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Library to Empower Communal Harmony



Story of Kamlesh: It is a story of a child of age six, named Kamlesh, a Dalit girl, a simple, sweet and untroubled, any other morning she woke up and innocently walked through the piece of land owned by an upper caste community. She was threatened and warned not to pass through that land earlier, but six year child did not take that as serious, This was all her fault. Seeing her going thru the passage two-three people walked towards her, grabbed her by her fragile little arms, and before she could understand she was tossed into burning fire, she felt the sharp fire burning her skin down, she cried and called out for help but no one came to her rescue. Just few minutes into this howling and screaming, her pregnant mother somehow managed to pull her

daughter out of the fire after a long struggle. Kamlesh suffered more than 80% burns and was at the brink of death.

Three years later, her right hand is a piece of dead rubber having lost mobility and function. Her left hand and right leg burnt severely and she suffer from searing pain. The scars inside her are as fearsome and permanent. A tender, innocent life has been violated and nipped in the bud.

Justice was not only delayed but denied and subverted. It was made to serve the perpetrators! No fair investigation and no protection for the witnesses meant case would fall apart and justice would not be served. Poverty and illiteracy of Kamlesh parents also played role receiving justice. After that Mr. Madhu Chandra who is a social activist and research scholar at New Delhi came up to help the Dalit girl. Presently she is taken care of by a Delhi based NGO called 'Pratigya' and she is in third standard, besides getting tuition classes. Mr. Chandra is trying to give her better life in his limited resource and capacity.

Be Educated Initiation: Be Educated team discussed with local community to analyze the situation of atrocity on a poor child, concluded that the poverty and illiteracy make some people feel proud especially among the old generation. New generation is not sure and but has a sense not to support this bad tradition. Be Educated has decided to open a Library in that village in a house of Dalit community, which will attract children from all communities to become member and encourage them to use the facility. When everyone shares the same resource, meet and socialize shall change the entire dynamics and bring social harmony and respect for one another.

Be Educated has decided to dedicate this library to Kamlesh, the victim child. On other hand Be Educated is also serious about the future of Kamlesh, would like Kamlesh to get the best education to secure her a better future. Team is working with Mr. Chandra, a social worker and her care taker towards making a blue print for her future including her education, her treatment and recovery from her mental trauma she had gone through. Be Educated team contacted with her father Saundth Singh and providing him help and guidance for the education of their other children, their education has been completely been jeopardizes after the incident.

Associated By Heart



Each one of us has a duty to serve back to the community but very few realise their responsibilities, Mr Ghan-shayam Gautam one of the who few acts and wanted do something for the people, who are suffering from poverty. Since Indian independence, the issue of poverty has remained a prevalent concern. As of 2010, more than 37% of India's population of 1.35 billion still lives below the poverty line. Situation Rajasthan is devastating. Child marriage, Suttee tradition like hundreds of practices brings Rajsathan among most of the backward states.

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When Be Educated thought about a coordinator in Rajasthan, a youth, enthusiastic and active social worker's name came through and Be Educated handed over him this responsibility.

Mr. Ghanshyam Gautam is 47 years old man with a soft and kind heart. He was born in Chaksu, (near Jaipur), Rajasthan. He is a government servant working as a senior teacher in Middle School. His wife is a teacher too and they have one son and two daughters. From his childhood Mr. Ghanshyam was interested in social work and whenever he got spare time he used to serve people from all possible means. He has been working with Dr. Ambedkar Organization since 1990. After that in 2005 he came up in contact with Mr. Vimal who proposed his name in Be Educated Movement meeting at Lucknow. After a discussion he got selected for the post of Coordinator in Rajasthan and he started his journey with Be Educated Organization. He helped to setup first Be Educated library in Rajasthan at Chaksu in Jaipur on 17 Oct 2006. Now there are 6 libraries operational in Rajasthan. Recently one more library was opened by Mr. L.C. Oswal who was the guest of honour.

In the words of Mr. Ghanshyam, in Rajasthan where ever we opened the libraries people are very happy to find free libraries in their area. They can easily get the books without paying anything. They demand for more libraries in their areas which can help more to needful kids and youngsters. I feel satisfied while working with Be Educated Movement because this organization is trying to make the difference in the lives of those children who are poor and unable to afford books for their education. **I would like to work till my last breath for this movement** Mr Ghanshyam concluded with this word



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Success story of a Girl from Pakistan



The story is about a girl named Faiza Jabeen, a student of 9th grade. She lives in Naukot of Sindh Province in Pakistan. Her father is a shopkeeper (auto parts shop) by profession and mother is a housewife. They live their life with difficulties and they hardly earn enough money to spend in their daily life. In this story we would like to throw some lights on a brilliant student who regularly used our library

facilities and got benefitted. When I spoke with her she shared her experience. She said "I am studying in a very respectable school of my city, 'Ideal Public School'. But before discussing my success story I want to share my ideas about success".

When I was younger, I thought success was something different. I thought when I grow up, I want to be famous, I want to be a star, I want to see the world, I want to study in the best Educational Institution. But today my idea of success is quite different. For me now the most important thing in life is to live my life with integrity and not to give into peer pressure. To live your life as an honest person and contribute in some way or other; these things are important and necessary if you are a student.

When I was in primary school, my learning progress was not as good as compared to what it is now, because there were not many books for me to study. When I joined junior high school, I was fortunate enough to become a member of "Be Educated Movement" Library and it was the first step towards a new life! There are lot of books on various topics and not only the ones related to our syllabus but also a lot for reading during your leisure time. After joining the "Be-Educated" library my academic progress has improved day by day. My test score was just 70% when I was in class 7th and it further improved up to 85% in class 8th and I strongly hope that it will be much better in the later years as well. Now I can say that success in education requires discipline, sincerity and hard work, but only if you are not frightened by these things, the opportunities are much better now than they have ever been before". I am very thankful to Be Educated, it provided us a better environment to study and progress further in life and now I have advised my friends to join as well so that they might also have a bright future, just like me.



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Be Educated launches new Logo



Be Educated Launched a new logo for Be Educated Library. This Logo will be placed on dedicated page of all books starting from Sep 2011. Logo was designed by John Waters, a professional artist from Delaware. He exclusively designed this logo and donated to the Be Educated Movement.

Pak Libraries Devastated from flood



One year after the biggest flooding disaster in the history of the region, more floods triggered by heavy rain has devastated parts of Southern Pakistan. About a million people have been affected and tens of thousands have lost their homes in this region, which has still to recover from last year's floods. Across the country, the scale of crisis was exceptional, affecting the lives of over 18, million people, washing away communities and livelihoods, and forcing millions to flee from their homes. The crisis took the lives of confirmed 1,980 people and left and estimated 14 million in need of humanitarian assistance.

Be Educated is not untouched from the flood disaster. 4 libraries have been badly affected in Mirpurkhas, Thatta and Umerkot districts. Flood water got into the libraries. Be Educated applauded the efforts of librarians who sacrificed their personal belongings and yet saved as many books as they could. However some books could not be saved and badly got damages says Librarian Asif Mohammad. "Every person is threatened by this disaster. It is too hard to survive in those kinds of situation". It has been over a month since schools are closed affecting education of poor students, added As if. Be Educated is raising fund to replace damaged book and requesting to support our book drive.

SPOTLIGHT

Interview with Country Coordinator India



In 2005 when Be Educated Movement first started in India, looking for an honest and hardworking person to carry out the mission, and the search ended with Mr. Ved Prakesh Azad, he was given the responsibility as Finance head. He had worked very diligently to keep our operating cost low, Later in 2007 Be Educated Nominated Mr. Ved Prakash as the Country coordi-

nator for Be Educated Movement in India. Ever since he has been carrying out the responsibility very well and over 71 Libraries in 15 states are being managed by him and his team. Ms. Anamika had a conversation with Ved, which she has brought here for the readers.

Anamika: When did you start working with this organization?

Ved: I am associated with Be Educated Movement since Year 2005.

Anamika: Why did you decide to work for this organization?

Ved: For a Nobel cause which is for the betterment of the Society.

Anamika: How do you feel while working with this Be Educated Organization?

Ved: First of all, it gives me a sense of worthiness. I feel great that I am part of such a organization which is working selflessly towards upliftment of a society, which needs it the most.

Anamika: What kinds of role & responsibilities do you play with this organization?

Ved: I work as National Coordinator and am responsible for assigning and examining the tasks and responsibilities to the volunteers of the Organisation at different level.

Anamika: What extra activities do you do apart from working with Be Educated Movement?

Ved: I am working in Indian Industries Association (An Apex Body of MSME's in India) as an Executive Officer cum Account Officer.

Anamika: Where do you want to see this organizational in the future?

Ved: Keeping in mind the Steady Progress of Be Educated since its inception it will cover most of the areas, which needs such an organization so that they can make a mark on the map.

Anamika: What was your personal experience with this movement?

Ved: Being a part of this movement for the welfare of the Children living in poverty, who cannot afford school or college education, has given me an opportunity to make their lives more visible and goal oriented.

Anamika: What is your opinion about this movement?

Ved: This movement is doing lot of things for the welfare & upliftment of the poor children by educating them in a manner so that they can also become a part of it when they grow up.

Anamika: What things did you do before you entered this organization?

Ved: Worked in Indian Industries Association as an Executive Officer cum Account Officer.

Anamika: What do you like most about this organization?

Ved: The things, which I admire the most about this organisation is that it is working for a noble cause with minimum available resources and utilising them in such a manner so that the benefit could be availed by a maximum number of needy students.



Hello Readers,

Welcome to our second edition. Once again we are bring exciting stories about activities, projects and fund raising efforts also amazing experience of our dedicated volunteers. Our next issue of ONE WORLD will be released in the month of January. Please send your comments and suggestions at contact@beeducated.org we will incorporate in our upcoming issues. I am thankful to Mahendra Kumar, Sanjay Kumar and Mahesh Gurugunti for providing all guidance and needed help.

With warm regards,
Anamika Gautam

New Libraries Opened in Nepal, Raj Biraj Area



Two new libraries have been open at Raj Biraj and Dhikali in Nepal on Sep 19, 2011. These Be Educated Libraries are being sponsored by the "Power of One Event, Dover" and dedicated to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The opening and operation are being facilitated by RKM Foundation". The project was inaugurated by District Education Officer, Mr. Dolraj Pande. "The libraries will provide effective solution to the rural kids who are facing problem with their studies due to scarcity of relevant and necessary course related books", said Mr. Pande. Mr. Satish Dutta, the General Secretary of RKM said, "The purpose of libraries are to uplift the educational standard of the rural students, particularly helping those from grade 7th to 12th.

There were many other dignitaries graced the opening ceremony, appreciated the acts the Movement is doing and expressed their views. Be Educated Board thanks Mr Pankaj Malick of RKM for initiating the projects and providing all support.

Pictures worth a thousand words....



A girl greeting Be Educated Coordinator during opening of NP008 (Nepal)



During Opening of New Library in Rajasthan (India)



Children exploring the books of newly open 8th Library of Andhra Pradesh (India)



Two year old Nashifa Crying. Lost her parents in flood. Near Umarkot Pakistan



Children participating in Intellectual Search in India



Children participating in Intellectual Search in Nepal