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The India Sponsor Foundation (ISF) works predominantly through NGOs, addressing issues of education, health, disability, income generation, livelihoods, disaster relief and integrated slum development. ISF seeks to build bridges and create partnerships between NGOs, Corporations and the Government. Right from its inception, ISF has been committed to the issue of Girls' Education.

## STATISTICS REVEAL...

### GLOBAL:

65 of the 121 million out-of-school children are GIRLS -- (UNICEF)  
 Out of 860 million illiterates – more than 2/3rds are WOMEN

### INDIA:

2/3rd of 40 million (6 to 14 yrs) out-of-school children are GIRLS  
 Only 40% of children attain basic levels of learning  
 58% of girls drop out before completing primary school

### DELHI:

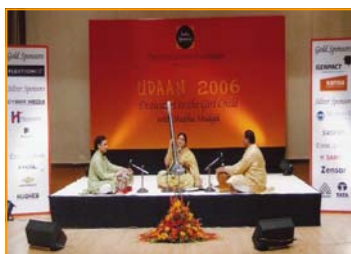
30% of the population lives in slums, with no proper facilities for education/health  
 1.8 lakh children in the age group 6-14 yrs are out of school, most of them are girls



## ISF LAUNCHES "GETTING GIRLS TO SCHOOL CAMPAIGN" IN DELHI

April 2006

### SHUBHA MUDGAL SINGS IN SUPPORT OF THE GIRL CHILD



Charity Concert 'Udaan'

The Fundraiser was dedicated to making a difference in the life of the Girl Child. The campaign was flagged off with this event in Delhi, as Delhi is the melting pot of migrants from all over India and has numerous slum clusters and other populace with rampant prejudices against the girl child. With success, ISF hopes to expand this campaign countrywide.

The campaign in Delhi is being done in partnership with 10 other NGOs across Delhi, working on the issue of education with a specific focus on girls. The NGOs will implement the campaign activities in their respective slum communities.

### Campaign Partners:

1. ABHAS (Action Beyond Help and Support, Tughlakabad Fort Area)
2. Bhartiya Navdeep Samiti, Shakurpur Village and Pitampura
3. Kalyanam, Sangam Vihar
4. Navjyoti, Holambikalan Village
5. Rasta, Patparganj
6. Sakshi- Centre for Information, Education and Communication, Okhla and Jasola Village
7. SAYA (Social Action with Your Assistance), Seelampur
8. SPOWAC (Society for Promotion of Women and Children), Paharganj

### Campaign Locations



9. The Vigyan Vijay Foundation (VVF), Palam
10. VIDYA -Integrated Development for Youth and Adults, Munirka

The campaign partners met on the 21st of June 2006 to decide on the strategies to be



followed and the activities to be done in the campaign.

For a detailed report, visit: [www.Indiasponsor.org](http://www.Indiasponsor.org)

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**STREET PLAY AT A CAMPAIGN LOCATION**

## 950 GIRLS ADMITTED TO SCHOOLS IN A FORTNIGHT

15 - 31 JULY 2006

Admission drives were carried out in all the NGO locations during this fortnight. Two camps were organized by each NGO to sensitize the community about girls' education and also provide information to the parents. The drive saw a special focus on girls' enrollment. Many activities like Prabhat Pheris (Morning Rallies) by children, painting and slogan writing competitions, street plays, etc. were organized.

**Total No. of Admissions during the drive: 1831**

<b>No. of Girls</b>	<b>950</b>
<b>No. of Boys</b>	<b>881</b>

NGOs assisted the parents in the admission process by helping them fill out the forms, even provided monetary help to those who could not afford to pay the fees. Further, where cases of malpractice like overcharging the fees, were observed during admis-

sions, the NGOs tackled the problem by taking up the matter with the concerned officials from the government education department.



**GIRLS AT A RALLY FOR CAMPAIGN ADMISSION DRIVE**

*"The biggest problem encountered during the drive was that all the government schools were charging more fees than the stipulated rules."*



**PARENTS-TEACHERS INTERFACE AT A COMMUNITY SITE**

**MEETING WITH GOVERNMENT SCHOOL AUTHORITIES**



## ISF SURVEY REPORT TO REVEAL REASONS FOR GIRLS OUT OF SCHOOL

Surveys of 20,000 households & 50 Government schools.....

### HOUSEHOLD SURVEY

A baseline survey of the households was carried out, in the targeted campaign communities, in the months of August-September. The survey will help us ascertain the number of out of school or drop out girls in these areas and also reasons for the same. Analysis of the survey is still going on and a report will be coming out shortly to be shared with all stakeholders

The results will also clearly bring out the specific problems in different slum localities, which in turn will be used to tailor-make the interventions in the areas. It will give insights into the status of girls' education as compared to that of boys in the community, the age at which most girls drop out of school and many more similar indicators.

### SCHOOL SURVEY

Meanwhile, a school survey is also in the process.

In the capital 50 government schools are being surveyed. In scrutiny, under the microscope, will be the infrastructural facilities such as toilets for girls, the number of classrooms, the number of female teachers and a lot of other relevant issues. This will provide an understanding of the problems faced by the girls in schools and also the reasons why many of them drop out.



**24th September, International Girl Child Day Celebrations**



**Community survey**



# ISF ORGANISES SEMINAR ON “STATUS OF GIRLS’ EDUCATION IN URBAN SLUM COMMUNITIES”

EXPERT PANEL GIVES RECOMMENDATIONS (20 SEPTEMBER 2006)

A seminar was organized by the campaign team on “Status of girls’ in Urban Slum Communities.”

The seminar brought to the table many issues and facets of girls’ education and related ramifications.

The panelists (NGO experts, academicians, activists, government representatives) also lauded the efforts of the campaign network and gave many valuable suggestions to build up the momentum and take the movement forward.

It was recognized that one of the foremost issues to be focused on in the campaign is working on problems of infrastructure in the government schools.

The seminar offered a rich blend of ideas through the day long interaction and left the campaign group determined to take the cause forward.



**Seminar Participants**

*“There are many instances of children attending schools being run in very unsafe buildings with no toilets or drinking water facilities and under very adverse weather conditions of excessive heat or cold”.*

Ashok Agarwal, Lawyer and Civil Rights Activist, Social Jurist

*“There is no policy on urban education in this country and good policy at a national and state level is vital “*

Dr. R. Govinda, Head of the School and Non-formal Education Unit, NIEPA



**Panelists**

## PICTORIAL OVERVIEW OF OTHER PROJECTS

The India Sponsor Foundation has invested in genuine, community based initiatives in partnership with NGOs, addressing issues of education, health, disability, integrated slum development, livelihoods and advocacy.



Centers for Early Childhood Care & Development



Preparing for a better tomorrow



Student’s counseling workshop



Visit to the Science Museum



Inclusive education to children with special needs



Bridging the digital divide through access to Computer Technology



Skill training



Encouraging creativity & talent

# FROM JOB SEEKER TO JOB PROVIDER

## Woman Cabbie Breaks Gender Stereotypes

Thirty-seven-year-old graduate and housewife, Kamla, completed her driving training under ISF's Vahini Shakti project in 2004. After her training at Megacab Taxi services, she worked at Fortis Hospital, NOIDA, as an ambulance driver and is now a trainer at the Institute of Driving, Training and Research, (IDTR) Delhi. Tall by Indian standards, Kamla at five foot five has taken a keen interest in the mechanical aspects of automobiles and can carry out minor and emergency repairs.

A salary of over 10,000/- a month is further augmented by earnings from a partnership in a taxi. Her advancement from a housewife to an entrepreneur in the face of discouragement by her family and friends has been a story of true grit and determination. Along the way she learned how to be punctual and disciplined which has earned her the admiration of all those who come in contact with her. Now she feels that she has finally earned the respect and appreciation of not only her family but her colleagues and the community at large. Along with her earnings, her dreams have grown. "Someday I shall have a driving training school run only by women," she says.



**"ISF showed me the way and now I am living the life I wanted" Kusum Lata**

# SCHOOL DENIES ADMISSION

## Admission done after NGO intervenes

Ritu a precocious nine-year-old girl wanted to study and make something of her life. Her family comes from a small village in Bihar and they have recently moved to Delhi. Her mother feels that her daughter should have a different life than hers and that education is the key. However, when Ritu gave an admission test for Class 4 in the local Primary MCD School she was denied admission despite passing the test. ABHAS, a partner ngo intervened in the matter and on their insistence she was allowed to sit for the test again. Despite passing the test three times in a row, Ritu was denied admission to the school.

The NGO then went on to complain to several government authorities about this case. The Education Officer of the zone gave written instructions to the girls' school principal to admit the girl. Ritu was admitted but in class 3. This is one example of how the admission process in a number of government schools works on the whims and fancies of teachers and principals rather than stipulated rules and regulations.



Ritu with her mother

## LOOKING AHEAD..

Children work as **Peer Educators** to create awareness on issues related Girls' Education

Children to bring out a **10 Point Charter** about their perspective on education

**Stakeholders Meet** to share the trends and findings from Campaign Survey

**Remedial Education Centers** for 150 girls started.  
**Sixteen** more centres coming up.  
Running cost of a centre is approx. Rs. 76650/- annually (@Rs. 7/- per girl/day)

**We invite you** to join us by supporting this campaign to get all girls to school and help them to continue learning.  
**To know more** about the campaign visit [www.indiasponsor.org](http://www.indiasponsor.org)  
**If you wish to express an opinion**, write to us at [ggs.campaign@gmail.com](mailto:ggs.campaign@gmail.com)

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