

Ship for World Youth Alumni Association-India

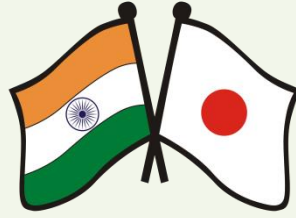


Country Report 2019



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Ship for World Youth Alumni Association-India (SWYAA-India) completed thirteen years in 2019.

We are happy to announce the SWYAA-India took an active role this year and organized two events namely SWY Peace Talk Tokyo and seminar lecture tours of Japan and 11 others SWY countries on Mahatma Gandhi messages of universal Peace, Non-Violence, and Brotherhood. This event was very well appreciated as it fulfilled the objectives of furthering friendly exchanges and people to people contacts. It has been a very fruitful journey which was made possible with cooperation from friends and supporters of SWYAA-India. SWYAA-India reconnected with various Alumni Associations (AAs) around the world to seek possibilities of working together on common programs and welcome Ex-PYs and key organizations. We strengthened relationships with organizations affiliated with Japan in India and found new acquaintances with the Japan Foundation, JICA, JCCII and other Japanese agencies in India. While our Ex-PYs individually made a mark in their respective fields, achieving great heights and bringing laurels to the country, SWYAA-India was hailed as one of the most active Alumni Associations and got recognition in India and Japan.

SWYAA-India was acknowledged by the Embassy of Japan in India for effectively promoting people to people contact, cross-cultural exchange, and nurturing the spirit of international cooperation while serving the disadvantaged sections of the society. The social development activities undertaken as part of the post-program initiatives made an impact and helped in changing the lives of the underprivileged sections of the society through the SWYAA-Open Schools. This year we were happy to receive 6 Ex-OPYs and 9 Japanese university students to volunteer in the Open Schools. They had a unique learning experience as they interacted with underprivileged children and understood the objectives of the post-program activities of SWYAA-India.

It is expected that friendly relationship will be further strengthened through such events so that mutual exchanges in various levels and fields will be further deepened and mutual understanding will be further promoted.

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The post-program social development activities undertaken by SWYAA-India during 2019

1. Education of children in SWYAA-India Open Schools
2. Homestay+1
3. Collaborative programs
 - Digital education and computer training program and Child sponsorship program in collaboration with SWYAA Norway
 - Opportunity Without Discrimination (OWD) project in India in collaboration with SWYNZAA
 - SWY Peace Talk Tokyo supported by IYEO
4. Seminar Lecture tours for Promoting International Peace, Leadership, Compassion and Non–violence based on the Ideology of Mahatma Gandhi in Japan, Egypt, Turkey, Bahrain, Greece, Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, Russia, Finland, Norway and UK.
5. School cleanliness program in private and government schools in Delhi
6. Visit of Ex-PYs to Open schools for social contribution activities
7. Promoting Peace and Nonviolence through talks and seminar
8. Volunteer exchange program with university students from Japan and Sweden
9. Participating in the SWYAA Tokyo Conference and Global Assembly Russia 2019

To make this successful we are thankful for the cooperation and support received from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, Cabinet Office of the Government of Japan, International Youth Exchange Organization (IYEO) of Japan, the Japanese Embassy in India, Indian Embassy in Tokyo, Universities in Japan, North Delhi Municipal Corporation, DISHA and the Discover Japan Club, New Delhi.

BASIC FACTS	
Basic facts about your country's Alumni Association:	
Country	INDIA
Name of the organization	SHIP FOR WORLD YOUTH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION-INDIA (SWYAA-INDIA)
Organisational structure	Officially registered with the Government of India as an NPO
Board members (Name/batch)	President: Mr. Ravi Chopra, SWY6 Vice President: Ms. Samrita Gill, SWY6 Treasurer: Mr. Rupesh Gupta, SWY6 Secretary: Mr. Pradip Somasundaran, SWY6 Chief Executive: Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna
Number of members	Total number of ex-PYs: 179 Active members: 89
Annual membership fee	Yes → Indian Rs.500 or US \$ 8
Basic facts about your country's participation in SWY:	
Which batches has your country participated in?	16 Batches (SWY2, SWY4, SWY6, SWY8, SWY12, SWY14, SWY16, SWY18, SWY20, SWY22, SWY24, GLDP, SWY27, SWY28, SWY29 & SWY30)
Which institution has conducted the selection process?	Government of India
Which institution has conducted the pre-departure training?	Government of India and SWYAA-India
How many days was the pre-departure training?	5 days
Communication:	
How does your AA communicate internally with members & externally with non-members?	Website → https://www.swyaa-india.in Newsletter → Wave of Friendship (Yearly) Facebook page → https://www.facebook.com/swyaa.india Face book group: SWYAA GA India → https://www.facebook.com/groups/916385851772576/ Twitter: https://twitter.com/SWYAA10GA E-mail: swyaaindia@gmail.com
NETWORKING AND COLLABORATIONS WITH JAPAN AND THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY	
Important associates and collaborators?	Embassy of Japan in India JICA- India office

	<p>Japan Foundation, India Japan Chamber of Commerce in India Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Indian Embassy, Tokyo Japanese Universities: Keio, Sophia, Tokyo University and Tokyo university for foreign studies Universal Peace Federation, Japan SWYAA's at Egypt, Turkey, Bahrain, Greece, Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, Russia and Norway DISHA, New Delhi Discover Japan Club, India</p>
Do you organize events with the Japanese Embassy?	<p>Yes → How often: Six-monthly → What kind of events: Seminar, meeting, and events</p>
Do you organize events with the Japanese community?	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes → How often: Six-monthly → What kind of events: Educational classes, cultural exchange programs, festival and voluntary work</p>
ACTIVITIES IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR	
International reunions (Please write your AA has hosted an international reunion)	
Name of the event	Yes, with JPYs in Japan and with Ex-OPYs of SWYAA at Egypt, Turkey, Bahrain, Greece, Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, Russia and Norway
Date of the event	in February, March, April, May, September & October 2019
Hosting city	Delhi, Cairo, Ankara, Bahrain, Athens, Canberra, Nadi, Suva, Wellington, Tokyo, Moscow, Oslo, London and Vienna
How many participants? From which countries?	<p>Number of domestic participants: 6 Number of international participants: 52 Names of the countries that participated: India, Egypt, Turkey, Bahrain, Greece, Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, Russia and Norway</p>
Please write a summary of the event	<p>In Tokyo, with Ex-JPYs a reunion was organised after the SWY Peace Talk to discuss more such events in future as collaboration.</p> <p>In Egypt with Ex-PYs for disseminating information about SWY program in the Embassy of Japan and later a reunion to strengthen collaborations.</p> <p>In Turkey with Ex-PYs in Istanbul and Ankara for working out details of more such joint collaborative programs.</p> <p>In Bahrain with Ex-PYs for strengthening joint collaboration.</p> <p>In Fiji with Ex-PYs to chalk out plans for collaborative programs for youth and community leader.</p>

National reunions (Please write your AA has hosted a national reunion)	
Name of the event	Get together and two meetings organized by SWYAA-India
Date of the event	July and December 2019
Hosting city	Delhi
How many participants?	18
Please write a summary of the event	In this get-together Ex-PYs shared information about their experience in SWY program and the post-program activities at the individual level for building peace and brotherhood, environment, volunteerism, and education. It was decided to take up state wise activities in their respective areas.
Receiving ex-SWY participants	
How many SWY visitors did you receive in your country?	6 Overseas Ex-PYs, 9 Japanese university students and 4 from Other countries.
Did you organize a "Homestay + 1" project for the visitors? If yes, please write in detail.	Yes. Overseas Ex-PYs participated in Homestay +1 and stayed with the Indian Ex-PYs in their homes. They volunteered in SWYAA-Open School activities with underprivileged children.
OTHERS	
<p>Mrs. Upma Chaudhary, IAS, Members SWYAA-India has posted as Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India. (Sr. Bureaucratic posting in Govt.)</p> <p>Ms Ramya Haridass SWY24 got elected as Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha (MP) from Alathur, Kerala, in May 2019</p> <p>Mr. Ravi Chopra, SWY6 President of SWYAA-India became the President of the Discover Japan Club, India</p> <p>Mr. Atulya Misra, IAS, SWY4 Members SWYAA-India became the Principal Secretary in Government of Tamil Naidu (Sr. Bureaucratic posting in Indian Government)</p> <p>Ms. Samrita Kaur Gill, SWY6 Vice President of SWYAA-India promoted to Joint commissioner in the Government of India</p> <p>Ms. Shobhana Radhakrishna, Chief Executive of SWYAA India also took on the responsibility as the Chief Functionary of the Gandhian Forum for Ethical Corporate Governance for Public Sector Enterprises</p> <p>Mr. Rituparna Baruah, GLDP27 was elected as Member in Assam Legislative Assembly election in 2016.</p> <p>Mr. Satya Ranjan Swain SWY29 was appointed as senior panel counsel to represent Government of India in Delhi High Court</p>	

Post-program social development activities undertaken by SWYAA-India during 2019

1. SWYAA Open school program: SWYAA-India worked with 440 underprivileged children for educating them in open schools. The main aim was for inclusion and improvement of quality education based on the goals of SDG4. In the schools, we taught two subjects that are language and Arithmetic and in addition to that children were engaged in many activities like the introduction to Japanese culture, language and customs from SWYers from other countries too
2. Study tour of students of the University of Tokyo: Nine students of the MIS group from the University of Tokyo volunteered with the children in the open school and taught them Japanese songs and dances, for performing 'Sorenbushi dance', introduced Japanese culture and held sessions on waste management, recycling and reuse.
3. Lecture tour on peace, harmony and global leadership: A series of lectures were organised in Japan in collaboration with three universities, the Indian Embassy and two institutes by Dr Shobhana Radhakrishna and Dr Ravi Chopra. This program was organised by SWYAA-India for seven days in May 2019. During this tour, they also held SWY Peace Talk with Ex-JPYs at the IYEO office intending to promote & support international cooperation and world peace through the SWY spirit. This event was dedicated to expressing solidarity with SWYAA's in New Zealand and Sri Lanka in their efforts for bringing about Interfaith Harmony & Peace.
4. Collaborative programmes with SWY alumina associations (AAs): In 2019, SWYAA India collaborated for joint events with SWYAs in Egypt, Turkey, Bahrain, Greece, Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, Russia and Norway for the holding lectures on leadership in Global peace.
5. Volunteering in open schools: During the year EX-OPYs and other visitors from New Zealand, Turkey and Sweden had come to the open school and volunteered in the educational program.
6. Distribution of Education material for the open School: The volunteers also brought stationery items and other gifts for the children which were distributed in a function organised by SWYAA-India.
7. Campaign against Discrimination - SWYAA-India and SWYAA New Zealand jointly campaigned against discrimination in 2 government schools in Delhi. Two workshops with students and primary school teachers were held by Arish Naresh Ex-PYs SWY27 NZ and two facilitators from SWYAA-India.
8. Dental Hygiene workshop for open school children- Arish Naresh volunteered in Open schools to bring awareness on dental hygiene and good oral hygiene practices with our students. He examined the oral cavities of the students and referred them for treatment and prevention.
9. Celebration of UN International Peace Day and UN International Day for Nonviolence 2019: In an event organised at the open school 100 children took part in the celebration. They made paintings and slogans and took out a rally around the open school to inform the community.

POST-PROGRAM SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION ACTIVITIES:

Initiated collaboration between by SWYAA-India and Other SWY Alumni Associations

One of the post-program activities of SWYAA-India is of inspiring youth to work for leadership, peace, nonviolence, conflict resolution, and interfaith harmony in today's strife driven and violent world.

For this SWYAA-India has been organizing talks on the life and thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi, who has inspired people across the globe to work for peacebuilding which is one of the most important issues youth would wish to share onboard or any other global occasions.

During 2019, SWYAA India collaborated for joint events with SWYAAs in Egypt, Turkey, Bahrain, Greece, Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, Russia, and Norway for the holding lectures on Mahatma Gandhi's leadership in Global peace and Harmony.

The lectures were conducted by Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna, Chief Executive and Ravi Chopra, President of SWYAA-India. In every place, the talks were very well received in the first of its kind collaboration between SWYAAs for bringing the greater impact of the SWY program.

The first lecture tour was conducted in February and March 2019 with AAs from Egypt, Turkey, Bahrain, and Greece.

1. SWYAA Egypt (EASWY) had organized two lectures at the El Sawy Culture Wheel Centre, Cairo and Rotary Club Members Cairo in which Ex-PYs from Egypt and other dignitaries also participated.



They also facilitated organizing the lectures at Ain Shams University and American University in Cairo Egypt.



EASWY also organized the interaction meeting with officials of the Embassy of Japan in Cairo where we explained joint lecture programs and various activities of AAs. The officials of the Embassy of Japan appreciated the collaborative programs of AAs.



EASWY also organized a get together of Ex-PYs of various batches in Cairo for meeting and knowing each other.

2. **SWYAA Turkey** had facilitated and participated in the lecture at the Social Sciences University of Ankara, Turkey.



They also organized a get-to-gather of Ex-PYs in Istanbul to meeting and knowing each other and discussed about the possibility of more such collaborations.



3. **SWYAA Bahrain (SWYAAB)** had organized a lecture at the Bahrain Polytechnic in which Ex-PYs from Bahrain and other dignitaries also participated.



They also organized a get-together of Ex-PYs in Manama for meeting and knowing each other. Later they organized a tour of the National Museum of Bahrain.



4. **SWYAA Greece** had participated in the lecture at New York College, Athens where we were able to meet the Ex-PYs.





The second lectures tour was conducted in April and May 2019 with AAs from Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, and Japan.

5. SWYAA Australia had facilitated us in getting Visa for our visit to Australia by providing an invitation letter.



They also participated in the lecture at the High Commission of India in Canberra. Get-together was held in Canberra. They organized a tour of the Aboriginal museum and Canberra city.



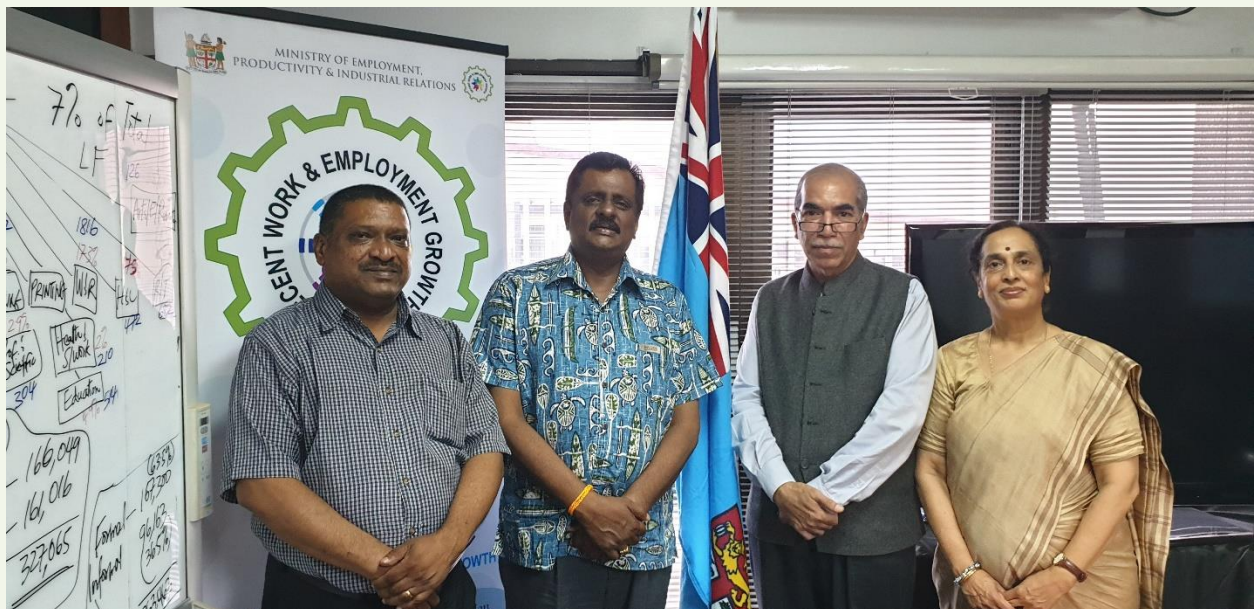
6. SWYAA Fiji had organized a lecture at the Studio-6 Conference Centre Suva in which Ex-PYs from Fiji and other dignitaries also participated.

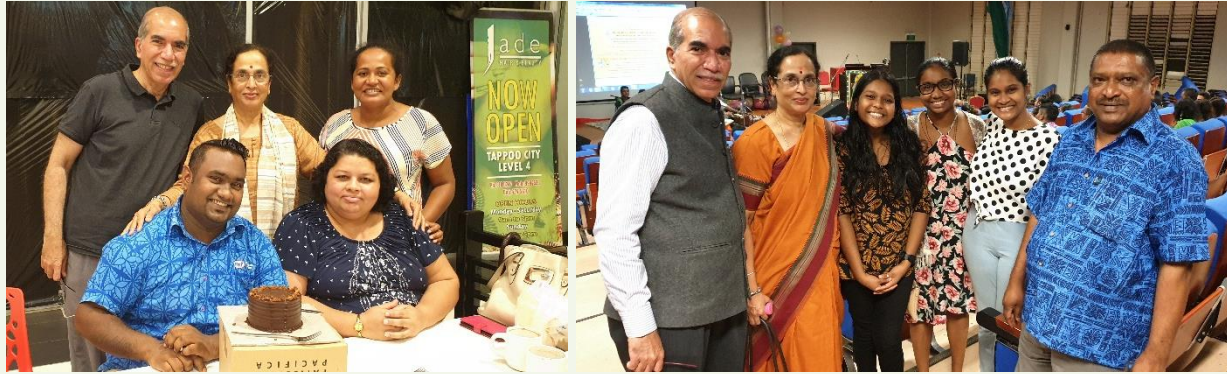


They also facilitated in organizing lectures at Fiji National University Lautoka, and University of the South Pacific, Suva.



SWYAA Fiji also organized a meeting with the Minister of Sport, Youth and Employment, Government of Fiji where we explained to them about joint lecture programs and various activities of AAs.





They also organized a get-together of Ex-PYs in Suva and discussed further collaborative programs.

7. **SWYAA New Zealand** had facilitated and participated in the lecture at GOPIO, Massey University, Wellington. They also facilitated the lecture at Waikato Interfaith Council, University of Waikato, Hamilton.



An interview was organized with the local Radio station. A get-together of Ex-PYs in Wellington was held and later they took on a tour of the city.

8. **SWYAA- Japan** facilitated in holding SWY Peace Talk 2019 with Ex-JPYs which was supported by the IYEO.





The aim of the talk was for promoting and supporting international cooperation and world peace through SWY spirit. This event was dedicated to expressing solidarity with AA's in New Zealand and Sri Lanka in their efforts for bringing about Interfaith Harmony and Peace.



JPYs also organized a get-together of Ex-PYs in Tokyo and discussed further collaborative programs.

The third lectures tour was conducted in Sept. 2019 with AAs from Russia and Norway

9. SWYAA Russia had organized a lecture at the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA), Moscow in which Ex-PYs, students and other dignitaries participated.





They also helped to coordinate with the Embassy of India, Moscow for organizing eight lectures in various Institutes and Colleges in Moscow.

10. SWYAA Norway organized one lecture at Nesbru High School, Asker, Norway and facilitated the lecture at Sjoholmen Art and Culture House, Oslo.





A get-together of Ex-PYs in Oslo was held and later they took us on for a tour of the city.



Meeting with Ex-OPYs: In October 2019, two get-togethers with Ex-PYs living in Vienna and London was held. Later they took us on for a tour of the cities.



Promoting youth leadership for international peace in Japanese University in 2019

We initiated a program in Japanese universities for promoting International Peace, Leadership and Non-violence based on the Ideology of Mahatma Gandhi in Japan. SWYAA-India has been organizing this on an annual basis for the last five years as part of the post-program activities.



This year lectures were held in collaboration with the University of Tokyo, Faculty of Global Studies, Sophia University in Tokyo, Global Indian International School at Higashikasai Tokyo, Keio University in Mita campus Tokyo in their universities from 14th to 21st May 2019. The lectures were delivered jointly by Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna, Chief Executive and Dr Ravi Chopra President of SWYAA-India. A special SWY Peace Talk was also organized at the IYEO office with support from the International Youth Exchange Organization of Japan.



We had a very successful lecture tour in Japan and a large number of Japanese students attended the lectures. They were eager to learn more about the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi in the era of rapid globalization and escalating violence.

During the lectures, we gave detailed information about the SWY program in each of the universities and answered the queries of the interested students.



For this year, we received overwhelming cooperation from the Japanese Ex-PYs who extended their support and friendship. Our special thanks are to Ms. Tamae Saito, Ms. Makiko Kojima, Mr Satoshi Nakazawa, Ms. Yukiko Chikamori, Mr. Shuichi Sato, Ms. Makiko Kojima, Ms. Mamiko Fukushima, and Ms. Ayano Hamada for their support for the lectures on peace and leadership.



We also took the opportunity to have a meeting with Ms. Atsuko Honda, Vice President, IYEO-International Youth Exchange Organization of Japan in her Office in Tokyo. After learning about the programs, she mentioned that the lectures were complimenting the leadership program under the SWY program and shared similar vision and objectives for bringing about global peace and harmony.

Volunteer Program with Japanese University students - Field visit by students of University of Tokyo

For the last five years, SWYAA India has been facilitating the field visits of students from different university in Japan in India for the volunteering program. This year, on 3rd September 2019 SWYAA-India hosted 9 students studying liberal arts at the University of Tokyo who visited SWYAA Open Schools in Delhi. They belong to the Non-Profit Organization called MIS (Multilateral Interaction with Students) in Japan.



MIS is carrying out projects two times a year with students from Southeast and South Asia in 7 countries including Cambodia, Vietnam, Philippines, Burma (Myanmar), Indonesia, India and Malaysia. In addition, they regularly conduct projects a year for each project team, prepare the project, and learn management methods to facilitate the project smoothly. The purpose of their visit to SWYAA-India was to discuss social problems with students in Delhi and take up projects to work to solve these problems. We gave an overview of about SWY leaders program and the post-program activities by SWYAA-India. They were very happy to learn about the SWY program.



SWYAA-India and MIS student's group initiated a joint program for starting a Japanese language class for the students of Open School. Through this, we allowed them to gain insight and to help them to grow as future leaders to pull the world beyond the fence of the country and to do the seeding for the future.

SWYAA Tokyo Conference-2019

Mr Pradip Somasundaran, SWY6 participated in the SWYAA Tokyo Conference 2019 on behalf of SWYAA-India. He contributed immensely to the conference and given a presentation about the post-program activities of SWYAA-India. He informed participants on joint collaborative projects and events with SWYAAs of Japan, Oman, Peru, Egypt, Turkey, Bahrain, Greece, Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, Russia, and Norway. We are proud to maintain that SWYAA-India is one of the first AA who has initiated a large network of AAs to joint collaborative programs and events.



Participation in SWYAA Global Assembly Russia-2019

Five members of SWYAA-India participated in the Global Assembly. During the session on post-program activities, SWYAA-India’s contribution was very much appreciated. Participants applauded the various joint collaborative programs undertaken by SWYAA-India with the AAs. During this time discussions were held for further joint programs. Many participants attended the SWY Peace talk held by us. President of SWYAA-India appreciated the efforts of AA Russia in organizing the Global Assembly in his speech at the farewell dinner.



Education Program - SWYAA Open schools

SWYAA-India aims to provide inclusive and equitable quality education to disadvantaged girl children for promoting lifelong learning opportunities as per the UN Sustainable Development Goal-4 (SDG-4). One of our focus areas is inclusive education through innovative approaches for underprivileged children and to advocate for making quality education a reality for all by 2030. In India, 32.4% of young girls opt-out of school due to poverty. Even today 79% of girls have to do household chores and earn additional money to support the family despite being enrolled in school. Because of this they cannot concentrate on their studies and drop out of school, despite being enrolled in school. 76% of girl students have no access or have used the internet. According to our experience of working with underprivileged children, educating the girl child would do wonders for the progress of the nation. SWYAA-India aims to play a transformative role in shaping young minds, moulding their characters and imparting right based education.



With this aim, SWYAA-India has been educating 440 disadvantaged children in the SWYAA-Open Schools set up in two slum clusters and two government primary schools in Delhi. SWYAA-India recognises that education is a must for a better future. Our work with children studying in 1st to 5th classes is by way of imparting primary level education, preparing them for socialisation and mainstreaming in the appropriate classes. At the same time, school dropouts and working children are taught in remedial classes. This support has enabled the children in the age group of 6-12 years to avail learning opportunity through the pedagogy of activity-based learning.



This support has enabled the girl students to avail learning opportunity through the pedagogy of activity-based learning in the schools. The classroom-based support with the help of our facilitators has enabled them to learn the language, math, general knowledge and English in a joyful learning atmosphere and with the aid of attractive teaching-learning materials.

In recent years, the cases of child sex abuse and sexual harassment in slums and schools have become rampant and is a serious problem in India. The severity and gravity of these types of crime against children have led SWYAA-India to work with at-risk girls of this community many of whom, unfortunately, have been direct survivors of abuse while the others are at constant high risk of abuse. Our focus is to work with adolescent girls and teachers by raising their awareness about the issues related to sexual abuse and the redressal mechanism.



SWYAA-India empowered the girls through sessions about child abuse, incest, child marriage, gender-based violence and menstrual hygiene. Education, therefore, is the most powerful tool for them to break away from this systemic cycle of abuse, neglect, and oppression, and turn themselves into strong, independent survivors, not victims.

Activities in the Open Schools included teaching multi-level, multi-age and multi-grade children in language, arithmetic and general science. For this, we used a play-based curriculum, child-friendly, joyful activities for holistic development.

Visit of Ex-PYs to volunteer in SWYAA open schools



* SWYAA-India organized a field visit of **Ms. Alina Lotluffina** President SWYAA Russia and **Ms. Olga Zhvirblis** from SWYAA Russia to visit the Open School in Nangalraya for volunteering in the classroom activities and to interact with students, and teachers in open schools in July 2019.



Students were divided into two classes based on their age group and had the fortune of learning about Russia from the two visitors. To the first-class Elina narrated a Russian story and taught the children some songs in the Russian language. The second class with older students learned some useful words and count numbers up to 50 in Russian.



The students presented songs and dances from India and taught Alina some useful sentences in Hindi. Later, refreshments were served to the children who also received stationery from the visitors. This interaction helped the students to learn about Russia, its language and culture.

* In November 2019 **Mehmet Durna, SWY24** and the President of SWYAA Turkey had come to India and took out the time to volunteer in the SWYAA-India open schools. Children were very excited to meet him as he organized games and songs for them and taught them to dance in groups. He also informed them about his country Turkey and the bonds that India and Turkey have shared over the past centuries.



Children learned that Turkey officially known as the Republic of Turkey is a country straddling Southeastern Europe and Western Asia. It shares borders with Greece and Bulgaria to the northwest; the Black Sea to the north; Georgia to the northeast; Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Iran to the east; Iraq to the southeast; Syria and the Mediterranean Sea to the south; and the Aegean Sea to the west. Istanbul, the largest city, is the financial centre, and Ankara is the capital. Turks form the vast majority of the nation's population, and Kurds are the largest minority. This added to their excitement as with each of the SWY volunteer they get a chance to learn new information.

* In November 2019 **Karla Cortes Jopia, SWY23** and **Paula** from SWYAA Chile visited India & discussed the possibility of a joint program especially OWD



* In January 2019, Arish Naresh, GLDP 27 from SWYAA New Zealand volunteered in the Open schools to bring awareness on dental hygiene and good oral hygiene practices with 45 girl children in government schools and the Open school.



SWYAA-India distributed dental hygiene kits consisting of toothpaste, toothbrush and model of teeth to the 68 children after the workshop.



During this time, we held a workshop on discrimination with 21 primary school teachers and the representatives of the Teacher’s Union and National Coalition for Education and launched the campaign against discrimination in 8 schools of Delhi.

Meeting with Special Dignitaries:



In an endeavor to introduce the SWY as a unique cross-cultural exchanges program, we organized a meeting with Dr Mahesh Sharma, Minister of Culture, Government

of India and gave him a presentation about the program that promotes cross-cultural relationship, friendship and leadership abilities of youth of various countries in this unique initiative by the Cabinet Office of Japan. Arish Naresh, GLDP 27 presented his perspective as an Ex-PY and the representative of SWYAA New Zealand, Shobhana Radhakrishna, Chief Executive and Ravi Chopra, SWY6 and the President of SWYAA India gave short presentations. Later, we had also met with Prof. Lokesh Chandra, President of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Government of India.

Visitors from Sweden:

On 22nd November 2019, two visitors from Sweden came to interact with the students of Open School of SWYAA India. Ms Ulrika Nimstrand, Principle of a famous school in Sweden shared about the school system in her country. She taught the children about Sweden, Swedish culture, children & the festivals they observe in her country.

Students asked both the visitors many questions about the King and Queen of Sweden. This interaction provided children with a unique opportunity to learn about this Scandinavian nation with thousands of coastal islands and inland lakes, along with vast boreal forests and glaciated mountains.



Its principal cities, eastern capital Stockholm and southwestern Gothenburg and Malmö, are all coastal. Stockholm is built on 14 islands. It has more than 50 bridges, as well as the medieval old town, royal palaces, and museums such as open-air Skansen.

Organized International Peace and Non-Violence days:



UN International Peace Day 21st September 2019 was celebrated with the 5th class children. Painting competition and a talk were organized in Municipal Corporation Primary School Naraina Village. The theme of the painting and talks was “Climate

action for Peace” Children were informed about pollution, global warming, and sanitation. Children participated in the painting competition and delivered their views. Prizes were distributed to the children.

Collaborative programs with other AAs

▪ **SWYAA-Norway –Digital education and computer skills**



In collaboration with SWYAA-Norway, the digital education and computer skills program continued for children of the Open School. In this year 25 students learned digital skills. The computer class was highly valued by the parents of the children who expressed their satisfaction at the progress of their wards. In addition, certificates of completion were given to these bright students who have expressed their desire to continue to learn more next year.

▪ **SWYAA New Zealand -Opportunities without Discrimination**

SWYAA-India and SWYAA New Zealand implemented the campaign against discrimination by doing workshops in two government primary schools in New Delhi in which SWYAA-India works with primary school children through the Open School program. Everyone faces some form of discrimination and the lack of quality education is also a form of discrimination, it does not allow the child to flourish. After the workshop SWYAA-India distributed socks to the students. The principal of the schools where this event was held participated in the program along with the teachers and appreciated our efforts to discuss the issues of discrimination.

Homestay+1

This year, we arranged for Homestay+1 program for Arish Naresh, GLDP 27 who visited India for the OWD program in January 2019 and conducted workshops on discrimination with the children at the SWYAA Open School and government school in Delhi.

Networking and Linkages

SWYAA-India strengthened the linkages with the Embassy of Japan in India as well as with the Embassy of India in Japan. The strong relationship was forged with Japan International Cooperation Agency, Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry in India, International NGO Volunteer Platform in Japan, Japan Foundation, Nippon Vedanta Kyokai-Tokyo, Keio University, Sophia University, University of Tokyo, Global India International School-Tokyo, Universal Peace Federation and Indo-Japan Partnership Forum. Meetings were held with the officials of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India for the youth development program.



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“Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's greed”. -Mahatma Gandhi