

# A KHUSHII NEWSLETTER July - September, 2018

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#### Independence Day

It is the **72th year**, India is celebrating its Independence. It is the day when we all get together to thank and remember our great freedom fighters who brought us a free country. Independence Day celebrations were conducted across our intervention schools where students enthusiastically participated in full swing.

- In Swatantra Shikshaantra, the celebration was seen in both the shifts where a total of 320 students came together and put up a cultural show which consisted of dances on national songs where students enthusiastically participated in full swing and was remarkably acknowledged by the staff. The school premises were decorated with tri color props which added to the patriotic vibe to the school. Teachers gave a speech about the importance of Independence Day.
- In Government Primary School Harchandpur Bhiwadi, the celebrations were seen in our school and local community where students and community ladies came together and put up a show. Patriotic songs and skits highlighted the importance of freedom and the stories behind the freedom struggle were discussed. Students' choir presented a melodious patriotic song on the occasion.
- In Bandra Petit School Mumbai, 72nd Independence Day was celebrated in the entire school with great pomp & enthusiasm where the program began with the Administrative Officer hoisting the national flag, followed by the cultural event. Students dazzled everyone with a play: Swantantra Senani ka aatm parichaye. Nine students across all mediums donned the roles of different freedom fighters and amazed us with their performance. The proceedings ended with sweet distribution by our team to everyone present.
- In Government High School Thanisandra Bangalore, 1394 children participated along with support of their teachers to put up a great show. Students celebrated the independence day and marked the occasion by organizing cultural events, sports competition etc. It is a sight to behold, little school children dressed in saffron, white and green, singing and dancing to patriotic songs. Students closed the function with a parade.



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#### Donor Activities at KHUSHII

- On 31st August 2018, an Art and Craft Activity was organized by KHUSHII at Government Primary School and High school Thanisandra involving over 400 children which was conducted by 26 member volunteers of KPMG. This was a small engaging activity where the member volunteers divided the students into 4 groups per section and provided stationary to create a house of their dreams. This activity was a success where even the introvert students came out of their shell to showcase their artistic skills on a single platform.
- On 10th September 2018, Mr. Ankush Gupta & Ms. Cynthia Burroughs from Exxonmobil made a formal visit at Bandra Petit Municipal School where we exchanged our project's vision and its functioning. Ms. Cynthia was happy to learn about our project and is considering to support us via CSR initiative.
- On 30th August 2018, Global Day of **Giving by XL** India was celebrated with the children
  of KHUSHII Swatantra Shikshaantra. Various engaging activities like Stone Painting, Button
  Art, Cooking without Gas and Fire were conducted by XL volunteers with our Children.
  The Volunteers were amazed to see the capabilities of KHUSHII students and appreciated the
  effort made by the Team of KHUSHII.

#### Preservation of Environment Through Variksha Bandhan

- In Government High School Thanisandra Bangalore, Vriksha Bandhan was celebrated where over 600 students participated. The idea behind the programme was to stop deforestation and inculcate the habit of having a green environment. Students tied a band around the trees with a motive of: To increase the capacity of students about relationship between trees and humans, explain the advantages of having trees to the students. We explained how Trees play an especially important role in enhancing our quality of life in the urban environment we live in.
- In Bandra Petit School Mumbai, to mark a symbolic gesture, **25 girls** participated in the Vriksha Bandhan event , where rakhi's in form of messages to save trees were tied to them. Children were sensitized about this activity, following which they took a pledge to save environment.



- In Government Primary School Harchandpur Bhiwadi, Vriksha Bandhan was carried out with a plantation drive to sensitize students on the environment conversation steps. Prior to the drive, students were educated about the care of their plantations and how the green environment can enhance the life quality of a human.
- In Government High School Borabanda and Yusufgoda Hyderabad, Vriksha Bandhan was
  celebrated involving 300 students as a big event symbolising the efforts made to save trees.
  During the program, we tied Rakhis to trees and spread awareness about the importance of
  trees among the citizens of Hyderabad. All the School HMs, teachers and the elderly citizens
  of the society appreciated KHUSHII's innovative effort.



#### Annapurna Milk Scheme

**2nd July 2018: Annapurna Milk Scheme** was started by Rajasthan government. Under this scheme, 150ML milk is provided to every student of the primary school on alternate days of the week.

The team KHUSHII in Bhiwadi implemented Annapurna Milk Scheme at the Government Primary school, Harchandpur with the support of New Head Mistress. Milk is distributed to over **220 students** everyday before the mid day meal.



#### Teach The Trainers

On 16th August 2018, Teachers training programme was organized by KHUSHII with the aid of **Enzen Global Solution Pvt. Ltd. Bengaluru** in Government High School Varthur and Government High School Thanisandra. This meeting was very beneficial to the teaching staff of KHUSHII where they got to enhance their knowledge about time management skills. This was an activity based session which involved the improvisation of the teaching style and activity method for students.



# KHUSHII For Art

#### KHUSHII's Association with PlanArt \_

In August of 2018, KHUSHII was involved in the curation of the artworks for PlanArt – an initiative by Priyanka Chhabra, with a vision to create "cultural enlightenment" through art. KHUSHII has been delighted to have Priyanka as one of our volunteers for several years, supporting art events that were used as fundraising activities to further our efforts towards education for underprivileged children at KHUSHII. It was after this exposure that her passion for art was ignited and she decided to launch PlanArt.

Artists such as Bahaar Dhawan Rohatgi, Bose Krishnamachari, Madhuri Bhaduri, Manoj Kachangal, Sujata Dere, Shobha Broota, Satish Gujral, George Martin, SN Jha, Pintu Sikdar, Krishen Khanna, Jagannath Paul, Sohan Jhakar, Vivek Kumavat, Gunjan & Rahul, Kali Charan, Suraj Kumar among many more were featured at the show.



#### A Summer Night's Dream – A Solo Show by Ranbir Kaleka

A stunning solo show of Ranbir Kaleka, the internationally-renowned museum artist - often referred to as a contemporary master - was presented by KHUSHII. The show took place on the 1st and 2nd of September, 2018, at The Bikaner House. Aptly titled **A Summer Night's Dream**, people were transformed into a dream world via his canvases and lightboxes, created out of 9 designs exclusively curated for KHUSHII.



Following the themes of anything a dream world could possibly hold, Kaleka didn't hold back with his imagination. In his own words, "You don't let anything stop you in a dream; you play with all the elements. You play with gravity: you make things float. You play with scale: you put a large bird next to a tiny elephant. You mix up two seasons in a single work ....A dream allows you to mix nature with the manmade in the most normal sense of the way, and that's exactly what I aim to do for you with my artworks. All is a possibility, and there are no hold backs. No boundaries at all."

A walkthrough for some students and faculty of the Sushant School of Design and the Delhi Collage of Art was arranged as well, along with a question and answer session with Kaleka himself. The show also featured 3 exclusive wall installations by the interior designer Gautam Dhawan, all inspired by Kaleka's magical works.



# Shiksha Aur Vikas Community Development Program

#### Infrastructure Upgradation

In a unique initiative to support child development, adolescent and maternal health, KHUSHII transformed Anganwadi Centers in Mukundpur.

The centers have an appealing color scheme and are equipped with health related equipment. The care givers are trained and communities are encouraged to benefit from the centers. Attendance of children in the upgraded centers has greatly increased.



### Self Help Groups

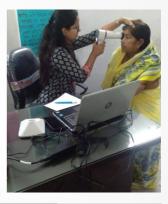
- KHUSHII, empowers women through Self Help Groups. In Mukandpur 23 SHGs have been formed. The groups are being strengthened through banks and market linkages, thus facilitating social security amongst the community members.
- Assistance is provided by arranging meetings, collecting money, maintaining records and opening bank accounts etc. Women are being trained in all these aspects and will subsequently the groups themselves.
- · KHUSHII has partnered with Canara Bank, for imparting training on income generating activities to the SHG members.

#### Health and Nutrition

#### **Preventive Health Education Program**

Shiksha Aur Vikas focuses on imparting Education, information health related topics via group meetings etc. Awareness education sessions with community members on topics such as family planning, HIV AIDS, menstrual hygiene etc. are conducted periodically.





#### Partnerships forged

AIIMS HLFPPT Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute Dr Ambedkar hospital Max hospital

#### **Health Camps**

Services provided during the camps:





Free testing

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disbursement of medicines

Referrals to Government institutes



**Referral to** AIIMS for free surgeries

# **Emerging Partnership**

KHUSHII is proud to partner with KPMG Global Delivery Centre Private Limited under the Complete School Transformation Program, ensuring Quality Education and Infrastructure Up-gradation.







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