

TECH MAHINDRA FOUNDATION



Flood relief at Bijapur – re-building houses, homes and lives!!

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Activities in the month of November 2011 covered a wide range of community interventions that TMF engages in – across regions and themes. Culmination of flood relief efforts, trainings, workshops on capacity building, monitoring field visits, volunteering, new NGO explorations, a partners meet to facilitate participatory development, presentation of our work at national conventions, an integrated sports meet for children and development of an IT resource manual were all part of our efforts to make a difference.



It was a very proud moment for TMF as the **Karnataka Chief Minister declared the layout of the Flood Relief Project open at Bijapur**. The generous donations from TM associates to the tune of Rs.55.76 Lakhs in 2009 made this possible. This was a two year rehabilitation program for 477 families of Kotyal village in Bijapur district of Karnataka. The grants were used for building 15 houses, developing roads, drains, parks, drinking water facilities, overhead water tanks, fuel efficient stoves and kitchen gardens for all the houses.

TMF Volunteering Programme (TVP) - Children’s Day was celebrated with a lot of fun and enthusiasm by TechM and MSat associates in Pune and Mumbai. 19



associates spent half a day teaching and playing with the kids at a Municipal school adopted by Aseema. In Pune the associates engaged the kids at India Sponsorship Committee (ISC) in fun activities like drawing,



collage making and quizzing.

TechMighties continued to train the teachers of NGO Swadhar in Pune. Every Saturday afternoon 5 associates take 3 hour sessions for the capacity building of the staff. Associates also helped the staff of India Sponsorship Committee (working with kids of brick-kiln workers) to improve their English and Computer skills.



Two associates were appreciated by Bal Sahyog for their tremendous help in revamping the Bal Sahyog website.

An **IT eHandbook – Bridging the Digital Divide** - was also compiled as an outcome of the training conducted earlier for NGO functionaries. The same has been uploaded at <http://tmfpartners.wikidot.com/ehandbook-it-training-for-ngos> for replication and sharing

Like every year, we ran the **Airtel Delhi Half Marathon as part of TVP activities** this year on 27 November 2011. More than 100 TechMighties dressed in a Black TechM t-shirts and Mahindra Rise banners ran to support the children from TMF partner NGOs 'Vidya & Child' and 'Score Foundation'. In a way this symbolized our spirit to 'go the extra mile' (many miles here!!) for a cause. We appreciate the wonderful efforts of Josh Noida associates who made this happen. 20 plus Josh 'Champions' had mobilised more than 300 registrations. Equal monetary contribution was made by TechM that is being donated to both the NGOs.



The **Study Circle for Shikshak Samman awardees** was conducted at the MCD Teacher Training Institute in Delhi. Agenda was to build upon the learning from the previous session on developing skills for reading amongst students. Teaching methods like the 'child-centered approach' and 'activity-based learning' were discussed and the need for the teachers to get familiarized with the socio-economic-cultural-linguistic background of the students was stressed upon.

The application form for the next Shikshak Samman Awards has also been uploaded on the MCD website as well as the TMF Wiki at <http://tmfpartners.wikidot.com/shikshak-samman-awards>

We co-ordinated a **capacity building workshop on 'Project Management'** at the Karve Institute of Social Work for our partners and other NGOs in Pune. This was done in association with CSR Pune. The response received from the 35 attendees of 15 NGOs was very encouraging. The workshop typified how meaningful collaborative work can be wherein resource experts and community based organisations come together for learning and sharing.



We spent a very interesting day with all our nine partners in Bangalore at the **Partners Meet**. Mr. Vinod C Khanna, Head TMF welcomed the guests and set the tone. The agenda was to give each partner an opportunity to talk about their work, learn from each others' experiences and explore possibilities for partnership. They also shared the challenges being faced and the way forward.



Yuva English (YE) - The proposed Yuva Academy, Noida did a dry run from 29 November to 2 December 2011 wherein 16 English Instructors from Delhi/NCR NGOs and institutions took part. The venue was TechM BSG (Business Support Group) Training Center. Trainers were from CLR, Pune, our partners for the Yuva English programme.

YE was also presented at the National Partners Meet of NSDC (National Skills Development Corporation) and the NASSCOM Foundation. The former is a Ministry of Finance, GoI initiative

that is playing a major role in meeting the demand to skill 500 million Indians over the next 10 years. The presentation has led to demand for YE from Centum Work Skills Ltd (a Bharati Group – NSDC JV) and the Godrej VT School programme for their nation-wide centers. NSDC is also uploading YE information at its website www.nsdcindia.org due to increased demand from partners. The American India Foundation (AIF), Smile Foundation & Don Bosco – DB Tech institutions are keen to embed YE in their VT centers nation-wide. Negotiations are at an advanced stage with them. TechM BPO is also in the process of integrating YE into its training after due testing and assessment.



Amar Jyoti, our partner in Delhi organised an **Integrated Sports Meet** supported by TMF wherein more than 500 able bodied and special children from 20 plus Delhi-NCR schools took part. The highlight of the event was the sheer spirit of participation that these children displayed. Their parents were just as thrilled. The meet was conducted in collaboration with the DDA Yamuna Sports Complex (a CWG2010 venue)

Here is a glimpse of the fun-filled **English e-learning classes** in Mumbai with the children reciting poems and imitating action from the screen. The DVD being used is developed by TMF partner BCPT (Bombay Community Public Trust), Mumbai as part of ICT for Social Transformation initiative of TMF.



Across TMF regions we visited a number of NGOs as part of the effort to find new partnerships as per our mandate. Outstanding individuals and organisations often work diligently without being noticed. TMF seeks to identify some of these and join hands with them.

Kindly mail us your comments and feedback to tmf@techmahindra.com.

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