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Sujaya Foundation Workshops

Sujaya Foundation organized a workshop on the request Of The Foundation in September, to train partner NGOs on their newly developed English Immersion course. This course developed in accordance with Maharashtra state's school syllabus will help in improving the grammar of children and their by the quality of English learning . The NKN partners from in Maharashtra attended the workshop and very much impressed with the program. The programme is planned to be rolled out form second week of October in 5 NKN centers.



Theatre Performance on the opening ceremony of the Restless Development Youth resource center.

Rahon visit

Hammad Abedin, from NASSCOM Foundation recently visited Rahon, Punjab where Sardar Kartar Singh Memorial Society for Education & Welfare is running 6 NKN centers for more than 3 years. Currently, About 400 children are enrolled and getting education in 50 different courses in these centers. In their latest venture SKS has partnered with Certiport and became an authorized CATC (Certiport authorized testing center) under Eduskills approved network.. As CATC the centre is authorised to conduct Microsoft Office specialist certification exam. (more on page 3)

On Right: Girls at the Rahon Center @ a hardware maintenance practical session.

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Lean Computer Learning Center

Moser Baer Trust (MBT) takes another forward step to promote digital literacy. On 17 September 2012, MBT successfully completed the setting up of a Computer lab. The lab was setup with 11 new LED monitors; that are connected to one single CPU. This will significantly help them to increase their outreach to more students with low cost. This initiative of MBT has remarkably reduced the energy consumption to 650 watts Amps, This lean system of computers has reduced the set up costs for a center by half .

MBT has extended a open invitation to any network partner to come and see the set up of their new lean computer learning centre. They also plan to replicate this set up in 2-3 more centres.



Above: MBT center Using Lean Computers

Right: Inauguration of the Youth Resource center in Tamilnadu



New Resource centres for Youth

Restless Development(formerly SPW) has established three new Youth Resource centres in India – Two in Tamil Nadu and One in Odisha. These Centers will serve as the information hub for young people in the community who now have free access to computers, internet and information on livelihoods and employment, civic rights and health. This set up was done in partnership with the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD)

Restless Development also facilitated a high level delegation from the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Nepal along with Nehru Yuva Kendra of India. The delegation also Visited the Youth Resource centres to study the set up.

Through BiG Tech Program Restless Development got a whole consignment of software at a subsidised rate. The original software's will be used by them in their resource centres.



Free Medical Camp

Pragatee Foundation in Mumbai has organized a free medical camp on 22nd September, 2012 at Vishwakarma Mitra Mandal, Kalina in association with Seven Hills Hospital.

Opportunity

Eduskills the national partner for Certiport and has expressed interest in the NKN for setting up Certiport testing centers. The Foundation is really excited at this development and we will update you soon on the deliberations. Visit them @ <http://www.eduskills.in/> for more details about the organization

Request for Proposal's

SIDA invites application for using ICT for empowerment of women and girls, **Apply by October 18th, 2012.**

<http://www.sida.se/English/Partners/Civil-Society-/Calls-for-Proposals-democracy-initiative/ICT-for-empowerment-of-women-and-girls/>

Dimagi invites application for Improving Health through IT (Mobiles). **Apply by 30th November, 2012**

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