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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

Empowering children in the Jivacha Pada community is a significant initiative through the establishment of a study center. Urban slums frequently encounter challenges related to limited access to quality education. Study centers play a pivotal role in addressing this issue, providing a safe and nurturing environment for learning. Often established in collaboration with governmental organizations such as ICDS (Integrated Child Development Services) and community-based organizations, these study centers serve as crucial interventions to bridge educational gaps and create opportunities for children in underserved communities.

Impact on Children

The impact of the study center is evident in the improved academic performance of children, showcasing significant advancements in their educational achievements. This positive outcome not only enhances their knowledge but also boosts confidence and motivation, creating a foundation for future success.

The study center goes beyond academic goals, emphasizing holistic development in children. Alongside educational pursuits, the center focuses on nurturing values, social skills, and creativity. This approach ensures that children not only excel academically but also develop into well-rounded individuals, equipped with the skills and qualities necessary for a successful and fulfilling life.

Study centers in urban slums play a pivotal role in transforming lives through education. These centers serve as crucial hubs for addressing the educational needs of children, thereby contributing significantly to breaking the cycle of poverty and fostering overall community development. By providing a dedicated space for learning and academic support, these centers empower children with the knowledge and skills necessary to overcome socio-economic challenges, opening doors to brighter futures.

Awareness on Health and Hygiene

The Health Hygiene Awareness Program for girls in the community, organized by the Harisankar Foundation, aimed to educate and empower young girls on the importance of maintaining proper health and hygiene practices. Taking place in the month of October at Jivacha Pada, the program targeted girls aged 9 to 19. Sessions were conducted to:

- Raise awareness about the significance of personal hygiene.
- Educate girls on menstrual hygiene management.
- Promote healthy habits and lifestyles to prevent common illnesses.
- Encourage the adoption of sanitation practices for overall well-being.

As part of the initiative, sanitary napkins were provided to support the girls in maintaining their menstrual hygiene. This program reflects the foundation's commitment to addressing essential health education and promoting a healthier lifestyle within the community.

Festival Celebration

Diwali

Diwali, renowned as the Festival of Lights, stands as one of the most widely celebrated festivals in India and among Indian communities globally. In our community, we orchestrated a special Diwali celebration with a primary focus on engaging children to foster cultural awareness, unity, and joy. The event was crafted to create a festive and inclusive atmosphere, offering children the opportunity to immerse themselves in the rich traditions and customs associated with Diwali.

Various activities were organized for the children, including Diya Painting, a Storytelling Session, and Cultural Performances. These activities not only allowed the children to actively participate in Diwali festivities but also played a significant role in strengthening the bonds within our community. By involving the younger generation in the celebration of cultural events, we aim to pass down traditions and instill a sense of pride and belonging within our community.

Christmas

The Christmas Celebration held in our community on December 25, 2023, was a heartwarming and joyous event that united families, volunteers, and children from diverse backgrounds. Coordinated by the community center and local volunteers, the program was designed to spread holiday cheer, cultivate a sense of community, and forge lasting memories for the children.

A significant highlight of the event was the distribution of gifts and snacks to the children by Santa Claus, adding an extra layer of excitement and enchantment to the festivities. The celebration not only marked the joy of the Christmas season but also underscored the importance of community bonding and the spirit of giving. This event serves as a testament to the collective efforts of the community in creating a warm and inclusive environment for everyone to enjoy the magic of Christmas.

Parents Meet

Parents were convened at Jivacha Pada in collaboration with Anganwadi, uniting parents to engage in discussions concerning the well-being and development of our children. The focal point of the meeting was to address and promote healthy habits among children, encompassing aspects such as nutrition, physical activity, and mental health awareness. This collaborative effort emphasizes the importance of involving parents in initiatives that contribute to the holistic development of their children, fostering a sense of community and shared responsibility for the well-being of the younger generation.

Picture Gallery

Coaching Classes



Awareness on Health and Hygiene



Diwali Celebration



Christmas Celebration



Parents Meet


