



Janhit Foundation's Newsletter

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Janhit Foundation is an independent, not-for-profit non-governmental organization, actively engaged in the promotion of human welfare through environmental protection since 1998.

Key areas of work include:

- *Groundwater quality protection for human health*
- *Provision of safe drinking water to marginalized communities*
- *Protection of river water quality for aquatic ecosystems*
- *Enhancement of available water resources through water conservation measures*
- *Promotion of sustainable agriculture by organic farming methods*
- *Environmental education and empowerment of local communities*

Janhit Foundation undertakes this work through scientific research, campaigns, advocacy and grass-root level community involvement.

As a public interest organisation, Janhit Foundation focuses on strengthening local communities through their active participation in decision making, to achieve sustainable development. We believe that environmental degradation can only be addressed adequately if local people are empowered in decision making at all levels and have control over resources.



From the Director !

I am happy to present this issue of our newsletter. I hope you would appreciate our continuous efforts towards environment conservation through our various activities.

We look forward to your suggestions and comments. A happy reading to all!

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Revival of Siddh Baba Kodiya Talaab

Janhit Foundation has recently initiated the project on Siddh Baba pond revival with the support of Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) and Hindustan Coca Cola Beverages Pvt Ltd.

The inauguration event was held on February 15 at Siddh Baba Talaab. The guests on the occa-

sion were Anita Rana (Director, Janhit Foundation), Prateek Dubey (Head – HR, Uttar Pradesh, Hindustan Coca Cola Beverages Pvt Ltd) and Manu Sharma (Manager – Grantmaking, Charities Aid Foundation) along with Satpal Ji, the Pradhyaan of the village and the Sub District Magistrate of Modi Na-

gar, Shanlendra Chowdhary. Following the welcoming ceremony everybody continued to the banks of the talaab for the bhoomi poojan.

The project has already started with cleaning up of the pond followed by excavation and silt disposal. The project is expected to end towards April end.



Adequate water is one of the keystones of development.

Workshop on IDWM

A one day workshop was organized by **Development Alternatives (DA)**, on **23rd December 2010** at TARA Nirman Kendra, Ghitorni, New Delhi in association with **India Water Partnership (IWP)** to create a common understanding on the concept of IDWM and explore policy measures needed to ensure large scale propagation of the concept.

The aim was to bring together people, representing different stakeholder groups from various parts of the country, to share their experiences on Integrated Domestic Water Management and debate on policy influences needed.

The key objectives of the workshop were:

- Experience Sharing on

IDWM across different regions through case studies as potential examples

- Building consensus on Policy Measures which have emerged through experience of case studies and field presence of Development Alternatives
- Institutional Mechanisms which can be used for propagating IDWM on a national level



Visit to RAIN CENTRE

A group of students accompanied by Dr. Shweta, from Home Science Department, CCS University, Meerut visited the office of Janhit Foundation. The main

purpose of the visit was to understand the working of an NGO. The students were educated about the issues on which the organisation is working through presentations,

documentary screening and also interactive discussion. They were also given knowledge on the purpose behind functioning of NGOs and their management.

Climate Induced Flood & Drought Mitigation and Management

Two day sensitization programme was organised by India Water Partnership (IWP) which was attended by Anita Rana and Matthew Shanley on behalf of Janhit Foundation.

It was a highly interesting conference touching many aspects of climate induced flood and drought.

The delegates were welcomed by Prof. Prem Vashishtha, Dean, Sharda University & Board Member, IWP. The inaugural address was given by Dr Rajender Singh, Tarun Bharat Singh, Rajasthan (Magsaysay Awardee.) Dr. Veena Khanduri, Advisor IWP then introduced the proceedings. The keynote address was then delivered by Shri P G Dhar Chakrabarti, I.A.S. Executive Director, National Institute

of Disaster Management (NIDM).

There were a number of very interesting presentations on the following topics

- Community level drought mitigation challenges – up scaling
- Too little water in a changing climate scenario
- Drought risk reduction & vulnerability assessment and for climate change adaptation approaches
- Monitoring and early warning system in drought management
- Remote sensing in disaster management
- Flood forecasting and early warning systems
- Live with the flood – an approach to enhance livelihood of vulnerable community. An approach that also dealt with agriculture in an unfertile silty area

and also dealt with drought

- Floods in Orissa – Recent challenges, with regard to living in a delta. Also noted the false security given by bunding
- River cleaning in Pune to reduce flooding. An extraordinary case of mass movement in Pune

Janhit Foundation would like to thank the India Water Partnership for organising the conference. It was a great event to hear of case studies in different areas of the country. There were some very eye opening and educational lectures from people with first hand knowledge of what happened in each case. There was great opportunity for networking.

The National Workshop on Living Soils

Soil is one of the basic natural resources that supports life on earth.

The National Workshop on Living Soils was held on December 13, 2010 at Constitution Club, New Delhi from 10:30 AM to 5 PM.

Ms Anita Rana, Director of Janhit Foundation attended a conference that discussed the following topics; “nutrient based subsidy (NBS), the Central Gov-

ernment Schemes, Comparative Analysis of Chemical fertilizer subsidy policy (NBS) and other schemes.” The conference then looked at the way forward.

The Inaugural Session was chaired by Rajesh Krishnan of Greenpeace he gave a welcome speech and an introduction to Greenpeace and the Living Soils Campaign in India. The Inauguration ceremony was carried out by Shri. Basudeb Acharya the Honorable Chairman and the Parliamentary Standing

Committee on Agriculture. A key note address, “The Need for Living Soils” was given by Dr J Venkateswarlu the Former Director of CAZRI in Jodhpur Dr Dhruvendra Kumar, Deputy Commissioner, Ministry of Agriculture & Cooperation, Govt. of India and Dr. Vandana Dwivedi, Joint Advisor (Agriculture), Planning Commission, Govt. of India both gave presentations.

Matthew Shanley BE MIEI, Irish Volunteer with Janhit

Sorry to say goodbye

It's been a six month rollercoaster ride with Janhit Foundation.

From interacting with students, through a range of programs such as "My Clean Meerut" and "Water Literacy on Wheels" to playing host to Australian film students, and 25 international visitors through "Oxfam Kaleidoscope" to attending conferences and seminars such as "Oxfam

Livelihoods" and "Climate Change induced Flood and Drought Mitigation." But the real work has been behind the scenes countless reports and proposals were written and re-written. The two main reasons I enjoyed working with Janhit Foundation is we are a team and that I hope I contributed significantly to the team, the second being seeing the impact we made through our work both in the short and long term. I wish

to thank them for accepting me, showing me the ropes and giving me responsibility. The projects Janhit Foundation works on are extremely meaningful to the lives of the people of Meerut and areas around it. Working with Janhit Foundation and my trip in India has exceeded my expectations and then some. Like I said at the start, I'm sorry to have to say goodbye.



IASOWA (IAS Officers Wives Association) Winter Carnival

The IASOWA Winter Carnival is an annual event with a huge turnout every year!

The Carnival was held on the Saturday the 22nd of January 2011

At Nehru Park, PSOI (opposite Yashwant Place,) Chankyapuri

The event was a huge success there were a wide

variety of stalls and we were delighted to be part of it. We arrived early and set up our stall near the entrance of the market successfully promoting Organic Aaharam.

There were a large number of customers and we were even graced by the vice presidents wife's presence. An exceptional quantity of stock was sold and there

was a keen interest in the delivery service.

We wish to congratulate the IAS Officers Wives Association for hosting the event in the beautiful Nehru Park.

Also we wish to thank Mr Sodhi the director of CEE, Centre of Environmental Education, for sponsoring our stall for the event.

Water has not been guaranteed as a matter of Fundamental Rights in our Constitution. However, courts by several judicial pronouncements have inferred that right to clean and safe water is an important aspect of Article 21 of the Constitution of India.

Further discussion on the Groundwater Policy

Janhit Foundation had prepared a groundwater policy draft for the State of Uttar Pradesh, which was also submitted to the UP Govt. This policy was a contribution of various experts, scientists, re-

nowned policy analysts, NGOs and also the community members.

Government of Uttar Pradesh also recently prepared a draft of the Groundwater Bill for UP

State. It was being felt by the organization that a few important challenges still lack in the draft prepared by the UP Government, which are very necessary and need to be discussed. As a step further,

Janhit Foundation organised a dialogue through a workshop to discuss these challenges with the concerned stakeholders, so that when the final policy/bill is prepared and implemented, it actually benefits the people of Uttar Pradesh.

The workshop was organised at Hotel Arif Castles, Lucknow on **December 9th, 2010** in support with India Water Partnership (IWP), New Delhi. The main guests on the occasion were Mr. Sushil Kumar, Principal Secretary, Minor Irrigation; Mr. Sudhir Chand Verma, Former Lokayukt; Mr. V W Ambekar (on behalf of IWP), Ex – Director, UP Agriculture Department; Dr. S B Singh, Ex-Director, CGWB and Dr. Vishwas, Regional Director (North India), CGWB. At the onset, Ms. Anita Rana, Director of Janhit Founda-

tion welcomed the guests by offering them a basket of organic products.

Other participants included senior scientists and representatives from different government departments, NGOs, students from Geology Department of Lucknow University and delegates from other states.

Mr. Sushil Kumar ji appreciated the effort and interest of an NGO like Janhit Foundation in such a burning issue of groundwater management. He said that out of the total meetings organized till date to discuss the groundwater bill by government departments and other institutions, this meeting has been the most fruitful one and that the points raised would be considered.

He said that since such brainstorming background work has

been done on the bill, it would be his effort to bring up this policy at the earliest. He also appreciated India Water Partnership for coming forward to support Janhit Foundation for this noble cause. The points recommended by Janhit Foundation and the participants were noted by Sh. Sushil Kumar ji; so that the same can be considered in the ground water bill being prepared by the government. He also stressed the need to pass the bill and implement the act as soon as possible in the interest of national resource. If affected people would point out any anomaly or suggest any important clauses, that can be included through amendment. Now, the foundation hopes that soon the final bill would be passed and it would be the final conclusion of the dialogue of Janhit Foundation.



Oxfam International Youth Partnerships (OIYP) Kaleidoscope 2010



Oxfam International Youth Partnerships (OIYP) Kaleidoscope 2010 was an initiative jointly conducted by Oxfam Australia and Oxfam India. As a part of the programme, a group of 25 from different countries around the world visited Janhit Foundation. They received an introduction to the organisation, followed by a visit

to the Organic Aaharam. In the afternoon we visited the site for vermicomposting and the production of liquid manure at Bhatipura, followed by a visit to the village, Atrada where Lemon grass and Neem is processed. Members of the media took an interest in the event, with a number of TV interviews taken place, and an article ap-

pearing in today's Hindustan. Janhit was enthused by the group's response and were delighted to have the opportunity to host such a visit. The group thoroughly enjoyed the day, and it was a great educational experience.



Farmers taken on Exposure Visit



In Meerut most of the farmers produce sugarcane. But for last few years the production of sugarcane is decreasing at high rate. Farmers are regularly using the chemicals in their fields to increase the production of their crops, but no effect.

He also developer of different techniques and machine for the sowing of sugarcane.

This will provide different growth promoter to the soil. This also help to keep pest and weed and pest away from the crop.

To understand the reasons and learn some technique, Janhit Foundation organizes a training cum exposure visit to Miraj. Mr Desai is producing the sugarcane organically for last 20-25 years.

This tour was a great learning experience for us as we have learnt different techniques to improve the production of sugarcane organically. This will be definitely going to increase the economy of farmers of Meerut. Different things we learnt from there are –

2. Water management techniques –
3. Importance of air and sunlight for the sugarcane
4. Different techniques for the preparation of seeds for sugarcane
5. Equipments for preparing the buds for seed- these machines are developed by Mr. Desai
6. Techniques of preparing and managing the nursery.

1. Inter Cropping Pattern – Mr. Desai showed us how important is inter-



World Water Monitoring Day

Janhit Foundation is committed to sharing and protecting our community's water ecosystem and encourages citizens to learn more about protecting our valuable water resources. World Water Monitoring Day is an excellent initiative designed to promote education and personal stewardship. Janhit Foundation have a rich history of working on water related issues, we are currently running a program called "Water Literacy on Wheels" and have a rain Centre in Meerut. We also recently took part in World Water Day organizing seminars and awareness events in Meerut and Ghaziabad.

Meerut is a city situated in western Uttar Pradesh. We are in the Doab region situated between the rivers Ganga and Yamuna. The area was renowned for fertile agricultural land and water abundance. Presently there is a water crisis due to excessive extraction of groundwater for sugarcane production and chemicals entering the water table. Surface water bodies are also heavily polluted.

Janhit Foundation joined with thousands of volunteers across the globe to sample water qual-

ity and report its findings. We had a world water day celebration in Meerut and in the following months carried out testing throughout our working region.

The monitoring activities are easy and engaging. We performed tests for dissolved oxygen, pH, turbidity (clarity) and temperature. We engaged with a wide audience from different areas of Uttar Pradesh. We tested ground water, ponds, streams and a river called Kali Nadi that now lives up to it's name as the black river and not it's historical belief that it cures coughs.

While engaged in this event, we got the participants looking and examining their own water bodies. The facilitated the groups by describing what each test meant and what affected the results. We were able to discuss the lowering water table, how chemicals were polluting the groundwater. We explained sanitation, and how potable drinking water can easily become contaminated. We talked about what fish other creatures that live in water bodies need to live. The groups generally were quite aware of water issues and they discussed corrective and pre-

ventive measures to improve the situation.



Janhit Foundation is soon taking up a study project wherein it would verify the existence of the natural water resources structures in 663 villages of Meerut districts of Western U.P. The project would highlight whether ponds still exist or not and a comparison of the changes would be drawn from data of earlier studies. Thereafter, the quality analysis of water available in the existing water bodies would be done. The outcomes will be mapped on a GIS platform for policy makers and planners. This study would act as an effective planning tool for understanding and managing water quality.

Visit by students from Deakin University

A group of students from Deakin University Australia, visited Janhit Foundation for a study tour to shoot and script a film on the activities being undertaken by Janhit Foundation.

During the visit, students had a learning experience and the outcome was a film on our work which would now be used for various communications purposes.

The film can be seen online at <http://www.masscomedia.tv/play.php?vid=585>



Janhit Foundation's E Group

With the objective of providing a forum on which members from state government, research institutes, academic institutions, I/NGOs and any interested individuals or groups can discuss organic farming, and intercropping, ill effects of chemical fertilizers and pesticides, water conservation and benefits of neem, we at Janhit Foundation have set up an egroup.

This egroup is functional to discuss on organic farming, and intercropping, ill effects of chemi-

cal fertilizers and pesticides, water conservation and benefits of neem. This egroup web provides a message board that discussions can take place on. Provide all the fact sheets, pamphlets, training material, reports and other usable documentation that Janhit has prepared for the Oxfam project. Problems raised by the farmers in the weekly meetings will be posted on the site with the answers. Provide a directory of Links to, relevant government web pages, Other NGO's involved in similar work, standards

for organic farming. We will also quote the relevant information from these sites as well as posting the links Announcement of all upcoming meetings, training events, exposure visits

If a person does not have access to the internet and still wants their opinions or views expressed on the egroup, we are still contactable through post and phone as well as directly through our field workers.



NGO-UNICEF round table discussion

NGO-UNICEF round-table discussion on was organised on 9th November 2010 at UNICEF office in Bhopal. The objective of the discussion was to share experiences and explore areas of potential partnership between UNICEF and other organizations in the field of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH). Ms. Anita Rana was invited to participate in this important meeting on behalf of Janhit Foundation.

Livelihoods India Conference

Ms. Anita Rana and Matthew Shanley attended this important conference on behalf of Janhit Foundation. "Agriculture based Livelihoods: Challenges for small holders" and Producer Collectives and Value Chains" were two very interesting lectures.

The first covered 'small and marginal farmers,' 80% of Indian farmers. "Though, policy frameworks have been developed to ensure and strengthen agriculture based livelihoods of poor and also to ensure rights and entitlements of the small and marginal land holders; owing to institutional and implementation challenges either these policies have not reached the small and marginal land holders or they have faced difficulties in accessing these. Besides, policy issues, small and marginal farmers face several challenges like lack of access to markets, lack of access to resources, inability to maximize returns in the value chain and prone to high risks, to name a few."1

Y C Nanda, Agriculture Finance Corporation chaired this session and gave interesting short summaries of each speech. Notable speeches were Suhas P Wani's (the principle scientist at ICRISAT) very detailed powerpoint presentation on the challenges a small farmer faces, as is his area of expertise he focused on rain

fed agriculture and capacity building. He stated that currently farmer's yields are two to five folds lower than achievable, and talked of the vast potential of rain fed agriculture. He also discussed the "shocks and stresses of a deranged Indian watershed" as well as the rehabilitation of degraded land. Also of note was superb speech by Soumen Biswas, Executive Director of PRADAN. He discussed attitudes and personal development, "not extending a crop but extending a person to create a sense of hope." He outlined human resources not being sufficient at present for farmers and the village population. The CEO of Oxfam India, Nisha Agrawal spoke on the 12th 5 year plan and climate change.

The second session covered producer collectives and value chains. "In recent times, there has been enormous stress on the ability of producer collectives to effectively integrate poor primary producers into the mainstream value chains. This lecture focused on various such experiences and examples of producer collectives like producer companies, federations, cooperatives, etc. In particular, it discussed key factors needed to establish a successful producer collective, learning

from the field, existing arrangements for integration of producer collectives into mainstream markets etc." 1 Parmesh Shah the Senior Rural Development Specialist for the South Asia Region, World Bank moderated this session successfully. All the speakers engaged well with the audience. Three of these were; Dr. Reedy 'OORVI' of Agricultural Products India Pvt Ltd spoke of ever changing models and markets and how policy changes affect industries, in particular cotton with which he is involved. Yogesh Ghore, Senior Program Staff of Coady International Institute discussed his experience of mapping supply chains and he also touched on a case study of the Zambian small boarder traders association. Amar Prasad the Chief Executive Officer of the Grameen Vikas Trust lectured on pragmatic business plans, quality control and bulk production.

The event was extremely well organized and Janhit Foundation learned a great deal at the conference and had some excellent networking opportunities. Janhit Foundation would like to thank Oxfam in subsidizing our trip.



An Update on MY CLEAN MEERUT

On the 1st of November, 2010 Mr Remco Van Santen came to Meerut to inspire the city to be part of something beautiful that started in Nainital four years ago.

A meeting of interested persons in Meerut was held on the evening of the 1st. The meeting included: Amit Mohan, Dr. R.B. Singh, Ex Maj. (Dr.) Himanshu, Dr. Poonam Devdutt, Mrs. Archana Gupta, Mrs Ruchira Singh, Lalit Tara, Priity Singh, Rajeeve Kumar, Ms. Anivita Agarwal, Ms. Sudha Kumari, Sarika Garg, Vishant Chawdary, Manju Gupta, Lt.(Dr.) Avdhesh Kumar, Matthew Shanley, Dr. Anurag Singh, Ainta Rana. Mr. Remco Van Santen along with Anita Rana chaired the Meeting. On the 2nd

Mr. Remco and Janhit Foundation gave presentations to two schools, Devan Public School and Army Public School. In both schools there were highly enthusiastic students and equally supportive and pragmatic teachers.

We also visited the City Magistrate of Meerut; Mr Praven Mishra and the Chief Development Officer; Mr Pranjal Yadar My Clean India (MCI) is a not for profit concept promoting the empowerment of self and your community This was Mr. Remco's fourth visit to Meerut, in the past he met with the Late Sh. Anil Rana. And it is his vision that is being carried forth by Mr Remco and Janhit Foundation. Truly the spirit of My

Clean, to create a vision, and by that, the opportunity for the community to be in action, create solutions, to acknowledge others and regarded with the satisfaction that they can make a difference. **To be the change**

We ask you, dear reader to support My Clean and My Clean Meerut specifically by actively taking pride in you city, promoting good initiatives and taking small steps in your own way. A Beautiful, prosperous Meerut is in your hands.

Watch this space, a big step of action will be happening in Meerut shortly.



MCM at 'Maharishi Vidya Mandir School'

It was more than a great opportunity for JANHIT FOUNDATION, Meerut to be invited to the school founded by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi Ji to give a talk to its students on My Clean Meerut on 25 February 2011.

His Holiness Maharishi Mahesh Yogi Ji, the most dedicated disciple to Shri Guru Dev Swami Brahmanand Saraswati Ji, Jagadguru Shankarayacharya of Jyotishpeeth, Badrikashram, Himalayas, was widely regarded as the Foremost Scientist in the field of consciousness, and is established the greatest teacher in the word history.

Over the past fifty-three years, Maharishi Ji has established a worldwide movement in over 100 countries offering the

knowledge and practical programmes of Maharishi Vedic Science in all areas of life.

The event organised with an aim to instill the value of clean city and school among the students was well achieved by not only making them know the importance of spreading cleanliness around but also by taking a promise from them for maintaining cleanliness around them.

In this two way talk Mr. Matthew Shanley, a volunteer at Janhit Foundation from Ireland presented the objective and vision of the project "My Clean Meerut". All the children participated in the talk by giving their insights and learnt new ways to keep their city clean. Mr. Shanley also asked the children to take a pledge to be the

leaders for the change they want to see i.e. if they wish to live in a clean city they need to take an initiative to make it clean. Children took this pledge and seemed enthusiastic about the programme.

The principle, teachers and the children expressed how they are carrying out similar initiatives at the moment and were keen to work with the My Clean concept.

At the end Mrs. Anita Rana, Director Janhit Foundation, Meerut also addressed the children and wished them a brighter future with a clean city around. We thank the Principal and Ms Shaleesh for inviting and hosting us splendidly.

MCM at 'Devanagri College'

On the 21st of February 2011 Deva Nagri College held an end of year exhibition for its students enrolled under National Service Scheme (NSS) and invited Janhit Foundation to give a talk to its students on My Clean Meerut.

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The students of the college also presented wide variety of cultural programmes. The show was a huge success showing various dance routines, singing, stand up

comedy, plays, and a slideshow of the years work in photographs.

The various department heads and teachers and students gave speeches and expressed their views on the project initiated by Janhit Foundation for initiating a change to keep the city clean.

We wish to thank the management of Devanagri Inter College for inviting us. It was a truly entertaining and rewarding event.

MEERUT CHILDLINE HELPING CHILDREN TO ATTAIN HAPPY AND HEALTHY CHILDHOOD!!

Case Studies

JANHIT FOUNDATION is also a partner organization of CHILDLINE INDIA FOUNDATION (CIF), Mumbai. CHILDLINE is India's first 24-hour, toll-free, emergency phone outreach service for children in need of care and protection, linking them to long-term services for their care and rehabilitation.

Any child and concerned adult can call 1098 and access the CHILDLINE service anytime of the day or night.

CHILDLINE operates in 110 cities within the country, with Meerut being the 73rd city running the service.

JANHIT FOUNDATION upholds this responsibility since April 2007.

DHANANJAY SAVED FROM BEING ABUSED

On 26/11/2010 Mahesh (Team Member, MEERUT CHILDLINE) read an article in the Dainik Jagran Newspaper that a child, 06 years is unable to tell his address. A tempo driver found this boy in missing condition at Partapur. After reading the news Mahesh folded his socks and went to the Tempo Driver so that we can look into this case and help the child. But the Tempo Driver, named Jogender didn't agree to give the child. He didn't even inform Police about this child, but when Mahesh told him to do so he went to the station and filed a case for him. We then went to the

CHILD BEING SOLD FOR RS. 50,000/-

Two days old newborn child who was found on a garbage pile was left by someone and was found by Afsana, mother of seven children at Shyam nagar, Meerut. She picked up the child and started caring for her, in a day's time everyone got to know that she has found a child on a garbage pile and people started coming to her so that she may give that child to them. They even

Police Station and spoke to Mr. Manoj Kumar, the hawaldar of the Partapur Police station about what's CHILDLINE role but he didn't agree to help us, instead he allowed the tempo driver to take away the child with him. Now was the time, that MEERUT CHILDLINE team members felt like helpless when the Police is not supporting them. But, in any case we had to help the child. We went to Child Welfare Club Members and asked for support so as to safeguard the Rights of the child. We took written orders from the Magistrate about giving the child to the CHILDLINE members and he even prescribed a shelter home for Dhananjay,

offered her money ranging from Rs. 5000/- to Rs. 50,000/- but she didn't agree. Reading this news in the National daily, Amar Ujala Meerut CHILDLINE Team members pulled their sleeves and went ahead to protect her rights. First we went to CWC, for taking orders for her to be handed over to MEERUT CHILDLINE and then to keep her at the shelter Home. The process wasn't as easy as it seems to be as Afsana was-

in advance. Thereafter we went to the Police Station again and made all the efforts to get the child from the tempo driver, and did all documentation work with the police. Finally, the child was handed over to us and we brought him to the office. The next day he was taken to the Shelter and is now under proper counselling as well as safe conditions till we find anything about his parents who are ought to be in Delhi. The case has made us mark our inerasable mark on the Partapur Police Station Cops and the general people around that area, as they were all informed about our efforts and our work through this case.

n't ready to give the child, whatever be the reason (money or attachment). But we involved Police and took the child from her and left her at the Subharti karn Ashram. This is how MEERUT CHILDLINE saved the rights of a newborn child. Currently, CWC is inspecting the case and there had been many incidences and witnesses who are claiming wide variety of scenes in the case.

HELP US!

Spread the word around. Tell your friends, your colleagues at work, friends in media, children in distress, everybody you know, about CHILDLINE what we do and how they can help a child in need.

Call 1098 to inform us about the child in distress.

MEDIA AND MEERUT CHILDLINE JOIN HANDS FOR THE SAFETY OF CHILD RIGHTS

National daily Amar Ujala Compact published news regarding a newborn child found in the garbage at Baghpat. On reading that news we called the concerned media person and took all the details about the case. To proceed further in the case we met CWC member and he informed us that there's another CWC in baghpat which will deal with this case. Next day 23/12/2010 we went to Baghpat, first to Aastha Hospital where the child was meant to be...but unfortunately we couldn't meet the child as she died a day before only.

We went to meet the village head and he informed us that there were some children playing in the field near a garbage dump where they saw a child and started shouting. Thereafter the village people admitted the child to the hospital, as she was in bad condition suffering from serious cold and she had marks of blade on her neck. The investigation proved that the child is tried for death many a times. Her delivery hasn't also been alright, as the doctors after inspecting found that the umbilical cord was cut from a wrong position. Police and the Village Panchayat are looking into the case and will inform us as soon as they receive any information about the suspects.

MEERUT CHILDLINE RESTORES FOUR CHILDREN OF A SAME FAMILY

In extreme winter four children ran away from their home, in fear of their eldest brother who used to beat them and deny their fundamental rights. Police (Tejgarhi Police Station) called us on 1098 to inform us about

four children (Zubaida, Heena, Farah and Anwar) who were found in unclaimed state on the road at night time. CHILDLINE members went to the police station and spoke to the children about their problems. They were not telling about their permanent address and were denying to go back home due to the fear of getting beaten by their eldest brother. We counseled all those four beautiful children and after talking to them we were able to know about the actual problem they were facing and their permanent address too. We traced the address, which was found to be right and took those children to their home. We met their guardians and counselled them also about the care and protection of children. We told them about the rights of children and the punishments they might face if they won't provide the facilities to the children according to law. They understood about the rights of children and promised us that they will help the children instead of beating them.

MEERUT CHILDLINE TOOK THE LEAD TO HELP REENA DELIVER HER CHILD SAFELY

On the eve of Christmas, when the world was awaiting Santa to come and give them gifts Reena, 37, W/O Mr. Subhash a pregnant lady was dying for help and medical support. The doctors, gods of patients threw her out of the labour room and ill treated her.

On 24.12.2010 MEERUT CHILDLINE received a call from Mr. Subhash, who told us that his wife is 7 months pregnant and is suffering from pain. He said that she needs medical support and seems that will need an early delivery. Team Member on receiving the information went to their slum and took the lady to Lala Lajpat Rai Medical College, Meerut after talking to the lady.

After completing the initial requirements of the hospital MEERUT CHILDLINE Team Member (Asha and Kavita) arranged for her to be shifted to the labour department of the hospital. The journey after this wasn't as simple as it's for others. We waited for 1.5 hours but weren't attended by any doctor or nurse, when the lady was in urgent need and required immediate medical treatment. Her bleeding was increasing and so was her pain. That wasn't all yet, after wasting those precious 90 minutes she was literally thrown out of the labour department by ill-treating her. She was abused and was even physically threatened by the doctor, out of frustration. She was not given any treatment instead was told that there is no bed for her. After this when she came out the nurse outside made a firm for her blood test on which she wrote a wrong name (Leena instead of Reena) and so when the report came, it wasn't checked by the doctor. Hence, her precious three hours went in vain and she kept feeling the immense pain.

Looking upon the intricacies and frustrated doctors and nurses of the hospital, MEERUT CHILDLINE Team Members (Asha and Kavita) called Press and Media people for support. Another one hour of chaos by Media people also didn't affect the doctors of the hospital, and no arrangement was made for treating Reena.

Thereafter, she was taken to another hospital (Pyaare Lal Sharma Hospital) by the team members of MEERUT CHILDLINE where the doctors gave her treatment. But due to delay in treatment they were very worried about the lives of the lady and the child. Operation was done and she delivered a girl child successfully. Since the child wasn't healthy she was kept in nursery, unfortunately she could only survive for two days.

NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

MEERUT CHILDLINE in co-ordination with BIG BAZAAR, MEERUT organised a party for the children of RAJKIYA BAAL SADAN, MEERUT on New Year's eve so as to make these less privileged children join the main stream and be happy for the upcoming year 2011.

Meetings



CHILDLINE SE DOSTI WEEK

MEERUT CHILDLINE conducted the campaign CHILDLINE SE DOSTI WEEK from 07 to 14 November 2010 in which different activities were organised to spread awareness about our programme. The week began with a drawing carnival, and extended to activities like Nukad Naatak, tying Suraksha Sutra to police and officials, awareness camps and a Baal Rally. The motive was well achieved and we were able to make many new and long-lasting friends of CHIDLINE. Dosti Campaign has been envisaged as a warm and inviting initiative and has been able to reach out and touch people from all walks of life.



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