

Shiksha Prayas Update Q2 2007

Hi All,

Please note the update on Shiksha Prayas activities.

1. Free Tuition Centers - Students at both the centers have performed well in their exams. I am sharing some of the highlights in the email below. Their performance has been good in their respective classes and the centers have been making good positive difference in the students performance and inclination towards the studies. The parents, students, teachers and co-ordinators are all happy about the results.
2. Student Sponsorship Program - Students sponsored by us have been doing well in their studies.
3. We had contributions of Rs 1.55 Lacs in last academic year and balance as of 31-Mar was Rs 9K. If you would like to see detailed account sheet, please let me know and I'll share it.

Next session of FTCs Taraori and Kanhai has started w.e.f 2nd July and 9th July respectively. We are planning to sponsor 5-6 students this year. I will be filing IT returns of Shiksha Prayas next week. I have applied for extension of 80-G (tax exemption in India) and I have also initiated application for FCRA approval, so that foreign citizens can directly send contributions. I'll start fund raiser in Aug/Sep (by when I'll know the status of 80-G and FCRA applications). This quarter, I am planning to enhance our web-site (www.shiksha-prayas.com) to put year-wise photo albums and provide yearly updates at web-site.

Detailed Update -

1. FTC - Taraori (6th, 7th, 8th x 10 students each)
Has performed very well. Highlights of the results are as follows -
6th - Sapna (1st in Girls school), Suman (2nd in Girls school)
7th - Pooja,Shabanam (1st in Girls school - same marks), Sunita (2nd in Girls school), Puneet (3rd in Boys school)
8th - Ronki (1st in school), Seema (3rd in School)
Prizes for 1st/2nd/3rd within class for last year students to be given on coming weekend.
2. FTC - Kanhai (4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th x 10 students each)
Has performed average, mainly for higher classes. We are trying multiple ways to improve the enthusiasm and motivation for teachers. Hopefully this year will be better.
4th - Ravinder, Sehdev and Ramanuj have been 1st, 2nd and 3rd in school.

5th - Ritika has been 2nd in school

6th - No rank in school

7th - Vivek has been 1st in school

8th - School ranks were not declared when we took results.

Prizes have been distributed to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class at the center during April 2007.

3. FTC-Siwan - A small pilot was done last year. Full fledged center to be started after fund-raiser, if enough funds are collected.

4. Student Sponsorship -

i) Piyush - MCA 1st Year - Partially sponsored along with Prayas. Year went fine and in first sem, he scored around 69% marks. He has requested for sponsorship for next year.

ii) Rahul (11th) - Partially sponsored along with Prayas. Did not do well, due to personal and family reasons. He has started to study again for 11th.

iii) Sneh (10th) - Performed well in 10th class. she has got admission in Polytechnic diploma. As family situation has improved, they are not looking for sponsorship now.

iv) Manish (10th) - Performed well in the class and has requested for support for next year.

I have got few new applications for this year, which are being considered.

The focus for new enrolment for FTC and student sponsorship is being needy and at least "average" in studies. The students being helped are in bad financial situation and our initiative is helping many such students. Response from students and parents is overwhelming. My sincere thanks to all of you in providing your support. I hope and wish that this initiative is there for a long term and we are able to help more needy students.

I am sharing couple of pictures from prize ceremony at FTC-Kanhai during April 2007.

Let me know your feedback, comments and questions, if any.

