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CELEBRATIONS

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATED WITH PATRIOTIC FERVOUR ACROSS KHUSHII SCHOOLS

As in previous years, Republic Day was celebrated with all its solemnity in schools supported by KHUSHII's Shikshantra programme. Apart from hoisting the tricolour and singing the national anthem, students participated in a host of other activities that enhanced the fun quotient and instilled patriotism. Children's talent and enthusiasm were displayed in competitions ranging from fancy dress to singing and dance. The students took pride in glorifying and celebrating the spirit of unity.



COLOURFUL FESTIVITIES MARKED KHUSHII'S HOLI CELEBRATIONS

Holi is the most enjoyable festival for children as they get the rare chance to become messy without being chided at home. So, the Holi celebration at all KHUSHII intervention schools was a memorable occasion for students and teachers alike. Besides applying colours on each other, the children took part in a range of activities organised for the day, including a painting competition. The story of Holika was shared with the children and they were also instructed to enjoy the festival in a safe manner.



STUDENTS' ENTHUSIASTIC PARTICIPATION ADD TO SPORTS DAY GAIETY

To inculcate an active lifestyle among children and give them a platform to showcase their talent, KHUSHII organised a Sports Day at Government Girls Senior Secondary School – NIT 2, Faridabad. The event commenced with a welcome address in English by a student of Class VI and a group song performed by

students of Class XI. The main event included various races, which were as exciting as the names – frog race, lemon and spoon race, sack race, skipping race, three-legged race and mathematics race. The day culminated with prize distribution by the heads of primary and elementary sections.



KHUSHII'S WOMEN-EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVES APPLAUDED ON WOMEN'S DAY

KHUSHII endeavours to strengthen the income generating capacity of disadvantaged families by providing education and employable skills to women and young girls, as part of its **Shiksha aur Vikas** programme. On International Women's Day, KHUSHII got together 350 ladies from its supported community in Sangam Vihar, to celebrate the occasion. A Kumaoni folk dance performed by team KHUSHII and merit certificates awarded to ladies enrolled under its adult education and vocational courses added to the fun and excitement of the event. The guests thanked KHUSHII for motivating them and applauded its initiatives. Mr Laxmi Raj Singh, Secretary, Labour Union, was the Guest of Honour at the event.



KHUSHII CELEBRATED WORLD WATER DAY WITH FERVOR

Making clean and safe drinking water accessible to marginalised communities is one of the core initiatives of KHUSHII, along with maintaining cleanliness at homes and surrounding areas. On the occasion of World Water Day, KHUSHII, in association with Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), released a flip-book on hygiene and sanitation. Other events organised to commemorate the day included a street play and demonstration on the use of a low-cost water filter for water purification; and a 'Say No to Plastic' campaign, which encouraged local shopkeepers to replace plastic bags with bags made of old newspapers as a better option.



HEALTH

KHUSHII ORGANISED A HEALTH CAMP FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN

Health screening helps identify risks to health and improve wellbeing among children. On March 19, KHUSHII organised a general Health Camp for over 100 children supported by CK Israni Foundation, Noida. Doctors and medical practitioners conducted preventive screening of all children and maintained a record of their health conditions along with height and weight. While most of the children were found to be healthy, a few were prescribed medicines and their conditions were shared with the parents.



IMBIBING THE VALUES OF CLEANLINESS IN YOUNG MINDS

There is an urgent need to raise public awareness levels about cleanliness all over the country; and, involving students in the initiative is a great strategy for success. With this in mind, KHUSHII organised various activities in its supported schools, such as poster making and slogan writing competitions on the theme of cleanliness, and awarded prizes for best artworks. A rally was also organised where over 750 students marched through the community streets to create awareness among residents of keeping their surroundings and open spaces clean. The initiatives were aligned to Government of India's Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.



A HEALTH CAMP WITH AN EYE FOR BETTER EYE-CARE



Vision impairment and eye infections can impede a child's learning ability. Most of times, children are not even aware if they have vision-related problems. Hence, KHUSHII organised a health camp for eye check up at Government Senior Secondary School, Bhondsi, Gurgaon on February 15. A team led by Dr Manoj Dubey, Sahyog Foundation, screened over 200 students and spectacles were provided to children with weak vision at a nominal cost of Rs 20 only. The pupils were also made aware about eye infections and steps to prevent them.

CORPORATE VOLUNTEERING

KPMG HELPS STUDENTS BEAT EXAM STRESS

Preparing for exams can be tiring and stressful. A break can soothe the nerves, especially if it involves fun and games. This is exactly what KPMG, a long-time partner of KHUSHII, did to help students of Government High School Thanisandra, Bengaluru, beat their exam stress. Employees of KPMG visited the school on February 2

and engaged the students in a variety of activities including games and a painting competition. The visitors brought along drawing papers and colouring tools for the painting competition on 'swachhata'. The KPMG team also distributed snacks to the children and gave away prizes to top performers of the various contests.



SHIKSHA AUR VIKAS

KHUSHII LENDS A HAND IN THE FIGHT AGAINST POLIO

KHUSHII facilitated the vaccination of 911 children (under five years of age) against polio over a three-day drive starting from March 11. KHUSHII's initiative supported the Department of Health's 'Mega Polio Abhiyan' in the states of Haryana and Karnataka, and the city of Mumbai.



COMMITTED TO A CLEANER AND GREENER ENVIRONMENT

Demonstrating its commitment towards creating a cleaner and greener environment, Khushii collaborated with United Way Delhi for a 'Clean Yamuna' drive. Fourteen volunteers from our Shiksha aur Vikas programme participated in the event on March 16.



EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH EMPLOYABLE SKILLS

In the last quarter, 170 young people from marginalised communities were provided employable skills at KHUSHII's various skill development centres. The table given alongside highlights the number of students and skills provided.

Students	Skills	Location
30	Mehndi Specialists	Mumbai
35	Gen. Duty Assistant	Mukundpur, Delhi
35	Asst. Beauty Therapists	Devli, Delhi
70	Self Employed Tailor	Delhi & Bangalore



HELPING SAVE LIVES – CANCER SCREENING CAMP

In yet another effort to make quality health care more accessible and affordable to marginalised communities, KHUSHII organised a Cancer Awareness & Detection camp for women belonging to BPL-families in Bengaluru. Out of 72 women screened, five tested positive for either breast, cervical or oral cancers. The event was sponsored by Indian Cancer Society and Baptist Hospital.





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