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When you find a dream inside your heart, don't ever let it go... because dreams are the tiny seeds from Goddess Saraswati, from which a beautiful tomorrow grows. Let's seek blessings of Goddess Saraswati to attain enlightenment through knowledge and overcome ignorance.

Wish you all a very Happy Basant Panchami!

Difference between those who care and those who don't



"What matters today is not the difference between those who believe and those who don't, but the difference between those who care and those who don't."

Award participants from Bawa Lalvani Public School, Kapurthala visited and offered their services at the Kusht Ashram (Leprosy Home) in Kapurthala on 20th January 2017. Below is a report from Ms. Ekta Dhawan, Principal, Bawa Lalvani Public School, Kapurthala.

The aim of the IAYP programme is to 'equip youth for life'. Young people, through this project, work with socially and economically disadvantaged people or people with physical disabilities through activities of the Award Programme. Association through these activities encourages independence, inter-dependence and self-help among socially isolated people.

To sensitize the students about the people suffering from leprosy and to boost the morale of the patients and their families, BLPS organised a visit to Kusht Ashram, Kapurthala for Award participants. The staff of the Ashram introduced them to the patients and their families. The participants had healthy conversations with the patients and their families and had a first-hand knowledge of their experiences and lives of people with leprosy.

The Award participants, along with their mentors and parents, have made volunteering for Kusht Ashram a part of their Social Service experience. Parents have helped in preparing the lunch boxes, articles of daily needs (comb, soap, toothbrush) and financial help. The participants, along with teachers, offered help for daily grooming, such as changing their clothes, combing their hair and cutting the nails of physically disabled people and cleaning their surroundings. The participants purchased food items for the patients. This contribution meant a lot to the inmates of the leprosy home.

Medical treatment has brought leprosy under control everywhere in the world but there is still deep-rooted discrimination against those affected by this disease. The Award participants have pledged to serve them in their struggle and to truly overcome such discrimination.

As a weekly affair, the Award participants have decided to enthusiastically participate in the collection for these victims of leprosy. Through this, the participants learn to care of others and understand the importance of contributing to one's community. It gives them an opportunity to change lives, perhaps even their own, and understand what it means to 'equip for life.'



Explore Spiti, be a part of Solar Conservation Project 2017 - Registrations Open till 15th April 2017

Residential Project and Adventurous Journey for Gold Participants, 2nd - 17th June, 2017, Spiti, Northern Himalayas, India

Gold Award participants from around the globe are welcome to apply for the two-weeks Solar Conservation Project at Spiti, Himachal Pradesh, organised by Ecosphere in collaboration with IAYP India. The project is one of its kind, combining an Adventurous Journey and Gold Residential Project exclusively for Gold Award participants.

During this journey, the Award participants will participate in the actual construction of the Solar Bath and the setup of a Solar Water Geyser (Evacuated Tube Condenser) or a Greenhouse and will be assisted by a dedicated team of well-qualified masons and the representative from Ecosphere. The construction period will be 7 to 8 days. The trip will be an amalgam of work, learning and pleasure.

During this trip, the Award participants will also be visiting some of the highest villages in the world, going on a high-altitude trek, visiting some ancient monasteries dating back over 1000 years and taking a yak/horse safari and mountain bike. Traditional homestays will further enrich the experience by giving an authentic understanding of the life and culture in a Spitian home. Detailed information can be obtained from [here](#). If you are interested in being a part of Solar Conservation Project, download application form from [here](#).

The International Gold Event (IGE) 2017

25th October – 30th October 2017 at Prague, Czech Republic

Youth Engaging Society (YES)

YES Centres in India are strategic allies in promoting the all-inclusive growth of The Award. [Click for updated list](#)

Events in Focus - Contact the Programme Team for details

- 2nd - 3rd February 2017: Award Leader Training (YES) Workshop at Award Training Centre, New Delhi
- 7th February 2017: Award Presentation at Royal Gondwana School, Nagpur
- 7th February 2017: Award Presentation at Centre Point School, Katol Road Campus, Nagpur
- 9th - 10th February 2017: Award Leader Training (YES) Workshop at Lalaji Memorial Omega International School, Kolapakkam, Chennai
- 14th - 19th February 2017: Adventurous Journey Camp (Phase-II) for Gender Diversity and Empowerment Project, West Bengal and Blind Boys' Academy, West Bengal.
- 22nd February 2017: Award Orientation at The Asian School, Dehra Dun.
- 22nd February 2017: Programme Manager's visit to schools of Dehra Dun.
- 10th - 11th March 2017: Training workshop for IAYP License & ITAPs License Activity Support Providers for the delivery of Adventurous Journey Section and the Residential Project
- 2nd - 17th June 2017: Seventh Solar Conservation Project 2017 - Residential Project and Adventurous Journey for Gold Participants at Spiti, Himachal Pradesh.
- 25th – 30th October 2017: International Gold Event (IGE) at Prague, Czech Republic.

Partners / Trained Activity Provider Update

The aim of partnering is to harness the potential and to encourage young people to grow from their own strengths. Individuals and organisations are welcome to partner with the Award Programme Foundation, and help develop the Programme. [Click to visit the Partners page](#)

Update

The following Trained Activity Providers are no longer approved for IAYP Adventurous Journey.

1. Himalayan Outward Bound, New Delhi
2. Indian Camper, Bangalore
3. Negi Sports Pvt.Ltd., Chandigarh
4. Sports Outreach India, Breakthrough, Bangalore

5. Youreka Campouts Pvt Ltd., New Delhi

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