

Shiksha Prayas - Q4 2007 update

Dear Friends,

Please note the update of Shiksha Prayas activities for Q4 2007 (includes for Jan/Feb 2008)

Summary:

Both the centers have been doing fine. Students who are being sponsored are also doing fine. We moved FTC Kanhai to new place.

FTC - Kanhai:

Studies: Studies of the students went fine. Most of the syllabus is already covered and revision was done. Exams for few classes are already done and rest will be over this week. We hope they will do fine in upcoming annual exams. We have closed the center for this year on 3rd March.

This quarter, students did a Diya making competition on Diwali and also celebrated 26th Jan.

Change of center location: We faced a challenge this quarter. We were having center in community center since Aug 2007. In Dec 1st week, Sarpanch told us that we need to vacate community center, as marriage season was coming. We closed the center and started looking for alternate place. It took us some time to find suitable place (2 room set with a varandah) and eventually center re-started from Jan 7th. Due to long break, attendance got impacted - from a average of 40, attendance come down to average of 25. Overall its good that we have found a self-rented solution. From the new session, we should be back to normal attendance of 40-50.

FTC - Taraori:

This quarter has been smooth. Studies of the students have been going fine. The syllabus is already covered and revision was done. Exams will be over by 13-Mar-08.

Students Sponsorship:

We have sponsored 9 students this year. Students being sponsored are doing fine in their studies.

General Update:

Web-site Upgrade: Draft of the web-site is ready. Updated web-site is expected to be launched later this month.

Fund-raiser: I am sorry, I couldn't pursue on fund-raiser actively, as I got busy with few personal/ work related priorities. Many of you have been thoughtful and considerate and have already sent your contributions. I whole-heartedly appreciate the contributions sent. With these contributions, we have enough funds to complete this session and begin next session. So, we'll initiate next fund-raiser in next academic year.

80-G Extension/FCRA: Re-application to be initiated. FCRA application to be initiated.

Results for 2007-08 session: Results for all the classes except 8th class should come by 31st March. We'll conduct PTM in first half of April to distribute rewards and start registration for next academic year. I'll provide Q1 2008 update after this PTM

Plan for next Academic year - One of the observation in both centers has been that students are weak in English and Maths foundation. We are planning to conduct limited classes during April/May to have focus on English and Math with focus on building foundation in these subjects. June will be summer vacation and regular classes to start from July.

Pics of the quarter - These are for new center for FTC-Kanhai taken on 2nd Feb 2008. For more details, you can visit www.shiksha-prayas.com or write back to me. Your feedback and comments are always welcome.

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Cheers!

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