

PRAYAS Mid-Term Report 2013-14

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Team Size: 20 Volunteers

PRAYAS was started in 2001 with a vision to help the kids in and around the campus, who do not have access to quality schools, in their studies.

Centered on this theme, the vision has steadily evolved to encompass the idea of overall development of the kids which may not be possible in the environment which they come from. To realize this vision, in addition to regular teaching on 5 days a week, PRAYAS has various daily/weekly/ yearly activities in its schedule, like daily assembly to inculcate speaking and listening skills in the kids, 'play day' on Fridays, organizing in-house drawing competitions as well as encouraging and arranging their participation in various competitions in the district.

The major highlights of the achievements/activities so far are as follows:

- 1. Paper Craft Workshop:** A paper craft workshop was conducted in April 2013. A professional paper craft artist based in Kanpur was hired to teach the kids various paper crafts like paper bag etc.
- 2. Special English Classes during Summer Vacations (ENGLISH SUMMER PROGRAM 2013):** During summer-2013 besides the regular classes in the evening, special classes were conducted in morning for English for children of Class VI to Class XII. Number of students enrolled in this program was 60.
- 3. Prayas Premier League (PPL):** Considering the interests of children in games and sports, we organized PPL which was a cricket tournament, played together by kids and volunteers of Prayas in the summers.
- 4. Out of 13 Dr. V N Kulkarni scholarships, 5 secured by PRAYAS students:** In a scholarship exam conducted by Shiksha Sopan, out of total 13 scholarships 5 were secured by the students of PRAYAS.

5. Special Navodaya Vidyalaya entrance exam classes: Considering the financial status of the kids studying in PRAYAS, Navodaya Vidyalaya is a very good option if they get into it. Special classes are being conducted since May 2013 for the students of Class 5 to prepare them well for its entrance exam.

6. 8 students were selected for Bhakti Vedanta Camp in summer-2013: Bhakti Vedanta Club organized a competition in which 200 students participated from all schools of Kanpur. 50 students were selected for the camp in which 8 students were from Prayas.

7. Fine arts Workshop: It was organized in the summers where workshops were provided by the Fine Arts Club for different types of painting, origami, thermocol carving, charcoal and pencil sketching, sand art and paint and whole Team prayas actively participated in that.

8. Library Expansion: Along with many course books, different varieties of new books were added to our existing stock of books such as story books, comics etc. with a motive to attract children towards reading.

9. 15th August celebration: Among the national festivals, we collectively celebrated 15th august. Also Prayas was started on 15th August 2001, so we celebrate this day as **KARM DIWAS** of Prayas.

10. Rakshabandhan Celebration: Among the various festivals that we collectively celebrate at PRAYAS, Rakshabandhan holds a special place. Like previous years, this year too, Rakhi was celebrated with much festivity with Rakhis and sweets.

11. Prayas students participated in a competition organized by “EK SPARSH PRAKATI KA”: 30 Prayas children took part in SPARSH competition. In final round 12 students were selected. 3 positions were occupied by Prayas

children.

12. 12th Annual Function of PRAYAS: The biggest of celebrations at PRAYAS, its annual function- where the kids get a platform to display their talents in dance, music, drama, fine arts etc. was all the more special this year as we completed 12 years of being a Gymkhana Club this year. This time our children performed on the theme “Save Girl Child” with a motive to spread awareness, it was a grand affair with many PRAYAS alumni starting from the pioneer volunteers to those of Y4 batch attending the program.

13. Budget:

Budget Used	7183/-
Budget Left	50317/-