

Qutub picnic Update and Fund Raiser kick off

Friends - I hope and wish that you are doing well. This mid quarter update contains update on recent picnic for Kanhai students. I am also kicking off fund-raiser for current academic year. I plan to complete this fund raiser in 4-6 weeks.

Picnic Update:

With recent launch of metro from Gurgaon, there has been lot of excitement in public about travelling on metro. This gave us idea for picnic this time. On 8th Aug, we took students to Qutub via Metro.

Enthusiasm: when we asked students about idea of this picnic, they were very excited about this trip. we announced about this trip 2 weeks in advance. Guess what - attendance in the classes increased and there were requests for additional registration. We also invited ex-students (who have studied with us earlier), so that we can connect with them and track their current studies. In all we had a group of 100 people (students -65, ex-students -21, teachers -3, guests -5 and organizers -6)

the visit - Students reached Kanhai center at 6 am. we took 2 buses to reach Metro station. Students used escalators (for many of them it must be first time in life) to reach the station. Then we boarded metro. students enjoyed the ride to Mehrauli. By this time our buses reached Mehrauli station and picked us from there and dropped us to Qutub. At Qutub, students visited the site, made groups, got multiple photos clicked and had fun. we distributed snacks etc. we started back by 12 pm by buses.

Map Contest - One of the key attraction in this visit was map contest. During summer vacation, we had given some handouts to students on world's map and india's map. we had told them that we'll do map contest after vacation, but we didn't get any opportunity so far. so we clubbed the contest with this picnic. we formed six teams - boys team and girls teams for following groups - junior (students from 4th, 5th,6th classes), senior (7th & 8th) and passout (9th/10th).

For each team we had contest for India and world. Rajeev Mago conducted this contest and asked country/state/city names and students had to identify these places in the map. This one was real fun. At the end we gave prizes to all winners.

overall this was a great picnic. All the picnics so far have been hit with students. This acts as one of major encouragement for students.

Fund Raiser:

This is our regular timeframe to kick-off fund raiser. We have exhausted our available funds for expenses so far and we need to collect funds to sustain operations for this year + some buffer fund for beginning of next academic year.

Last year we had approx expenses for 3.28 Lacs, which included 2.74 Lacs on the centers, 49K on student scholarships and 5K 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 4.00 Lacs. Please send your contributions/pledges ASAP. I will be doing a personal follow-up with you in coming days. Your timely response will help us to complete this fund-raiser in time.

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. More pics of this picnic are available at <http://picasaweb.google.co.in/>

Regards,

Pawan Kamra

For Shiksha Prayas Team



