

Newsletter

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Computer Shiksha

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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. Currently more than 1200 students in Gurgaon are getting free computer lessons under the aegis of Computer Shiksha.

Corporate Funding starts in small and big ways

Since we started our operations in May 2012 we have been trying to gain institutional support for our operations. This is because until we have assured funds for maintenance of our operations we cannot think of expanding. The beginning of this run of luck started with Ethical Consulting.

Ethical Consulting Pvt Ltd (www.ethicalwealth.in) is a Gurgaon based real estate investment advisory company and they have sponsored a part of our operations.

We hoped this was the harbinger to many more sponsorships like this. And our hopes did come true.



Standee kept outside classes being conducted for Node # 2

Gmmco a C K Birla company sponsored the operations of one node* for one year. Established in 1967, Gmmco is now a \$400 million

company which has been engaged in the sale and support of construction and mining equipment as well as engine power systems for over four decades now. The standee (shown in the picture) is placed outside the classroom of all the three schools which this node caters to.

**Computer Shiksha operates as a collection of nodes. One node denotes a set of 32 laptops, one LCD projector, a screen, the entire electrical paraphernalia, two trainers and two administrative helps. One such node is able to cater to two schools and approximately 500-600 children at one time.*

Computer Shiksha adds another core team member



Computer Shiksha has been able to grow with the sustained efforts of our donors, employees and our Patrons. Our Patrons have taken on (<http://www.computershiksha.org/about-us/>) themselves to evangelize the cause of computer literacy, spreading word in the community of beneficiaries as well as benefactors. The latest addition to the team is Srinirao

Srinirao is currently Regional Sales Director at Newtec Singapore.

Srinirao is a versatile and experienced Marketing and Business Development professional with an exemplary track record spanning nearly 30 years

across Asia. Srinu is an MMS from BITS Pilani and has been with large technology driven organizations throughout his entire career. Strongly believing that enabling the next generation in India to learn the digital way of doing things will have a deep and positive impact on the future of the country, he has taken on the cause of Computer Shiksha, and now works to raise awareness and support from potential donor individuals and organizations.

A sad development

Nai Kiran Universal School has been Computer Shiksha's learning ground since we started in May 2012. Mr. J.D. Khurana has tirelessly worked to put together a learning environment for 400 children who would have only dreamt to hold a pencil in their hands. The school that you see in the picture down was a temporary structure that they had put together to make classrooms for teaching.



Unfortunately the person who had allowed them to set up school now wants the space for something else. As a result all these children now sit in the open field in Ardee City (shown in the picture below) and classes are held practically out in the open. School can't run if it rains and we shudder to think what will happen in

the winters which are around the corner.



We have had to therefore suspend classes till Mr. Khurana manages a place for the kids. Till then we pray that this crisis be over soon so that we could start classes for these kids again.

IBS Gurgaon invites Computer Shiksha



On 19th September Computer Shiksha was invited by IBS – Gurgaon to hire summer trainees. Opportunities like this give us the opportunity to not only showcase our work but also allow us to engage with communities (of students and teachers) who develop a wider perspective of the impact that they can make on society. In February 2015, 3 students will spend 3 months with Computer Shiksha building the organization under the able guidance of our patron Manmohan Thandi who is also seen in the picture in a conversation with the students.

The Way Ahead....

Currently Computer Shiksha has two nodes which can engage with 6 schools and can take care of lessons for 1200 children at one time. Now that we have sponsorship of one node in place for a year we are working hard to avail sponsorship for the other node too. Those will then give us the time and the bandwidth to raise funds for a third node and cater to an additional 500+ children. Putting up a node means expenses to acquire 32 notebooks + 1 LCD projector + 1 screen.

Please let us know if you know of an organization which would espouse the cause of computer literacy and sponsor a node.

We still struggle to meet our expenses month on month. We would be grateful if you could help us raise finance for running our operations. There are thousands of other kids waiting

Life as usual...



Computer classes on at Happy school



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