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Our Mission

“To provide an existence with dignity to the underprivileged child!”

At Saikripa, we make a difference by ensuring a child’s physical and psychological health. This is done through providing education and homely environment, which enhances the quality of their lives.

‘Saikripa, in its existence of 18 years, has enabled children of various kind such as abandoned and orphaned, underprivileged and rural to improve and attain a standard life by providing home, education, healthcare and vocational training.

SAIKRIPA has three projects under its wings.

Bal Kutir – the home for children inclusive of healthcare and education was the first project of Saikripa initiated in 1990. At present it is a large happy family with 33 children under its care 9 boys and 24 girls with the inclusion of two special children this year. Apart from this 5 girls and 5 boys who grew up at Bal Kutir have started working and are staying independently. Two other girls are pursuing their studies and at the same time working as teachers in our schools and continue to stay at Bal Kutir. At least 20 lost and found children have been restored to their families over the years with the support of the police.

Sai Shiksha Sansthan - An English medium school based on CBSE pattern, was set up in 1991 in the village Vazidpur, about 15 kms from Noida. It has a strength of about 300 children . We have had a fair degree of success in our endeavours. So far, 90 of these children, who have passed out from here, are studying in colleges or employed elsewhere. Teachers’ workshops were conducted to assess and improve the teaching skills. This has resulted in enhanced performance of the students.

Sai Bal Sansar – Provides free education, healthcare and mid day meals to the needy residing in the slum areas. It also provides books, stationery and uniforms at nominal cost. Its strength is about 80 students. The children, who are admitted to Sai Bal Sansar at an advanced age are provided with a bridge course, apart from the basic education, to enable them to come at par with the students of other schools of their age. Those children who pick up fast and are capable of attempting the board examinations are shifted to Sai Shiksha Sansthan. This year twenty five students have been transferred to Sai Shiksha Sansthan.

Our Supporters

Concern India Foundation, a Funding agency came to the aid of Sai Shiksha Sansthan, in 1995, when Saikripa was under pressure to close the school due to financial crunch. However, the entry of CIF changed the whole scenario. The support received from CIF made it possible to bring down the school fee from Rs.70/- to Rs.35/- per child per month. This encouraged lots of parents to send their daughters to school who would otherwise have remained illiterate as educating a girl child was considered a waste of money, since eventually they have to get married and move out of their homes. In a village where women were never seen without 'ghunghat' {Veil}, the girls who have passed out from Sai Shiksha Sansthan have started attending colleges in Noida and Greater Noida. CIF's unstinted support, more than a decade now has strengthened and enabled Sai Shiksha Sansthan to expand steadily. In fact CIF has become an integral part of Sai Shiksha Sansthan. The school fee however, underwent an upward revision last year. At present we are charging a fee of Rs. 75/- per child per month. Around 25 children from economically weak families are receiving free education.

ASHA : A society in Arizona, U.S.A., has been supporting us by providing financial assistance for the laboratory equipments, study tours, books etc. thereby encouraging SAIKRIPA's educational pursuits.

Give Foundation

They have been supporting us since 2001, for various purposes like medicine, Sponsorship for children, corpus fund, general fund etc. The GIVE Foundation certified Saikripa to be one of the Indian NGOs complying with the minimum desirable norms of the Credibility Alliance – demonstrating very high commitment towards transparency and accountability. Credibility Alliance has admitted Saikripa to the membership for this reason. This certification is an assurance that donations made to Saikripa will be utilised well and that donors will get to know how their contributions have made a difference.

U.N. Women's Guild (Queen's Group)

They have been extending their generous support since the last few years by providing financial assistance.

Cadence Designs Systems (I) Ltd. :

They have been extending their support since 2001 apart from building the accommodation for Bal Kutir .

Gripwell Fasteners have been supporting us since the last few years by providing us various facilities.

Fidelity Investments (I) Pvt. Ltd.

Fidelity Investments Ltd & Fidelity Technology India staff started supporting SAI KRIPA from 2003. They have been providing monetary support for various activities. They also organise competitions etc for children.

American Express

They have been supporting us since 1997. They assist us financially every year for purchasing various necessary equipments .

Charities Aid Foundation

They have been supporting us for quite some years through their ‘GIVE AS YOU EARN SCHEME’. They also introduce corporate partners who support our activities.

Chirag Foundation, USA.

This year they have made a further donation about Rs. 8 lacs and enabled us to acquire the four units of LIG houses at Z-149 to Z-152, Sector-12, Noida. Arrangements for financial assistance by Chirag Foundation are on way for reconstructing the same.

Adobe Foundation: The Adobe foundation has helped us set up a computer lab at Sai Shiksha Sansthan by not only providing four computers but also 5 units of inverters to overcome the problem of electricity in the village.

Flextronics:Flextronics has helped us in re-building the body of our mini bus which was in a very bad shape.

But above all SAIKRIPA is grateful to the numerous people who have been the backbone of SAIKRIPA ever since it started. We have survived only because they have stood by us like pillars of strength and still continue to do so in their own special way, just like the droplets of rain water that add to the ocean.

Success Stories of the students of Sai Shiksha Sansthan

Case study of Mohammad

This boy, from slum area aged about 13 years joined Sai Bal Sansar. He has 9 siblings. This boy was actually a drop out of school in 3rd Std. when we took him into our school he was educated in our non-formal education centre for 3 years.

When he attained the standard of our regular school in level with his age he was shifted to Sai Shiksha Sansthan. He is now aged about 17 years and is now continuing his studies in the same. He is appearing for his 10th Std. Exams this year.

Case study of Kaushalya

Kaushalya has two brothers and two sisters. Her parents are farmers and one of her younger sister studies in Sai Shiksha Sansthan. She has been a bright student and secured 65% in the 10th Std. exams conducted by National Institute of Open Schooling in the year 2002. Since she is very keen on doing service in the Police she is applying for a job in the police force of Delhi/U.P

Dairy unit

A dairy unit with six cows run by Saikripa caters to the needs of the Bal Kutir's children. This was set up with the grant received from Give Foundation and American Express (I) Ltd., FRC (East)

Extra Curricular activities

In all of Saikripa's projects, whether in the children's home or in the schools, extra curricular activities like painting, music, dance and candle making are taught to help in the allround development of the children. This also helps the children to identify talents and encourages them in developing the same.

Cultural Functions and Outings

The children were taken to the famous newly constructed "Akshar Dham Temple" in East Delhi by M/s Cadence Design Systems. The children participated in the schools' national functions such as Republic Day, Independence Day, Children's Day, Teacher's Day etc. Besides celebrating school day in Sai Shiksha Sansthan children attended 'Diwali Mela' at M/s Cadence Office organised by them and a painting competition at Gurgaon organised by M/s. Fidelity Investments.

Our Future Plans

Vocational Trends are job oriented. They tilt towards optimum utilisation of skills for employment. Employers also expect computer literacy and Business skills. Instead of totally being bogged down by absolute academics, vocational studies will enable the students to master multiple skills, test time- management skills, monitor job options, keep a keen eye for updates and Trendy Techniques etc.

Vocational studies will enable the students to take pride in personal effort, to be original in creativity, to be adventurous about challenges, to be strong and skilled for success and develop self entrepreneurship ultimately.

We have ambitious plans to begin vocational training programme once we get funds and rebuild our four units of LIG housing at Sector-12, Noida which is part of Bal Kutir, purchased outright from Noida Authorities with the support for M/s. Cadence Design Systems and Chirag Foundation.

Our Area of Concern

- a) Funds required for the reconstruction of the four LIG houses at Z-149 to 152, Noida which are in a dilapidated condition and unfit for use.
- b) Sai Shiksha Sansthan and Sai Bal Sansar run in rented buildings incurring an expenditure of Rs.20,000/- pm which is too dear for an organisation like Saikripa.

Conclusion

Saikripa has completed more than seventeen years of the existence and we salute each and every one who has contributed to the growth and development of Saikripa. Looking forward, we believe that the partners will continue to support in many ways for Saikripa to become more and more useful to the society and continue to serve the nation fruitfully.

. For achievements of the same, besides working towards solving our immediate problems, we want to work on a concrete proposal whereby we take a step towards self – reliance and expansion. For this we have been planning for a long time to begin a vocational training centre as mentioned in our Future Plans so that besides preparing the needy and helping them improve their future prospects with regards to gainful employment, we also get to generate funds by engaging in income generating activities. Progress has been slow due to lack of funds.

Saikripa being a charitable organisation looks up to its donors for their continued support, they have not let us down in the past and we hope to be continuously encouraged to keep doing our noble work.

Slab of gross salary (in Rs) plus benefits paid to staff (per month)	Male staff	Female staff	Total staff
Less than 5000	13	32	45
5,000 – 10,000	1	--	1
10,000 – 25,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
25,000 – 50,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
50,000 – 1,00,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
Greater than 1,00,000	N/A	N/A	N/A

Staff remuneration [Gross annual salary + benefits] in Rupees

Head of the organisation (E.D):	Rs.30000	per annum.
Highest paid:	Rs. 62040	per annum
Lowest paid:	Rs 8100	per annum
None of the board members draw salary except Executive Director		