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# **CORPORATE ENGAGEMENTS**

**Enabling Change Together** 

# ANOTHER PARTNERSHIP WITH NEWGEN SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED

KHUSHII's on-going partnership with Newgen Software Technologies Limited had another addition in the month of March. A new contract has been signed to implement Shikshaantra Plus programme in Nagar Nigam Pratibha Bal/Balika Vidyalaya, Tehkhand, Okhla, New Delhi benefitting 1,400 students from grade 1 to 5. The intervention will focus on the holistic development of these students and delivery of quality education in the school through working with teachers and headmaster.



## **WELCOMING AECOM ASIA COMPANY LIMITED**

AECOM Asia Company Limited under their CSR initiative is partnering with KHUSHII to transform Khatawali Village into a model village. With the support from AECOM, KHUSHII will primarily work in the village government school to upgrade infrastructure and support teaching staff to work on lifeskills of students. Simultaneously special focus will be given on skill-development of local youth, upgradation of infrastructure at Aanganwadi centres and creating SHGs and livelihood opportunities for women in the village.

### **EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY**

#### WITH MACQUARIE GROUP

On 29th February, 20 employees of Macquarie Group engaged with the students of Shikshaantra Plus programme in intervention school in Bhondsi, Gurugram. Together with students these visitors painted beautiful graffiti on the classroom walls. It was

an extremely joyful experience for the students, KHUSHII is grateful to the team of Macquarie for this opportunity. Additionally, Macquarie team has donated 1RO water plant for the students of Swatantra Shikshaantra school in Sangam Vihar.



# LET'S FIGHT CORONA!

#### Coronavirus Advisory by Dr. Naresh Trehan

KHUSHII issued an advisory video by **Dr. Naresh Trehan, Chief Patron and CMD Medanta**, on 9th March 2020 on official social media platforms - Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, LinkedIn, Instagram and KHUSHII website. The video covered various preventive measures such as hand-washing, social distancing and symptom monitoring to address community outbreak.

In Shiksha Aur Vikas project, a public awareness campaign led by women was launched in the intervention communities of Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Rewari and Bhiwadi. The campaign was jointly delivered by the KHUSHII team and officials from the District and Local health department who actively disseminated information among more than 5,000 community members in the month of February and March 2020. Additionally, the Shikshaantra Plus projects initiated wellbeing calls to the beneficiary Govt. school students.



Through a systematic daily routine of calls 18,000 children are planned to reach by April.

With the use of social media and WhatsApp, posters and small videos to debunk myths of Coronavirus.

# **EDUCATION**

"Education is a weapon with which we can change the world"

#### STUDENT EXPOSURE VISIT TO AMAR UJALA PUBLICATIONS

10 students from KHUSHII Shikshaantra and Shikshaantra Plus went for an exposure visit to Amar Ujala Publications in Noida on 17th January. It was an exciting exposure for the students, as they got an opportunity to see the editorial and printing process of a newspaper.



#### **REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION**

The 71st Republic Day of India was celebrated with vigour across all intervention schools in 10 states. Students enthusiastically participated in different events and activities. One such activity was the drama competition where children played the characters of our National Leaders and sung National Anthem within the school premises.









### TOP HONOURS FOR KHUSHII CHILDREN AT NATIONAL STEM AWARDS 2020

STEM Learning hosted 'National STEM Awards 2020' on February 27, 2020, in Bengaluru. This was India's first STEM challenge for under-served students from Govt. and Govt. aided schools. Along with the main event small events such as Tech Quiz, Science and Mathematics Model Competition and Engineering Tinkering were also organized. Nine girl students of Grade 7 and 8

from Shikshaantra Plus from our intervention in Faridabad won the first prize in Engineering Tinkering category in the award ceremony held in Bengaluru. These students made it to the top after competing with 1,800 students from 20 states. The encouragement and confidence they received in the process is priceless.



# **HOLI AND PONGAL CELEBRATIONS**

The KHUSHII team celebrated the festivals of Pongal and Holi with children in schools. Through these celebrations, teachers not only encouraged children to perform cultural programmes but also utilized this opportunity to inculcate the sense of responsibility in students towards climate change and how it is impacting the existence of these festivals. Specially during Holi celebrations many children themselves took a pledge to save water and play Holi with only homemade colors, to avoid wastage of water and harmful effects of colors on our rivers.



#### SCIENCE EXHIBITION ON NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY

The National Science Day is celebrated in India on 28th February. KHUSHII intervention school in Jogeshwari, Mumbai organized a weeklong science exhibition where 80 students from Grade 6-8 presented science experiments and models. Students enthusiastically worked on these projects and displayed in the exhibition. The school Principal selected 3 models as the winner and 3 models were given consolation prize. The main objective of this event was to showcase talent of young minds & creativity and to foster teamwork and coordination. The models ranged from simple photosynthesis process to hydrologic bridge and waste water management.



# **MENSTRUAL HYGIENE AWARENESS & ROUTINE HEALTH CAMPS**

Supporting the menstrual hygiene 1,584 students from Hyderabad, Chennai, systems at school level is very important Mumbai Varthur, Bengaluru. During the for retention of girl students. KHUSHII session, digital module on busting the under the Shikshaantra Plus programme conducts regular menstrual hygiene students followed by discussion. awareness sessions with girls with an objective to improve their personal hygiene and overall wellbeing. In the reporting quarter, 45 sessions were organized on menstrual hygiene with

myths of menstruation was shown to

Additionally, 7 general health camps were organized in 7 schools benefiting 1,400 students in the reporting period.



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SHIKSHA AUR VIKAS - An integrated approach towards holistic development

#### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Social media campaign - "8 Kahaaniyan" - A series of 8 impact stories of Shiksha aur Vikas project were showcased on social media with the #8Kahaaniyan between 1st-8th March. These stories of empowerment and strength signifies the power of women who paved through the difficulties of life.

Additionally, project Shiksha Aur Vikas observed International Women's day in different locations. This year 500 women across Delhi, Mumbai, Haryana, Rajasthan, Bengaluru, Hyderabad were given self-defense training. These events were organized in association with the local District Police Department. The event received media coverage in few newspapers.



# INTERNSHIP OF GENERAL DUTY **ATTENDANT STUDENTS**

24 students pursuing General Duty Attendant (GDA) course in Sangam Vihar were provided 1 month internship in Batra Hospital between 25th February-25th March. These students were deputed in different departments of the hospital such as Medicine, Cardiac, Blood bank, Physiotherapy, Pathology lab, Reception and Patient care in the ward. These students assisted technicians and nurses in performing their daily duties. Post successful completion, students received certificates from the Hospital.



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# BUILDING CAPACITY OF FRONTLINE WORKERS IN MUKUNDPUR, DELHI

Capacity building workshop of 36 Frontline Workers from ICDS department was conducted on various topics of National Nutrition Mission. Training sessions were taken up to build the strong understanding of the Aanganwadi Workers on Immunization and Family planning. These training sessions are important to bring people's participation in the program and increasing accessibility of community to the Aaganwadi centres.



#### **INAUGURATION OF PRODUCTION UNIT**

On 20th January, the skill development project supported by Tenneco (earlier Federal Mougal) in Harchandpur was upgraded by opening of stitching unit for the members of Self Help Group (SHG) made under the project. The aim of the production unit is to make the SHG members financially independent by working on the stitching orders. This is the second unit established by Tenneco with KHUSHII in the area. On the same day, total of 66 women from 3rd & 4th Batch of Self Employed Tailoring course were awarded with certificates and electric iron.

The event was attended by Ms. Hardeep Vikhu-CSR Head Tenneco, Mr. Vishal Singhal Business Unit Head System Protection Bhiwadi, Mr. Anil Kaushik, Chief District Education Officer Alwar, Shri Ramdayal, Ward Councilor and Headmaster of Harchandpur Primary School along with KHUSHII team.





#### **BENEFICIARIES OF PENSION SCHEME**

In the month of February, 32 domestic workers above the age of 55 years residing in Mumbai's Bandra area registered for the Sanman Dhan Yojana. These women workers will receive pension of Rs. 10,000/- annually from the Department of Labour, Government of Maharashtra. The beneficiaries were identified, shortlisted and registered with the department by KHUSHII.



#### **MEGA POLIO ABHIYAN**

During the "Mega Polio Abhiyaan" launched by the Department of Health in the month of January, a total of 2,707 children under the age 5 years were given polio drops in Mumbai, Bengaluru and Rewari. In Bengaluru, KPMG volunteers joined the polio booth to run the Abhiyan. From the last year, 46% increased participation was observed in Mumbai and Bengaluru. The increased participation is result of continues efforts made by KHUSHII in the community on immunization of children.



#### **KHUSHII RELIEF FUND**

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