

Ship for World Youth Alumni Association-India



Annual Report 2018-19



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OBJECTIVES

- To propagate peace, non-violence, justice, equity, harmony among youth, preventive and curative health care services, HIV-AIDS, Reproductive Health, De-addiction, Family Welfare and activities with physically & mentally challenged persons. To undertake environmentally sustainable development and management of natural resources
- To take up programmes for socio-economic empowerment, capacity building, skill enhancement, education, poverty alleviation and income generation of youth. To undertake study, action research and strategic planning, advocacy for global issues concerning the above subjects.
- To act as spokesperson of Ex-PYs of India with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and other ministries of Government of India, IYEO of Japan & coordination agency of Government of Japan, Embassy of Japan in India and SWYAA International
- To take an active role in the Global Youth Networking Activities and encourage and assist the Ex-PYs to take up youth promotional activities in their state and region.
- To organize exhibitions, seminars and training for youth & children. with regard to empowerment of youth & children. on National & International issues.
- To assist / extend necessary cooperation to the ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India for selection of participants of SWY and other youth & children. programmes and to organize orientation training to such selected participants before they proceed for the same.
- To assist / extend necessary cooperation in organizing port of call in India whenever the SWY delegates / ship visits India.
- To select and recommend Ex-PYs for taking part in the reunion & international youth exchange programme of Govt. of Japan, which are meant for Ex-PYs.
- To bring out publication, publicity material etc., projecting the activities of SWYAA – India and coordinate with Govt. of India, IYEO and Govt. of Japan. Develop, host and manage a website of SWYAA – India and promote and carry out awareness campaigns on social issues concerned to youth. & children.
- To take up / carry out all such activities as decided by Government of India, IYEO and Government of Japan.
- To act as a link between Ex-PYs and International Youth Exchange Organization and SWYAA of other countries and concerned Governments.

ORGANISATION PROFILE

Profile of the Ship for World Youth Alumni Association-India (SWYAA-India)

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Legal Status	:	Registered under societies registration act XXI of Government of India <i>Registration No.:</i> S/58262 <i>Registration date:</i> 02/04/2007 Registered under section 12A and 80G of the Income Tax Act 1961, Government of India
Geographical coverage	:	All India
Executive committee	:	
▪ President	:	Mr. Ravi Chopra
▪ Vice President	:	Ms. SamritaKaur Gill, C.C.S
▪ Treasurer	:	Mr. Rupesh Gupta, C.A.
▪ Chief Executive	:	Ms. Shobhana Radhakrishna

SWYAA-India took an active role this year in a seminar lecture tour of Japan on Mahatma Gandhi. All the lectures were very well appreciated as they fulfilled the objectives of furthering friendly exchanges and people-to-people contacts. It has been a very fruitful journey which was made possible with mutual cooperation from friends and supporters of SWYAA-India.

SWYAA-India reconnected with various Alumni Associations (AAs) around the world to seek possibilities of working together on common programs and welcome Ex-PYs and key organizations. We strengthened relationships with organizations affiliated with Japan in India and found new acquaintances with the Japan Foundation, JICA, JCCII, and other Japanese agencies in India. While our Ex-PYs individually made a mark in their respective fields, achieving great heights and bringing laurels to the country, SWYAA-India was hailed as one of the most active Alumni Associations and got recognition in India and Japan. It is

expected that a friendly relationship will be further strengthened through such events so that mutual exchanges in various levels and fields will be further deepened and mutual understanding will be further promoted.

SWYAA-India was acknowledged by the Embassy of Japan in India for effectively promoting people-to-people contact, cross-cultural exchange, and nurturing the spirit of international cooperation while serving the disadvantaged sections of the society. The social development activities undertaken as part of the post-program initiatives made an impact and helped in changing the lives of the underprivileged sections of the society through the SWYAA-Open Schools. This year we were happy to receive 10 Ex-PYs and 32 Japanese university students to volunteer in the Open Schools. They had a unique learning experience as they interacted with underprivileged children and understood the objectives of the post-program activities of SWYAA-India.

SWYAA-India would like to express our warm greetings to all friends of the SWY program in Japan.

SWYAA-India during 2018-2019

1. Education of children in SWYAA-India Open Schools
2. Digital education and computer training program
3. Seminar Lecture tours for Promoting International Peace, Leadership, Compassion, and Non-violence based on the Ideology of Mahatma Gandhi
4. Cleanliness program in open school running in slums of Delhi
5. Visit of Ex-PYs to Open schools for social contribution activities
6. Promoting Peace and Nonviolence through talks and seminar
7. Volunteer exchange program with university students
8. Coordination from POC 2018 and pre-departure training of PYs of SWY30

To make this successful we are thankful for the cooperation and support received from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, International Youth Exchange Organization (IYEO) of Japan, the North Delhi Municipal Corporation, DISHA, and the Discover Japan Club, New Delhi.

Education Program – SWYAA Open schools

SWYAA-India aims to provide inclusive and equitable quality education to disadvantaged children for promoting lifelong learning. One of our focus areas is inclusive education through innovative approaches for underprivileged children and to advocate for making quality education a reality for all by 2030. In India, 32.4% of young girls opt-out of school due to poverty. Even today 79% of girls are made to do household chores and earn additional money to support the family despite being enrolled in school. Because of this they cannot concentrate on studies and drop out of school, despite being enrolled in school. 76% of girl students have no access or have used the internet. According to our experience of working with underprivileged children, educating the girl child would do wonders for the progress of the nation. SWYAA-India aims to play a transformative role in shaping young minds, molding their characters, and imparting right-based education.

With this aim, SWYAA-India has been educating 186 disadvantaged children in the SWYAA-Open Schools set up in two slum clusters and two government primary schools in Delhi. SWYAA-India recognizes that education is a must for a better future. Our work with children studying in 1st to 5th classes is by way of imparting primary level education, preparing them for socialization, and mainstreaming in the appropriate classes. At the same time, school dropouts and working children are taught in remedial classes. This support has enabled the children in the age group of 6-12 years to avail learning opportunities through the pedagogy of activity-based learning. Over the years, SWYAA-India has been able to demonstrate our capability to reach out to the most vulnerable children, accelerating the process of socialisation, educating them, mobilising their parents, and mainstreaming children in formal government schools for retention and completion of primary education.



This support has enabled the students to avail learning opportunity through the pedagogy of activity-based learning in the schools. The classroom-based support with the help of

our facilitators has enabled them to learn the language, math, general knowledge, and English in a joyful and with the aid of attractive teaching-learning materials.

In recent years, the cases of child sex abuse and sexual harassment in slums and schools have become rampant and are a serious problem in India. The severity and gravity of these types of crime against children have led SWYAA-India to work with at-risk girls of this community many of whom, unfortunately, have been direct survivors of abuse while the others are at constant high risk of abuse. Our focus is to work with adolescent girls and teachers by raising their awareness about the issues related to sexual abuse and the redressal mechanism. The involvement of their parents is critical because of the lack of social support which further aggravates the problem as they are unable to take the steps that need to be taken in case of any complaint.

SWYAA-India empowers the girls through sessions about child abuse, incest, child marriage, gender-based violence, and menstrual hygiene. Education, therefore, is the most powerful tool for them to break away from this systemic cycle of abuse, neglect, and oppression, and turn themselves into strong, independent survivors, not victims.

Activities in the Open Schools

- Teach multi-level, multi-age, and multi-grade children in language, arithmetic, and general science.
- Play-based curriculum, child-friendly, joyful activities for holistic development.

Skill Training program and Educational Mela for Children



Imparting Digital education and computer skill training to youth

Digital education and computer skills programs continued for children of the Open School. In this year 22 students learned digital skills. The computer class was highly valued by the parents of the children who expressed their satisfaction at the progress of their wards. In addition, certificates of completion were given to these bright students who have expressed their desire to continue to learn more next year.

The curriculum for the computer skill course is developed by the SWYAA-India team in collaboration with volunteers from various colleges. Course offered: Computer Basics – Including Typing, Internet usage, E-mail, etc, Programming courses are being conducted in Scratch and Job skill readiness courses on Word, Excel, etc.

The skill training is in line with the Central Government’s mission of skilling 40 crore people by 2022. The employment of a skilled labor force will make India a “Human Resource Capital”.

Educational Mela for Children



SWYAA-India coordinated with Ramjas Public School in New Delhi to teach chorus singing to their students. Ms. Atsuko Arai a famous singer and musician visited twice during the year to prepare the 25 students in chorus singing. Ms. Arai has developed various music activities by making full use of work experience in education, refugee camp, and disabled facilities.

Following this, an Education Mela was organized in the open school in Nagalraya slum area. Parents and siblings of the students studying in the open schools of SWYAA-India participated in a large number. Activities such as painting, role play, singing, dancing, poster making were organized in which more than 100 students took part. They were given prizes and certificates of participation. It made their parents extremely happy as they watched their children perform so well. After the activities were completed, refreshments were distributed, and students received gifts from the guests.

Christmas celebrations:

On Christmas, December 25th, a party was hosted by Arish Naresh, Ex Participant of SWY program for children of the Open School in the slums of Delhi.

Promoting youth leadership for international peace and Nonviolence

SWYAA-India coordinated with Japanese universities for promoting International Peace, Leadership, and Non-violence based on the Ideology of Mahatma Gandhi during the 150th Birth anniversary celebration of Gandhi ji. This year lectures were held in alliance with the Sophia University in Tokyo, Kindai University in Osaka, the University of Tokyo at Hongo Campus, Ryukoku University in Kyoto, Doshisha University in Kyoto, Ongaku No Mori in Nara, and Kyoto University of Foreign Studies in their universities from 16th to 24th May 2018 and were delivered by Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna, Chief Executive of SWYAA-India by spending her own expenses.



The lecture tour in Japan was very successful as a large number of Japanese students attended the lectures and were eager to learn more about the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi in the era of rapid globalization and an increase in violence. During the lectures, we gave detailed information about the SWY program in each of the universities and answered the queries of the interested students on Gandhian Philosophy.



SWYAA-India Disaster Relief Activities for Kerala flood in India



Kerala state in India experienced the largest disaster of flood and landslide in August 2018. Due to continuous rain, many hilly areas had devastating landslides. Many houses were fully damaged, many lives lost and agricultural land severely damaged due to the floods and landslides. One million people have been displaced, many of them taking shelter in thousands of relief camps across the state. Around 10,00,000 people had to seek refuge in relief camps and around 3000 relief camps were set up across the state in schools, Colleges, community halls, churches, mosques, temples etc.



During January and February 2019, SWYAA-India distributed educational and relief materials for 200 poor school students in Nadathippara, Poochadi Colonies in Alathur Thaluk, Palakkad District, Kerala, India. Mr P.K.Biju, the Member of Parliament of India (Alathur constituency, Kerala) was the Chief Guest and distributed the material to the children. He appreciated the commendable efforts of SWYAA-India, IYEO-Japan, SWYAA-Peru, and the National Social Service Unit, College of Applied Science, Vadakkencherry. The activities were coordinated and organized by Mr. Pradip Somasundaran, SWY6, and the Principal of the College of Applied Science, Vadakkencherry.

Dental Hygiene workshop

Arish Naresh, GLDP 27 volunteered in the Open schools to bring awareness on dental hygiene and good oral hygiene practices with 80 girl children in government schools & in the Open school. Dental hygiene kits consisting of toothpaste, toothbrush, and model of the tooth were distributed to the 80 children after the workshop.

Opportunities without Discrimination

SWYAA-India implemented the campaign against discrimination by doing teaching by Arish Naresh in SWYAA Open School. Everyone faces some form of discrimination, and the lack of quality education is also a form of discrimination, it does not allow the child to flourish. After the workshop, SWYAA-India distributed socks to the students.



The future is only brighter when society educates its women and children. This joint project was completed in the year by giving information to children about discriminate-nation at various levels. Once it became clear these children opened out and came up with many incidences where they have faced discrimination in school, society & home

They took the lead in making stories and enacting them to demonstrate their points and all these skis and role plays were presented during an event organized by SWYAA-India to stress the point and distribute education material and socks of different colors.



Networking and Linkages

SWYAA-India strengthened the linkages with the Ministry of Youth Affairs. Meetings were held with the officials of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India and the official of the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute Youth Development, Government of India for the youth development program.

Swachh Paryavaran Campaign by Children:

SWYAA-India organized Swachh Paryavaran Campaign for creating awareness against rising pollution. Students of open schools participated in the rally holding placards in their hands stating messages of various types, causes, and fallouts of pollution.

The rally commenced from Nangal Raya and culminated in the Mayapuri area in Delhi. Students sensitized the masses about the menace of environmental degradation and suggested measures to reduce pollution.



“Be the change that you want to see in the world”. -Mahatma Gandhi