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HIMANSHU GOENKA
President & Founder

8th July 2021

Date

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Introduction

India has a rich tradition of imparting knowledge. The 'gurukula' was a type of education system in ancient India with shishya (students) living with the guru in the same house. Nalanda was the oldest university-system of education in the world. Students from across the world were attracted to Indian knowledge systems. Many branches of knowledge system had its origin in India. Education was considered at a higher virtue in ancient India.

An internship offers the opportunity to understand the workplace environment and experience how work is carried out in that field.

Accordingly, the School of Social Science at Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, has included an internship for their post graduate programmes to expose the students to the scope of the field. This is also particularly helpful for the students as it allows them the opportunity to develop their communication skills and explore their field of interest to determine their career path post-graduation.

This report will chronicle the internship undertaken at the Mushkhalat foundation .We are smile soldiers. So you can be assured that there won't be a day at Muskurahat Foundation where we don't strive hard to bring a smile on all the faces we see. Most people have different stigmas around social work. We've heard everything from 'you need to be well-settled to do social work' to 'social work cannot be a full-time job'. But that's where they are wrong. We, at Muskurahat strive to break these stigmas because we truly believe that we must act now to save the world tomorrow. This is the kind of ideology we surround ourself with. This is what gave rise to one of 'India's Coolest Youth Organizations' working for a social change.

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Objectives of Internship

The program covers three key aspects of child development:

1. Social-Emotional Learning

2. Academic Support

3. Mental Well-being

Child development involves the biological, psychological and emotional changes that occur in human beings between birth and the conclusion of adolescence. Childhood is divided into 3 stages of life which include early childhood, middle childhood, and adolescence.

Early child development sets the foundation for lifelong learning, behavior, and health. The experiences children have in early childhood shape the brain and the child's capacity to learn, to get along with others, and to respond to daily stresses and challenges.

Overview

There is always going to be a sky to look at and a ground to stand but where we stand and how we see the sky is what matters. Irrespective of the fact that we all share the same sky and ground, breathe in the same air and receive the same sunlight, some remain trampled and crumpled upon while the others get to fly their dreams in the bright blue sky. Muskurahat, as the name suggests, aims to bring about a smile on each person who dreams and wishes to fly. We understand that, through years of trial and error, the society is biased and blinded by the social-economic system and consists of a set of unannounced undeclared set of laws that are expected to be followed but we also forget the fact that the society is no one but us and it becomes our rightful duty to break through these social norms and help others for a better future.

Here at Muskurahat, we hold opinion that every child irrespective of this biased system of education, has the basic right to quality education and deserves better opportunities to exploit his or her own potential

We believe that education is not embedded in thick books or closed in four walls but it is the overall development of a child to explore the talent and uniqueness that lies in him. We do not regard that there is a right age and time to bring about a change and welcome everyone who is ready to volunteer. We, mainly consist of youth who are motivated, dedicated, enthusiastic and devoted to bring about a change in the society. We have tried to spread awareness about various issues, in the most possible creative and innovative way, in the society to touch the lives of children in the most backward parts of Mumbai by providing them informal education and making them socially aware all with smile on their faces. The social problems that have been tackled include menstrual hygiene, gender equality and biased education. We have tried to bring about a change in the society by starting with the children who will bloom on to become the pillars that hold important virtues in the upcoming/future world. We aim to serve the children a platform to not only find their talent but to inculcate basic human rights and broaden their mind to a wider perspective about the world.

History of the organization

It all started with a birthday being celebrated at an orphanage in Nalasopara on June 10th 2014. What followed gave rise to one of 'India's Coolest Youth Organizations' working for a social change. The rest as they say, is History.

Not many teenagers would decide to throw their 17th birthday party at an orphanage. What sets Himanshu Goenka - the Founder of Muskurahat, apart from the average teen, is his unique vision. It was after the celebrations were over, that the seeds of this tree named Muskurahat were first sown.

After that birthday party celebration, he suddenly became aware that these kids with whom he had spent an entire day were not just orphans but also juveniles. He would have to do something about it; and do it Now.

Most of his friends continued accompanying him to these shelter homes for a short while, but after a brief period, they'd all left to pursue professional careers. Because till this day, social work is something people consider to be a side business, not to be pursued full time. Himanshu who was burning with the passion to give back, was the only one left.

Letter from the founder

Hundreds of children who have lost their families and are now residing in different shelter homes and orphanages across India are living under adverse conditions. Shelter homes fall under the unorganised sector in our country and are often neglected. This is where we have laid our cornerstone. From establishing structured and holistic education for children to meeting their proper upbringing and mental healthcare requirements, we are spreading hundreds of smiles every day and we aim to continue doing so.

Everyone who has helped and supported us in our journey has made our resolve stronger and we are grateful for their trust in us. A big thank you to our brilliant and diligent team who have become family and have made sure that this journey is filled with love and compassion. Muskurahat is now embarking on a new journey with a lot of rigor and we would be delighted to have your support in all our future endeavors.

OUR MISSION

Our sole mission and purpose is to create a common platform for children, women and all sections of the society who suffer the various consequences of a narrow minded and a negatively influenced society.

We aim at equality and equity for all by breaking taboos and orthodox philosophy amongst the narrow minded, even in the deepest roots of the society.

Every time we bring about a mile on a child's face, we move one pace towards our mission.

OUR VISION

We wish and hope to see every child's soul happy and contented with a ' Muskurahat ' on their faces. We aim to see a world in which every child attains the right to survival, protection and education.

KEYtaab

A holistic and experiential learning is of utmost importance in a child's life. Proper guidance and love and care is essential to nourish the kid to become competent and confident. Upbringing is a long lost concept for children in shelter homes and orphanages because they are deprived of parental support and counsel. Ideally, it's the shelter home management's responsibility to provide the kids with a good upbringing, but in our country, they are highly under-resourced and can barely focus on basic amenities like food, clothing, shelter and education. Because of this sorry situation, upbringing often takes a back seat.

This is where we have laid our cornerstone, KEYtaab. This project focuses on bettering the future of these children by contributing to their overall development, in assisting these children in integrating into the larger society and settling down with dignity and independence. Besides formal education, these children require basic life skills, global skills and assistance to cope up with the competitive world.

With KEYtaab, we are emphasising on suitable upbringing, 21st century life skills and positive mental health and hygiene through a custom - made curriculum which includes experiential learning methods to create an everlasting impact on the child. Beaming with a heart full of dreams and bustling with energy - these children are inquisitive and are in the quest for the right door to their success. We provide these children with a world beyond their



Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see. They are the future and it's on us to make them future-ready.



Team of the organization

- 1.Himanshu Goenka Founder - President**
- 2.Ayush Khandelwal Co-founder - Vice President
Operation**
- 3.Sneha Powar Vice President - Strategy**
- 4.Nehal Das Head - Partnerships & Expansion**
- 5.Pranali PanchalManager -Child Development**
- 6.Samay Gada Sr. Manager - Fundraising**
- 7.Pratistha Patel Executive - Fundraising
Communications**
- 8.Tirtham RayHead - Marketing & Communications**

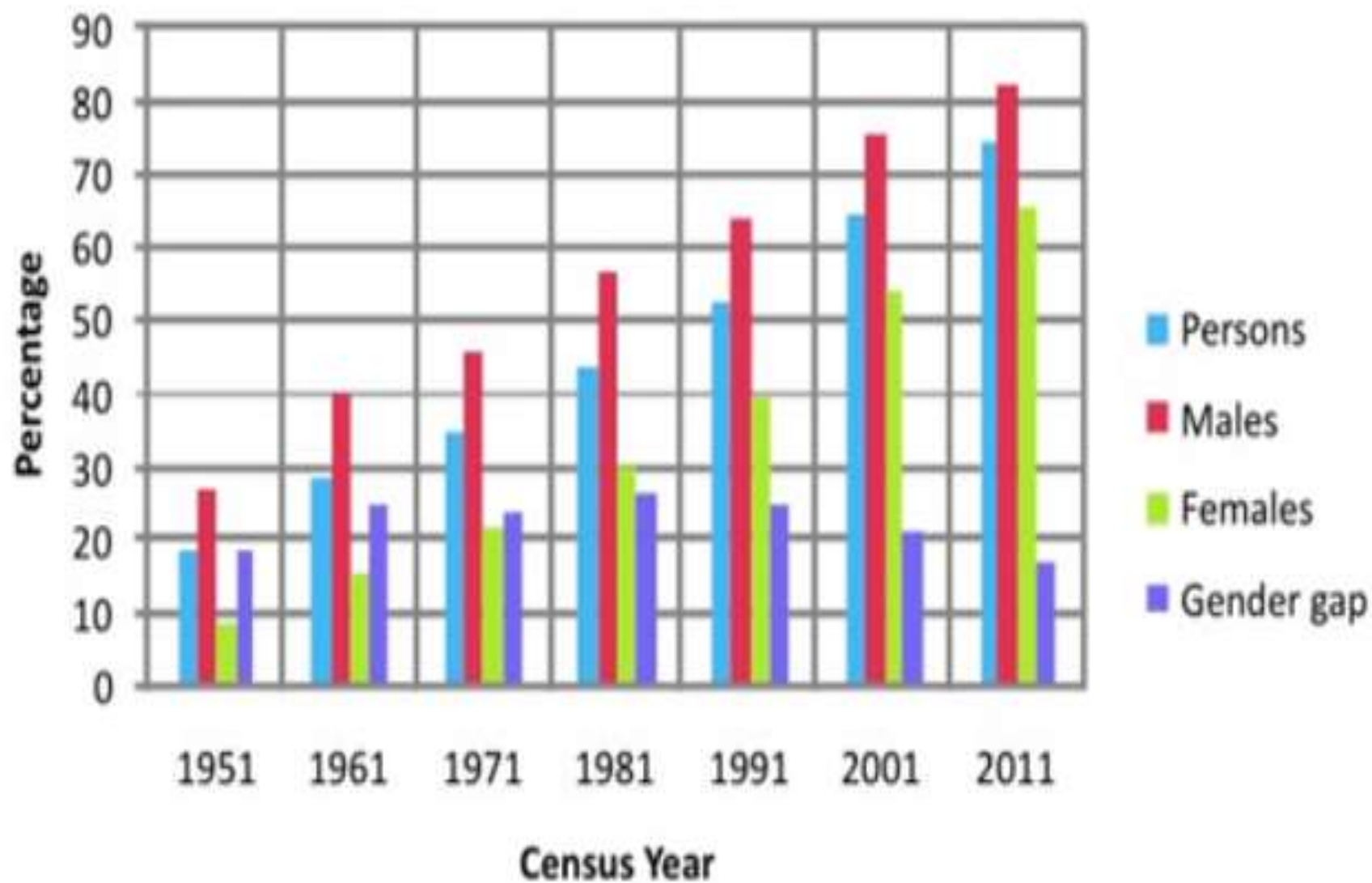
Research Data

Table 1
Literacy Rate Trend in India 1951-2011

Census Year	Persons	Decadal Increase	Males	Females	Gender gap
1951	18.33		27.16	8.86	18.30
1961	28.3	9.97	40.40	15.35	25.05
1971	34.45	6.15	45.96	21.97	23.99
1981	43.57	9.12	56.38	29.76	26.62
1991	52.21	8.64	64.13	39.29	24.84
2001	64.83	12.62	75.26	53.67	21.59
2011	74.04	9.21	82.14	65.46	16.68

Source: Census Of India

Literacy Trend in India



Organizational structure

Behind all the hard work that goes into making brighter futures for our children are these faces, who have given this organisation their all and made it what it stands to be today. Their love and drive for helping us achieve our vision makes us grow as an organisation everyday.

Muskurahat as an initiative to bring quality education to the children-in-need.

This foundation believes in being the ‘people behind people’, enabling entrepreneurship within the foundation and outside, by trusting people’s intent to create impact – as a catalyst for sustainable change and continues to thrive on the smiles of people around him, while continuously moving forward to help as many children and youth, along the way.

Volunteer Engagement

For any organization to grow and flourish, it is extremely necessary to ensure that all people associated with it are motivated and satisfied. Our Volunteer Engagement initiatives are thus aimed at promoting a degree of understanding among all our volunteers and gradually weaving them all to a large family – the Muskuruhat Family. Our two major initiatives in this direction were – a trek and an award ceremony. An adventurous and fun-filled trek to Zenith Falls, Khopoli was organised by us this year. What remains in our minds of that trip is laughter, jokes and love. With spreading smiles, we at Muskuruhat Foundation believe in inspiring and pursuing our young volunteers to work better. The best way to ensure the actualization of their talents and potentials we felt was an award ceremony – thus encouraging positive behaviour and providing a platform to appreciate all those who've put in tons of efforts for our organisation.

Muskurahat Foundation announces the launch of 'Project Saarthi'



Function of the organization

The Muskurahat Foundation has been initiated keeping in mind two things; to give exceptionally driven young minds an opportunity to be able to explore several domains of social development and to create an impact in cities that lack dynamic NGO penetration. Through this we intend to motivate change builders who would inspire and lead to create an atmosphere for the underprivileged children where we teach, educate and spread smiles!

As the Muskurahat Fellow we would be helping Muskurahat Foundation reach out to the children from shelter homes who often lack in getting the best education or upbringing in cities. With the amalgamation of your passion and training from our mentors we plan to collaborate with shelter homes all over India and conduct sessions every weekend that would nurture as well as expose our children to those skills of personality building and quality thinking that are ignored in schools. For this, Muskurahat has evolved its own theory of Social Change. We call it the Special Model of Social Difference (SMSD) based on (their) surroundings and upbringing.

Learning



1. Fix Things Up

Brainstorm on problems and find the right solutions

2. Amplify The Group Spirit



Inspire moments of optimism and make a difference everywhere you engage



3. KEEP CALM!

You just have to manage!

4. Do not give up.

Go the distance.

Stop at nothing.



5. Be as creative as a potter's hand



Application of knowledge and skills



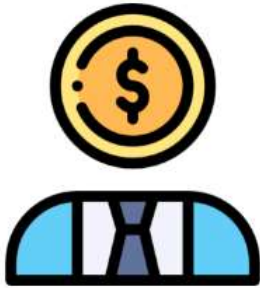
1.Organisational Skills

You become better than Monica Geller!



2.Social Consciousness

Internalise that you can make the world a better place with your smallest efforts.

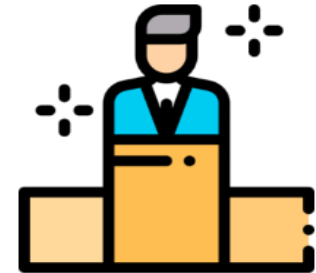


3.Entrepreneurial Skills

Your ideas.

Your dedication.

Our support.



Leadership

4.Leadership

Learn the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it.



5.Social Work as a Métier

Discover how exquisitely gratifying 'working for a cause' can be.Karke dekho acha lagta hai.

Strength of the foundation

- Leadership** : We strive to continually sharpen our vision for every child's better life and to provide the leadership to make it happen.
- Integrity** : We are dedicated to building and creating a better society for each and everyone through independent governance, objectivity and honesty.
- Permanence** : We are committed to building a permanent endowment to address today's needs for a better tomorrow
- Collaboration** : We believe that the best results are attained from a good cooperation and collaboration.
- Accessibility** : We seek different perspectives when identifying the needs of the society and diverse ways to address them in the possible best way.

Weakness of the foundation

This year we faced some setbacks like stagnancy in the team and bandwidth problems, but we are set to improve and grow plenty in the coming years. Our future endeavours are in line with enabling the child to grow up to become a socially responsible citizen contributing to the society through harnessing 21st century life skills in them, taking care of their mental health and hygiene and securing overall positive upbringing.

Our team is pumped up with energy and passion and we are confident that we are striving in the right direction. We have envisioned working towards a

society where every child has a satisfactory lifestyle and a society where the disparity between fortunate and less fortunate is eliminated.

CROWD FUNDING

Joy of Giving Week

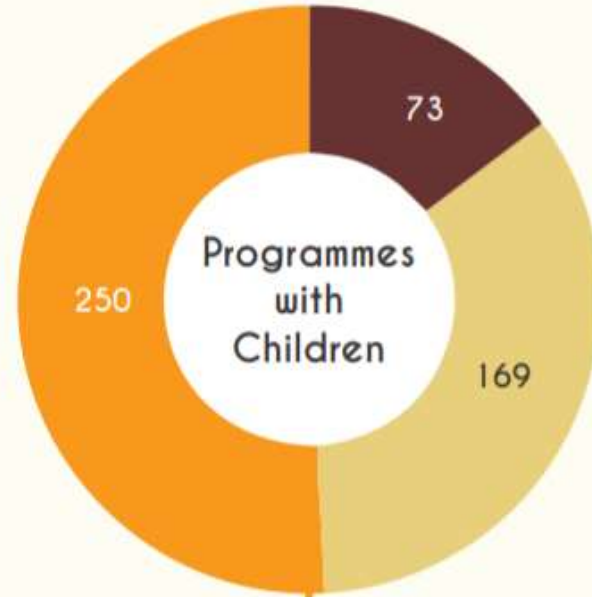
One of our major crowd funding activities for all these years has been the 'Joy of Giving Week' that takes place in October every year. The main idea behind this initiative is to raise funds and spread more and more smiles - every year. A culmination of around 5-10 fundraising activities, Joy of Giving has always carried a healing touch with it. With designated walls for the wishes of unprivileged children (Hopes and Dreams), a series of canvas paintings aimed at raising funds for the unprivileged (Paint for a Cause), numerous donations made in kind (Wall of Happiness) and several other events - the joy of giving was not only a huge success but was also able to spread smiles, which is the founding aim of Muskurahat Foundation.



Muskurahat Bake Sale

Another huge crowd funding initiative by Muskurahat Foundation is its highly successful 'Muskurahat Charity Bake and Sale' programme. What began as a small part of the 'Joy of Giving' initiative soon became extremely popular as a separate event also. Through the simple sale of freshly baked cupcakes at several flea markets, college festivals and other such locations - we've been able to raise sufficient funds that have all been donated for good causes.

Beneficiaries



Total: 492

■ — KEYtaab

■ — Muskurahat Anganwadi Project

■ — Street Children

Future prospect of the foundation

The real beauty of discovery does not lie in seeking landscapes but in a new set of eyes. It's always about the perspective how we see about the unmet human needs.

We understand that our society is divided into fragments but we also understand that it started from us and it's time to end it now. If now then when?

We at Muskurahat try our best to fill up the cracks that we created once. We make an attempt to create a scenario where children are not deprived of their education which is needed for their overall development.

We make an effort to see that every child changes his or her perspective about the society to a positive and a non-biased society. Let the change be the amount of the sugar added in our day to day cup of coffees or the size of the moon.

GET INVOLVED



- Follow us on Facebook. Visit. Volunteer. Raise funds. Donate. Be a part of our community.
- We are pleased to accept monetary donations by cheque, paytm or by credit card as well as in-kind donations of new goods.
- Your contribution will help us change lives, build stronger communities and make a lasting change in Mumbai.



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Conclusion

Article 29 of The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, in continuation of Article 28 (Right to Education), states that the Goals of Education is to develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the fullest. The current educational infrastructure lacks adequate focus to realize Article 29. At Muskurahat Foundation, we aim to fill this gap through our carefully curated initiatives that puts impetus on attentive upbringing, 21st century life skills and mental health of the child. We believe, every child must have access to an environment conducive to positive growth. One where he/she develops the ability to learn, unlearn and relearn crucial values and life skills, necessary to live life with a healthy mindset.



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