



KESARI DEVI CHARITABLE TRUST

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To,

All our donors, partners, supporters and volunteers

Dear Friends,

My last report to you on the activities of the Trust was for the period Sept. 2010 to August 2011, the first year of its formation. Henceforth we will follow the financial year for reporting.

During the first financial year (2010-11) our main concern was to establish the Trust and to complete the legal and other formalities. Our immediate objective in the second year was to raise sufficient funds to buy a piece of land, build a primary school and then shift from the present mud-floored tin shed where our volunteers are educating a group of forty young children from the nearby rural community. The cost of land alone is nearly Rs.75 Lac. As against this we have been able to raise Rs. 24 Lac so far. Out of this Rs. 1.7 Lac has been spent for supporting the existing school, plus some other sundry expenses. I fervently hope that we raise sufficient funds to buy the land in the current financial year. I seek cooperation from all of you to help raise more funds.

The number of our donors has substantially increased to 53 this year. Let us take this number to one hundred in the current year. Out of the donors the number of institutional donors is 5. Their total contribution is Rs. 2.7 Lac. The rest are individual donors. Together they have contributed total of Rs.20 Lac this year. We very much need support of the corporates who can give substantial donations. We are approaching some PSU's who are now required to spend five



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present of their profits under the policy of Corporate Social Responsibility. We are also contacting some institutional fund raisers for NGO's. But viable arrangements are yet to materialize. We are also trying to acquire the building of a school, Guru Ram Rai Public School. It is located in the same area where we are working, and was closed about four years ago. It is owned by Guru Ram Rai Educational Trust, located at Dehradun. Recently I called upon the respected Mahantji and placed my request before him. I understand that the matter will be discussed by their Akhara Parishad in due course. Should this materialise the shift to a proper school building will be much quicker.

OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE TRUST ARE AS UNDER:

1. Mr. James David Bevan, the British High Commissioner in India, and his wife, visited Varanasi in November as a part of his tour prior to joining the present post. He wished to see a village and interact with the rural community. We invited him to visit our school and meet the people in a village nearby. The couple interacted warmly with our school children. Mr. Bevan even spoke a few words in Hindi. The rest of the interaction was facilitated by Prof. Chandrakala Padia, one of our trustees and the local host for the Bevan couple acting as the interpreter. The children hugely enjoyed this interaction. Mr. Bevan then sat for nearly an hour under a peepal tree interacting with a group of villagers.
2. Another visitor was Mr. Baijal. He is a marketing professional from Bombay. He also conducts inspirational workshops for school children. He has agreed to conduct one such workshop for our school children also during his next visit.



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3. Shri Prashant Gupta of Banaras Beads, and President of the Round Table India, Varanasi Chapter, a social service group, visited the school and promised to help in construction of the school building, once we acquire the land.
4. Our volunteers, who run the present school, participated in a ten-day training programme. It was organized by South Point, a school in Varanasi. They were exposed to innovative methods to make learning process interactive and enjoyable for children.
5. With the help of our friends in the Faculty of Education, BHU. We are developing our own training programme for school teachers. It will incorporate many ideas on good quality school education for the emerging new India, as outlined by NCERT. It will also include some of our own ideas on the broader aims of education to produce good citizens and good human persons. Once our building is ready, organization of such training programmes for our school teachers, as well as for those of other interested schools, will be a regular feature of our institution.

I hope I will have more substantial progress to report next year. Thanking you and looking forward to your continued support.

A.N.Tripathi
Managing Trustee