



## WELCOME TO OUR SECOND NEWSLETTER OF 2010

The results of on-going efforts are getting visible, IBM joined hands with SRF Foundation for KidSmart Early Learning Program and GE capital for Salambha school campus development. The convocation for the 2009-2010 batch of 3EP program was held after the successful completion of the training program. With the joining of new batch of friends from SOIL, four new projects have been introduced to organize various events, map community resources etc. at Nuh Block. Our projects are working well and we would like you to give your few minutes to know more about them.

## IBM KidSmart Early Learning Program

KidSmart is a unique IBM CCR offering for children studying in pre-primary and primary schools in less advantaged communities. It targets 3-8 year olds and gives children a jump start in their education through the introduction of technology, which will enable more joyful learning.

IBM KidSmart Early Learning Program was a huge success in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Pondicherry. After seeing the benefits and realizing its importance, SRF Foundation is implementing the program in 18 Schools under MREP in the Nuh Block of Mewat District of Haryana catering the educational needs of around 400 children in every centre.

It is a joint venture amongst IBM, SRF Foundation, Department of Elementary Education / Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan (SSA) of Government of Haryana. SRF Foundation program is facilitating the program implementation by providing support to the teachers, helping in maintenance of computers with the help of IBM, liaison with Govt. & mobilizing the community.



## Friends of SOIL

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As a part of the project, they will spend one day every week with SRF Foundation for the next one year. The group of eight has identified 4 projects related to MREP and teams of two are developing the project plan for the same. The projects have been assigned based on the core competencies of the team members.



## Enhancing Early Education Program

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The programme started in July 2007, stemming from the ethos and best practices of The Shri Ram School that have created magic over the last 2 decades. The purpose was simple, to create caring, committed and innovative teachers who would make learning a fun and joyful experience!. The year 2009-2010 was a memorable batch as, for the first time; the programme had two groups in the same academic year. The program has the distinction of training around 29 talented adults who have taken on the mantle of infusing the teaching profession with more sensitivity, care, commitment, creativity and deep sense of responsibility. As another page turns, the batch of 2009-2010 graduated from being Trainees to teachers in leading schools of NCR and the next batch of trainees was welcomed.



## GE Capital and DC Visit-Salambha

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GE Capital has joined hands with the MREP program by extending its support in promoting infrastructure development of the Salambha school campus located in Batla Village. The joint venture forged by GE Capital, SRF Foundation and Haryana Government is a symbolic collaboration for school development. The Spirit of uniting for improvement, development and change has been ignited among the school personnels.

In addition to above, 50 volunteers from GE capital, as a start of long term relationship with SRF Foundation, visited the Salambha school campus to encourage children. They interacted with the teachers and organized painting, drawing and storytelling competitions for the students.

On the same day, Deputy Commissioner, Mr. C.R Rana, alongwith ADC - Mr. Mahinder Pratap Singh, BDPO - Mr. Mohan Singh, DEO - Ms. Kannan Bala, DPC - Mr. Ajeet Singh Rawat and BEO - Ms. Pushpa Mehta visited Mewat. They participated in tree plantation drive along with sarpanch of the village and the whole community.

These kinds of visits are for increasing the morale of the village community.



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