

## Shiksha Prayas Q1 2013 Update

Friends,

Hope all of you are doing well in your professional and personal lives! I am back with my quarterly update on Shiksha Prayas. We had another good quarter.

Key highlight of this quarter is corporate involvement. We had opportunity to engage with 4 companies as part of their CSR initiatives. Best part is that corporate involvement was not for fund-raiser but for direct involvement in activities.

Update on FTCs: All 3 centres ran fine. Students appeared for their final exams, did well and have been promoted to next classes. Our centres have already started for academic year 2013-14. During April and May our focus is on foundation subjects (English and Maths) across all 3 centres. At Kanhai, RBS volunteers are teaching English (Mon-Fri) and we are having computer classes as well.

Student Scholarship: All supported students have done well. We have started working on registration/renewals of sponsorship for current academic year.

Now, moving on to Corporate engagements:

RBS: We have been participating in RBS CSR programs for last 2-3 years now. RBS volunteers have been taking regular classes for some of our students at Kanhai FTC. RBS volunteers celebrated holi at FTC Kanhai.

NTT Data: Shiksha Prayas supported NTT Data Education support for support staff (security, housekeeping and similar roles). NTT Data Employees made contributions for this noble cause and monetary support was provided towards education related expenses for family (self/children/kin) of support staff. Shiksha Prayas has been partner NGO for this program and helped to establish process for the program as well as in execution. I was involved from both the sides (as NTT Data regional CSR lead for NCR as well as Shiksha Prayas lead) and I am thrilled with tremendous success of this program. Its a simple program where regular employees support "support staff" for education (a critical life activity which can potentially enable them to lead better life). if any of you would like to conduct this program in your offices, I will be happy to provide further details on this program.

Initto (IT company based out of Gurgaon and is part of Saxobank): Initto HR team invited few students from FTC Kanhai for a corporate visit. Half-day visit was packed with office walk-through, meeting with people, learning, games, movie, meal and gifts. Kids were happy. Thanks to Initto for this great gesture. Such visits provide good exposure for these kids and are always encouraging.

Nielsen(Leading Global Market Research Company): Nielsen provided us 10 good condition (used) PCs for our computer centre at FTC Kanhai. We used to struggle with 6 old PCs which used to break-down at times. With this support from Nielsen, there is new life in our computer centre. Capacity is increased. students get additional time to learn and practice. We appreciate Nielsen's generous support.

In past I have shared RBS pics. I am attaching pics from rest 3 initiatives. Shiksha Prayas FTC at Kanhai appears in this RBS video on investing in girl child. <https://rbsgroup.kuluvalley.tAN359NIG3Y>

For more details, you can visit <http://www.shiksha-prayas.org/> or write back to me. Your feedback and comments are always welcome.

Note: There's some delay in updating the site with latest developments. Will ensure to get it updated during Q2 2013. Sorry for the delay.

Cheers!

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For Shiksha Prayas Team



