop will be premiered on the Grand Finale of CineArt 2011 Film Leadership Project for Design for Change. The premier is confirmed on 24th November 2011 at PVR Anupam, Saket. The participating schools will be awarded by Mr. Rahul Bose, the eminent actor and the chief guest of the day. Diverse NGO heads, embassies and corporate will be present on the premier of the film to be aired in one of the PVRs in Delhi in November.

## Cambridge- school workshop

### Interactive sessions between SETU and Cambridge School students

Since the beginning of August, students of Cambridge School Noida visit our school, SSJK Nithari. They hold educational and an interactive sessions with our students. Since the theme for the month was "Books" in August, students had prepared and shared the importance of books in their life in the first session of August. Both the school students had prepared their own views on books in the form of poems, speeches etc.

The school children also exchanged gifts with each other like story books ,book marks etc. It was an exciting and innovative session for both the school students. Once or twice in a month the interactive workshops with Cambridge children are scheduled, which gives them exposure to varied activities and boosts their confidence. In the last month sessions held on Books, Block Printing, Dancing etc.



## JODO GYAN WORKSHOP

### Innovative Learning methodology sharing

On 23rd July'2011, there was a workshop "**JODO GYAN**" held for teachers. Two teachers from a delhi-based NGO visited the Nithari SSJK centre and gave training on interesting methodologies to be used while teaching mathematics to the children. All the teachers of SSJKs- Nithari, Salarpur and Alibardipur centres participated in the interesting and educative workshop. Teachers from other schools like Om Foundation and Apna Ghar also attended the workshop .



The entire workshop lasted for half a day, the workshop was very interesting and the teachers found the teaching methodologies to be quite innovative and creative. The workshop was based on activity learning and how to involve students to think more. It was more of mathematical concepts which involved the identification of appropriate contexts from which children could start their journey to learn new ways of thinking and reasoning.

The workshop was very useful for the teachers as it highlighted that teachers necessitate creating new meanings and cultures in the class room to make erudition enjoyable.

## Eye Checkup Camp

6<sup>th</sup> August '2011, Nithari

A free one day eye camp was organized by Setu Foundation in Nithari on 6th of August 2011. More than 100 kids attended the camp and were examined for various eye ailments by Dr Anindya Chakraborty who especially came from Tirupati Eye Centre-Noida, for this camp and he was assisted by Mr. Vipin Paswan.



These ophthalmologists conducted the eye-camp free of cost for the kids. 11 kids were referred for further check-up in the hospital. The camp was satisfactory as stated by the school management. Chairman and founder member of SETU- Mr. Ravi Kaul also commented on the workshop as a positive step. In addition he said that the general health matters should be taken care of along with providing quality-driven education to the children. SETU is looking forward for organizing many more basic health camps in future.

## Independence Day Celebrations

### Grand celebrations at SSJKs

On 15 August 1947, India attained freedom from the British Rule. Every year, August 15 is celebrated as the Independence Day in India. This national festival is celebrated with great enthusiasm all over the country.

The Independence Day of any country is a moment of pride and glory. On this special occasion, tributes are paid to the freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives and fought to free their motherland from the clutches of the British rulers. The event at Nithari school started with welcoming of rains in the morning. Students of class 7<sup>th</sup> took care of the anchoring of the I-Day event at the Nithari Centre. The whole atmosphere turned patriotic with songs like "AO BACHHON TUMHEIN DIKHAYEIN JHANKI.....", "YE DESH HAI VEER JAWANO KA..".



This year again we celebrated Independence Day with great fun and prestige at all the SSJKs- Nithari, Salarpur and Alibardipur. The national flag was hoisted by our chairman followed by the national anthem at Nithari which was followed by a cultural show by the children and the teachers. Cultural shows were also organized at Salarpur and Alibardipur. The event ended with the distribution of refreshment and gifts to all the students.

## Success Story: Harinderjit Singh helps Kajal meet her dreams to be a Doctor

KAJAL – Daughter of Late Harikrishan, is looked after by her mother Poonam, who is an Aaya and has a family income of Rs. 1000 pm. The eldest of the family of three, Kajal was 8 years old and studied in 2<sup>nd</sup> class when she joined SETU. Residing near the pradhan's house Salarpur, her ambition is to become a Doctor. She loves eating ice cream and sweets. .



Year  
2008-09

Kajal has since been promoted to class – 4<sup>th</sup> with 2<sup>nd</sup> position and 87.4%. She secured 97/100 in Hindi, 85/100 in English and 69/100 in mathematics. Her subjects of interest are English, science and Hindi. She attends tuitions regularly. She loves to read stories both in Hindi and English. She is also a fast learner and solves mathematical problems with ease. She loves to make sketches, drawing, and thumb and spray paintings. Her hobbies are reading magazines and newspapers.

Year  
2009-10

In the new session, she has got an overall mark 82/100 in English, 90/100 in Mathematics, 78/100 in Hindi, 80/100 in Science, 88/100 in G.K, and 84/100 in S.S.T. She reads really well both Hindi and English. She loves to draw and colour. She attends tuitions regularly. She makes sentences in Hindi and English.

Year  
2010-2011

Kajal as a student of D S Public School has passed class 5th with first division and first position. She secured 166/200 in Hindi, 175/200 in English, 188/200 in maths, 167/200 in Science, Social science 166/200, 80/100 in Moral Science, drawing 80/100, GK 179/200.

Kajal helps her mother in household work. According to her grand mother she prefers to be at home and studies whenever she gets time instead of playing with her peer group. She is very sincere in her work and studies and regular student of SETU Tuition center. According to tuition in charge she is the best student of her group



**Photo: Kajal in June-2011**

## Teacher's Day Celebrations:

### 5th Sept, Teacher's day special

Every year 5th September is celebrated as Teachers' day as a mark of tribute to the contribution made by teachers to the society. 5th September is the birthday of a great teacher Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, who was a staunch believer of education, and was the well-known diplomat, scholar, president of India and above all a teacher. We at SETU school Nithari celebrated TEACHER'S DAY, at the school. The day started with a beautiful movie clip and glimpses of the years passed by since SETU established. This was an initiative and a precious gift by founder member of SETU, to all the teachers of the school. This was followed by the award ceremony, where two teachers were awarded-Santosh Mahi and Santosh Matpal.



The children of Class 7th dressed up as Teachers and took classes. All the children also gifted their favorite teachers - cards and tokens of love. Teacher's roles played by the students of the school were very effective and children enjoyed being in their teacher's shoes on this special day.

## GO GREEN PROJECT:

### Workshop by Rakesh Khatri from Nature Foundation

On 14th Sept'2011, there was a workshop on "Environment" held for students. All the students of classes 5th, 6th and 7th had participated. The entire workshop was for a period of 2 hours; however it was very effective and very interesting. The workshop was based on how to keep environment clean, say no to plastic bags, save electricity, conserve water etc. It was more of interactive session which involved discussions and changing ideas among students. Short movies were shown to them on how to save environment.



The workshop was really useful for the students as it gave them a new thought on environment and how each individual can contribute to keep it clean. We are planning to have more sessions with them to improve our surrounding (Nithari).

## Inter School Drawing Competition

Five out of twelve awards bagged by SETU students



At OM Foundation School, the students from four different NGO run Schools of Noida showed the power of creativity and imagination on 19<sup>th</sup> of August 2011 as part of Environment month celebrations. Excellent display of sketch and colors on various environmental based issues were witnessed. The event was Inter School Drawing Competition, an initiative of OM Foundation under Green Awareness Program. Almost hundred students participated from four different schools Nai Disha, Setu Foundation, SOF School and OM Foundation School. "Nature" was the topic given to the junior group and for the senior group it was Global Warming, Pollution, Deforestation, Climate Change and The Future of Rivers. Over all six best paintings were awarded from each group. The children from Setu Shiksha Jyoti Kendra, Nithari won 5 of the 12 prizes awarded at the competition.

## Teacher's Workshop:

TEACHER'S TRAINING WITH DPS PRINCIPAL:

On 16th Sep'2011, Mrs Manocha, the Team Head of DPS Shiksha Kendra, visited SETU SHIKSHA JYOTI KENDRA, for a workshop for the teachers of the school. This workshop was attended by all the teachers of Nithari, Salarpur and Alibardipur. It was an interesting and informative workshop for all the teachers.



She explained the importance of the Activity Based Learning and on how to design and plan the syllabus and the course. She mentioned to the attendees of the training that teachers are always in a learning process. For the students as well as teachers good marks should not be the motive of education. She emphasized on interactive learning rather than following the conventional ways of learning. She emphasized on developing the writing, reading, recitation, listening skills of the children.

## MONSOON MELA

This was on 17th Sep'2011, SETU organized a mela in the Nithari school campus. The Fiesta was named as "Monsoon Mela" and it was a great success.



The village crowd gathered in front of the gate of our school, and the clock struck 12 and the entire crowd was inside the school ground at our stalls-The food stalls, The Game stalls and the Product selling stalls were all full. This was for the first time in Nithari they had a chance to visit such a colourful school mela with so much fun. The day started and the entry did not stop many nearby schools also visited our mela like, Sardar Patel school, B.S Memorial, Mahadev etc. SETU school children, teachers and the entire staff of SETU were the host and entertained the crowd to the best. It was an overall good effort and a colourful and a wonderful day for all of us.

## DELL VISIT:

On 16th July'2011 and 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. 2011, DELL volunteers had sponsored an activity at the school (SSJK Nithari). In July, around 20 volunteers visited the school to conduct educational activities.

The school was divided in two groups-

1. Junior (Class Nursery to Class 3rd), Painting competition was organized amongst them.
2. Senior (Class 4th to Class 7th), English Handwriting competition was their activity that day.

The winners were awarded prizes and snacks were distributed to all the children. Everybody in the school, enjoyed the show which ended with a dance performance on our theme song, Dil hai chota sa.....



In **September** 2011 DELL Legal team (5 members), headed by Prashant visited the school. They took a round to all the classes and interacted with the students. The entire team was inspired and motivated by the acts of our children. They distributed cakes and sketch pens.



**Setu Financials for the period March to September 2011 ( 01/04/2011 to 30/09/2011) - Unaudited** As part of our corporate governance policy we would like to share the financials with respect to the contribution and expenses for the period ending 30/09/2011, these are as follows:

Amount ( Rs in lacs)	
Particulars	Total
Contributions from Donors	13.91
Contribution from Trustees	1.12
Loan from Trustees	0.00
Interest Income	0.03
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>15.06</b>
Education and Schools Project	9.24
Education Project Sponsorship expenses paid to Associates	0.54
Scholarship Granted	0.38
Salaries to Project and Office Staff	2.62
Marriage Sponsorship /Medical Aid	0.00
Administration Expenses	0.75
Assets / Deposit for school	0.00
Event Expenses	0.26
Refund of loan to Trustees	0.00
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>13.79</b>
<b>Net Funds Available / (Deficit)</b>	<b>1.27</b>
<b>Payments to trustees or their relatives</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Corpus Funds Under Setu Schemes In Bank FDS	
<b>Setu Shiksha Jyoti Scholarship Scheme</b>	<b>2.50</b>
<b>Setu Red Ribbon Club</b>	<b>0.15</b>
<b>Setu Pink Ribbon Club</b>	<b>0.42</b>
To ensure maximum utilisation of donations the founder trustees have decided to bear all day to day office related expenses till the need arises.	



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operating in India with headquarters in New Delhi. Works in close partnership with private voluntary organizations, non-governmental organizations, private companies, schools and universities. Founded in 2007 by Ravinder Kaul, A successful professional, also a philanthropist and a visionary.

### **Objectives and main focus areas**

- Enabling the growth of less fortunate children
- Caring for human health
- Rehabilitation

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