

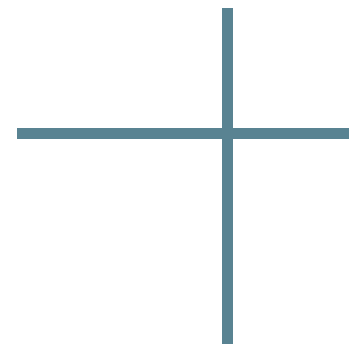
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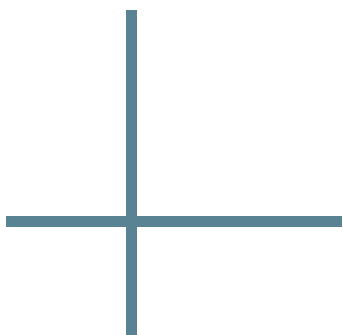
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INTRODUCTION

Indian Centre for Development and Rights (iCFDR) is a non-profit humanitarian organisation focusing on long-term projects and awareness in the areas of education, healthcare, environment, poverty alleviation and gender equality. iCFDR carries out both, long and short-term campaigns and events that help in meeting the goals set by the organisation for itself and to enable the organisation to drive the society towards the vision that the organisation has.

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 his motherland, India. Ravindra gave up his corporate career to start iCFDR in 2013. The organisation's activities are presently conducted in New Delhi (headquarters of iCFDR) and Uttar Pradesh.

The organisation has adopted a school in Badaun, Uttar Pradesh and provides free education to students from 6th to 12th standard.

FROM THE FOUNDER



Ravindra Vikram
Founder

"You can't cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water.

- Rabindranath Tagore

I would like to begin by thanking all our patrons and supports, for without their blessings to run iCFDR would be a lot tougher. iCFDR is unconventional social organisation working with volunteers and managed by them for the benefit of the society. For any long term success of a social movement I consider volunteer management and contribution is fundamental for its future.

This year, iCFDR worked with a school in Badaun, Uttar Pradesh and utilized it as a platform for conducting several of its events. Currently, the school is partially sponsored by iCFDR to enable children from underprivileged families get good quality education.

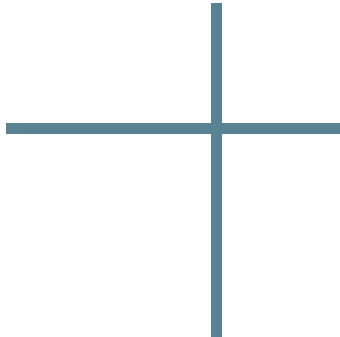
I am confident with such volunteer efforts and constant support; we would be able to sail through cyclical struggles of social organisation with ease. I will keep writing this annual message in each of our annual progress reports. I request you to read the annual progress reports regularly to understand our journey and also send us feedback and suggestions to improve our work.

EVENTS

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, VARANASI (IIT BHU) SOCIAL PROGRAM

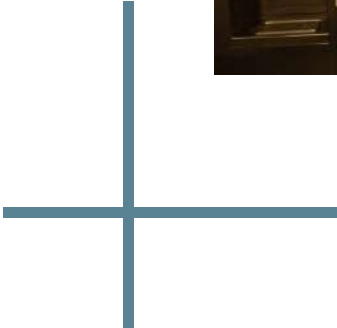
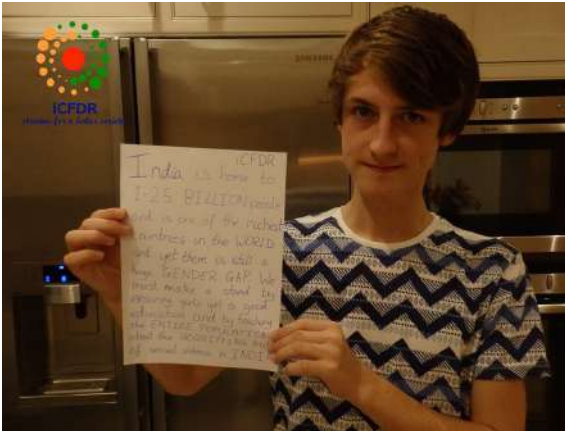
iCFDR, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Technology, Varanasi, conducted their Technext Fest's 'Business Plan Competition', on September 15 2014. The competition was held for social entrepreneurs, judged by a panel consisting of members of faculty of IIT Varanasi, other start-ups, and representatives of iCFDR.





GENDER EQUALITY CAMP

As most of the world is struggling with one of the major concern 'equality of gender', iCFDR decided to join the gender equality campaign and launched "We need Feminism – Stand for Equality" campaign. Main target being to reach out to educate masses (both urban and rural population) especially to those who have gender biases. This is an annual online drive that intends to promote gender equality. This year's campaign witnessed over 300 participants from all over India and few from other countries.



HUMAN RIGHTS DAY CELEBRATION

In order to spread awareness related to human and legal rights, iCFDR organized campaigns for raising legal awareness, to help the marginalized and oppressed sections of the society to better understand their rights and responsibilities. The event was conducted on 11-December-2014 in association with Global Human Rights Defence at Satyawati School, Dataganj Block, Badaun, Uttar Pradesh. With over 500 participants, the event included several activities such as plays, poetry, lectures, debates and extempore speech competition on human rights and gender equality.



SWACHH BHARAT ABHIYAN CAMPAIGN

iCFDR toils to preserve and improve ecology, so that our future generations have chance to experience the magnanimous nature. iCFDR works for protection of green cover, spread awareness about global warming, de-forestation, soil erosion, river ecology conservation, animal rights etc. iCFDR is a strong supporter of the initiatives taken by the government in making India a clean nation. With this aim, an event was organised to clean a public place. This year, iCFDR selected Maharaja Agrasen Park in Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh for this event. 20 volunteers from iCFDR cleaned the park on 22-October-2014 and educated the local authorities on ways to help keep up the general maintenance of the park. Photographs from the event are given below.





sewa day

**SEWA DAY
PROGRAM**

SEWA DAY PROGRAM

This is an annual event conducted on 25 December, every year at Satyawati School, Dataganj Block, Badaun, Uttar Pradesh, India. This year, the issues addressed during the event were:

- Payment of minimum wages for daily wage farm workers
- Payment of appropriate price to farmers for crops
- The foundation stone laying function of RPSS College(a first degree college in Dataganj Block, and one of the few colleges in Rural Budaun District) also took place

The chief guest of this event was the Hon'ble Cabinet Minister Shri Santosh Gangwar.



ICFDR LAUNCHES BHARATIYA YUVA NETRITVA FORUM

iCFDR has initiated to launch a campaign to connect youth of the nation – students, professionals and self-employed. The new forum, Bharatiya Yuva Netritva Forum – BYNF (Indian Youth Leadership Forum), aims to connect youth of India for their personal and professional growth and also contribute to society's welfare and nation building. iCFDR would act as a guiding organisation to establish the forum and its activities.

BYNF, as per the vision of iCFDR's Chief-Mentor, Ravindra Vikram Singh would help in developing youth leadership, inspiring young individuals including students to gain skills and knowledge for career as well as nation building, leading life with civic cooperation for development, entrepreneurship and welfare of society.

BYNF would ensure individuals to take part in social activities which help them to build interactive networks, learn from each other and build friendships that will last a lifetime, and at the same time, contribute to the society.

BYNF's goal is to develop the youth by giving them academic, career and entrepreneurial counselling, focusing on ways to create a balance between work, leisure as well as giving back to the society by organising various social programs and campaigns with iCFDR and other organisations.

CONCEPTUALISED: SAMANVAY-RURAL- HALF-MARATHON

Samanvay Rural Half Marathon- A Run for A Social Cause: Samanvay Rural Half Marathon is a 'Run for a Social Cause' campaign, which seeks to raise charity and goodwill for the causes that the nation needs to focus the most on for overall development. A nation can march on the path of sustainable development only when the development and growth are not restricted to just a few sections of the society. The Samanvay Rural Half Marathon is an initiative to foster this form of development to promote rural sportsmanship, gender equality and goodwill for Budaun. This charity event and goodwill initiative is by the iCFDR and would provide an impetus to the rural youth to choose sports as a profession to get out of misery. The location of the marathon would be the interiors of Budaun district, which are now infamous for regular inhuman violence including sexual crimes and robberies. The event would seek to serve as a ground for encouraging participation in sports among the villagers, while providing a platform to overcome the negative image the village has gathered recently. Sports in India is a less preferred career choice as there is little support that sportspersons receive from the authorities to compete on an international level. The Rural Half Marathon is an attempt to encourage participation in sports from rural areas. All the earnings (if any) from the event (the first rural marathon), would be used for social work especially rural education and welfare.



AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS AND MEDIA COVERAGE

e-Uttara Awards 2014

For Sponser a School, We need Feminism - Stand for Equality, Build a Rural Library



"engo Challenge - south asia- 2014

For using ICT tools to Campaign for Gender Equality



युवाओं ने की अक्षर विहार में सफाई

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BAREILLY (27 Mar): एक ओर जहां होली सेलैब्रेशन के दौरान फूलों की होली समेत अन्य कई रंगारंग कार्यक्रम

प्रस्तुत किए जा रहे हैं, वहीं, युवाओं ने एक अनूठे अंदाज में होली को सेलीब्रेट किया। भारतीय युवा नेतृत्व फोरम के पदाधिकारियों और सदस्यों ने अक्षर विहार की गंदगी को दूर करने का अभियान चलाकर साफ सुथरा बनाया। फोरम फाउंडर रविंद्र विक्रम सिंह के मुताबिक होली बुगई को जलाकर भस्म करने का प्रतीक है। इसीलिए इस खास मौके पर शहर के सबसे खूबसूरत पार्क की दयनीय दशा को दूर कर फिर से साफ सुथरा बनाने का प्रयास किया। जिसमें तुषार सिंह रावत, शिखर तोमर, शुभम सिंह, गौख सिंह रावत व अन्य मौजूद रहे।



छात्र-छात्राओं को बताए उनके अधिकार

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आयोजन

पं. दीन दयाल उपाध्याय रामपाल सिंह सत्यवती मेमोरियल इंटर कालेज हिलवारी में मानवाधिकार आयोग व इंडियन सेंट्रल ऑफ डबलमेंट्स एंड राइट्स के बैनर तले एक कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया गया। नगर के ज्योति बाल विद्यालय, सरस्वती शिशु मंदिर, आत्माराम डिग्री कालेज अलापुर के छात्र-छात्राओं ने भाग लिया। अध्यक्षता रिटायर्ड एडीजे राजभान सिंह ने की।

कार्यक्रम के चीफ मंटर रवेन्द्र विक्रम सिंह ने छात्र-छात्राओं को उनके राइट्स व डबलमेंट्स के बारे में विस्तार से बताकर आने वाले कल के बारे में सुखमय अधिकारों के तहत जीने की

- रिटायर्ड एडीजे राजभान सिंह की अध्यक्षता में हुआ कार्यक्रम
- चीफ मंटर राइट्स व डबलमेंट्स के बारे में बताया

कला बतायी। रिटायर्ड अपर जिलाजज राजभान सिंह ने छात्र-छात्राओं को अपने जीवन में आगे बढ़ने के लिए संविधान में दिए गए उनके अधिकारों से बोध कराकर उनका महत्व बताया। कार्यक्रम में नंद किशोर गुप्ता, एसकेएम इंटर कालेज के रिटायर प्राचार्य डा. माधुरी लता, राजीव कुमार सिंह, गोपाली सिंह सहित ग्रामीण अंचलों के प्रधान व क्षेत्र पंचायत सदस्यों आदि मौजूद रहे।



अक्षर पार्क में सफाई अभियान के साथ भारतीय युवा फोरम के पदाधिकारी शपथ लेते हुये।

कलकत्ते हुए बताया कि क्या तककी कर बजट लगाया जाय कटका है। इमपोर्टन ने यह भी संभवता को बताया कि तक पैदा से इलाज करने से। इस मामले में विस्तार रिपोर्ट के बाद भी मुकदमा दर्ज नहीं हुआ है।

भारतीय युवा फोरम ने चलाया स्वच्छ अभियान

बोली। भारतीय युवा फोरम के नेतृत्व में रामपुर बजा स्थित अक्षर पार्क में प्रधान मंत्री मोदी के स्वच्छ भारत अभियान की मुहिम से जुड़ते हुये स्वच्छ अभियान चलाया और लोगों को जागरूक किया। इस मुहिम से जुड़ते हुये यहां झाड़ू लगायी और अक्षर पार्क तथा उसके चारों तरफ जल पास सफाई की गयी। इस अभियान के साथ साथ कूड़ा भी हटा कर सभी पदाधिकारियों और सदस्यों ने शपथ भी ली है कि अपने शहर व क्षेत्र को स्वच्छ अभियान से जोड़ना है और मोदी के सपनों को साकार करना है। अभियान में रविन्द्र, विक्रम सिंह, गौख शर्मा, अर्चना, नवेन्द्र, जितेन्द्र, अतेन्द्र, दिलीप शर्मा आदि मौजूद थे।

RAVINDRA VIKRAM SINGH, CHAIRPERSON

He loves working on socio-economic issues, aiming to bring people 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. Recently, established a first college in rural part of Dataganj, district Budaun. In free time, he is usually travelling.



GAURAV KRISHNA GUPTA ADVISORY COUNCIL

I am based in Delhi, did schooling from DPS Mathura Road, Delhi, B.Com from Delhi University and MBA from Glasgow Caledonian University, Glasgow, UK. I am management professional working in Noida.



ANKIT SINGH ADVISORY COUNCIL

An architect from IIT Roorkee, Ankit is a certified sustainability professional. Ankit 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.



DR. RICHA JASWAL

Dr. Richa Jaswal is a public health researcher and advocates health as a human right. She graduated in dentistry from Himachal Pradesh University and went on to do Masters in public health (epidemiology) from Manipal University, Manipal. She also has a certificate course in health economics and policy from Maastricht University, Netherlands. There after she worked in a team as senior research assistant in Public Health foundation of India, where she was involved in evaluating quality of health care from both provider's and consumer's perspective in public health facilities in six states of India as part of USAID-funded project. She is now based in Sydney contemplating her research career and has a vision to design and implement policies in public interest.



VINAY KUMAR SINGH DIRECTOR

He is a serial entrepreneur, lawyer and social worker based in Badaun, Uttar Pradesh with interest in rural development, education and agriculture.



SMITA SINGH, LLB ADVISORY COUNCIL

Smita Singh is a law graduate from National Law University Jodhpur with a degree in BBA(H) LLB(H). Currently working in as legal advisory. She has a passion for writing on emerging social and legal issues.



GUNJANI PATEL

CO-FOUNDER

Gunjani 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 start her career in Manhattan, now relocated to Tampa Bay, Florida in 2013, where she runs 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. Additionally, she has been 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 sexual abuse.



SAYAK GHOSH

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Sayak is a mechanical engineer who graduated from NIT Warangal. Sayak has worked in different sectors including management consultancy, construction and real estate, data centers and healthcare. Sayak 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.



DR. HARI OM SOLANKI

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Dr. Hari Om Solanki Hariom was born and brought up in a farming community in Bulandshahar, Uttar Pradesh. After primary education, with his family he shifted to Delhi. He has been awarded with 'Indira award' and also national scholarship for his achievements in 2002. He secured admission to reputed Maulana Azad Medical College, Delhi and completed his MBBS in 2010. After working with Delhi government for a while he got into All India Institute for Medical Sciences, New Delhi to pursue post-graduation (MD – Community Medicine). He has experience of working at multiple levels in health system, administration of health centre, leading health teams, implementing national health programmes etc.

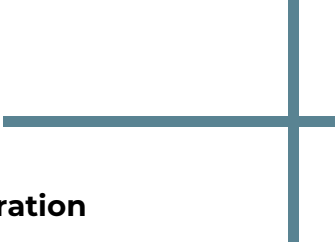


SNIGDHA SHARMA

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Snigdha belongs to Uttarakhand and was raised in various parts of northern and western India. She holds a Masters Degree in Economics and Honours in Statistics. Currently, she is based out of Noida and works for an MNC and pursues Actuarial exams. As a student in 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 started a school inside the premises of her college where she used to teach poor kids from Chandraval after college Hours. Its been 8+ years that the school is still going strong and has gathered many volunteers.





He has experience of working at multiple levels in health system, administration of health centre, leading health teams, implementing national health programmes etc. He has the drive and passion to work for improving the health and upliftment of the people especially those who are under-served and left out of the mainstream. Presently he is working as Assistant Professor at Government Medical College, Haldwani (Uttarakhand), where he teaches MBBS and MD students as well as is involved in health service delivery to community and departmental research activities.



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