

Shiksha Prayas Q2 2014 Update

Dear Friends,

At Shiksha Prayas, our activities are progressing well. As we started sharing regular updates through facebook, this email update is being shared after a gap. I am sharing annual update for 2013-14 (please see attached document) + I am sharing quarterly update for Q2 2014.

Key **updates** for this quarter are as follows:

Computer Centres started at Taraori and Siwan: As NTT DATA donated 10 PCs, we started computer centre at Taraori and Siwan with 5 PCs each. These computer centres are in addition to existing computer centre at Kanhai.

April/May studies: Focus of April/May has been on foundation classes (English and Maths). At Kanhai, during April to mid-May, RBS volunteers taught English (Grammar and conversation skills). For the remaining few days in May, 2 regular teachers (Preeti and Vivek) took the classes. At Taraori and Siwan, our standard classes at these 2 centres are 6th to 8th. At Siwan, we also conducted extra classes for 10th grade for Maths and Science. This is based on recommendation of centre co-ordinator and on demand of ex-students.

Summer Vacation: All 3 Centres were closed during June due to summer vacation. Centres have started again on 1st July.

Sponsored students: We have started approvals for private tuitions for ex-students from FTC. Individual sponsorship renewals as well as new applications are to be processed. We

expect upto 20 individual sponsorships and approx 50 private tuition for ex-students from FTC.

CAF Accreditation: On request of RBS, CAF (Charities Aid Foundation, India) audited our documents, accounts, visited Kanhai centre, did interviews and checked referrals and finally accredited us as "CAF validated India charity for 3 years. Letter attached.

Summary of last year: Last year, we have spent approx 8.21 Lacs* (Kanhai FTC 3.17L, Taraori 1.12L, Siwan 1.22L, Individual Scholarship 50K, Private tuitions for ex-students 1.01 L, English Course 1.15 Lacs and others 4k). Program benefited approx 184 students (120 FTC students + 18 individual sponsorship cases + 46 private tuitions). Our budget for this year is **9 Lacs**.

* These numbers don't include funds involved in NTT DATA Education Initiative.

Fund-raiser: This is the time to start annual fund-raiser. Email with options to donate will follow soon :)

For regular updates, please visit SP @ facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/shiksha-prayas>.
For more details, please visit www.shiksha-prayas.com

Your feedback and comments are always welcome.

Regards,

Pawan Kamra

For Shiksha Prayas Team

Shiksha Prayas – Annual Report
2013-14

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FTC Locations:

Kanhai: 50 students, 5 teachers

Taraori: 30 Students, 3 teachers

Siwan: 30 Students, 3 teachers +additional 10 students for few months.

Computer Centre at FTC Kanhai

FTC Schedule:

April and May : English and Maths foundation classes.

June: Holidays

July – March: Regular Subjects Tuitions

FTC Events:

FTC Kanhai PTM: 6th July 2013, 18-Jan-2014

FTC Taraori : 25-Jan-2014

FTC Siwan: 24-Jan-2014

FTC Celebrations:

Diya making competition conducted at FTC Kanhai



Student Scholarship:

Total : 64

Individual Students: 18 students.

Tuitions for ex-students: 46 students

Corporate Engagements:

RBS:

- Volunteer Classes: Regular engagement with RBS continued. RBS staff continued with volunteer classes for few days a week for major part of the year.
- Events: RBS volunteers took FTC Kanhai students for excursion to Rail Museum. Also few selected students participated in RBS Diwali Mela.

Keane/NTT DATA: Education Initiative

- Through NTT DATA Education Initiative, students of support staff across locations get sponsored for their education related expenses.
- NTT DATA has donated 10 (used) PCs to Shiksha Prayas. we'll use these PCs to start computer centre at Taraori and Siwan FTCs.

Working Committee Meeting:

New working committee of Shiksha Prayas. We met on 15th Aug and discussed about Shiksha Prayas operations.



Meeting on 5th Oct: There's new energy and fresh ideas. We discussed about action items based on progress during last 2 months. There's focus on making our activities more effective and impactful.

Ex-Students Meet:

On 2nd Oct, Sushil Chopra and Pawan Kamra met ex-students. 53 students turned up. Everyone was thankful for support provided by Shiksha Prayas tuitions and difference it made. We discussed about how we could help and one common response was need for English Communication skills coaching. In addition, there were requests for counseling for studies/career and to sponsor tuition for higher classes.



English Comm Skills Training for Ex-students:

English Comm Skills Training for 12 ex-students of Shiksha Prayas were conducted. Classes happened at NTT DATA premises. These students are above 12th class. some are doing JBT, graduation or job etc. Some of the students are our teachers currently teaching at FTC Kanhai. Training was imparted by expert faculty from Inlingua and continued for 16 sessions. There was good difference in confidence level and communication skills of these students. It was a successful pilot for such training on English Comm skills. Students have gained lot of common phrases and it has boosted their confidence.



Impact:

- Typically our students at FTC are amongst the toppers in their respective classes. We don't have formal results as Govt schools have stopped sharing the results formally. Informal updates are provided about the toppers are our students are amongst the toppers.
- Also, most of our students continue year after year in FTC for the classes which are available at FTC.
- We also sponsor tuition expenses for students who move out of FTC and are studying in further classes and need private tuitions.
- 4 of our current teachers at FTC Kanhai are our ex-students.

Other Activities:

Web-site updated for Board Members/key supporters as well as on corporate engagements.

Facebook Page: We have created facebook page for Shiksha Prayas for easy communication to all. We share regular updates through facebook as well.

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Dear Mr Kamra

Greetings from Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) India!

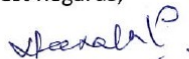
We are pleased to inform you that **Shiksha Prayas** has been found eligible to receive validation status as a **CAF India validated charity**.

We confirm that all legal, regulatory and fiscal documentation received from **Shiksha Prayas** are in order. The duration of the validation will be three years from the date of issue of this letter.

Please note that due to foreign registration not available you will not be entitled to receive any foreign funds as per FCRA Act 2010. It is also advised to intimate all statutory authorities regarding change of your registered address.

Thank you for associating with CAF India and we look forward to a mutually rewarding partnership.

Best Regards,



Meenakshi Batra
Chief Executive