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Janhit's E-Newsletter



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From the Director's Pen....



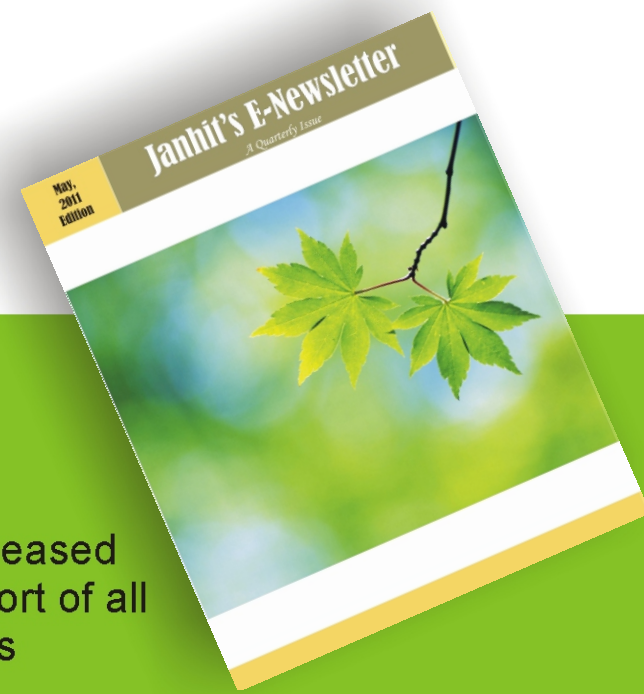
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Firstly, Diwali Wishes to all our readers.

This e-newsletter details the activities we have undertaken in the past six months, and we are pleased to announce that with the good wishes and support of all our associates and partners, the organization has Continued to grow in all of its endeavors.

During these six months, Janhit Foundation has been delighted to welcome a number of new partner associations, such as the Earth Day Network and UNINOR amongst others. We have also participated in a number of key international events such as SACOSAN IV and the India Water Forum.

Most importantly, I would like to acknowledge and thank CAPRE Foundation for giving us a recent opportunity to visit Australia and share our work with our international partners. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support, and together we will continue working towards the organizations goals.

- Anita Rana

About Janhit

Janhit Foundation is an independent, non-profit NGO, actively engaged in the promotion of human welfare through environmental protection since 1998.

Our key areas of work include:

Groundwater quality protection for human health.

Provision of safe drinking water to marginalized communities.

Protection of river water quality for aquatic ecosystems.

Enhancement of available water resources through water conservation measures.

Promotion of sustainable agriculture by organic farming methods.

Environmental education and empowerment of local communities.

The emancipation of poverty through education and child rights for children of marginalized communities.

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undertakes this work through scientific research, campaigns, advocacy and grass-root level community involvement.

As a public interest organization the Janhit Foundation focuses on strengthening of local communities through their active participation in the decision making process to achieve sustainable development for the community as a whole. We believe that environmental degradation can only be addressed adequately if local people are empowered in decision making at all levels and have control over their natural resources. To achieve our goals we work in partnership with government, non-governmental, national and international organisations on environment and human rights issues.

Our Vision

To empower local communities to take action to safe guard their environment and natural resources for themselves and future generations.

To achieve this though community participation in our projects and activities and ensuring local people are consulted throughout the process of development.

We strive towards building a sustainable future for mankind based on social justice and believe that this can only be achieved though the up-holding of all human rights and the rule of law.



Awards



One World Award (2008) – For its outstanding work in the field of organic agriculture.

Green Apple Award (2009) – For its outstanding contribution and work towards environment issues.

Appreciation Certificate (2008) - Presented to Janhit Foundation by Ms. Lizzette Burgers, WES Chief, UNICEF and the Country Representative of Water Aid, Mr. Depinder Singh Kapur for promoting public awareness and contribution to collective action for sustainable solutions in New Delhi

Our Team



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Activities on the Issue of Water



Workshop on Rainwater Harvesting

Janhit Foundation has been working on Protection and Conservation of Water since its inception. The organization has been motivating people at all levels to take positive action towards the preservation of this key natural resource. Rainwater Harvesting has been a major source of refilling groundwater sources and for combating the depletion of the water table.

Meerut, which has been marked as having a dangerously low water table, needs more and more initiatives to be developed in order to recharge the ground water. In order to motivate the

population of the city as a whole, Janhit Foundation invited dignitaries and members of the Rotary Club, Meerut, to a Workshop on Rainwater Harvesting at Hotel de Roses on April 9, 2011. Janhit director, Ms. Anita Rana delivered a presentation on Rainwater Harvesting and informed delegates about its advantages and the initiatives undertaken by Janhit Foundation to promote it.

The attendees from the Rotary Club appreciated our efforts and liked the presentation. There were almost 200 attendees at the workshop, and they all left feeling

motivated to take positive action towards the conservation of rain water. Hopefully this will result in more rainwater harvesting being witnessed in Meerut in the future. the conservation of rain water. Hopefully this will result in more rainwater harvesting being witnessed in Meerut in the future.



Janhit Foundation at JP Institute of Engineering

Recognizing the concerted efforts by Janhit towards water conservation and sustainable agriculture, a Workshop was hosted by the JP Institute of Engineering on the 8th April 2011, inviting Janhit Foundation to share their experiences and innovations with the students of the institution.



Janhit Foundation was represented by Ms. Anita Rana, Director of the Foundation, to interact with the students. She delivered a 2 hour long interaction with the students where the talk was entwined around rainwater harvesting and organic farming.

Ms. Rana discussed rain water harvesting and its methods in great detail, and she then continued by discussing the advantages of organic farming as a method for the conservation of water, as organic farming is more water efficient. It was a very interactive session as students came up with queries and actively participated in the discussion that followed. The Principal of the institute appreciated Janhit's initiatives on water conservation and showed keen interest and motivation towards organizing more events in the future.

Janhit Foundation and CSE got hands along to save water

The Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) and Janhit Foundation have been partners for many years, with Janhit launching the first Rain Centre in North India. The partnership was further strengthened with the Pond Revival projects undertaken by the organization and recognition of our efforts in the area of Water Conservation.

Taking another leap ahead the Foundation organized daily workshops in 4 different villages spread between April 27th- 30th 2011, in association with CSE. The farmers were the target beneficiaries of these meetings and were motivated to conserve each and every bit of water possible during the rains through adopting various Rain water harvesting techniques. The villages benefitting from these workshops were Khatki, Gavdi, Bhaajra and Atrada. Ms. Geeta, an expert on Water Conservation



Techniques from CSE interacted with the keen and enthusiastic villagers.



Another meeting was held on May 5, 2011 at Jalalpur where teachers from 40 different schools gathered to understand the techniques and advantages of rainwater harvesting. The guests interacted with experts from CSE, New Delhi. They had a discussion on rainwater harvesting and also visited a successfully running rainwater harvesting plant in Jalalpur. The experts from CSE explained the workings of the plant to the teachers who seemed very enthusiastic to make their students aware of the various benefits of rainwater harvesting, and to make it even more popular. Following this meeting, the teachers have asked to bring their students to visit this centre so that they get a better insight into the workings of the plant, and to learn more about Rainwater Harvesting.

India Water Forum

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), in association with the Ministry of Water Resources organized the first 'India Water Forum' (IWF), an annual international water convention, to address the dynamics of water and climate change on 13-15th April 2011. In its inaugural year, the IWF theme was Water Security and Climate Change: Challenges and Opportunities. It aimed at exploring new strategies and technologies in the water sector, while being eco-friendly and ensuring sustainable development.

This global convention showcased advanced knowledge and successful technologies developed in different countries and regions, with the aim of promoting international knowledge networks and partnerships for addressing challenges related to water security and climate change. A series of interactive sessions with policy-makers, industrial experts, environmentalists, researchers, academics, students, and the general public collected on a common platform was organized as a part of the forum. The convention was graced by the presence of eminent personalities like Dr. R.K. Pachauri, Director General, TERI; Shri M Hamid Ansari, Hon'ble Vice President of India; Dr. Farooq Abdullah, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Govt. of India; Mr. Salman Khurshid, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Water Resources, Govt. of India and many more.

Recognising the initiatives undertaken by the organization in the past years on Water Conservation, Janhit Foundation was invited as part of Civil Society representation.



Activities on the Issue of Sustainable Agriculture



Exposure Visits by farmers

Janhit Foundation has been organizing a number of exposure visits for farmers over the past few years to make them aware of the various environmentally-friendly techniques and patterns of farming. Realizing the progressive rate of environmental degradation due to the use of pesticides and the keen interest of farmers towards organic farming, Janhit Foundation organized three more exposure visits this year.

1. February 1-7, 2011- An exposure visit was organized for farmers in association with Malpani Trust in Nemawar, Madhya Pradesh on Natueco farming. This practice is 100% valid for India

where sunlight falls for eight to ten hours a day, and for 300 days a year. The 15 farmers participating in this programme acquired training on how to practice it. They were also informed about its benefits as an environmentally-friendly practice of farming.

2. February 13-18, 2011- Janhit Foundation has been actively taking up projects to promote organic farming in Western Uttar Pradesh. Adding more to that, another exposure visit was organized in association with Maharashtra Organic Farmers' Federation in Belapur, Maharashtra on organic farming. Organic farming strictly limits the

use of manufactured fertilizers and relies on techniques such as crop rotation, green manure, compost and biological pest control to maintain soil productivity and control pests on a farm. Fifteen farmers participated in this programme and were trained on how to practice it.

3. March 11-16, 2011- Yet another exposure visit took place in Miraj, Karnataka on organic farming. Seven field staff members participated in this programme. They received training on growing organic sugarcane with intercropping under the guidance and supervision of Shri Suresh Desai.

Display of Organic Products

Janhit Foundation has been associated with CAF for the past few years and the two organizations have collaborated many times to organize events to spread awareness about the environment.

Strengthening the bond, Janhit Foundation participated in a fair organized by CAF at the ADOBE office, Noida on May 27, 2011.

Janhit also hosted a stall displaying organic products at the fair. Employees of ADOBE and others were informed about the benefits of consuming organic products. The stall received a lot of appreciation from everyone.

Janhit at Dilli Haat

Janhit Foundation has been associated with the Centre of Environmental Education (CEE) for the past few years and has organized various activities in collaboration to promote environmental awareness.

Janhit participated in a programme organized by CEE at Dilli Haat from June 1-5, 2011. Janhit hosted a stall displaying organic products. Dilli Haat being one of the most popular places specially known for the variety of handicraft goods attracts many tourists. The stall put up by Janhit grabbed the attention of many. The visitors were informed about the benefits of consuming organic products, and the stall received a lot of appreciation from everyone. Janhit also earned the proud privilege of celebrating the World Environment Day (June 5) with the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India.

PICTURE GALLERY



Activities on the Issue of Environment Conservation



Tree Plantation Drive

Janhit Foundation organized a tree plantation drive in Ambedkar Inter College and Shastri Nagar on June 3, 2011. The event was sponsored by Uninor. The students of Ambedkar College as well as the residents of Shastri Nagar participated with great enthusiasm in the drive, and helped in making the event successful. The principal of the

college also seemed profoundly optimistic towards organizing more such drives to help make the environment greener.



'Stakeholders' Consultation and Launch of UN Decade on Biodiversity for Asia and Pacific'

The Ministry of Environment and Forests and the Convention on Biological Diversity launched the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity (2011- 2020) for Asia and the Pacific, on 23rd May 2011 at Hotel Ashok, New Delhi. A Stakeholders' consultation on taking biodiversity conservation forward was also held on the same day. At the launch, Minister for Environment and Forests Mr. Jairam Ramesh welcomed the international community to India, and said: 'as a mega-diverse nation and host of COP-11 of the Convention on Biological Diversity, India stands committed to the implementation of the three objectives of the Convention. Conservation is a national imperative for us as lives and livelihoods of millions of rural and urban people are dependent on its sustainable use.'

More than 500 participants were urged to extend every effort to conserve global biological diversity. Minister Jairam Ramesh addressed the international community, and unveiled the CoP-11 logo and slogan 'Prakruthi Rakshathi Rakshita,' which means 'Nature protects if she is protected'. A video on India's biodiversity, 'Incredible India and Incredible Biodiversity' was also screened.

The launch was attended by Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, secretary of the CBD Secretariat, and the Vice-Minister of Environment, Japan representing the CoP- 10 Presidency, Ministers of Environment from Sri Lanka and Afghanistan, Ambassadors/High Commissioners of Delhi based Missions, the National Biodiversity Authority, State Biodiversity Boards, Central Government Ministries, UN bodies, international organizations, Civil Society Organizations, and industry. Special sessions were dedicated to stakeholder engagement, and to begin taking the UNDB targets forward. Sessions were held for civil society, UN and donor agencies, state biodiversity boards, and businesses.

Recognising the initiatives undertaken by the organization in the past years on Water Conservation, Janhit Foundation was invited as a representative for civil society.

Visit to Australia

Janhit foundation director Mrs Anita Rana approached Capre Foundation which is a non profit organisation with offices in India and an office in Perth, to work collaboratively in a cross cultural policy setting in India and Australia.

Mrs Lily Bhavna Kauler, President Capre Foundation, liked Mrs Anita Rana's idea and invited her to visit Australia and open an office in Perth for which space has been provided by Capre Foundation. The two organizations met with Mr. Ramdas Sankaran, Executive Director of Multicultural Services Centre of Western Australia, who has agreed to work collaboratively with Janhit foundation and Capre Foundation in making films and mental health projects. Meetings were also held with Mr. Ernie Bridge, Founder of Watering Australia Foundation, who was previously the water minister of Western Australia. He was very pleased to hear about the achievements in water projects of both Janhit Foundation and Capre Foundation, and he has agreed to work collaboratively with both Janhit Foundation and Capre foundation to further a cross cultural exchange between Australia and India.

A very significant meeting related to Education was held between the Foundation for Indigenous Sustainable Housing (FISH), Janhit Foundation and Capre Foundation, and a discussion was held about the establishment of a Bush University in the Kimberley in Western Australia. It was also agreed that a delegation of tribal people would travel from Kimberley in Western Australia and visit tribal people in India for a cross cultural exchange.

A meeting was held at Perth City farm which is a community organic garden initiative in the centre of the city in Perth, Western Australia. Present at this meeting were Anita Rana from Janhit, Lily Bhavna Kauler from Capre Foundation, Janette Grogan from Organics Australia, Shirley from Slow Food, Michelle and Sue Hartley from Perm Culture Australia. During the meeting it was agreed that Janhit Foundation and Capre Foundation would support the Western Australian Anti GM lobby group, and that this Western Australian group would support Janhit and Capre in their quest to make India GM free and also assist with any training in organic farming.

Janhit Foundation and Capre Foundation are now members of the TRUE FOOD NETWORK of Western Australia. They are also members of SLOW FOOD in Perth, Western Australia.

The two organizations met with several key indigenous leaders in Western Australia who have promised to work in collaboration in India and in Australia.

Janhit Foundation and Capre Foundation also met with Mr. Lai Hock and miss founders of Ground Up initiative in Singapore, which is a sustainability initiative being run very successfully at Bottle Tree Park in the heart of Singapore. This non profit organization was very delighted to meet the two organizations from India and has agreed to work collaboratively on organic farming techniques. The trip was very successful and has resulted in collaborative work between two NGO's from Uttar Pradesh, with Western Australian and Singaporean organizations joining hands for future partnerships.



In Remembrance of Shri Anil Ji

Movement of Water Conservation should be reinforced.

Speaking in a program organized by Janhit Foundation, in the 50th Memory of its founder, Late Shri Anil Rana; Former Union Minister, Mr. Sompal Shastri stressed the need for active participation of the children of Western U.P. in the area of Water Conservation. He also emphasized the role of NGO's in this area. He also discussed the work completed by Late Shri Anil Rana in the field of Water related issues.

Speaking further, chief guest, Mayor Madhu Gurjar also discussed in detail the excellent work done by Dr. Anil Rana for social welfare, which is now being carried forward under guidance of Mrs. Anita Rana. Later, speaking in the program, Janhit Director Mrs. Anil Rana briefly highlighted the work done by Janhit Foundation during the last 13 yrs in the areas of water conservation, organic farming, environment and child welfare & rights.

MSW students of J.P.Institute & Ch.Charan Singh Univ. were awarded with Anil Rana Memorial Award, Trophy, Certificate & Cash. Former I.A.S. officer, Prabhat Kr. Rai, Dr.Rahul Bansal, senior reporters Anil Bansal, Ramavtar Agarwal, Naveen Pradhan, poet Ishwar Chandra Gambhir, Ravindra-Child Welfare Committee, Ajay, etc. were also present in the program.

Dr. Anil Rana will always be remembered.

Actively involved in the area of water conservation & environment, Janhit Foundation celebrated the 50th Anniversary of its Founder, Dr. Anil Rana in a program organized at the Chamber of Commerce on 20th May, 2011. After opening the program, Chief Guest, Mayor Madhu Gurjar, said that the excellent work done by Dr. Anil Rana in the area of water conservation & environment will be remembered for lifetimes. Speaking further about Mrs. Anita Rana, wife of Dr. Anil Rana, Mayor Madhu Gurjar said that she is leaving no stone unturned in fulfilling her husband's dream.

Former Lokayukt, Sushil Verma, praised Janhit's fight for saving ground-water. Former union minister, Sompal Shastri said whenever the issues of environment & water-conservation will be discussed, Dr. Anil Rana will also be respectively remembered. Chief welfare Officer P.N.Singh also praised the Janhit's work in the related areas & its achievements.

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE EVENT



SACOSAN-IV

Janhit Foundation participated in the Ministerial Summit of the Fourth South Asia Conference on Sanitation (SACOSAN - IV), held at Colombo on April 6, 2011. Janhit was represented by the director, Ms. Anita Rana. Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa opened the Ministerial Summit of the Fourth South Asia Conference on Sanitation (SACOSAN - IV) at the Cinnamon Grand Hotel in Colombo.

Addressing the foreign and local attendees, the President said that it is prudent for the developed nations to spend their defense expenditure for eradication of poverty and other hardships being faced by the people throughout the world, so that a meaningful development could be established.

President Rajapaksa remarked that meaningful development is not merely economic development, and that economic development should benefit all the people in a country.

The President pointed out that the government of Sri Lanka is committed to achieve the millennium development goals of minimizing poverty on a national level by 2015, and providing better sanitation facilities and conservation of water by 2020.

The minister of water supply and drainage, Dinesh Gunawardena, ministers responsible for sanitation in south Asia, ambassadors, members of the government organizations, non-governmental organizations and students participated in this event.



IMPORTANT HIGHLIGHT – Two Volunteers from UK are joining us..

Matt will arrive on the 30th of October and volunteer for 6 weeks. Matt has solid work experience in business development and financial management and a BA in Geography. He is passionate about environmental issues and he is very keen to combine his skills with working for JF.

Duncan will arrive on the 7th of November and volunteer for 12 months. Duncan has an environmental science based degree, with specialization areas including environmental management, coastal zone management, sustainable development, environmental law. He has been working in a government based research/policy position for the past 3 years; he now wishes to volunteer with JF.

Activities On Child Related Issues



Child Rights Panchayat

Janhit Foundation is a partner organization of CHILDLINE INDIA FOUNDATION (CIF), Mumbai working in Meerut for the protection of child rights since April 2007. Janhit Foundation in its role as MEERUT CHILDLINE organized a one day workshop on CHILD RIGHTS AND PANCHAYAT on 10th March 2011. The objective of the Child Rights Panchayat was to bring forth unresolved child rights issues and cases to the senior authorities or the "PANCHAS". The Chairperson, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Dr. Shantha Sinha was the guest of honor---"The SARPANCH", Mr. Lov Verma., Member Secretary, NCPCR, Mr. Augustine Veliath, child rights professional and Dr. Komal Ganotra from CHILDLINE India Foundation, New Delhi were also present. The programme also aimed at establishing an interface between the civil society and citizens of Meerut and the representatives of the apex national commission.

Child labour is significantly visible in the city. This includes children in sports and scissor industry, in

domestic labour and in large numbers in shops and dhabas/ hotels etc. In the last year there has been operation MASUM, a drive to rescue children from the workplace, and around 81 children were rescued from different establishments in April 2010. There has neither been an FIR nor a child labour chaalan filed against any of the employers in the case. She further emphasized that there has to be a systemic response to the issue. CHILDLINE gets a large number of cases of unaccompanied and missing children. Meerut does not have a shelter for girls and for mentally challenged children.

The "Sarpanch" of the PANCHAYAT stated that she appreciated the efforts of Janhit Foundation and said that the commission would address each case presented to them. Prof. Shantha Sinha also honored the team of Meerut CHILDLINE with a trophy, and congratulated them for working day in and day out towards making India a child friendly nation.



CHILDLINE gifts Minakshi her Family Back

Minakshi, a 13 year old girl, resident of Veer-Bandhu Bazaar(Hawra), Kolkata might not have thought in her wildest dream that the Brother-in-law whom she trusted so much, would one day turn her innocent life into hell. She lost her father at an early age & her mother runs a tea-stall to earn their living. One day while travelling from Delhi to Noida with her brother in-law, she met a girl named Raveena who took her along & left her alone with a lady. Later, she came to know that her brother-in-law had sold her in 1lac Rs to the lady who runs a prostitute centre in Meerut. She was forced into this business for around 3 yrs.

Fortunately enough, one day life took a beautiful turn & she was rescued by an anti-trafficking team & handed over the case to Meerut Childline. At this point, Meerut Childline took over the case & contacted Kolkata Childline & shared Minakshi's photo along with other details. With regular communication, constant efforts & long follow-ups, Meerut Childline eventually located Minakshi's mother, whose delight knew no bounds on the news of her daughter been located.

RESTORATION to the Abandoned

Working towards its principle objective of protecting child rights, Meerut Childline took a leap ahead & helped Shana, a 6-yr old young girl, resident of 795-Gali No.-10, Mustuffabad, New Delhi in finding her family again. Shana, a slightly mentally disabled girl lost her way & was located by Meerut Police, who finally handed over her to Meerut Child line. On investigation, the team found the girl to be mentally disabled who was unable to produce any kind of information about her family. Meerut Child line published the girl's photo along with her news in all local newspapers & made arrangements for her stay at Jyoti Niwas, Shelter Home. Within a couple of days, on seeing Shana's news in a local daily, Shana's family came to Childline to take her back.

It was indeed delightful to see the child's happiness after finding her family back.

INNOVATIONS

Night Outreach

Working in the direction of welfare & protection of child rights, Meerut Child line team took a step further & went on a night outreach at some specific locations of the city including, railway stations, bus stands, road side dhabas, temples & police stations. Some children were found to be involved in the illegal business of begging. The Meerut Childline team spread awareness about Childline 1098 to the children & adults present there during their night outreach & also distributed toffees & biscuits to the children.

CHILDLINE Educational Awareness

Childline has initiated an open school for slum children now residing in Kashiram Colony. A volunteer who herself was educated at Gyan Aashram is now currently teaching the students there. With proper counseling of parents by Meerut Childline team, they agreed on sending their children to gain an education at this open school. On 7th Oct 2011, pencils & copies were distributed to all the children present at the school.

CHILDLINE Awareness to Meerut Citizens

Meerut Child Line team & some of its volunteers spread awareness about Meerut Childline at public places including malls (PVS Mall, Shastri Nagar; Melange, Modipuram); some food outlets e.g. Mc Donald's, Dominoes; schools & hospitals by distributing pamphlets & by giving presentations at some schools.

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