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THE KUTUMB FOUNDATION...ENABLING PEOPLE REPORT 2011

About Us:

The Kutumb Foundation is a not-for-profit, non-governmental enterprise founded in 2002, registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860—Reg. No. S/45761 of 2003. Our primary work is related to the education of children, both in school and out-of-school and mainly involves enabling first and second-generation learners to learn with joy. We began by working with residents of the Khan Market Labour Camp, behind Khan Market, New Delhi. Today we work at the Khan Market area, Nizamuddin and other parts of the Delhi-NCR.

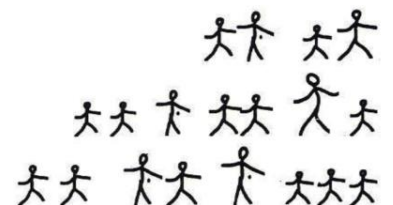
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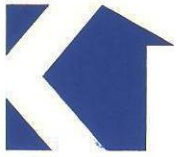
Kutumb has grown from its humble beginnings in the erstwhile Khan Market Park (now a parking lot) in the summer of 2002. In this short period of time we have tried to provide a platform for young people from the non-privileged sections of society to engage in conversations and express themselves through creative forms as diverse as football, painting and theatre. We have made small yet successful strides in our endeavour, working with the children of the Khan Market labour camp, be it with regard to teaching i.e. the **'Indradhanush' (ID)** program; in welfare, with annual health camps like **'Sfoorti'**—a year-long health project under the title **KAFILA**; or **Goal Of Life**, the soccer workshop-cum-tournament that has evolved into regular life-skills based football sessions; and **Josh-e-Umang**, the annual creative-arts festival. Aiming to provide holistic development, our events are a celebration of the spirit, innocence and vitality of children. This year Josh-e-Umang was held in Gurgaon, with the support of **Tata Housing Development Limited** under a project aimed to raise awareness on safety and education amongst construction workers (2010-2011). We held various workshops on basic literacy and creative arts with the children of the construction workers and organised a street-theatre event to raise awareness. The event got covered in Times of India (TOI), Gurgaon Edition: <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/gurgaon/NGO-corporate-come-together-to-raise-awareness/articleshow/7159832.cms>. Then there is **Active Pluralism** or Celebration of Otherness and Multiculturalism. It strives to engage college students through workshops, film screenings, activities and programmes that promote the spirit of multiculturalism and celebrate different identities within the college-campus environment. Active Pluralism is being supported by **Interfaith Youth Core, Chicago (IFYC)**.

After years of dedicated hard work, today Kutumb is known for its honest and persistent efforts to better the conditions of children living in disadvantageous situations. However, we couldn't have achieved this on our own without the support the R. S. Junior Modern School, Humayun Road and Nirmal Primary School, Pandara Road. These schools have helped us by sharing their space with us to run our programmes. The weekends at INDRADHANUSH are activity days and with the help of volunteers, we conduct outdoor activities and our football based life-skills

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programme-GOAL OF LIFE. GOAL OF LIFE is the other core-programme of Kutumb; it has expanded and today it runs at INDRADHANUSH-Khan Market, Nizamuddin and Ghevra in the form of regular sessions twice a week. Hero and Lalit, two of our student who learnt football through Kutumb are the coaches and Project Managers of G.O.L. today. In 2011 G.O.L received an award for being a remarkable, innovative sports based development programme by the American Centre, New Delhi.

Ghevra: One of the grave challenges we faced that almost threatened our initiatives was the demolition of the Khan Market Labour Camp Slums in 2009. The slums behind Khan Market was the original community with whom we had begun working in 2002. These slums were demolished in 2009 and the community was displaced to a place called Ghevra. Ghevra is almost 35-40 kms away from the inner city on the Delhi-Rohtak highway, extreme North-West Delhi. Some of the senior students despite being forcefully relocated to Ghevra, overcome the challenges of a time consuming and costlier travel and continued to come to Kutumb regularly. Therefore, to reconnect and work more effectively with these young people and the community at large once again, we have planned to extend our initiatives and programmes to Ghevra. The **Tony Blair Faith Foundation-TBFF, U.K.** is supporting us in this initiative. The new initiative aims at promoting one of the several vital international millennium development goal's (IMDGs) - maternal and child healthcare in Ghevra.

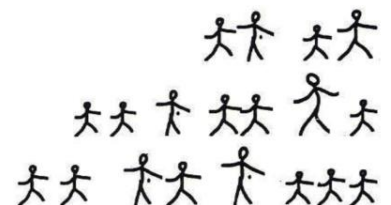
INITIATIVES AND ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN 2011:

A puppeteer from the U.S. – Laura came to INDRADHANUSH and held an interesting **workshop on POSITIVE APPROACHES LEADING TO GOOD DREAMS-THOUGHTS** through sharing the knowledge about a dream-catcher – a Native American practice that is believed to filter bad dreams and allow only good dreams to come to the mind. She taught the children to create their own inexpensive dream-catchers made out of paper plates and ordinary strings! Laura's workshop emphasized on the power of the mind and positive thinking and how one can work on their mind to channelize positive thought. She concluded the workshop by teaching the children about the 'worry-cup' which is a cup that one fills up with broken stones, pebbles and any other small object. The activity is done right before one sleeps at night. The objects represent the "worries of the mind" and the symbolic act of taking it out of the mind and keeping it in the cup, frees the mind of the worries within it before sleeping. This offbeat and creative interesting workshop took place at the INDRADHANUSH Program at the R. S. Junior Modern School, Humayun Road.

The regular classes continued with the same enthusiasm and eagerness, both from the children and the volunteers. This year too, there were several dedicated volunteers who came to teach in through the L.S.R.-N.S.S. They came to teach the children attached to us through

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INDRADHANUSH and GOAL OF LIFE. Through various educational and creative sessions, they were able to engage the children meaningfully.

At INDRADHANUSH apart from the regular classes, February, saw a variety of interesting activities such as, on 24th there was an **Active Pluralism Workshop** facilitated by Abhishek, a representative from **Interfaith Youth Core, Chicago**. The workshop focused on fostering healthy relationships between different communities through the ideas of common goals and social service projects. The workshop was conducted at the Nirmal Primary School, Pandara Road with a diverse group of Kutumb's students and volunteers.

On 25th February **AIESEC (D.U. Chapter)** had volunteers from different countries who came to Kutumb and volunteered to organize a very crucial **workshop on HIV/AIDs** for children from 8-12 years old. The workshop was facilitated very sensibly for the tender age-group. The children were engaged through interesting videos and other visual tools and emerged as more knowledgeable and well-informed about the deadly-disease. The workshop was conducted in the R. S. Junior Modern School premises during the INDRADHANUSH Program.

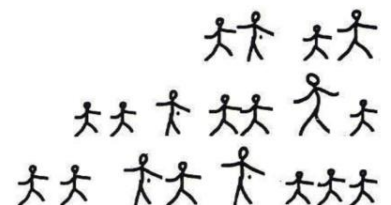
On 28th February **Pravah** organized an **URBAN EXPOSURE** for college students and for this they associated with Kutumb, to organize the walk in Ghevra – a place where the Khan Market slums along with slums from across the city, has been displaced to. The walk was lead by Hero, Sunder and Nem Singh, young people from Kutumb who live in the area and hence could facilitate the volunteers with a deep and accurate understanding of the area and it's problems. The walk was such a success that Pravah conducted the same walk under their URBAN EXPOSURE programme at Ghevra again on 13th March with volunteers from IIT Delhi. This walk too, was lead by Hero, Sunder and Nem Singh who were excellent hosts and facilitators for the volunteers! Both the days went very well with an interaction with the communities, ice-breaking games, football match, lots of other fun activities and music!

In March Pravah organized a music festival called Music for Harmony. Kutumb's own band – **MANCHALE** performed here and collected accolades for their brilliant, folk based music! On 25th April the Habitat Learning Centre of the India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road commemorated the students for completing their courses. The event was held at the Amphitheatre – India Habitat Centre. Senior students from the Kutumb Foundation not only a part of the commemoration ceremony but they also helped in organizing the event and showcased their creative skills. MANCHALE was invited to perform here and they participated with full enthusiasm and spirit!

Goal of Life has spread it's reach and goes on in **Nizamuddin** as well! The Nizamuddin chapter is a success as we reach out to almost 50 children there on a regular basis. These children are learning football and participate in other creative and life-skills based sessions to be able to have a holistic development. The programme grew further this year as we came into

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association with the **Baichung Bhutia Football School, Vasant Kunj** and they took in our coaches - Hero, Lalit, Deepak and Loukesh – young people from the community we work in, and they were trained by football coaches of international repute! Some of them even got the opportunity to meet Baichung Bhutia in person and receive further inspiration from him!

August 2011 The Kutumb Foundation had organized an interesting Theatre for Development Workshop in Partnership with Katkatha Puppet Trust, Make Arts/Stop AIDs and Rickshaw Theatre Project-A theatre group from Cambridge University. For these workshops the R. S. Junior Modern School gave us special permission and allowed us to use their premises from 4p.m. to 8p.m. instead of the usual 5p.m. to 8p.m. A group from Cambridge University came and conducted a 2 week workshop on theatre and based it on the issue of HIV/AIDs awareness. A final performance was held and children attached to other NGOs such as Umeed Bal Bhavan and others came and participated in the performance.

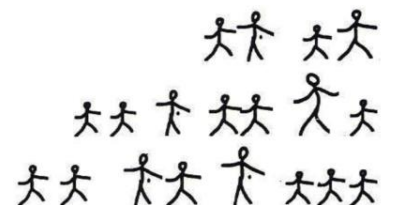
September 2011, an artist based out of Chennai-Delhi, Joyston Christopher Vaz, conducted a three day long painting workshop with the children at Kutumb. We called this Art-Paint Workshop-UDHAM! The children were encouraged to paint the walls of Kutumb's Neb Sarai space, which we are planning to develop into a resource centre! The final piece is a riot of colours and imagination created entirely by the children themselves under the guidance of Joyston's expert skills.

Like every year, the candle-making initiative was undertaken at Kutumb. This year Deepak, one of our senior students lead this initiative. He involved other children and young people from the Kutumb Foundation in this initiative. He was an able leader and completed all the orders much ahead of Diwali. He lead the sales and organized a stall at Khan Market (in front of Fab Photos) on the day of Chhoti Diwali and sold candles worth Rs. 2000/- .

Hilley Ley 2011: 18th November Kutumb Foundation organized the first show of Hilley-Ley, our annual cultural event, at **Lok Kala Manch**. The event was a huge success as a huge number of our volunteers and supporters came to attend the show. The children and young people performed a play called '**Ek Thha Natak**' completely prepared, designed and innovated by them with little help from senior Kutumb volunteers – Anand and Manjima (General Secretary of Kutumb). There were other cultural performances such as a puppetry based on Ramayan called, '**Chhoti Si Ramleela**', an interesting activity on the issue of Active Pluralism. This short, interactive session was facilitated by Kapil Pandey (President). The activity encouraged active participation by the audience and was received with much enthusiasm. The final performance was a song by Kutumb's own music-band, **Manchale!** Volunteers from Symbiosis University, Bangalore worked actively to make this event a success. On **1st December, 2011**, the second and final Hilley-Ley show was organized at **India International Centre**. This show, too was received with a lot of enthusiasm. Following the success of the two shows, the senior students at Kutumb undertook the initiative of performing the play, 'Ek Thha Natak' at one girls school –

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Sarvodya Kanya Vidyalaya, Pandara Road (where some of them study) on **15th December, 2011.**

'**Ek Thha Natak**' was a huge success owing to its innovative story about a boy who is tired of the regular school system and dreams of innovation in the field of education. The boy soon realizes that many of his friends are dropping out of school, unable to keep pace with the rigidity of formal schooling or unable to study because of financial needs. The boy along with his friends starts a project for all his friends where the children decide to teach each other – share skills with their friends. The play highlights the issue of demolition of slums that some of the young people (the original students with whom Kutumb started working) faced during 2009. The lead was enacted by the very talented SUMIT and the other actors who played important characters were, RITU, MANOJ, SANTOSHI, RAJESH, RANI, VIKASH, OMPRAKASH (aka Nanhe), SUNITA, DEEPAK (junior), ROHIT MEHRA, TANNU, RIYA, AKANSHA, RUCHI, MUSKAAN, KARISHMA and others. The play was inspired by the young people's own experiences and thoughts around these experiences.

From 5th to 7th December, 2011, **Magic Bus** (sports based development organisation) organized a Monitoring and Evaluation workshop in which Goal of Life also participated. We gained immense knowledge and insight into better management techniques. Currently, we are following the learning's of this workshop and have developed a Logic Model to organize the programme with greater emphasis on measureable goals.

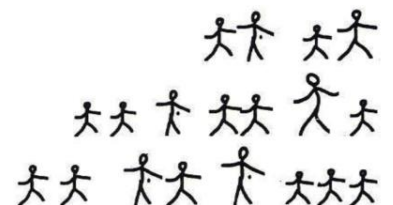
7th to 11th December, 2011 the Kutumb Foundation participated at a training organized by the by Interfaith Youth Core, Chicago, U.S. Kutumb was selected to be one of the 4 national partners of Interfaith Youth Core and hence implement their fellowship called the Interfaith Leaders Social Action Project – ILSA. This is a 3 year long project where young people will be offered an annual fellowship, twice a year, from 2011 to 2013.

In December 2011, Goal of Life was also nominated as one the best sports based development project by **Beyond Sports** in the Sports Summit in South Africa. Beyond Sports is an international sports based developmental organisation. It was a huge opportunity for Kutumb to be represented at an International Platform and receive recognition from sports based developmental organizations from all over the world.

We ended the year with celebrations and jubilation with the children and young people from Khan Market and Nizamuddin at R. S. Junior Modern School. Young children and the senior students prepared cultural performances and Kutumb's own music band performed a series of folk-based songs. Kutumb's youngest member-volunteer, 3 year old Adaa performed 'Kolaveri Di' the most popular song of 2011 to everybody's delight! Old and new volunteers joined in the celebrations and increased the excitement and fun!

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Currently we are at an interesting point of our developmental journey – growing as an organisation and growing in terms of programmes and initiatives. We would therefore, take this opportunity and thank all our venue partners – the **R. S. Junior Modern School, Humayun Road** and **Nirmal Primary School, Pandara Road**; for sharing their premises after school hours and very graciously helping us to run our programs after school hours.

We thank our partner organizations - **PRAVAH, Y.P. Foundation, Youth Reach**; for sharing their resources with us and entering into a mutually beneficial exchange and partnership.

We thank **Inter Faith Youth Core, Chicago-USA or IFYC** for selecting us as one of their National Partners in India and implementing the ILSA (Interfaith Leaders Social Action Project) with Kutumb. We have adapted this program and renamed it as, 'Active Pluralism', to suit the Indian context of multiple ethnic, regional and communal identities.

We thank **Tony Blair Faith Foundation, UK or TBFF** for supporting SFOORTI, a Maternal and Child Healthcare initiative in the Sawda-Ghevra Slum Resettlement Colony. Thanks to the support from TBFF, Kutumb could establish its first field office in Sawda Ghevra (E 31, J. J. Colony, Sawda Ghevra, New Delhi 110081) in August 2011.

The **American Centre, New Delhi** needs a special mention as they very generously came forward to support Goal of Life and we received an award for our football based life-skills program. The award money enabled us to implement our current initiative effectively at Nizamuddin and Khan Market and helped to expand our program to a new location – Savda-Ghevra slum resettlement colony. We also thank our corporate partners - Tata Housing Development Limited, Steria (formerly known as Xansa); for supporting us through all these years to implement and run **INDRADHANUSH, GOAL OF LIFE** and our various other programmes.

We thank **Lok Kala Manch** for helping us to organize our annual cultural event at their space. We thank **India International Centre** for providing space at their auditorium to organize the final show of Hilley-Ley.

We are confident that with your continuous and relentless support, we will receive greater goals for the greatest good!

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