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# SHIKSHA PRAYAS

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## ANNUAL DAY

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Excited squeals and peals of laughter rang the air as children alighted from their coaches after a long drive down from Taraori, Siwan and Polar to meet their Kanhai counterparts. The third of August was the first of its kind in the 24-year history of Shiksha Prayas when students from all four centres got together to celebrate our Annual Day at the elegant auditorium of the Chinmaya Mission, Gurugram.



There was competition, there was bonhomie, there was an eye on each other's performances, and there was unbridled appreciation too. The dance and drama themes were contemporary, energetic, and sent a powerful message from a generation that it's here to be counted. It was an evening we had only dreamed of, but saw it culminate in the most perfect way with games and crafts stalls styled completely by our children. Gifts and good food were packed in before the long drive back home.

A thank you does sound cliched, but enabling this event means the world to us.



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As you can see, your participation in presence and kind is keeping the dreams of our in-house and sponsored students alive and brimming. The annual day saw good presence of senior members of Shiksha Prayas along with some of the marquee corporates.

The event was well anchored with Shakshi taking the lead as the host with Saroj, Rajeev Sinha, Pawan, Sangeeta, Anju, Sushil, Rakesh and eminent members joining in. Shashank Sharma, CEO of Sunsare, talked about survival quotient while Mr Kshitij, CEO Brij Designs, talked about support and a healthy eco system.



Working furiously behind the scenes were an amazing bunch of youngsters who squeezed in every moment they could to give the event a smooth finish. Thank you, Jahanvi, Aryaman, Nakul, Akshay and Raghav for your seamless support.



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## PTM Taraori, Polar, Siwan



Our founder members Pawan and Sangeeta kicked off the Annual Day celebrations with a Parent-Teacher Meet at Siwan and Polar FTCs on the 1st of August. Despite the searing heat, parents attended the sessions wholeheartedly and left with appreciation and a request to extend our classes up to the 10th in Polar.



In continuation, a PTM was conducted in Taraori on 25th August. Again, it was reassuring to see the keen interest parents take in their children's progress, regardless of their circumstances.





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Independence Day, Janamashtami,  
Raksha Bandhan...and Vijay Diwas too

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Janamashtami in Polar



Independence Day in Siwan

Our FTCs lived every moment, despite a packed month. As in other years, Independence Day, Janmashtami, Raksha Bandhan were welcomed and celebrated with joy and gusto.



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Vijay Diwas in Siwan with  
Retd. Inspector Suresh  
Munjal



Vijay Diwas at Kanhai with Retd. Brigadier Vijay  
Singh

In addition, Vijay Diwas was observed with veterans from the Armed Forces who visited Siwan and Kanhai to recreate those moments of valour, sacrifice and victory for our youngsters. You'll be glad to know that a lot of our students across centres aspire to join the Indian Army!

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## Do you have laptops to spare?

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Yes, we're keen to take the devices you don't have much use for, provided they're in good working condition. Some of our ambitious programmes fall short on impact for want of laptops at our centres. At best, we have eight to ten students sharing one gadget, so if there is a device or two you can spare, we'd love to have it.



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## Cherished Gifts

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Some of our donors open up their hearts with very thoughtful gifts. Simanta Goel, for instance, who came down from the US in the second week of June, ordered a year's supply of stationery and craft supplies for the Kanhai centre. Similarly, Saurabh who visited India with his daughter Muskaan had a bagful of goodies for Shiksha Prayas. Thank you, Simanta, Saurabh and Muskaan, your warm gestures touched us to the core.

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**Sustainability: A cause that binds us together**



Dedicated to Our Community of North Carolina, more popularly known as DOC NC, is a non-profit group in the US that plans events, meetings, fundraisers to make a difference in the lives of their community. This summer, a cohort of young teens Muskaan, Madhushri, Nidhi and Sara along with their parents chose Shiksha Prayas for a sustainability camp which kicked off on Saturday, the 8th of June. Middle and high schoolers from both sides of the globe faced initial challenges with respect to language, but soon connected remarkably well as the programme progressed.

Through June and July, they keyed in once a week to work on individual initiatives. Shiksha Prayas was represented by students from all centres - Taraori, Siwan, Polar and Kanhai.



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Music, and more music!

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Before the month ended, Yuvika and her young band of six classmates from Heritage School, Gurugram descended at the Kanhai FTC for an enthralling round of Antakshari. They plan to be around every week with us.

We'll be back next month with more. Till then, stay safe, and happy!

Warm regards,  
Shiksha Prayas Team