

# THE KUTUMB FOUNDATION

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PART ONE

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## INTRODUCTION

The Kutumb Foundation is a volunteer driven, not-for-profit, non-governmental enterprise working for the empowerment of disadvantaged young people in Khan Market, Nizamuddin Sunder Nursery Basti and Savda-Ghevra J.J. Resettlement Colony (on the Northwest Delhi border, 7 km. from Mundka). The Kutumb Foundation is dedicated to promoting the total development of the individual by way of building language skills, bridging developmental gaps, and addressing issues of identity; this process of exposure is accomplished through theatre and football, among other creative methods. Peer leadership and democratic decision making empowers the young people of Kutumb to take charge of their own communities.

Our story begins in 2002 when we began by using non-formal education methods with young people from the Khan Market Labour Camp. At that time we met in a park (now a parking lot). We began with the Goal of Life Football Tournament, a creative theatre festival, Hilley-ley, and an alternate education programme, Indradhanush. Since then, we have firmly rooted ourselves in the community and are branching out, while remaining the same fun organisation with a family atmosphere!

We have faced numerous challenges over the years, but have not been deterred. In 2009, the Khan Market Labour Camp was demolished due in part to the upcoming 2010 Commonwealth Games. The residents of the Camp were relocated to Savda-Ghevra J.J. Resettlement Colony. In 2011, due to requests by our participants, we were able to find a field office in Ghevra. We now run a computer and resource centre there, in partnership with the Habitat Learning Centre. Our Goal of Life programme has also expanded from an annual football tournament to twice weekly football cum life skills sessions in three locations. Indradhanush, our alternate education programme, is now 10 years old in Khan Market. In addition, we hold workshops on gender and pluralism as well as creative workshops. We also continue to hold our annual theatre event, Hilley-ley, featuring plays directed by our own young people.

**APRIL**

- The **2012 Goal of Life Tournament matches** occurred on 13, 14, 18, 19 April. The quarter-finals occurred on 20 April and the semi-finals and final matches were played on 21 April. The winning team this year was **11 Lions**. Their team manager, and Kutumb peer leader, Deepak, was very proud of his team! All of our children, in every team, celebrated the tournament; winning or losing wasn't the most important part. The tournament also focused on **gender inclusivity, conflict resolution, peer leadership** and even **SWOT analysis**. Prizes for the final teams included school bags stocked with supplies. Awards were given not only for top scorer, but also most gender sensitive team and 'Most Valuable (All Around) Player'. The tournament was an all around success and we are very grateful to all of our sponsors, volunteers, peer leaders, coaches and the participants. We are above all thankful to the **R.S. Junior Modern School** for their support.
- Our **Interfaith Leaders Youth Core** fellow, Saachi, visited the homes of our participants in the Sunder Nursery Slums and conducted a survey to map the parents' attitudes towards their daughters participating in sports. The survey was followed up by a discussion with parents and the number of female participants has since drastically improved in our Nizamuddin branch of **Goal of Life**.
- On 8 April Kutumb youth participated in the **Habitat Learning Centre's Annual Day**. They performed several dance numbers and engaged in numerous theatrical skits.

**MAY**

- This May we signed a MOA with the **India Habitat Centre-Habitat Learning Centre** to begin an **Extension Learning Centre** in Ghevra. We began the process of outfitting our Ghevra Field Office with new computers, signing up participants and searching for staff.
- As part of our **ILSA** fellow, Saachi's **Kick Off Event** we organized three workshops with 30+ **Goal of Life** and **Indradhanush** participants on the theme of **Women and Sports**. We worked on poster activities and discussed questions such as: should women play sports? Are their advantages to women playing sports? and so on. We also discussed the lives of diverse Indian sports women: Boxer Mary Kom from Manipur, Shooter Anjali Rawat, Tennis Player Sania Mirza, Track and Field star Anju Bobby George and so on. The workshops culminated with a visit from Swati, an under 19 **Indian Football Team** member and Indu, a representative from the **All India Football Federation**.

They engaged in a friendly match and interacted with our participants. The Kutumb team also had a chance to meet and strategize with **National Team Director Mr. Subhankar Mukherjee**.

- Practices for **Hilley-ley 2012** began in May. The play is conceptualized and directed by two of Kutumb's young peer leaders, Mohit and Sumit. This year we will put on a production of Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*. Our Hindi version, **Saudagari** will focus on the themes of love and friendship within the context of caste and gender.

## JUNE

- This June we completed our **agenda for Indradhanush**, to be implemented in August 2012 and run through August 2013. We have established a **detailed curriculum** for our core areas of **Hindi, Math and English** as well as established new **Youth Clubs** for our senior participants focusing on **English and Hindi discussion and current events** as well as **Personality Development**. Our **Theatre and Dance** groups will also remain active and we will move into providing all around **school assistance** once a week as well. We have formalized a schedule and have been taking 'admission' to our courses from our participants while holding **democratic group discussions** to go over the changes.
- We are in the beginning fazes of conceptualizing a new joint initiative between Kutumb and **Visions DIS** entitled **WE: Arth**. This project will use the waste materials from our President and Founder, Kapil Pandey's business, Visions DIS to create sustainable and creative products such as Filmi coasters and associated merchandise. The idea is to engage the creative potential of Kutumb's elder participants and provide **livelihood opportunities** for those interested parties while simultaneously **reducing environmental impact** of Visions DIS. This project is in the planning stages still but we are currently doing market research and rolling out our first prototypes. The profits from this venture will help to sustain the valuable work Kutumb has been doing for 10 years now.
- **Classes at the Extension Learning Centre began on 25 June**. We are currently in our first batch, with 30 students. Eventually we aim to expand and hire a female teacher as well, in addition to Kutumb peer leader Rahu.

## JULY

- On 21 July we held a **Child Abuse Workshop** at the **American Centre**. This was the first of a series of workshops focusing on creating a Gender Sensitive Environment and continues our work on **gender sensitivity**. This workshop is part of **ILSA's Change the Conversation Event**. The first half of the event was facilitated by Ms. Bharati Sharma, a juvenile justice expert and an associate of the **Delhi Child Welfare Committee**. The goal of the workshop was to help our peer leaders and facilitators recognize the signs of abuse as well as detect distress signals.

## AUGUST

- **Hilley-ley 2012: Saudagari**, an adaptation of Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*, was performed five times throughout the month. Performances were held at the American Centre, Kasturba Gandhi Marg on 4 August, India International Centre, Max Mueller Marg on 5 August, LTG Auditorium, Copernicus Marg on 7 August and India Habitat Centre, Amphitheatre, Lodhi Road on 25 and 26 August. **The play was directed by two of Kutumb's own peer leaders, Mohit and Sumit**. Over two hundred people attended our performances and we reached almost one-thousand individuals through our social media outreach. **Hilley-ley 2012: Saudagari was covered three times by the Hindu (receiving a great review) and was mentioned in India Today magazine.**
- Met with prospective volunteers at **Lady Shri Ram College** on 28 August.
- **Goal of Life was covered by the Hindu on 23 August.**
- Our programmes coordinators attended a two day workshop on **volunteer management** organised by **Swetcha**.

## SEPTEMBER

- Fresh from their performances, our theatre participants elected to form a theatre group, **The Mirror Group**. This group now meets weekly to read scripts, practice their craft and focus on issues of importance to young adults.
- Our founder and President, **Kapil Pandey**, spoke to **300 students** at Lady Shri Ram College on **Volunteerism**.
- On 10 and 13 September we held a **Volunteer Orientation** with our **new volunteers** from Lady Shri Ram College. We focused on demonstrating that volunteering is actually a **skill-building internship** and cannot be passed up.

- On 17 September we inducted **20 new volunteers** to the **Indradhanush** programme.
- Our **Indradhanush** programme inducted **7 new first-generation learners**. They are being taught basic skills by **Kutumb peer leaders and teachers, Aman and Rani**.
- Our **Indradhanush** programme opened new **admissions** and inducted **18 new participants** from the greater Khan Market area.
- **The Kutumb Foundation** presented to **Whiteboard**, a group of corporate professionals, in order to share the challenges and opportunities of our work.

## OCTOBER

- **The Ghehra Extension Learning Centre** held exams for the **Basic Computer Course**. **92%** of the students passed and received their certificate from the **Habitat Learning Centre**.
- **15** young participants of **Kutumb's Indradhanush programme** began attending **Sardar Patel Vidyalaya's Neighbourhood Programme** on a weekly basis to receive tuitions.
- Some of our senior **Goal of Life** participants played a friendly match with students of the **American Embassy School**.

## NOVEMBER

- **The Kutumb Foundation** is now on **LinkedIn!** Connect with us!
- **Assistant Indradhanush Coordinator Anukar** held a week long **art workshop** with the young children of **Indradhanush**.
- A new **English Class** started at Indradhanush headed by our dedicated volunteer, **Ursila**. **10 senior participants** now learn English through worksheets, discussion groups and debates themed around pertinent current events, **3 times a week**.

## DECEMBER

- **December 2** was the opening ceremony for the **Delhi Youth League**. Kutumb's theatre group, **the Mirror Group**, performed a short street play for the audience. We have entered **five teams in the Under-8, Under-10, Under-12 and Under-14 categories**. **On opening day, our Under-8 team (50% girl children!) won first place and our Under-14 team also took first place!** The award ceremony was presided over by **Wim Koevermans, coach of the Indian National Football Team and Chima Okorie, record holding striker and former East Bengal footballer**.
- On New Year's Eve we had a small party at R.S. Junior Modern School, where Manchalé performed and we held an impromptu dance competition! It was a fun way to wind up a productive and exciting year!



## JANUARY

- **The Delhi Youth League** resumed on 13 January, with **weekly matches** at **DPS RK Puram**.
- On 14 January **26 students** of our **Ghevra Extension Learning Centre** graduated from the **Basic Computer Course**. There was an award ceremony and lunch at the **India Habitat Centre**.
- **Nandini and Austin** conducted two **sexual education workshops** at the **Ghevra Extension Learning Centre** with **twenty-five participants**.
- **LSR Volunteers** conducted sessions at **Indradhanush** including holding a dance competition and conducting competitions.
- A Class XI student, Aditya, conducted a **three day art workshop** focusing on **watercolor painting**.

## FEBRUARY

- **Suganda**, a volunteer from **CitiBank**, began holding **weekly English classes** at **Goal of Life-Nizamuddin**.
- **Hero** began **integrating English education** into the **Goal of Life** programme with the goal of **moving towards sessions entirely in English**. Each session he introduces 10 new English phrases commonly used during a football match.
- **LSR Volunteer, Jyoti Yadav**, was chosen as Best Volunteer.

## MARCH

- Our team **conducted Need Assessment Interviews** with over **60 families** in **Khan Market, Nizamuddin and Ghevra** over a three week period.
- **The Kutumb Foundation** met with representatives of the **Mumbai based education organisation, Pravah**, to **overhaul our Indradhanush programme** and develop an **English, Hindi and Maths curriculum** for use in certificate courses with trained teachers.
- **Rakhi**, a graduate of the **Habitat Learning Centre's Content Management Course**, began interning at the **Kutumb Foundation** as our **Website Designer**.
- **Nandini Mazumder**, the **Kutumb Foundation's primary programme coordinator** for the past three years, joined a new organisation, **Apne Aap Women Worldwide**. She continues to be a dedicated volunteer with **Kutumb**.
- **Sara Hasan** joined **Kutumb** as our new programme coordinator.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- By July 2013 the Kutumb Foundation will have the English curriculum up and running, and trained our new English teacher; the first batch will begin the same month. Shortly after, the new Hindi batch will begin, with Maths coming later in the year.
- Delhi School of Social Work Volunteer, Surbhi Bharti, will have completed a short documentary on the Kutumb Foundation.
- Pooja will start as the first female teacher at the Ghevra Extension Learning Centre.
- A resource library, complete with over three-hundred books and educational materials, will open at the Ghevra Extension Learning Centre.
- **Kabaad Vyapaar**, our kabaad project headed by **Kutumb peer leader Deepak**, will soon begin. The project aims to **collect kabaad** from the Khan Market area and sell it to **raise money for Kutumb**. Additionally the project will **provide livelihood** for some of Kutumb's participants and **raise awareness** about our programmes and initiatives.
- **WE: Arth** is working on developing our first **prototypes** and creating a **sample catalogue as well as seeking a full-time coordinator and interns**  
**Kutumb is seeking a field office closer to our field locations in Nizamuddin.**