

## Report 2010-2011

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Shining Network, a youth empowering and value creating society is an initiative of the young minds of KNC to promote global understanding and peace. The society aims to sensitize the youth to various issues and problems that plague the present day world and to promote human values that are gradually dwindling. The student members of Shining Network look for solutions through interactions and discussions and desire to bring about an ethical awakening so that each one feels concerned for the other and our world becomes a better place to live in. They call the society-Shining Network.....A RayVolution.

Shining Network makes an effort to invite achievers from various walks of life so that the students can get an opportunity to interact with them and learn from their ideas and experiences. Since the inception of this society in 2007, its enthusiastic team has been working to create peace and understanding by visiting and working consistently with the old age homes, children's homes and the prisons.

The society initiated a theme called **Building A Culture Of Peace: Remembering An Icon** three years back wherein the former **President of India Dr A.P.J .Abdul Kalam was the esteemed guest of the year 2008-2009 to address the students on "Vision 2020", His Holiness Dalai Lama was the honorable guest during 2009-2010 to interact with students on "Power of Non Violence in the age of Violence".**

Carrying forward the theme, Shining Network began the academic year 2010-2011 by commemorating it to one of the most iconic women of the world-- Mother Teresa. The year 2010 marked the 100th birth centenary of Mother; and we kick started the beginning of the celebration of it in KNC by organizing an **"Interactive session on mother's life and teachings"** on the 25th August 2010

Eminent speakers of the day were:

**His grace Vincent M. Concessao, the Archbishop of Delhi**

**Mr. Navin Chawla, the former Chief Election Commissioner of India**

**Sister Sherine, the regional superior of the Missionaries of Charity**

All of them shared their learning about Mother and in turn made us reflect on the work that Mother was dedicated to.

As a mark of respect, book mark with the quote by Mother, **"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean, but the ocean would be less because of the missing drop."** was released by the honorable speakers.

Students felt so inspired to learn about Mother Teresa that they organized a **Book Mark Making Competition** for their fellow friends of the college on the 28th August 2010. There was enthusiastic participation towards it. Mrs Nirmala Devi (Associate Professor, Dept. of Pol.Sc. KNC) kindly agreed to judge the event.

Further an **Exhibition on Mother** in collaboration with Missionaries of Charity was organized on the 6th and 7th September 2010. We were honored to welcome 480 visitors (from and outside college) to the exhibition. It was inaugurated by the Principal, Dr Minoti Chatterjee and all the Professor in charges of the various Departments of KNC were the esteemed guests.

In course of this, the team of Shining Network realized that mere talking about Mother could never make them understand the cause that Mother lived and worked for. Children were the closest to Mother's heart. Following her footsteps in their own way; the students stepped outside their comfort zones took up a project on **"Unexplored Pearls of Divinity: The not so privileged children"**. Nanha Ahsaas, a small school run for not so privileged children in the urban slums of Sarita Vihar became the center of the action plan and various field visits were organized.

**1st visit-2nd Oct.2010:** Celebration of Gandhi Jayanti wherein a power point presentation was made on Gandhi explaining the practical teachings of Gandhi to the children in the simplistic and humorous style. The team interacted with the students on their dreams and aspirations and gave a goody bag all students which really brought joy on their faces.

**2nd visit-31st Oct. 2010:** An interaction with the fathers of the children was organized to learn what they

expected from the Government and how they were making their ends meet to give education to their children.

**3rd visit-25th Nov. 2010:** A heart to heart dialogue with the mothers of the children with the focus on Women Empowerment was arranged wherein the team of Shining Network made the mothers watch a film on how empowerment of women could help in bringing a positive change in the society. This led to a fruitful dialogue between the team and the mothers assembled.

**4th visit- 15th Dec. 2010:** An interaction with the little students was organized to make them learn about the importance of health and hygiene. The entire communication was done through the help of beautiful visuals which were appreciated by the little ones of the school.

**5th Visit- 4th Feb. 2011:** A short meeting with the children of the school was arranged to interact with them on the basic day to day manners. This involved both fun and learning for the kiddies.

**6th Visit-28th Feb.2011:** The little ones in the school were given a lesson on nutritional awareness which made them learn about the importance of rightful eating. This was followed by healthy breakfast for all the kids of the school.

**7th Visit-2nd Mar 2011:** A drawing competition was organized and the children of the school drew and colored their favorite fruits and vegetables which according to them were good for their health.

**8th Visit-8th March 2011:** Women's day was celebrated with the mothers of the children. The NGO Bell Bajao supported the activity by providing pamphlets on women empowerment. It was for the first time that the mothers of the children learnt about women's day. It seemed to be a day when they all interacted heartily, felt good to be a woman and determined to ensure education for their daughters also.

**The project report was well concluded and presented on the 28th of March 2011.** The esteemed observers were:

**Dr Jitendra Nagpal(Psychiatrist Vimhans),**

**Dr Shikha Sharma (Nutritionist)**

**Dr Minoti Chatterjee (Principal, KNC)**

The honorable guests were:

Mrs Asha Kohli(Associate Professor, Eng. Dpt. KNC) and Mrs Nirmala Devi(Associate Professor, Pol Sc. Dept. KNC). Commemoration the day, a book mark with a quote, **“Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see”** was released by the guests.

The entire team of Shining Network made a **visit to Shishu Bhawan**—Children's home run by Missionaries of Charity, 12 Commissioner's Lane, Civil Lines, New Delhi on the 27th Jan.2011. The members carried the essentials for all the children of the home and spent quality time with them—playing, singing, dancing and drawing. This proved to be a great learning for the team of Shining Network.

On 19th Nov. 2010, team organized a **dialogue titled DIL KEE DIL SE BAAT IN DILLI HAAT** with the students of the public schools of Delhi during Vatsalaya Mela (organized by the 'Ministry of women and child welfare') to understand the difference in the dreams and the aspirations of not so privileged and the privileged. This benefited the team in collecting their data and many important points for their ongoing project on not so privileged children.

On 15th Sept 2010, an **interactive learning session on 'Ageing and Aged'** was organized. The eminent speakers were Dr O. P. Sharma (President, Geriatric society of India) and Dr J. Nagpal(Psychiatrist, Vimhans). The discussion made the students learn about the importance of sensitivity of youth towards the ageing minds. A book mark with the quote, **“Aging seems to be the only available way to live a long life”** was released by the Principal of the college to mark the occasion.

Theimneizho, Sweta Rana, Dimple Saluja, Chavi Sethi and Varuni Raina **attended the three days 7th International Conference on geriatric care** organized by the geriatric society of India organized by Geriatric Society of India in association with Fortis Escorts Heart Institute from 12th 14th November 2010 at India Islamic Center, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

The academic year 2010-2011 was meaningfully hectic-full of learning, unlearning and relearning for the entire team of Shining Network. After an interesting completion of the project on not so privileged children, Shining

Network plans to take up a project on the silver citizens during the forthcoming academic session. Apart from this the enthusiastic team would organize many more value creating activities which would further help in youth empowerment. Looking forward to another year of learning with joy.....and bringing about greater RAYvolution...