

Ship for World Youth Alumni Association-India



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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 programs 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 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 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 the 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 the 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	:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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 fourteen years in 2020. The COVID-19 Pandemic in India is part of the worldwide Pandemic of coronavirus disease 2019. The first case of COVID-19 in India was reported on 30 January 2020 in the state of Kerala. Lockdowns were announced in Kerala on 23 March, and in the rest of the country on 25 March by the Government of India. By mid-May 2020, five cities accounted for around half of all reported cases in the country. Daily cases peaked in mid-September 2020 with over 90,000 cases reported per day.

Due to this emerging scenario, SWYAA-India took an active role in the community and especially with children to firstly raise awareness, giving correct information and taking immediate measures to reach out to families with dry ration kits containing wheat, rice, pulses, salt, and oil items to tide them through the grueling period of lockdown. COVID19 and the resulting economic shock continue to have a huge impact on livelihoods.

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.

The post-program social development activities undertaken by SWYAA-India during 2020-2021

1. Education of children in SWYAA-India Open Schools
2. Online education for children of Open Schools
3. Digital education and computer training program for Children
4. Community meetings and door-to-door contacts for raising awareness and giving correct information about the Covid-19 Pandemic.
5. Creating awareness about Covid-19 Pandemic with slum community and children of Open School.
6. Distribution of food packets to the family of children of Open School during the period of lockdown.
7. Distribution of dry ration kits containing wheat, rice, pulses, salt, and oil items for needy families.
8. Virtual seminar and talks on promoting Peace, Nonviolence, Wellness, and Nature Cure.

We are thankful for the cooperation and support received from the Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Culture Government of India, International Youth Exchange Organization (IYEO) of Japan, Indian Embassy in Tokyo, North Delhi Municipal Corporation, DISHA and the Discover Japan Club, New Delhi.

Post-program social development activities undertaken by SWYAA-India during 2020-2021

1. SWYAA Open school program: SWYAA-India worked with 68 underprivileged children for educating them in open schools. The main aim was for inclusion and improvement of quality education based on the goals of SDG4. In the schools, we taught two subjects - language and Arithmetic. In addition to that children were engaged in many activities like sessions on introduction to Japanese culture, language, and customs from SWYers from other countries too.
2. Online educational classes for children of Open Schools were taken up and continued throughout the year.
3. During the emerging scenario due to Covid-19 Pandemic, SWYAA-India took an active role in the community, especially with children by undertaking the following activities:
 - Community meetings and door-to-door contacts for raising awareness and giving correct information about the Covid-19 Pandemic.
 - Creating awareness about Covid-19 with the slum community and children of Open School.
 - Distribution of food packets to the family of children of Open School during the Covid-19 Pandemic lockdown period.
 - Distribution of dry ration kits containing wheat, rice, pulses, salt, and oil items for needy families.
4. Volunteering in open schools: During the year visitors from New Zealand and Turkey had come to the open school and volunteered in the educational program.
6. Distribution of Education material for the open School: The volunteers also brought stationery items and other gifts for the children which were distributed in a function organized by SWYAA-India.
7. The Campaign against Discrimination and Digital education and computer training program continued in collaboration with SWYAA Norway & New Zealand.
9. Celebration of UN International Peace Day and UN International Day for Nonviolence 2020: In an event organized at the open school 100 children took part in the celebration. They made paintings and slogans and took out a rally around the open school to inform the community.
10. Virtual seminars and talks on promoting Peace, Nonviolence, Wellness, and Nature Cure were conducted.

Education Program - SWYAA Open schools



SWYAA-India aims to provide inclusive and equitable quality education to disadvantaged girl children for promoting lifelong learning opportunities. 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 educated 68 disadvantaged children in the SWYAA-Open Schools set up in two slum clusters in Delhi in physical and in virtual mode during Covid 19 pandemic.

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 were taught in remedial classes.



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 their holistic development.

Skills training program - Digital education and computer training



The digital education and computer skills program continued for children of the Open School. In this year 18 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 SWYAA-India had also added a course on soft skills that concentrated on getting these students job-ready. Topics such as communication skills, planning, behavior in the office environment, better traits for a successful career etc. were taught to the students.

Relief work during Covid 19 Pandemic

Amid the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic which was reported globally in 2019, India witnessed a massive surge of cases in the 3 weeks starting from March 2020. As of 30 April, 33610 confirmed cases and 1075 deaths have been reported from 32 states/union territories in India. Apart from the nationwide lockdown, India had increased its testing rate and has markedly strengthened the health care sector to combat Covid -19. With India's population of more than 1.3 billion people at a significant population density compared with the rest of the world, the lack of universal access to clean water and overall poor socio-economic status, all have posed a major challenge to India's fight against Covid -19.

Due to this emerging scenario, SWYAA-India took an active role in the community especially with children to firstly raise awareness, give correct information and take immediate measures to reach out to families with dry ration supply to tide them through grueling periods of lockdown and resulting economic shock continued to have a huge impact on livelihoods.

For a lot of families at the bottom of the pyramid, going back to pre-covid jobs seemed massively far-fetched still. Our endeavor had been to constantly be reaching out to

families of hundreds of children we work with in need of dry rations in 3 communities in Delhi to make sure they got through these trying Covid-19 times. No one was prepared for such a catastrophe that struck so mercilessly. At the height of the Pandemic, SWYAA-India made sure to not give up on any little vulnerable girl who needed support and care. Sometimes it was a meal, sometimes access to a digital device or tuition support, sometimes access to sanitary pads, or sometimes access to a caring teacher who will not let her fall.



At a time when girls faced a risk of dropping out of the school system forever - lack of digital devices, shutting down of school routines, and long gaps in learning, our volunteers reached out to hundreds of girls with constant access to quality education. During the lockdown period, the risk of sinking into poverty and dropping out of school was real for many affected families. However, our adolescent girls continued their education even in lockdown, completed homework, studied for exams, on the digital platform.

The Open School was converted into humanitarian assistance hubs to provide critical food supplies for families of children, adolescent girls we work with within communities in Delhi until the lockdown lifted. Food is a basic human right for survival for any child or adult. Our Open school doubled up as relief workspaces for 30 days of ration distribution to 130+ families of daily wage workers, rickshaw pullers, and the fathers of our girls in the direct communities where we have been working with support from the Indian Development Foundation.



Our community learning centers transformed into relief hubs till July end. Our staff and partners worked with all precautionary measures for about 12-hours a day to make sure relief reached the unreachable. We directly provide dry ration support for a month to about 130+ families in deep crisis after sudden job losses.

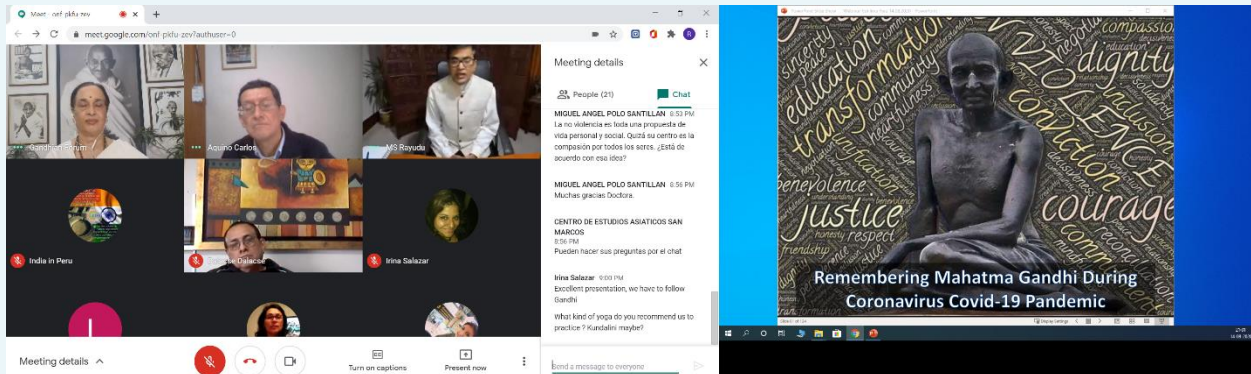
Initiated collaboration between by SWYAA-India & Other Alumni Associations

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

During 2020, the lectures tour of Sri Lanka was conducted by Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna, Chief Executive, and Ravi Chopra, President of SWYAA-India on their own expenses, and the Ministry of Culture, Government of India facilitated their visits as part of the 150th Birth Anniversary celebration of Mahatma Gandhi. The lectures were held at the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre in the High Commission of India Colombo and the Centre for Contemporary Indian Studies in the University of Colombo in which Ex-PYs and other dignitaries also participated.



From May 2020, SWYAA India starts conducting online sessions of Mahatma Gandhi due to the changing scenario of the Covid 19 Pandemic. On the occasion of World Oceans Day on 8th June 2020, a special online session was organized by SWYAA-India and hosted by the High Commission of India in Suva Fiji. During this many Ex-PYs from SWYAA-Fiji joined the session.



On 14th August 2020, a conference was organized by the Center for Asian Studies of San Marcos University, Embassy of India in Lima Peru & SWYAA India on “Existential Crisis due to Covid-19 Pandemic and the need to live in harmony with nature: The Gandhian Way”. During this many Ex-PYs from SWYAA-Peru joined the conference virtually.

“An eye for eye only ends up making the whole world blind”. -Mahatma Gandhi