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New Year celebration at Shivapur Shiksha

Welcome to January Newsletter!



There is a lot happening in the Capital of the country and other metropolitan cities. Has it in anyway touched our Haliyal? Speaking to them clearly showed, not one bit. Except for seeing a few shots in the Television news and realising that something was happening somewhere in the country, it didn't seem to affect them in anyway. How CAA, NRC etc is going to affect them and whether it will it at all, are yet to be seen. While all development is towards mainstreaming and reducing the Rural-Urban Divide, sometimes it appears that it is good that the rural community is untouched by some policies and legislations, keeping the social fabric as harmonious as ever.

CherYsh Programmes in the New Year began with celebrations at the village levels. The Shikshas-After School Learning Centres came up with Greeting Cards, songs, sweets etc. January is also a month of harvest festivals and the communities are gearing up towards that. However, the arrival of the New Year also means planning for the next Financial Year and organizing Funds.

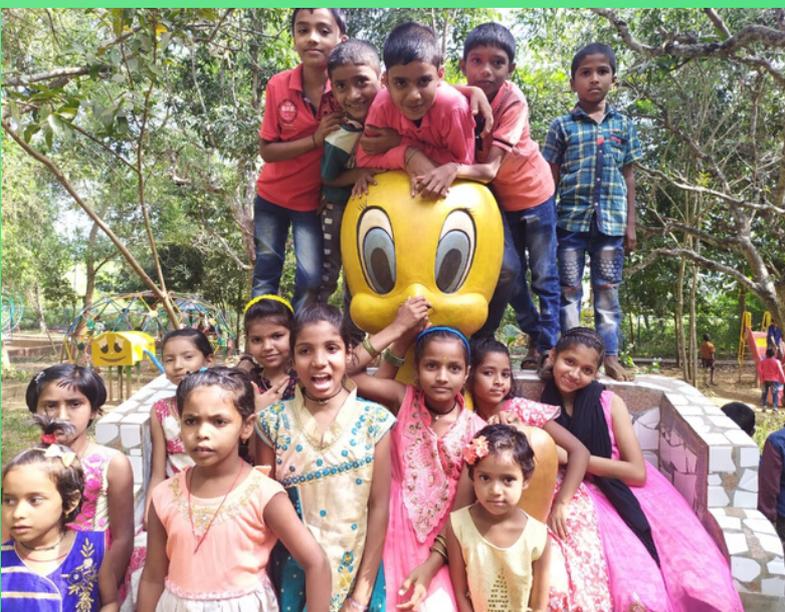
With the general economy of the country being on the low, it has a big impact on the giving hands. We appeal to all our wellwishers, Individual and Corporate Donors to continue the support and enhance the same.

Wishing all a very Happy New Year again and praying that Justice and Peace will prevail in the country.

Best wishes,
Renu Mukunda
Director- Programmes and Social Innovation

Happy **NEW** Year

2020!



Shikshas students out for a picnic



students singing rhymes at a Shiksha

New Year celebrations in the Shikshas

The Learning Facilitators welcomed the New Year with their students. The year 2020 was welcomed through celebration, games and also some new practices in the Shikshas. The students were taken for picnics to bring in more fun and games. The LFs are incorporating their personal knowledge into the lessons.

The Shiksha Evaluations of the 37 centres that started in July have come to an end. And in order to get a holistic understanding of the

impact of the Shikshas, the students and LFs were evaluated, opinions of government school teachers and village community were also taken.

The data is being analysed and studied to create a thorough report on the impact of Shikshas in the past few years. This will help us understand the areas we have done well and the areas we still need to work on, making the Shikshas more effective.



Each shiksha welcomed the New Year in their own way

Parent Meetings held in Shikshas

The field team has organised parent meetings in villages of the new Shikshas to introduced our work to the village community. This will also help involve the parents in Shikshas within their village, giving them an active role in their children's learning and also creating a feedback loop that can help improve the Shikshas along the way.



Meetings with parents in different villages

Sugarcane Bud Nursery Enterprise Aims Higher and Works Harder

Last year, the Mundwad Sugarcane Budnursery group was very successful. The women's enterprise run the business themselves, produced high quality saplings that sold very well in the market, created employment in their village and made their enterprise profitable. This season, they are aiming to grow 5 lakh saplings.

Another women's group in Hunswad will also be

starting a sugarcane bud nursery. They received training from the Mundwad group. They learned all the processes involved, from set up to harvesting the buds. The Mundwad group has finished their first round of saplings. The Hunswad group has acquired all the equipment, found the land and are ready to set up the nursery. The women are motivated and guided by ambition, a good way to jump into the new year.



Hunswad group receiving training from Mundwad group



Mudwad group at work in the nursery

Meghshala Training for the Learning Facilitators

All 58 Learning Facilitators had another training session conducted by the Meghshala Foundation. This session focused on pedagogy as well. The LFs were oriented to think about learning as a path towards a future goal, which also included developing personality traits that will build a better life for their students along with improving knowledge on various subjects.

The structure of the Meghshala study modules was explained to the LFs as they are also designed for learning and personality development. A short class was also held using a few Meghshala modules to demonstrate the way the LFs can use the material and structure for this. The LFs were very interactive and involved. The problems and issues they faced while using the app were also brought forward to devise solutions.

Demo using a Meghshala module



Activities to understand the role of learning



Streamlining the use of study modules in the Shikshas

An internal training was held for the LFs of Phase I and II Shikshas. The Phase I LFs were trained to create lesson plans on a weekly basis, which was based on a monthly study goal. The structure of the two-hour Shiksha was also standardised for all Shikshas in order to create more time and focus on acquiring knowledge. The scheduling will ensure progress in the material taught in Shikshas as well as standardisation of the material covered in all 44 villages.

Study modules were created for the Phase II shikshas since they don't have tablets to access the online modules. The modules were shared with them in a training that also covered basic methods of teaching, how the LFs can encourage learning while also including their personal knowledge into lessons, to make them more wholesome. Since most of these LFs are new, all of them demonstrated and taught a section of the modules during the training.



Snapshots of the internal training

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