

Ship for World Youth Alumni Association-India



Annual Report 2019-2020



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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
▪ Treasurer	:	Mr. Rupesh Gupta
▪ Secretary	:	Mr. Pradip Somasundaran
▪ Chief Executive	:	Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna

Ship for World Youth Alumni Association-India (SWYAA-India) completed thirteen years in 2019. 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.

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 6 Ex-OPYs and Japanese university students to field visit 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.

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The post-program social development activities undertaken by SWYAA-India during 2019

1. Education of children in SWYAA-India Open Schools
2. Digital education and computer training program and Opportunity without discrimination (OWD) project
3. School cleanliness program in private and government schools in Delhi
4. Visit of Ex-PYs to Open schools for social contribution activities
5. Promoting Peace and Nonviolence through talks and seminar
6. Participating in the SWYAA Tokyo Conference and Global Assembly 2019
7. Seminar Lecture tours for Promoting International Peace, Leadership, Compassion and Non–violence based on the Ideology of Mahatma Gandhi

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), 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 girl children for promoting lifelong learning opportunities as per the UN Sustainable Development Goal-4 (SDG-4).

With this aim, SWYAA-India has been educating 240 disadvantaged children in the SWYAA-Open Schools set up in 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.



This support has enabled the girl students to avail learning opportunities 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 learning atmosphere and with the aid of attractive teaching-learning materials.



Activities in the Open Schools included teaching multi-level, multi-age, and multi-grade children in language, arithmetic, and general science. For this, we used a play-based curriculum, child-friendly, joyful activities for holistic development.

Field Visit of Ex-PYs to SWYAA open schools



* SWYAA-India organized a field visit of Ms. Alina Lotluffina and Ms. Olga Zhvirblis to visit the Open School in Nangalraya for see the classroom activities and to interact with students, and teachers in open schools in July 2019. Students were divided into two classes based on their age group and had the fortune of learning about Russia from the two visitors. To the first-class Elina narrated a Russian story and taught the children some songs in the Russian language. The 2nd class with older students learned some useful words & count numbers in Russian.



The students presented songs and dances from India and taught visitors some useful sentences in Hindi. Later, refreshments were served to the children who also received stationery. This helped the students to learn about Russia & its culture.

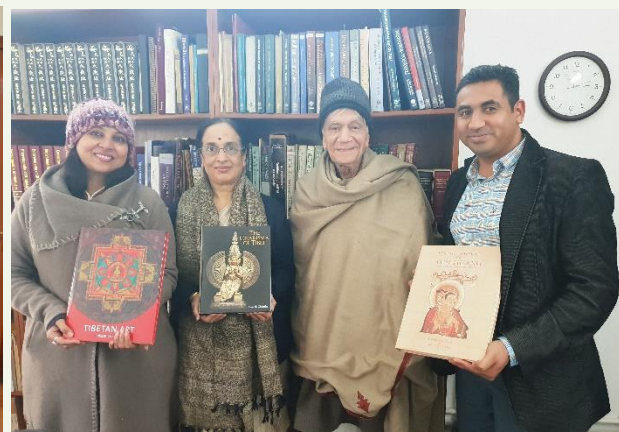
* In November 2019 Mehmet Durna, SWY24 and the President of SWYAA Turkey had come to India and took out the time to field visit in the SWYAA-India open schools. Children were very excited to meet him as he organized games and songs for them and taught them to dance in groups. He also informed them about his country Turkey and the bonds that India & Turkey have shared.



* In January 2019, **Arish Naresh, GLDP 27** from SWYAA New Zealand volunteered in the Open schools to bring awareness on dental hygiene and good oral hygiene practices with 45 girl children in government schools and the Open school. SWYAA-India distributed dental hygiene kits consisting of toothpaste, toothbrush, and model of teeth to the 68 children after the workshop.



Meeting with Special Dignitaries:



In an endeavor to introduce the SWY as a unique cross-cultural exchanges program, we organized a meeting with Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Minister of Culture, Government of India, and gave him a presentation about the program that promotes cross-cultural relationships, friendship, and leadership abilities of youth of various countries in this unique initiative by the Cabinet Office of Japan. Arish Naresh, GLDP 27 presented his perspective as an Ex-PY, Shobhana Radhakrishna, Chief Executive, and Ravi Chopra, SWY6, and the President of SWYAA India gave short presentations. Later, we had also met with Prof. Lokesh Chandra, President of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Government of India.

Visitors from Sweden & New Zealand:

On 22nd November 2019, two visitors from Sweden came to interact with the students at the Open School of SWYAA India. Ms Ulrika Nimstrand, Principal of a famous school in Sweden shared about the school system in her country. She taught the children about Sweden, Swedish culture, children & the festivals they observe in her country.



Two visitors from Gisborne, New Zealand visited the open school to have an interactive session with the students on 20th January 2020. Mr. Stephen Donald and Mr. Raymond Pereira told the students about their country New Zealand (NZ) which is an island country in the southwestern Pacific Ocean.



Organized International Peace and Non-Violence days:

UN International Peace Day 21st September 2019 was celebrated with the 5th class children. A painting competition and a talk were organized in Municipal Corporation Primary School Naraina Village. The theme of the painting and talks was “Climate action for Peace” Children were informed about pollution, global warming, and sanitation.



Children participated in the painting competition and delivered their views. Prizes were distributed to the children.

Skill Training in Computer and Digital education



SWYAA-India provided the digital education and computer skills program for children of the Open School. In this year 20 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. 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.

In addition, certificates of completion were given to students who have expressed their desire to continue to learn more next year.

Initiated collaboration between by SWYAA-India and Other Ship for World Youth (SWY) Alumni Associations

One of the post-program activities of SWYAA-India is of inspiring youth to work for leadership, peace, nonviolence, conflict resolution, and interfaith harmony in today's strife-driven and violent world.

For this SWYAA-India has been organizing talks on the life and thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi, who has inspired people across the globe to work for peacebuilding which is one of the most important issues youths would wish to share onboard or any other global occasions.



During 2019, SWYAA India collaborated for joint events with SWYAAs in Egypt, Turkey, Bahrain, Greece, Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, Russia, and Norway for the holding lectures on Mahatma Gandhi's leadership in Global peace and Harmony.



The lectures were conducted by Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna, Chief Executive and Ravi Chopra, President of SWYAA-India on their own and the Ministry of Culture, Government of India facilitated their visits as part of 150th Birth Anniversary celebration of Mahatma Gandhi. In every place, the talks were very well received in the first of its kind collaboration between SWYAAs for bringing the greater impact of the SWY program.

SWYAA- Japan facilitated in holding SWY Peace Talk 2019 with Ex-JPYs which was supported by the IYEO.



The aim of the talk was for promoting and supporting international cooperation and world peace through the SWY spirit.

Promoting youth leadership for international peace in Japanese University in 2019

During the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna, Chief Executive initiated a program for promoting International Peace, Leadership, and Non-violence based on the Ideology of Mahatma Gandhi in Japan. SWYAA-India has been organizing this on an annual basis for the last five years as part of the post-program activities.

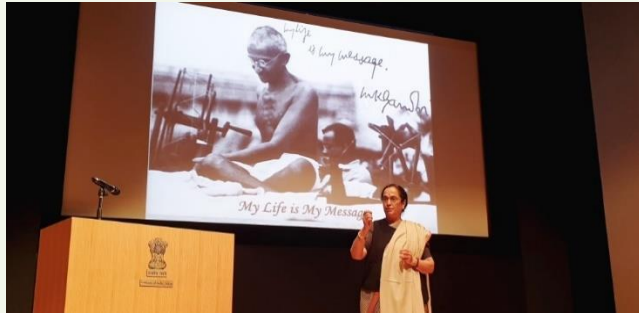
This year lectures were held in collaboration with the University of Tokyo, Faculty of Global Studies, Sophia University in Tokyo, Global Indian International School at Higashikasai Tokyo, Keio University in Mita campus Tokyo in their universities from 14th to 21st May 2019.

The lectures were delivered jointly by Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna, Chief Executive, and Dr. Ravi Chopra President of SWYAA-India at their own expense. A special SWY Peace Talk was also organized at the IYEO office with support from the International Youth Exchange Organization of Japan.



We had a very successful lecture tour in Japan and a large number of Japanese students attended the lectures. They were eager to learn more about the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi in the era of rapid globalization and escalating 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.



For this year, we received overwhelming cooperation from the Japanese Ex-PYs who extended their support and friendship.

Field visit by university students

This year, on 3rd September 2019 SWYAA-India hosted 9 students studying liberal arts at the University of Tokyo who visited SWYAA Open Schools in Delhi.



The purpose of their visit to SWYAA-India was to introduce Japanese culture and school educations to students in Delhi. We gave an overview of about SWY leaders program and the post-program activities by SWYAA-India. They were very happy to learn about the SWY program.



SWYAA Conference-2019

Mr Pradip Somasundaran, Ex participant of the SWY6 program participated in the SWYAA Tokyo Conference 2019 on behalf of SWYAA-India. He contributed immensely to the conference and gave a presentation about the post-program activities of SWYAA-India. We are proud to maintain that SWYAA-India is one of the first AA who has initiated a large network of AAs to join collaborative programs and events.



Participation in SWYAA Global Assembly -2019

Five members of SWYAA-India participated in the Global Assembly on their own expenses. During the session on post-program activities, SWYAA-India's contribution was very much appreciated. During this time discussions were held on programs undertaken by us. Many participants attended the SWY Peace talk held by us. President of SWYAA-India appreciated the efforts of AA Russia in organizing the Global Assembly in his speech at the farewell dinner.



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