COMPUTER SHIKSHA
..........bridging the digital divide

Computer Shiksha completes three years

Newsletter

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Computer Shiksha is a team of like minded people working towards computer literacy among underprivileged children. Our mission is to provide Computer Knowledge and Training with passion and commitment, to deliver Value in the form of Computer trained people, who use this skill for the betterment of their lives in every possible way.

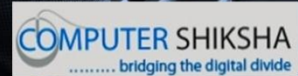Computer Shiksha started with 60 students. Three years from when it started on the 5th May 2015 it now caters to more than a 1000 children in Gurgaon.

Preparing for the Next Leap

It has been three years that Computer Shiksha has delivered computer literacy programmes for (mostly) municipal schools. We are confident of having matured as an organization to now carry this programme across the length and breadth of this country (obviously subject to the availability of funds). Our course material after multiple iterations is near perfected. Our teachers (remember we have 0% attrition amongst our trainers till now) are now experts. In a nutshell we are ready to scale. Therefore we took a hard look at our operations and asked ourselves - How do we scale? … What are the impediments we should be prepared to expect? In this soul searching we realized that much of our excellence in delivery is dependent on the quality of our trainers and course material. While course material is replicable it is difficult to replicate trainers. So we realized that in order to make our scaling possible and perfect we need to make our delivery as agnostic to the quality of the trainer as possible. That's what gave rise to the current project that we have taken on.
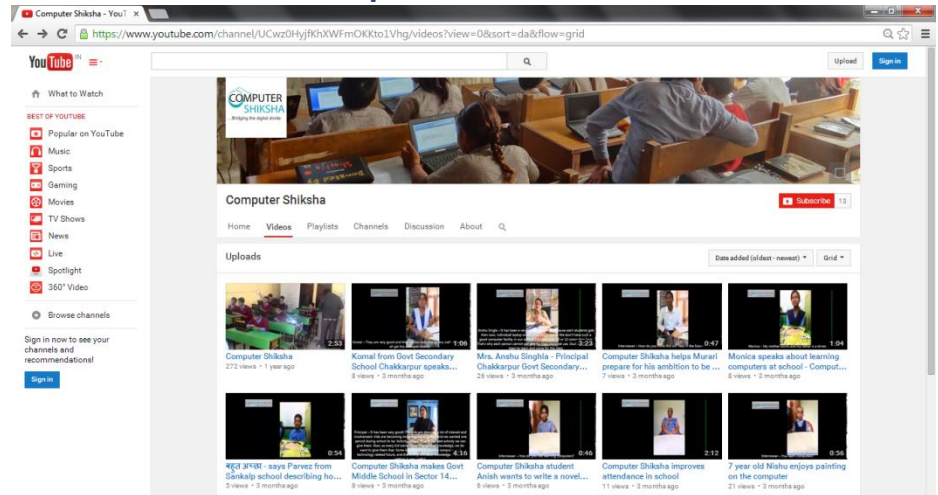
Under the guidance of our patron Sumit Malhotra we are in the process of converting our entire course into an e-learning module whereby anyone who is a little acquainted with computers can turn into an effective trainer. This way, once we decide to move into rural India, we can pick up a local student and train him/her on this module and then he/she would be able to impart training to other kids easily.

Classes start at Choma village

As per plan on 22nd April, Computer Shiksha started lessons at the the Government Middle school in Choma village. Here are some of the pictures.

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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwz0HyjfKhXWFmOKKto1Vhg/videos?view=0&sort=da&flow=grid

We started the youtube channel for Computer Shiksha quite some back but then one video does not make a channel. So with the efforts of a lot of people and their hard work we have put together multiple videos on the channel for you to get a glimpse of the world of Computer Shiksha. These videos are interviews of students and principals of our partner schools. You can watch how Nishu (7 years old) loves painting on the screen, Komal how the teachers are ever so helpful and the principals of two schools speaking how Computer Shiksha has made their schools and the education more meaningful for their students and attractive too.

The credit of all these interviews so painstakingly taken goes to Puneet. Puneet is from the Collge of Vocational Studies, University of Delhi and doing his Bachelors in Management Studies. The raw footage was then taken and edited and subtitles put by Aditi Mathur and Tanmay Mathur. It is the enthusiasm of young people that takes us through doing something like this at no cost. Thank You Puneet, Tanmay and Aditi.

Donation Fatigue?!

The generosity of our donors enables us to maintain our operations and dream of expanding them too. But over the last few months the donations have dropped to an almost zero. And now we are fast approaching a crisis situation where our funds in our bank accounts have depleted too. We have also noticed that whenever it is something specific that we need like an Inverter or a Projector people quickly send in the money to do so. However getting donations for regular operations has become a big challenge. While half of our operations are now corporate sponsored the other half is still a monthly challenge. So this is a small request to all of you – please keep the donations flowing in (even small amounts) regularly. Helps us pull through month on month!