



SKILL Foundation

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Annual Report 2010 of SKILL Foundation

- SKILL Foundation is an educational Trust registered in Mumbai with a branch operating in Patna. The mission of SKILL Foundation is to develop life skills of the underprivileged youth in the country. Through its many activities, the Foundation is helping the underprivileged children develop a well-rounded personality to become employable and be able to seize the emerging opportunities in a vibrant economy. The immediate requirement of the children of the lower end of the society in and around Patna is English and Computers. The Foundation at the moment offers unique courses in English and computers. The children are from the lowest strata of society. SKILL Foundation has also taken up a challenging task of training the children at the government of Bihar orphanage 'Apna Ghar', as also the delinquent youth at a Remand home at Gai Ghat, Patna.
- The impact of SKILL Foundation on the society can be gauged from the fact that since its inception, in a short span of 3 years, SKILL Foundation has seen a phenomenal growth in its activities and has attracted an incredible response from the community. Our free English and nominally charged computer courses have become a runaway success, with children pouring in from all parts of the city and the state. A number of them have obtained employment or admission in MBA, engineering and other higher institutions including IIT. Unfortunately, constrained by the Foundation's limited resources, we are compelled to refuse admission to many children on a regular basis. These eager children are drawn to the Foundation because of its unique teaching methodology and positive feedback from the Foundation's alumni, many of whom continue to be associated with the Foundation as teaching assistants.
- The Foundation is running on the principles of collective leadership. Unlike some other trusts SKILL Foundation is unique since two of the trustees Mr. Prem Verma, Founder Trustee and Himalay Verma are involved full time in the day to day activities of the foundation.
- Foundation has developed a methodology to involve students in the management of its activities. Some of the willing students are selected as Teaching Assistants (TA). The TAs are involved in class management, attendance of students, upkeep of the premises, maintenance of records of the activities, documentation etc. On account of this special training the TAs become more employable and are able to get jobs both outside as well as at SKILL Foundation. Furthermore, some students actually join to get this on-job training for work experience.

New trustees inducted into the trust

- Ms. Shalini Verma. Principal Research Analyst, Gartner,
- Mr Ashok Rajarhria – An Industrialist from Delhi
- Ms. Nimisha Verma – Proprietor, SKILL Designer, Patna

SKILL Foundation has opened a **Bal Kendra at its Patna Center** in February 2010. It was like the mountain coming to mohammad when in January this year the director of Bihar Bal Bhawan herself visited the center and asked us to become a part of the traditions of the National and Bihar bal Bhawan. An honour for SKILL Foundation!

- **Chess Competition** February March, April and May both the winner and the runners up are girls. Please come forward and receive your awards. Runners up – Vinita Patel, Winner of the chess competition 2010 – Shalini Swaraj – Mr. R Prasad Ex chairman CBDT is requested to please come and give the award



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- **Library:** SKILL Foundation has a very fine library. There are approximately 750 books
- **Visit to Bihar School of Yoga (BSY), Munger** 22nd to the 27th of March 2010 Thirty seven (34) students (22 Boys and 12 Girls)
- **Seva and Karma Yoga, Sunday Movie** are some of the most interesting activities of the foundation and the students take to them like fish to water.
- **Quiz** an important part of SKILL Foundation. This year the winner of the Quiz competition is SKILL Lions. I would request the leaders of SKILL Lions to come on stage to receive the shield. I would also like to Request Mr. **Shivananda Tiwari Member of Parliament** to kindly do the honours. Mr. Tiwari, please sir
- **Inter-action with other Bal Kendras – April 2010**
- **In april 2010, Visit to J. D. Womens College** by Shri Prem Verma and appreciation of the work by the honourable Deputy CM Mr. Shushil Modi where he said that English and computer is essential for employment today.
- **Guest Lecture:**
 1. Ms. Sushmita Verma, Manager, Sales and Marketing (S & M) at L'Oreal, - April
 2. Sri A. K. Sinha Chief General Manager BCCL Dhanbad –April
 3. Ms Shalini Verma, Principal Analyst, Gartner Inc. Singapore –May
 4. Mr. Surya Sen, Training Manager, Suvidha Infotech Pvt Ltd.Kolkata –July
 5. Mr. R. Prasad is Ex - Chairman Central board of direct Taxes, Government of India and Member Competition Commission. Mr. Prasad a very senior bureaucrat is also on the Board of governors for IIT Patna
 6. Ms. Aditi Verma, From USA,
 7. Mr. P. C. Sinha, IRS Chief Commissioner of Income Tax,(Retd) visited SKILL Foundation Bal Kendra on 21st September, 2010
 8. Sri Narendra Prasad, During the Guest Lecture from the 17th November the students 96 attended the Lecture

Free computer training from May to December 2010 The cost of the training was borne by Uma Baleshwar Charitable Trust, a very renowned institution of Patna. SKILL Foundation places on record its gratefulness for this exemplary gesture of Uma Baleshwar Charitable Trust.

Summer Camp:

A Summer Camp held during the month of June in which 32 children were given training in basic computers and were made computer literate.

Eyes Camp: The highlight of this month is the Eye Camp held during the month in which 162 children were given free eye test by Dr. A. S. B. Sahai.

Health Camp: A General Health Camp was held at the SKILL Foundation Bal Kendra on 5th September, 2010 at 1pm. Dr. Mahishwari Sharan Retd Professor and Chief of Gastroenterology,



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Department of medicine, Patna medical College Hospital and Dr. A. Sharan, of Shree Nursing Home, Patna visited SKILL Foundation Bal Kendra

Interaction Bal Kendra: A Bal Kendra Interaction was held on the 12th September, 2010 at Kamla Nehru Shishu Vihar High School. 37 students of SKILL Foundation reached at 9:30am for the interaction.

Durga Puja:- During the Durga Puja from the 8th to 16th October the students attended the Puja between 5:30am to 8:30am. During the puja Gaytri Mantra 108times, Mahamirtunjay Mantra 108 times & 32 Names of Durga was chanted three times.

- A new branch has been opened at Gulistan Apartments, opposite Mauryalok Complex close to the central business district in Patna. This centre was necessitated due to the growing demand for the English course for the senior students farther away from the present centre at Sheikhpura. At the new centre both English and computers is being taught. Both these courses are taking off.
- This year SKILL Foundation is compelled to expand its activities due to the pressure of high demand. The Foundation has made plans to expand its present infrastructure and offer additional skill courses. Accordingly, the foundation has leased land in Patna to build its own premises. In addition, SKILL Foundation has received an approval from the Government of Bihar for kick-starting a SKILL Industrial Training Centre. The approvals for the building designs have already been received. Site development work is in progress. SKILL Foundation has also applied for Modular Employment Scheme courses offered by the Government of India for which it is awaiting approval. We welcome all interested persons to come forward with help and become a partner in the noble cause of developing skills of the underprivileged.