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Regional Launch of DLF Raghvendra Scholarship Programme

From the Editor's Desk

“DLF Raghvendra Scholarship Programme” was launched by DLF Foundation to support meritorious and underprivileged students; talent identification and nurturing is the core of the programme. The cover story gives glimpses of the regional launch of the flagship initiative.

Sponsored by DLF Foundation, one-day seminar on “Sustainable Gurgaon City - Roadmap for India’s First Global City” was organised by Gurgaon Renewal Mission (GRM). Strategies and initiatives for sustainable development in the city in the areas of water management, waste management, energy conservation, greening and pollution control were discussed by representatives of the government, business and civil society.

Further, in continuation of the Foundation’s commitment towards health and well-being of rural poor, a community orientation programme was held at Milk village, Mohali. The focus was not only to provide solutions, but disseminate information on preventive healthcare practices. A free multi-speciality health camp at Dhanaura Village in S.A.S Nagar District and a screening camp for school children in Toga were other initiatives undertaken by the Foundation.

The Foundation’s contribution in the field of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) continues unabated with its renewed mission to serve the poor and needy across the country.

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The editorial team would appreciate feedback and suggestions from the readers to improve this publication.

Upgrading Skills and Methods

Professional development of teachers, the need of the hour

It is important to regularly re-orient teachers with new techniques, regulations and developments in the field of education.

A refresher training programme was facilitated by Mr Harwant at Shiksha Progressive School, Jharsa. Sixteen teachers underwent the training from two



Teachers undergoing a refresher training programme at Jharsa

schools, namely, Swapan Sarthak School, Wazirabad and Shiksha Progressive School, Jharsa supported by DLF Foundation.

It was suggested that collective planning, peer observation and training on lesson planning, language and mathematics pedagogy be included in future training programmes.

Regional Launch of DLF Raghvendra Scholarship Programme

DLF Foundation awards scholarships to meritorious students



Lamp lighting ceremony at the Regional Launch of DLF Raghvendra Scholarship Programme

The Regional Launch of DLF Raghvendra Scholarship Programme was held at the DLF Community Centre, DLF City, Gurgaon on February 29, 2012. Taking the Government of India's goal of 'Education for All' a step further, DLF Foundation had launched its 'DLF Raghvendra Scholarship' programme, named after the Founder of DLF, Ch. Raghvendra Singh in 2011.

The DLF Raghvendra Scholarship Programme supports education of meritorious students hailing from underprivileged families who otherwise would have

dropped out of school due to their inability to meet education related expenses.

Under the school scholarship programme for the current academic session, the Foundation has awarded 65 scholarships covering children from 26 villages in Gurgaon district. Three private schools - Jhankar Sr. Sec. School, Shikhopur, St. Paul's School, Harsaru and Drona Public School, Basai Road have been enrolled as partners. The programme would be expanded to other regions of the country from the next academic year.

The Foundation has also partnered with over 19 colleges and universities in Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi to implement the scholarship programme for professional courses. As many as 47 scholarships have been awarded in Engineering, IT, MBBS and Fine Arts. The 'DLF Raghvendra Scholars' are given Rs. 40,000 per year as scholarship. Further, 10 scholarships have been given for post graduate studies for those who wish to pursue a full-time MBA or an equivalent degree/diploma in India. The scholarship of Rs. 50,000 per annum per student would cover their course fee, books and hostel expenses.



Raghvendra scholars being awarded scholarship by Chief Guest, Dr (Ms) Pankaj Mittal, Vice-Chancellor, BPSMV



CEO, DLF Foundation welcomes the participants



Participants at scholarship event

Dr (Ms) Pankaj Mittal, Vice-Chancellor, Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya (BPSMV), was the Chief Guest. Addressing the gathering she recalled her experience of studying in a rural milieu, saying that the need of the hour was for students to develop their communication and language skills so that they were at par with global standards. For success in the job market, she stressed on the importance of ensuring that learning is in tune with the needs of industry. She further said, “national pride, must translate into immense hard

work and a dedicated youth population that could hold their own in the developed world.”

Ms Kushal Singh, IAS (Retd.), Chairperson, Scholarship Selection Committee and former Chief Secretary, Rajasthan, outlined the selection process. This was followed by a cultural programme by ‘Raghvendra Scholars’ from the partner schools.

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Speaking on the occasion, Lt. Gen Rajender Singh, CEO, DLF Foundation said that, “the youth of India had a large and critical role in steering the overall development agenda of the country and we hope that the scholarships will harness the talent of the youth, especially in rural areas.” He added, that the DLF initiatives launched by the Foundation “will further the goals of inclusiveness, creating jobs and making education more relevant.” He urged the young boys and girls to do justice to the honour bestowed on them and to work hard to stand their ground in a global community.



Cultural event by school scholars



Chief Guest Mr R R Jowell, Secretary, Environment and Dr Praveen Kumar, HUDA Administrator among other participants addressing the conference

Sustainable Gurgaon City - Roadmap for India's First Global City

Gurgaon administration, corporates and civil society discuss strategies to make Gurgaon secure, clean and green

DLF Foundation sponsored a one-day seminar on “Sustainable Gurgaon City - Roadmap for India’s First Global City” organised by Gurgaon Renewal Mission (GRM) at Gurgaon on April 27, 2012. The seminar was attended by over 200 delegates from various corporates and top government officials which included Hon’ble Chief Guest, Mr R R Jowell, Secretary, Environment, Government of Haryana and Guest of Honour, Dr Praveen Kumar, HUDA Administrator.

Welcoming the delegates, Lt Gen Rajender Singh, CEO, DLF Foundation, said: “GRM is a visible result-oriented movement that is aimed at renewing Gurgaon as the ‘dream city’ of India. This seminar

will help in strategising a strong vision for the growth of Gurgaon, as it is an ideal stage to create a tangible roadmap for sustainable development in the city through the key influencers and decision makers under one roof.”

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Guest, Mr R R Jowell, IAS, Chairman, Haryana State Pollution Control Board and Environment Secretary, Government of Haryana, said: “In our effort to make Gurgaon a clean and green



Lamp lighting ceremony at the inaugural session

city it is important that citizens and industry should recognise the need to protect the environment. While the government is taking several initiatives to promote environmental cleanliness, it is important that each and every one of us should internalise the need to protect the environment and take appropriate measures so that new environmental policies and norms are being followed and adhered to.”

Dr Praveen Kumar, IAS, HUDA Administrator, while delivering his keynote address on “A Clean and Green Gurgaon City: Challenges and Solutions”, opined that comprehensive and large scale initiatives were required to address the ever accumulating waste that is generated in the city. “Large scale encroachment of public land, which acts as a deterrent to the measures that the administration is taking to keep the city green and clean was another area that required attention,” he added.

Ambassador R P Singh IFS (Retd), Secretary General, GRM, felt that the Mission is all set to take up the various challenges faced by Gurgaon through a joint effort of the local business, civil society



Mr Nitya Jacob, Programme Director, Centre for Science and Environment presents a research paper on Water and Sewage

“We would require the ardent support of residential welfare associations to contain encroachment which will go a long way in helping keep the city clean.”

as well as by the government. Collective solutions were the only way to address the city’s social, infrastructure and environmental sustainability issues.

The Swedish delegation led by Ms Katarina Shylberg, Director, Delegation for Sustainable Cities, Sweden, also presented a model for Sustainable City, based on Swedish experience.

The delegation presented various models for developing a sustainable city by launching public private initiatives funded by the government but implemented by the private sector and civil society in the areas of water management, waste management, energy conservation, greening and pollution control.

A research study undertaken by Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) on “The State of Affairs with regard to Water, Sewage, Drainage & Garbage in Gurgaon City”, was also presented by Mr Nitya Jacob, Programme Director at CSE.

The seminar was a huge success as delegates came up with concrete ideas, strategies and initiatives to create Gurgaon as a sustainable and secure city in India.

GRM also offered its support to the administration in whatever way they could to help resolve the issues raised so that Gurgaon becomes a true Millennium City and a jewel in the crown of Haryana.



A participant making his point at the seminar

Reaching Out to the Community

Prevent diseases and promote health



A community orientation programme in progress

The first step towards healthy living is awareness of the causes of disease and measures to prevent it. In line with the Foundation's commitment towards 'Health for All', regular community orientation programmes are held which apart from providing solutions, focus

on information dissemination and preventive healthcare practices.

Endorsing this, a community orientation programme focusing on how to prevent diseases and promote health was held at Milk village, Mohali, on March 13, 2012.

The session was attended by over 70 participants, predominantly women and children. Such events are a regular part of the community outreach programme under the DLF Foundation supported primary healthcare project in Haryana and Punjab.

Screening Camp for Children Facilitated

Government Middle School, Toga, Punjab

Under the wider programme of DLF supported Primary Health Care Project, a screening camp was organised at Government Middle School, Toga, Punjab. A paediatrician, a general health practitioner and an eye specialist examined 100 students from middle school and 150 students from primary school for general ailments, weight, nutritional status, worms and eye ailments.

The objectives of the health camp were to identify the health problems among underprivileged and poor children, arouse adequate consciousness about health and hygiene and provide adequate medication. The one-day camp was a huge success.



A child being examined at the health camp

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Multi-speciality Health Camp Organised

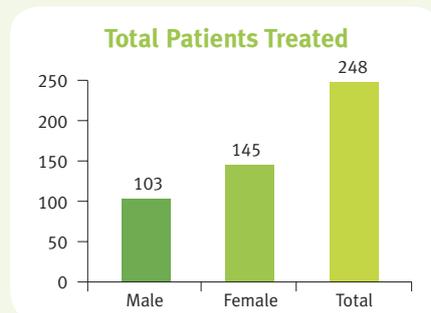
Village Dhanaura, Mohali



A general physician attending to children

DLF Foundation facilitated a free multi-speciality health camp in Dhanaura Village, S.A.S Nagar District in Punjab. The camp provided checkups, consultations and information on a wide range of health issues for the underprivileged rural community of Dhanaura and nearby villages of Mullanpur, Mastgarh and Boothgarh.

Besides providing various services, the purpose of the



health camp was to orient the rural community on health education programmes.

Specialists included a gynaecologist, a paediatrician,

an ophthalmologist, a dentist, and a general physician besides paramedical staff, a nurse, a radiographer and lab technicians. A qualified chemist was available to ensure that the prescribed medicines were easily available to the patients.

A total of 248 patients including 103 males and 145 females were treated.