

Shiksha Prayas Update Q3 2010

Dear Friends,

Please note shiksha prayas update for Q3 2010. It has been a good quarter. All 3 centres have been running fine. Few new ideas have been initiated.

FTC Kanhai - We have added more volunteer teachers to complement paid teachers. Paid teachers have limited teaching experience, motivation and enthusiasm. We have been thinking about infusing extra enthusiasm in teaching. One of the idea we zeroed in was to complement paid teachers during week days with volunteer teachers over weekend. It has worked fine in last few months with Amrinder teaching 2 classes over weekend. Now we have added 2 more volunteer teachers and we intend to add 2 more teachers in coming months. Response to my recent email about volunteer teachers has been good. Madhu Jain and Akanksha Jain have come forward to be volunteer teachers for teaching Maths and English respectively (pic attached). Lets hope this approach of volunteer teachers gets established in Q4 2010.

FTC Taraori & FTC Siwan - both the centers have been running fine. I visited these places in mid Sep and have been able to meet teachers to discuss progress. Unfortunately I couldn't meet students due to holidays. Teachers at both these centres are volunteer cum teachers, so we are quite happy with quality of studies conducted at these centres.

Bicycles for Kanhai students - Teachers at Kanhai have been requesting us to purchase 2 bicycles for 3 students who come from far places and are not regular to our centre. all the 3 students are very good in studies and wanted to come to FTC for studies, but there parents couldn't afford purchase of bicycles. we agreed to purchase bicycles for them. Pic attached - you can see student vivek with his bicycle.

Education initiative for support (security and housekeeping) staff at Keane - This has been another new idea this year. Along with few senior resources at Keane (where I work), I initiated the idea to support studies of children of Keane security staff and housekeeping employees. First of all we identified few volunteers to manage this initiative. We met support staff and identified good cases for sponsorship. Then we conducted fund raiser in Keane so that employees can contribute for this cause. We collected more than 1 Lac for

this cause and we have been disbursing it to support staff based on expenses made. Disbursements are being channelized through shiksha prayas. This idea has been working very well, where we have linked well-off employees to support education needs for family of support staff working in the same organization. This idea can be easily replicated at other organizations.

Fund Raiser for Shiksha Prayas - There has been very good response to fund raiser initiated this quarter. We have received contributions/pledges for meeting around 70% of target for the year. Myself and Rajeev have been doing follow-up with friends to meet the target by EOM. Thanks for your generous support for this great cause.

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