

Shiksha Prayas Update Q2-2009

Dear Friends,

Please note the update for last quarter. I am also kicking off fund-raiser for current academic year.

Free Tuition Centers:

All 3 centers ran fine during this quarter. During April and May, foundation classes for English and Maths were conducted.

In Kanhai, we conducted tests of English and Maths at the end of May and top scorers were given rewards (pic attached).

During the June, center was closed for summer vacation. Centers have started again in July and now regular studies for school syllabus are in progress.

Siwan center has been started from a new rented place. Picture of some of the students along with teachers at Siwan is attached. Among teachers at all the centers, teachers at Siwan center are most motivated and that makes a lot of difference.

Update on Mini Library: Idea of mini library at Kanhai has worked fine.

Students at center got books issued with lot of interest. We need to expand this idea further. We will start mini library at other 2 centers this year + all of you can donate books for the center. If you would like to donate any new/old books, please let me know and we can work out logistics. Books can be related school subjects, or it can be story books, general knowledge or any other books, which can be of interest to 4th-8th class students. We need to keep in mind that these students are studying in Govt school, so they are not fluent in English, so if books are in English, it should be simple English. Based on collection of books, we'll distribute it further amongst 3 centers.

Student Sponsorship: - Sponsorship for some of the students who were sponsored last year has been renewed. Few new students have been identified. We'll consider some more students based on new requests which we receive as well as funds availability(projected availability for current academic year).

Web-site Update: We have got web-site updated. A colleague from my office (kapil Mangtani) volunteered to make these updates. Thanks a bunch to Kapil for making required changes. Please visit www.shiksha-prayas.com for latest updates.

Fund Raiser:

Last year we had approx expenses for 2.30 Lacs, which included 1.73 Lacs

on the centers, 47K on student scholarships and 10 K on other expenses (including CA fee). If you would like to get detailed break-up of expenses/collections, please let me know.

This year we plan to keep a budget of 2.75 Lacs. (One key difference is that this year, Siwan center will function throughout the academic year, while last year it was operational for only 4 months.). We'll do fund raiser during the month of Aug 09. Please send your contributions/pledges ASAP.

To make contributions:

Cheques (in Rs) should be in name of SHIKSHA PRAYAS CENTRES COLLECTIONS and should be sent to Pawan Kumar, N-164, South City I, Gurgaon - 122001.Cell # 98102 41735.

If you would like to transfer money through a bank transfer, do let me know and I can provide bank account details.

As you know I am personally involved with this initiative and I make all the expenses personally, I assure you that the money is being used for the right cause, as stated and it brings significant difference for the students who benefit from these programmes.

For more details, you can visit www.shiksha-prayas.com or write back to me. Your feedback and comments are always welcome.

Regards,
Pawan Kumar
for Shiksha Prayas.



