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INTRODUCTION

CHAPTER-1

Indian Centre for Development and Rights (iCFDR) is a non-profit humanitarian organization working on upliftment of marginalized and weaker sections of the society. iCFDR focusses on long-term projects and awareness in the areas of education, healthcare, environment, poverty alleviation and gender equality. iCFDR promotes basic education, aides in improving maternal health as well as reducing child mortality rates and other related diseases, works towards eradicating extreme poverty and hunger, advocates for human rights, especially as it relates to gender equality, raises awareness on empowering women, as well as thrives to ensure environmental sustainability. iCFDR carries out both long-term and short campaigns and events that strive to meet the goals set by the organisation for itself and to enable the organisation to drive the society towards the vision that the organisation has.

HOW IT STARTED

While working in the UK in 2011 after completing his MBA from Glasgow Caledonian University, Scotland, Ravindra Vikram Singh had the urge to start an organisation that would work on improving the condition of this motherland, India. Ravindra gave up his corporate career to start iCFDR in 2013. The organisation's activities are presently conducted in New Delhi and Uttar Pradesh.

In its long term project, the organisation has adopted a school in Badaun, Uttar Pradesh and provides education to students from the 6th to 12th standard.

FROM THE FOUNDER

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**You must be the change you wish to see in the world.
– Mahatma Gandhi**

iCFDR was founded with three primary aims- providing education to underprivileged, gender equality and creating awareness on sustainability. In the past one year, we have organised events and campaigns that have addressed each of the mentioned aims.

iCFDR has adopted a school in Badaun, Uttar Pradesh and has used this institute as a platform for conducting several of its events. The school is sponsored by iCFDR now and it also ensures that students at the school are getting a quality education despite the weak financial position of their families. In the future, we would strive to increase our activities and start operating in more cities.

Our partners, donors and team have been a very important part of our journey so far and we trust that, with their continued support, we shall be able to grow larger every passing year.

Flip inside the pages of our first annual report and give us your valuable suggestions so that we can improve our work and help us serve you and the cause better. This is our first year and we are planning to expand. All this was not possible without your constant guidance, feedback, help and support.

We wish to thank you sincerely for helping us help others. Here are wishing a grand success to everyone in everything that they start this year.



- **Ravindra Vikram
Founder, iCFDR**

Events

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With the mission of promoting and providing basic primary education to the underprivileged children in the rural parts of India, iCFDR adopted Satyawati School near town Dataganj of Badaun district, Uttar Pradesh, India. The school has around 12 classrooms, with around 450 enrolled students, from 6th to 12th standard. Apart from primary rooms, the school has 3 labs. Two classroom furniture was recently added and all the students are being funded by iCFDR. Still, there is a lot of scope for improvement.



Adoption of School





SEWA DAY PROGRAM

An annual event was conducted on 25th December at Satyawati School, Dataganj Block, Badaun. The event was organised by Vinay ji and Rajeev ji, and local ex-mla Avenesh Kumar Singh ji with the presence of Ram Sevak Patel ji to facilitate students and encourage them. The issues addressed during the event were-

- a) Payment of minimum wages for daily wage farm workers
- b) Payment of appropriate price to farmers for crops

The event also consisted of the following activities-

- a) Free eye check-up camp for local villagers.
- b) Distribution of around 100 spectacles to villagers, who cannot afford them.
- c) Scholarships to around 15 students.

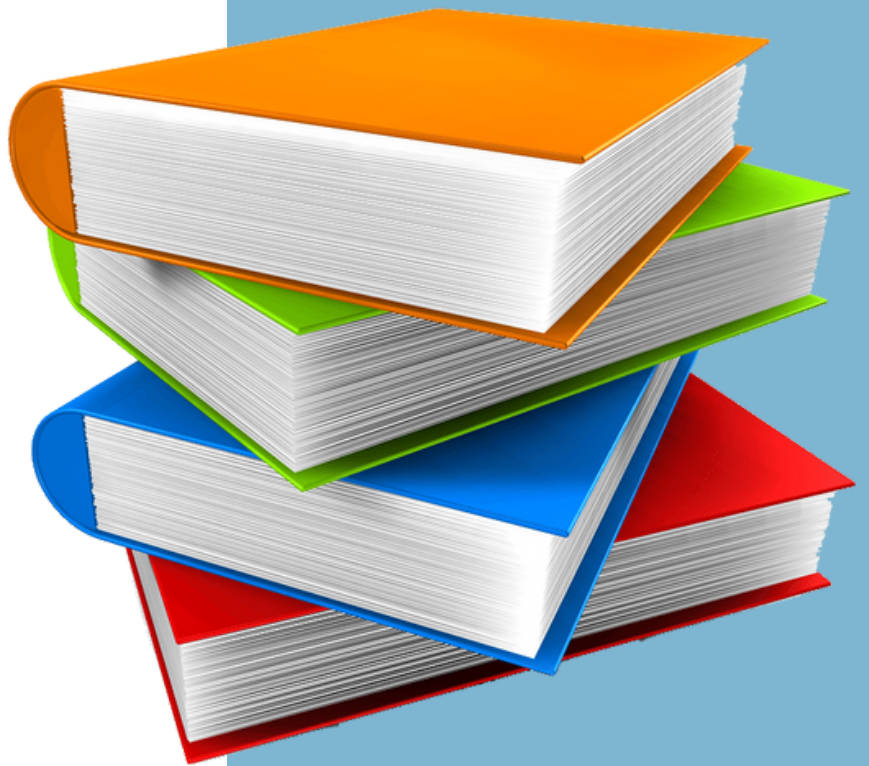
The event ended with small discussion by local leaders and lunch for the gathering.



LIBRARY FOR SATYAWATI SCHOOL

With the aim to inculcate a sense of learning and knowledge in the students, a library was adopted in the school. The library will be equipped with books for the students as well as teachers. iCFDR started a campaign to collect used books to create a library for the students of Satyawati School.

The drive resulted in over 1,200 books being donated for the students. Both Academic as well as Non-Academic books in English and Hindi mediums were collected and donated to School.



Donating Furniture for Satyawati School



A good education system lays a strong foundation, which helps with an overall development of next generation of youth, who play a key role in facilitating growth of the country and our future. With this vision, iCFDR adopted Satyawati School and provided new furniture to the classrooms of school. iCFDR donated classroom furniture for 2-3 classrooms that includes more than 100 benches cum chairs. This is an ongoing campaign and iCFDR invites others to come forward for improving the facilities in the school for rural kids to provide education. iCFDR also planned to collaborate with other NGO's that share the same vision and are already working on meeting similar educational needs in certain rural areas.

Photographs of classrooms in Satyawati School with the new furniture



SUPPORT TO ANNA HAZARE'S JAN LOKPAL BILL CAMPAIGN

iCFDR declared to support Anna Hazare's fight against corruption and to pass Jan Lokpal Bill. iCFDR's Chief Mentor, Ravindra Vikram Singh met Anna Hazare before he declared protest and indefinite fast from December 10, to pass the Jan Lokpal bill in winter session of the parliament. It was a great pleasure to discuss the issues with Anna, man who has dedicated his life for the transparency and anti-corruption movement. We discussed the current campaign which started in 2011 and constant struggle for the movement to keep its course and how corruption has cursed our country since its independence.

Photograph of the meeting between the founder of iCFDR and Anna Hazare

BOARD OF ADVISORS

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The board of advisors of the organisation include following:



**RAVINDRA VIKRAM
SINGH
CHIEF MENTOR**

He loves working on socio-economic issues, aiming to bring ourselves together for sustainable development. After 6 years of corporate roles, he focused his energies on social organisations and entrepreneurship. He is currently pursuing a degree in LLB, after an MBA from Glasgow Caledonian University, UK and B.Com. (Hons.) from Sri Aurobindo College, University of Delhi. In free time, he usually travels.



**GAURAV KRISHNA
GUPTA
ADVISORY
COUNCIL MEMBER**

He is based in Delhi. He did his schooling from DPS Mathura Road, Delhi; B. Com from Delhi University and MBA from Glasgow Caledonian University, Glasgow, UK. He is a management professional working in Noida.



**SNIGDHA SHARMA,
CO-FOUNDER**

She belongs to Uttarakhand and was raised in various parts of northern and western India. She holds a Master's Degree in Economics and Honors in Statistics. Currently, she is based out of Noida and works for an MNC and pursues Actuarial exams. As a student of Ramjas College, Delhi University, she was part of the NSS unit, under which she organized various seminars and camps for- Aids Awareness, Child Labour, Female Foeticide, Child Education and Blood Donation Camps. She also started a school inside the premises of her college where she used to teach poor kids from Chandraval after college hours. It's been 8+ years that the school is still going strong and has gathered many volunteers.



GUNJANI PATEL
CO-FOUNDER

She received her M.A. in Counseling Psychology from the University of North Dakota in 2008. She received her B.S. in Nutrition Science from University of Cincinnati in 2002. After receiving her Counseling degree, she began her career path in Manhattan, New York before relocating to Tampa Bay, Florida in 2013, where she runs her private practice with individuals, couples, families, and children. Trained in both psychodynamic as well as family systems psychotherapy, she works with families to identify overall family dynamics, including healthy and unhealthy patterns of interacting, roles, various communication styles, boundaries, and power structures. Additionally, she has spent several years working with women and children survivors of domestic and sexual abuse at a Community Violence Intervention center where she provided crisis counseling, suicide helpline and support for victims of rape, sexual abuse. Thus giving her exposure to a wide range of social, emotional and mental health issues from sexual abuse, and domestic abuse, to depression and anxiety disorders.



SAYAK GHOSH
ADVISORY
COUNCIL MEMBER

He is a mechanical engineer who graduated from NIT Warangal. He has worked in different sectors including management consultancy, construction and real estate, data centers and healthcare. He used to work with ITC Limited in Bangalore and is presently pursuing his MBA from Rice University in Houston, USA. He advises iCFDR on strategy, educational and sustainability initiatives.



ANKIT SINGH
ADVISORY
COUNCIL MEMBER

An architect from IIT Roorkee, he is a certified sustainability professional. He presently works with ITC Limited as a project and strategy manager and handles projects across India in locations such as Guntur, Bangalore, Lucknow, Kolkata, Ernakulam and Patna. He heads the sustainability initiatives at iCFDR.



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