

## Computer Shiksha completes 2 years

# 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.*



On 5<sup>th</sup> May 2012 we started with 15 laptops and 60 students and one school and two paid employees. We had promised ourselves (we called ourselves Team CLP then) in March 2012 when we started that we would register a trust only if we are able to manage for three months. Consequently in June 2012 we registered ourselves as “**Computer Shiksha**”. Since then it has been 2 years... and now we can look back with the satisfaction of having touched the lives of more than 2000 students of which 1000 students are engaged with us currently too. We have partnered with more than 10 schools of which 6 are currently our partners. It has been an incredible journey not only for our students, but many others who have made this happen.

Today we have 8 employees and processes have been standardized. However when we started in the sweltering

May heat it was not easy. Computer Shiksha could establish itself thanks to the unflinching and selfless support of many men and women who volunteered their Saturdays and Sundays laying the foundation for Computer Shiksha with their hard work and dedication.

## Computer Shiksha owns a car now

One of our major expenses to run our operations is the transportation of the laptops and other equipment to and from school. Each node needs a dedicated vehicle. In July 2014 we have acquired an old Maruti 800. This vehicle will be used to transport the machines for one node.



Apart from this Noor (featured as our success story in July 2012 issue – excerpt given below) has learnt to drive the car and drives the vehicle to and from the school himself. This has left us smiling on two counts. Firstly it is extremely gratifying to see Noor bloom into such a capable and dedicated worker. Secondly we are hoping we will save a few

precious rupees on our transportation bills.

*A success story - Noor (October 2012)*

Noor is a 20 year old boy from West Bengal. He can read and write in Bangla but struggles with Hindi and English. Noor used to earn a living by doing petty chores at homes. He got noticed for his sincerity and meticulous ways.



Computer Shiksha hired him to set up class i.e. for connecting all notebooks, projector, setting up screen and all of what is needed to set up class. He is also responsible for ensuring that the children wash their hands and line up for entering class. Noor is doing a wonderful job at it. But that is not what make this our success story. Noor has joined Adult Education classes and is fast moving towards completing his school education. In addition to this he also learns computers by the side and now it is a familiar sight seeing him helping out the other children. Well done Noor !

Noor now.....



### Another partner school added

The Bhargava Samaj Gurgaon supports the Government Middle School, Sector 14 in Gurgaon. After seeing Computer Shiksha's work at the other project sites and having heard from us about what our vision is and how we go about achieving it they asked us to do

lessons in this school too. They also pooled money for buying 2 inverters and organizing the entire electrical wiring of a classroom in order to ready it for Computer Shiksha to conduct its classes. Classes started here on 10th July 2014. The number of students enrolled is 228. Classes are being held in this school on Wednesdays and Thursdays of the week.

### Work on in full swing....

All schools have opened after the summer vacation break classes are in full swing. So Computer Shiksha is busy 6 days a week. Following is the schedule and the site for any of you who would might want to drop in for a visit.

|     | Node 2                                      | #   | Node 1                             | #   |
|-----|---|-----|------------------------------------|-----|
| Mon | Govt. Secondary School, Chakkarpur, Gurgaon | 220 | Sankalp School DLF Phase I Gurgaon | 135 |
| Tue | Govt. Middle School, Sector 14, Gurgaon     | 228 | Gyaneshwar Bal Vidyalay, Gurgaon   | 139 |
| Wed | The Happy School, DLF Phase 1 Gurgaon       | 182 | Nai Kiran Ardee City Gurgaon       | 100 |
| Thu |   |     |                                    |     |
| Fri |   |     |                                    |     |
| Sat |   |     |                                    |     |

As on date 1000+ students are enrolled with Computer Shiksha.

#### An Appeal for help

*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*



Computer classes on at Govt. Middle School



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Newly acquired Computer Shiksha vehicle standing outside Govt. Middle School.



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