



Hari Sankar Foundation

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Quarterly Activity Report

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Introduction

Location

Jivacha Pada, a habitat of Tribal/Adivasi community situated in Aarey milk colony, Goregaon East, Mumbai.

Mission

Hari Sankar Foundation is an initiative by Kusters, Netherlands in Memory of Hari Sankar, founder of Kusters Engineering India. A non-profit organization started in April 2012, with the prime objective of carrying forward the ideals of engineering excellence, humanitarian values and extra commitments which Hari Sankar always stood for.

Goal

Wellbeing of children, families through sustainable development process.

Outcomes

- Enhanced academic performance of children 3 - 12 years in target area.
- Enhanced intellectual wellbeing of teenagers 13 - 18 years.
- To prevent children and women from being abuse and trafficked.
- Improved health seeking behaviour

Accomplishments

Education

Coaching classes

In the reporting quarter, coaching classes continued with 20 students, initially initiated with only 9 students. These children are studying at the center in Jivacha Pada. Coaching classes have become an integral part of the education system, providing additional support and guidance to students in various subjects. These classes play a crucial role in boosting students' self-confidence by enhancing their understanding of the subject matter. This additional support is expected to help them achieve good marks in the forthcoming examinations.

Rakhi Making

At the study center, on the occasion of the Indian festival 'Raksha Bandhan' (where sisters tie a hand band to their brothers as a symbol of protection), students learned to make Rakhis for this significant festival. It was an overwhelming experience for both girls and boys to create Rakhis by hand. Typically, people purchase Rakhis from the market and perform the rituals, but the foundation aimed to impart the importance of the Rakhi festival to all the children.

Children brought materials from their homes, and with the assistance of volunteers and teachers, they learned to prepare Rakhis. Before the Rakhi preparation, all the children were made aware of the significance of the Rakhi festival. They understood their responsibility to protect their sisters from all forms of harm. It was an amazing experience to witness all the children preparing Rakhis based on their own ideas. The children truly felt very happy to be a part of the Rakhi preparation activity.

Awareness on Child Rights

The Child Rights Awareness Program was conducted in collaboration with Shakti Vahini at Jivacha Pada, involving a total of 33 participants (20 girls and 13 boys). The program aimed to promote the understanding and respect of children's rights among children. The goal was to empower students to recognize their rights, protect themselves and others from violations, and cultivate empathy towards their peers.

Supriya Nirmal led sessions on child rights, engaging in interactive discussions with children and providing real-world perspectives on child rights issues. Ayesha from Shakti Vahini shared legal insights into child rights. The following rights were discussed during the two sessions:

- Right to Survive
- Right to Development
- Right to Protection
- Right to Participation

Skill Training

Computer Classes

The Harisankar Foundation initiated the second batch of computer training for 08 students from Jivacha Pada on April 15, 2023, which concluded in July 2023. In the month of August, 5 students successfully completed their basic computer course after exams and practical assessments. These students were awarded certificates during Hari's birth anniversary program.

The primary objective of the skill training program was to equip youths with various skills to support their families by earning a second source of income. Hari's birthday anniversary was celebrated with the children, during which computer course certificates and sketching course certificates were distributed. Notebooks were also provided to 20 children. The children presented various programs, including skits, songs, poems, and speeches. One of the skits emphasized the importance of education. Snacks were provided to the children during the celebration.

On the same day, an eye checkup camp was organized by Anganwadi, where some children had their eyes checked. This reflects the Foundation's holistic approach, addressing not only skill development but also celebrating achievements and ensuring the well-being of the children in various aspects of their lives.

Career Guidance for Youth

After the career counseling session for 12th passed students, where they selected their career paths, three students decided to pursue B.Com. However, one girl faced challenges as she obtained very low marks in the 12th standard. Despite her efforts, she was unable to secure admission anywhere due to her low percentage. The foundation, persistent in its efforts, approached 2-3 colleges. Finally, through the initiative of the Harisankar Foundation, the girl successfully secured admission in one of the best colleges. To support her in her educational journey, a portion of the fees was covered by her sister. This initiative not only provided a solution to her immediate problem but also brought hope for her future. The girl is now very happy and grateful for the support, showcasing the positive impact of such interventions on the lives of individuals striving for education and a better future.

Tree Plantation

During the past quarter, the Community Plantation Initiative achieved successful outcomes through collaboration with the Sansang Foundation. The initiative included various activities aimed at promoting environmental sustainability and community engagement. A total of 24 trees, comprising various native fruit species, were planted in the farms and house yards of 12 families. Additionally, a workshop focusing on sustainable plantation caring practices was organized to impart knowledge and skills to the community members. A dedicated group of volunteers played a crucial role in ensuring the ongoing care and maintenance of the planted trees, contributing to the long-term success of the community plantation initiative. These efforts not only fostered environmental conservation but also promoted a sense of collective responsibility and engagement within the community.

Picture Gallery

Coaching Classes



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Hari's Birth Anniversary Celebration



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