

Shiksha Prayas: Q4 2010 Update

Dear Friends,

Wish you a very happy new year 2011. Please note the update on Shiksha Prayas activities for Q4 2010.

Q4 2010 has been a good quarter. All 3 centers have been running fine. I was able to visit all 3 centres and meet the students. Studies of sponsored students have been going fine. There were further contributions by multiple friends in this quarter and we made good progress in meeting our targets. In Dec, RBS employees conducted a fund raiser and collected significant amount. This will help support current Shiksha Prayas activities + we'll be able to initiate couple of new activities like setting up computer lab at FTC Kanhai.

Detailed update:

FTC Kanhai: Studies have been going fine. One teacher left the job and we hired a new teacher. Volunteer teachers (Amrinder and Mrs Madhu) have been teaching well. Few students requested us to purchase few books (guides) and we purchased the same as required. Details on visit by RBS team in Dec is mentioned below.

FTC Taraori: I visited FTC Taraori on 3rd Dec 2010. I met the students and discussed study progress. Students are happy with tuitions. Few students in Taraori centre are from regular Govt school while some are from Model Govt school. Model Govt school is a recent concept where 1 school in each district is setup as English medium and English is taught from Nursery to 12th. Better performing teachers are placed in these schools. Taraori is fortunate to have one of such schools.

FTC Siwan: I visited FTC Siwan on 4th Dec 2010. I met the students and discussed study progress. Students are happy with tuitions. Students requested us to also teach computer science. I promised that we'll gradually teach computer sc at all the centres. One of our sponsored student (Rahul) has completed his Engineering this year and has got a decent job. Rahul is very thankful for the support provided to him. Its a proud moment for us as we could make a difference in his life.

Considering severe cold in North India, we have declared winter break at all our centres. Centres will reopen on 17th Jan.

Student Sponsorship: Most of students from last year have been continued with scholarship. We also added sponsorship for 4 Kanhai students who have

earlier studied at FTC Kanhai. These ex-students requested us to pay for their tuition expenses for 10th class and we agreed.

Fund Raiser and visit by RBS Employees: In Dec, an fund raiser was organized by RBS employees and they collected significant amount for Shiksha Prayas. Just before Christmas, RBS employees visited FTC Kanhai centre and distributed lots of useful gifts (school bag, sweater and gloves). Drawing competition was also organized on the same day and best performers were given rewards. The funds provided by RBS team will support our regular operations as well as to setup computer labs in our centres. To begin with, we have already rented an additional room at FTC Kanhai, where we have 4 donated PCs. We have iniated process of setting up computer lab which should be operational once center starts after winter vacation. Whole hearted thanks to RBS team for their contribution and time.

overall it has been a great quarter as well as year 2010.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support. We'll continue our efforts to take Shiksha Prayas activities forward.

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