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Little Readers, Big Dreams: Thanks to Bookwallah



REAP, *Caring Through Sharing's (CTS)* dedicated educational partner under the Bombay Jesuits, is transforming lives one story at a time. Thanks to a heartwarming donation from <u>Bookwallah</u> Organization under their "**Giving Tree Program**," our young readers in Kalwa East, Thane, are now embarking on exciting literary journeys.

These books are more than pages; they are portals to adventure! **Caring Through Sharing** (CTS) and the Bookwallah Organization share a common goal: inspiring young minds through reading. Their generous contribution has transformed our library into a magical place where learning is an exciting journey.

With these new treasures, REAP's EcoSTEM and STEM Udaan programs will become even more interactive and inspiring. We believe that every child deserves the opportunity to dream big, and these books are helping us make that dream a reality.

Together, we are building a brighter future for our children, one story at a time. Join us in this journey by donating, volunteering, or simply spreading the word. Let's create a world where every child is a reader!

ECD Kits Bring Hope to Young Children

New Delhi, India – On July 18th, 2024, *Caring Through Sharing* (CTS) and Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) joined hands to brighten the lives of young children. A distribution ceremony was held at the Chin Refugee Women Committee (CRWC) Day Care Center in Hastsal, New Delhi, where 80 Early Childhood Development (ECD) kits were handed out.

These specially designed kits, filled with essential learning materials, are more than just resources-- they are stepping stones to a brighter future. Each kit, packed with items such as alphabet blocks, pre-writing boards, and storytelling cards, aims to stimulate young minds and prepare children aged 2 to 5 for formal schooling.

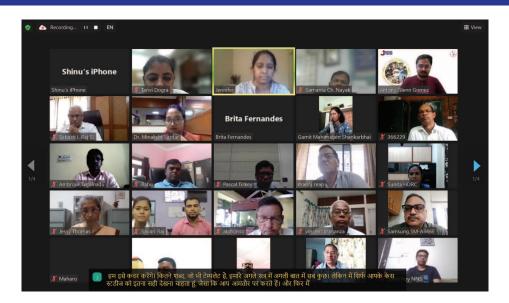


The event was a celebration of hope and motivation, bringing the community together to support the young children. Heartfelt speeches expressed gratitude for the initiative and its impact on the community.

Caring Through Sharing and Jesuit Refugee Service remain committed to supporting the community by providing essential resources and creating nurturing environments. This partnership is a testament to the belief that every child deserves a strong foundation for their education and future.

However, our work is far over. To ensure that every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential, we need your support. Your donation can help us provide more ECD kits, expand our programs, and create a lasting impact on these young lives.

Caring Through Sharing (CTS) Enhances Partner Capacity with Documentation Workshop



Building upon the success of its March 2024 CSR workshop, *Caring Through Sharing* (CTS) organized a two-day online workshop on **August 2nd and 5th**, **2024**, to equip partners with essential documentation skills.

The "**Mastering the Art of Documentation**" workshop attracted 192 participants from various social centers. National Consultant with UNICEF India, Ms. Jennifer Selvaraj, led the training, sharing insights on the importance of documentation, effective practices, and crafting compelling case stories.

Participants gained practical knowledge on documentation fundamentals, challenges, and strategies. Interactive sessions and hands-on assignments helped them identify and document their own success stories.

CTS is committed to fostering a strong documentation culture within the development sector and plans to conduct more workshops in the future.

We have compiled all the resource materials from both days in a Google Drive folder: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zwVUdie72RZ9_t45Kt7pCS0L99gHEO82?usp=share_link

Stay tuned for information about upcoming workshops! You can also learn more about Jesuit Research and Development Society on our website: www.jrds.org.in

CTS Highlights Sustainable Solutions at CSR Conclave



Caring Through Sharing (CTS) proudly participated in the Anchal Charitable Trust's CSR Conclave on July 8th at the India International Centre, New Delhi. Our commitment to creating lasting social impact took center stage as Mr. Shinu Joseph, Manager Program Support, captivated the attention of leading development sector experts, government officials, and corporate leaders with a compelling presentation of Caring Through Sharing's (CTS) work.

By showcasing our expertise in capacity building, impact assessments, and research studies.

Caring Through Sharing demonstrated a clear pathway to sustainable development. Our work resonated deeply with the conclave's theme, sparking insightful discussions on addressing critical challenges in education and climate change.



Graced by the presence of Shri Harsh Malhotra, MoS, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, as the Chief Guest, the event

provided a platform to recognize exceptional CSR initiatives. Through active engagement in the NGO showcase, we shared our valuable partnerships and explored opportunities to expand our reach. This collaboration is essential to building a more equitable and sustainable future.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Anchal Charitable Trust and Dr. Sanjeev Sheel, Director, for the opportunity to share our story.

Empowering Migrant Workers: MAIN Makes a Difference



We're proud to highlight the incredible work of our partner, **Migrant Assistance and Information Network** (MAIN). On July 29th, MAIN took a significant step towards improving the lives of migrant workers by conducting a successful awareness program in Arpora, Goa.

12 new Eshram cards were issued, bringing these workers closer to essential social security benefits. This achievement is a testament to MAIN's dedication to protecting and empowering migrant communities.

MAIN is a beacon of hope for migrant workers in distress. By collaborating with individuals and organizations, they're building a future where every migrant feels safe, valued, and supported. Their commitment to long-term solutions, including education and skills development for migrant children, ensures a brighter tomorrow for these communities.

REAP's 78th Independence Day Celebration: A Day of Joy, Learning, and Empowerment



On the occasion of the **78th Independence Day**, our partner REAP's Learning Centers across Shivaji Nagar, Bhaskar Nagar 1, Bhaskar Nagar 2, Thakurpada, Waghoba Nagar, and Jai Bhim Nagar celebrated the vibrant spirit of freedom.

The celebration was a day filled with joy, energy, and a deep sense of patriotism. Our young children took the stage with enthusiasm, dazzling the audience with their dance performances, powerful poetry recitations, and creative activities. To further support their educational journey, REAP distributed school stationery to all students. This gesture symbolizes REAP's dedication to providing the necessary resources for their academic success.

The smiles on the children's faces were a testament to the positive impact of REAP's programs. Their growing confidence and enthusiasm reflect the opportunities they are given to shape their own futures.

We believe that every child deserves access to quality education. By partnering with REAP, we are proud to support their mission to empower young minds and create a brighter future for their communities.

Happy Independence Day to all! Let's continue to celebrate the spirit of freedom, learning, and empowerment.

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