

Report 2010-2011

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**For the academic year 2011-2012 an orientation was organized on 4th Aug. 2011 for the new team members to learn and understand the style of functioning of the Shining Network and its goals. It was decided that this academic session the team would tie up with a senior citizens home to visit there regularly for understanding the issues of ageing in a more practical manner. Shining Network had tie up with Gharaunda-a home for the elderly, in the village called Fathepur Beri in Chattarpur area of New Delhi. The new team for this academic session consisting of 14 students visited the home on several occasions on 20th August, 3rd and 21st September, 8th November 2011 and 11th January 2012 to interact with the members about their issues, spend time with them and made an effort to engage them in meaningful activities. These visits sensitized the team towards the problems of the aged people and the members of the home look forward to each visit by the team.

**An interactive session on '*Ageing and Aged: Issues and Concerns*' was organized on the 19th Oct. 2011. The guest speakers of the day were, Dr O.P.Sharma(National Professor of Geriatrics and the President of Geriatrics Society of India) and Ms Deepti Kathpalia(Advocate, High Court, New Delhi, who specializes in the legal issues concerning the elderly). The students got a chance to discuss the aspects of Ageing and learnt to plan for their years of ageing while being young. The day was marked by releasing the book mark that had the quote as: "*Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.*"

**The team of Shining Network actively participated in the National Geriatric Summit on 'Eldery Health: Physical, Social, Mental, Financial, Spiritual' organized by Geriatric Society of India at PHD Chambers, Siri Fort Road on the 1st Oct. 2011.

**A book mark making competition on 'Cure for Corruption' was organized on 1st Sept. 2011. There was a participation by 40 students from the college and the event was judged by Ms Nidhi Bhandari(Assistant Professor, English Dept, KNC) and Ms Ritu Sharma(Assistant Professor, Sociology Dept, KNC). The first prize was won by Priyanka from B.Com Pass, The second prize went to Sadhvee Manoch of Psychology (Hons) and the third prize was given to Radhika Ray of Geography (Hons). The judges decided to give a consolation prize to Manaswita Singh of Psychology (Hons).

**Shining Network's team members were the volunteers for the 'Vatsalya Mela' at Dilli Haat, which marks the annual celebration of 'adolescent girl' by the Ministry of women and child development. The team conducted an interactive session with the school students on 'Dreams and Aspirations of Adolescents' and participated most actively in the Youth Parliament held there on the 15th November 2011.

**All through the new academic session Shining Network continued with its visits to *Nanha Ahsaas*(the school for not so privileged). The students of the school were taught the art of origami on 16th Sept. and storytelling session was organized for them on the 27th Sept. 2011. Children's Day was celebrated by team Shining Network at *Nanhaa Ahsaas* on 14th Nov. 2011 wherein a film on Nehru was shown to the kids, fun and draw activity was organized which was followed by distribution of pencils and toffees. All that was distributed amongst the children of the school throughout the year was a contribution from the team of Shining Network. On 26th January 2012, the team celebrated republic day not just as another holiday, but by sharing the significance of this day with the students of *Nanha Ahsaas*.

**On the 24th of Jan 2012, Shining Network organized an interactive session on PARTITION: IMPRINTS, at 10:30 am in the college council room. For this very occasion the invited speakers were Prof Alok Bhalla(Professor Emeritus and visiting faculty at Ambedkar University, New Delhi) and Dr Debjani Sengupta(Associate Professor, Dept of English, Indraprastha College, DU), both of them being experts in Partition Studies. The distinguished speakers touched upon the trauma of partition, its after effects and the

present scenario with emphasis on building better ties with our separated brethren on both sides of the border. A bookmark with a quote “ *Harmony lies in erasing the lines from our hearts and from our minds....* ” was released and the session concluded with insightful discussion and possibilities of organizing exchange program visits to Pakistan and Bangladesh.

**On 28th Jan 2012, the team Shining Network visited the *Ma Dham*(widow empowerment centre run under the able guidance of Mrs Mohini Giri) in the Hare Krishna town of Vrindavan. A day long field-visit acquainted the students with the stigma attached to widowhood even in the 21st century in India and they observed how widowhood proves to be a form of double marginalization for a woman. She is first marginalized as woman in most societies in the country and then being a widow with no source of earning, she becomes a victim of many ills of the society. The entry in Ma Dham was easier and the environment very friendly for each member of the enlarged community sharing the same pain of widowhood. The team also visited the government owned widow homes which were maintained by NGOs -Maitreyi and Action Point Samiti (Lucknow). In these homes photography was prohibited and permission from the district magistrate was essential to interview the inmates which made the team learn that the women in these homes unlike *Ma Dham* could not make their voices reach the community/society. This visit was a real eye opener and encouraged students to take up a serious study of the same.

** A life skills workshop was held on 29th of February 2012 on the topic "Youth and A Beautiful Mind : Self Exploration Through Life Skills Education" wherein the resource person was Dr Jitendra Nagpal(Senior Psychiatrist, Moolchand Medicity). The workshop enabled the team to think of planning more of such workshops on regular basis in the next academic session.

** The last event of the year was a mega event wherein Dr Shashi Tharoor was invited to address the students in the college auditorium on 20th March 2012 on the topic "Role and Responsibility of Youth in Building the Nation." A book mark commemorating the day was released with the quote “*We cannot always build the future for youth, but we can build our youth for the future*”. This particular event was well received by the jam packed audience who were mesmerised by the words and the graceful presence of Dr Tharoor at KNC.

Thus the year 2011-2012 started with a bang and it concluded in a grand way. All the team members are geared up and look forward to organising many value creating sessions and activities in the new session 2012-2013 with newer members from the first year in the team.

Thus....*With our thoughts we make the world: with our actions we bring a change....*