

## **Q3 Update & Fund-raiser kick-off**

Hi There,

Hope you are doing good. Please note the update on Shiksha Prayas for Q3 2007.

Summary:

Both the centers have started in time this year (early July). Both the centers have been doing fine. Students who are being sponsored are also doing fine. There is some delay in getting 80-G extension. We are kicking off Fund-raiser for current academic year.

Detail:

FTC - Kanhai: Center started on 9th July. There are 40+ students who are coming to the center (between 8-10 per class).

We have conducted drawing competition on 15th Aug and gave prizes to students.

FTC Taraori: Center started from 2nd July. There are 30+ students who are coming to center (between 10-12 per class).

Both the centers:

Exams for first sem (first half-year) have happened and results have been good.

We have conducted PTMs and one of the week area for students (at both the centers) is studies in English and Maths. We have started an extra class for English at Kanhai center. At Taraori center, we are discussing with teachers to give special attention on these 2 subjects.

Student Sponsorship - Sponsored Students have been making good progress. I have met most of the students this quarter. Help provided to them is helping them continue with their studies and students and their parents are very thankful for this help.

General Update:

80-G Extension: Our application for 80-G extension didn't go through due to incomplete records (Our CA couldn't make it to final meeting with Income Tax department and I had the data for current academic year in Excel format, rather than proper books of account). We'll be re-applying in Oct with all the required records.

FCRA Applicaton: We have opened FCRA bank account, but application for FCRA is delayed pending 80-G extension.

Web-site Upgrade: Its in process. Lot of work has happened and I expect upgraded web-site to be launched by Mid-Oct.

Web- Album: I have created web album on Google Picasa. Please visit URL <http://picasaweb.google>. to see the albums. Best thing I like about it is a small Google map which shows right locations of Kanhai and Taraori in Haryana map.

Fund-raiser for current academic session:

We wanted to complete 80-G extension and FCRA approval before the fund raiser this year, but as there are delays in these processes, we are kicking off Fund raiser with this email. People in India may not get tax deduction if 80-G extension is not approved in time. And US citizens will have to route donations through Indian citizens (or pay directly through their Indian/NRI accounts).

Please send your contributions and pledges as soon as possible. I will be doing personal follow-up with you guys in next few days. Our target this year is to collect 2 Lac rupees, so that we have enough money to sustain current activities and expand little bit. We plan to finish fund-raiser by end of Oct. The details of bank account and address to send the cheque are same (as last year) and I can provide it again to people who would like to contribute.

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 very good difference for the people who benefit from these programmes.

At the end, I am attaching 2 pics from Q3 2007. One of them is from Kanhai on prize ceremony for drawing competition on 14th Aug while 2nd one is from PTM at Taraori on 29-Sep.

For more details, you can visit [www.shiksha-prayas.com](http://www.shiksha-prayas.com) or write back to me. Your feedback and comments are always welcome.

