

GYSD Report

People's Institute for Development and Training (PIDT), the National Lead Organization in India to promote Global Youth Service Day (GYSD), organized programs in different locations of the country in association with other organizations. As part of the **GYSD** campaign, we encouraged different organizations including schools to design and plan their own service programmes to mobilize, support, and educate the youth as well as the public.

This year, the National Coordination Committee comprised of leading voluntary organizations in the country viz. AADI, AIWC, HIMCON, Iave, JWP, Lead India, NFI, NSS, PIDT, Smile Foundation and UNV to take forward the campaign "**I shape the world**" amongst youth from 14 – 25 years.

GYSD – New Delhi Celebration

As part of Delhi initiative, Rotary Club of Delhi South Metropolitan and the Indian Association for Volunteer Effort (Iave) took the lead to organize "Collective Wall Painting" with the motto of this year "**I shape the world**" in Kusumpur Pahari, a low income neighbourhood near Vasant Kunj, New Delhi. It was decided that the GYSD celebration which was last year held in the centre of the city be taken to the backyards of the city this year. Schools from different parts of the city had been encouraged to be part of the special campaign. The objective the campaign was to enhance creativity and enthusiasm and inculcate the children the habit and inspiration of volunteering. The students were encouraged to participate in the campaign as a group activity so that they could learn to cooperate among themselves from an early age.

About 300 students participated from Kusumpur Pahari School, National Association for Blind Girls School, Sadhu Vaswani School, Naithani Public School and Deepalaya School. The derelict walls of the school at Kusumpur Pahari was

painted in vibrant colours by young people from different parts of the city interacting and connecting through joy of service, stimulating solidarity and increasing confidence. The paintings done by the students included elements of a better world with beautiful landscapes, mountains, vegetables, fruits, trees, children birds, animals etc. The students were divided into eight groups and different walls of the building were assigned for painting. The group painting involved sharing of ideas, personal and collective time management. The group activity could contribute to the collective responsibility, task preparation and cooperation amongst group members as well as goodwill and team spirit.

The GYSD National Co-ordinator, C. Indira Dasgupta spoke about the need for young people who form nearly 51% of the country's population to take active responsibility about determining their future.

The chief guest, Mr. Topno who represented the JSS or Vocational Training Program of the Govt. of India encouraged the children to always remain positive, courageous and determined themselves and attentive to the needs of others. The President of Rotary Club of Delhi South Metropolitan, Mr. Vijay Sardana presented the 'Youth Service Award' to Santosh Kumar (computer teacher of Kusumpur Pahari school) for serving in the same place that he had been taught so that other underprivileged children could be benefited.

The youth also presented dramas & dances on different themes - 'Water shortage', 'Gender relations', 'Environment' and 'Girl child education' were performed by the youth as a manner of exchanging thoughts about societal problems. The skit on "water problems" presented by the students of "Kusumpur Pahari" reflected the life of the people within Kusumpur Pahari area. It pointed out the problems they have to suffer in the day to day life and concentrated on the way how it affects their studies. In their own words, "we have to run from the class rooms with jars when the water tanker from the municipality arrives". This skit was showing their actual experience of life and the barriers they have to face. National Association for Blind (NAB) School presented a skit on "Rights of

the differently abled". The NAB girls revealed the facts related to the topic through a very interesting and recreational one act play. The skit performed by the NAB School was very touching; they could transfer the message to the audience. All appreciated their effort and hard work for preparing such a topic to give the message to the public who are not blind, thus the blind girls tried to open the eyes of the audience. The students from Naithani Public School presented a skit on "Girl Child Education". A skit on "Gender Issues" was performed by the girls from Sadhu Vaswani School. The program concluded with a dance item on the song "Amra sabai Raja", a Bengali song conveying the meaning we are the 'creators of our own destiny' by the 12 students (boys and girls) from Deepalaya School. Certificates were provided to each of the participants. The guests blessed the children and gave vote of thanks.

The teachers of all schools, Rotarians, PIDT Staff, Col. Marya and Shanti devi all worked hard to make the event successful and meaningful.

The remembrance of this unique event was etched not only on the walls but in the hearts of the participating youth and thereby develop in them the willingness to connect with others in society.







Deoghar District, Jharkhand

Anandalaya Co-educational English Medium Senior Secondary School, Jagadishpur, via Madhupur, District Deoghar, Jharkhand organized GYSD celebration on 25th April, 2008.

Around 600 participants including students from Anandalaya Public School and Sugapahari Community Based School, PIDT Staff and local youth took part with the Global Youth Service Day celebration. The main activities of the day's celebration included "**Drawing Competition**" and launching of "**Bicycle Back Library**" program.

The GYSD programme commenced with minute's silence in the memory of PIDT's founder late Prof. Subhachari Dasgupta. GYSD India 2008 was anchored by Indrani Ganguli and flagged off by the honourable chief guest Mr Md. Faiz Kaiser, president of Madhupur Municipal Corporation. He said that the youth have a special role in the improvement of village, society, community and nation. He pointed out to their active participation in the national movement against the British rule. Raja Ram-Mohan Roy, Swami Vivekananda, Dayanand Saraswati are the examples. At the time of their campaign, they were young. Today we celebrate it to make the people aware of the Nations need.

The chief guest launched the "Bicycle Back Library" program – initiated by PIDT to discover the joy of reading and learning. The library program would make available books on a rotation basis of 15 days to far flung villages where there were usually no access to any books.

The students of Std V and Std-VI of "Anandalaya Public School"- sang a group song "bandh tor do....." ("Break the shackles.....move forward").

Mr. Mihir Kundu delivered a short speech on the genesis and objectives of GYSD. He encouraged the students present to spread the message of GYSD by setting an example of service before self to others in their village . He said that GYSD was an occasion to reaffirm our commitment to the conservation of environment, surrounding and natural resources.

Mr. Akhilesh Tiwary gave a talk as to why we need GYSD? The youth have the power to change the society, community and nation. Today many youth are attracted towards excessive alcohol and get lured into antisocial activities. We need to cultivate morality, awareness amongst the youth to form a good healthy society.

A number of students like Master Anurag Tiwary, Pawan Kumar, Punam Kumari and Shehnaj Khatoon(a std-x student) spoke of the need to go beyond the knowledge of books and also cultivate the morality in the mind and heart of each and every youth. They spoke of the need for youth to take responsibility to stop deforestation, control the air pollution and land degradation caused by the environment . Songs were sung like "mitti-mitti rasile hain" conveying the meaning "Soil is life sustaining....." They also promised to help each other irrespective of caste, colour, creed, religion, region diversity, to reduce the gap between the rich and poor.

The Drawing competition was held on ' an ideal village' and Quiz competition was held on the topic 'Nature', 'Environment', 'Eco-system' furthered the service learning of the children through direct engagement.

Morigaon, Assam

Friday/25/04/08- The National United Nations Volunteer (UNV) organized the main programme for Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) in Morigaon by celebrating at Morigaon Mohila Home High School. Around 63 nos of student from the class VIII, IX, and X participated in the programme. The programme was inaugurated by Principal of the school Mr. Ashok Dek. Mr. Deka spoke of the relevance of Volunteerism to solve the long awaited problems in society. He reiterated the role of young minds in this great work. The student of the school sang a song on nature earth composed in World rich Assamese Language. The first day of the programme included topic like the –

- (1) Introduction about the GYSD
- (2) UNV and DRM in Morigaon

- (3) Film on Tsunami
- (4) The Role of the Youth in Nation Building and
- (5) Slide show on success especially designed by NUNV for the students.



The Student of the Morigaon Mohila Home Model School enthusiastically participating the Programme



Azamgarh District , Uttar Pradesh.

Dr. Sheo Singh, an active member of the Iave celebrated GYSD at three different location around a local rural school.

