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Bringing Hope...
Through Education

Dear Readers,

After much planning, the German Asha Chapters at Frankfurt and Munich present their first newsletter (Asha Kiran). The aim of this release and the ones in the future would be to communicate valuable information about the events organized, the donation status and the project updates from both the chapters. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our supporters, donors, collaborators and sponsors from all over the world, who have helped to make the German Asha chapters a success so far. This newsletter is open to suggestions and comments from all our valuable readers. Please do give us a feedback about our effort at info@asha-munich.de

An Evening with Pt. Rajeev Taranath

"Playing a raga, to a musician, then, means being aware of these rules, creating music while playing the notes to open up different vistas, some already traversed, some not yet, all the time abiding strictly to given rules."

Pandit Rajiv Taranath



In keeping with the tradition of organizing events related to Indian heritage, Asha Munich organized an Indian classical concert on 17th May 2008 at Black Box, Gasteig in Munich.

We invited Pt. Rajeev Taranath, one of the foremost Sarod maestros from India to present an evening filled with deep classical rigor and an irrepressible emotional intensity. Virtuoso performer Rajeev Taranath is one of the leading exponents of the Sarod, the richly resonant and lyrical relative of the lute.

Pt. Taranath received the India's highest government award in the arts in 1999-2000 for outstanding achievement in Hindustani instrumental music. He has received critical acclaim with stellar reviews in the Indian and international press for performances at prestigious music conferences and cultural institutions.

His performance in Munich was noted for masterful, nuanced classicism matched with passion, masterful technical skill and emotional depth.

Pt. Taranath was accompanied on the Tabla by Mr. Sanjay Jhalla. Mr. Jhalla received his training under the late Pt. Manikrao Papatkar and over the last 15 years he has performed with several artists at many leading festivals and concerts all over Europe and England.

The superb "jugalbandi" (combination) of Sarod and Tabla was enjoyed and appreciated by a crowd of around 225 people of diverse nationalities and professions. With this event, Asha Munich raised approximately €4500 that would be spent in near future to help the underprivileged children in various parts of India.

More information about the distinguished performer can be found at www.rajeevtaranath.com



Donate to Educate!!!

Asha Munich introduced Donate to Educate scheme on 15th August 2007 with a motive to encourage individuals to donate a small denomination in the range 10 – 20€ per month. We have been partially successful and have developed a consistent donor base of around 20 people. Asha strives hard to provide educational access and facilities to those deprived of it. Any help from your side would be highly appreciated as even small donations from you can ensure a better future for an underprivileged child back in India.

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The Chapters in Munich and Frankfurt

Since year 2003, €29270 disbursed for educational initiatives.

Asha Munich chapter came into establishment in the year 2003 as a result of collective efforts from Indian students and professionals in Munich. Since its establishment, Asha Munich has disbursed €23270 to spread the word of education amongst the underprivileged in different parts of India. Asha Munich was the first Asha chapter in Germany and in its existence of 5 years it actively supported establishing another Asha chapter in Frankfurt.

Asha Frankfurt was started in the fall of 2004 by a group of Indian professionals living in Frankfurt. The primary aim was to mobilize the local community in and around Frankfurt to financially support the promotion of basic education for the underprivileged children in India through Asha. So far by organizing events and donations, the chapter has disbursed €6000 to projects in Assam and Maharashtra. Today Asha Frankfurt has 10 dedicated volunteers and more supporters in the region united for Asha's noble cause.

The individual Asha chapters have well documented web sites providing all necessary information related to their respective activities. Please find time to visit www.asha-munich.de for information related to Asha activities in Munich and www.ashanet.org/frankfurt for Asha activities in Frankfurt.

"The difference between what we do and what we are capable of doing would suffice to solve most of the world's problem"

Mahatma Gandhi

JOIN ASHA

Be a volunteer and support the noble cause!!!!

66 Chapters in USA, Europe, India, Singapore and Australia

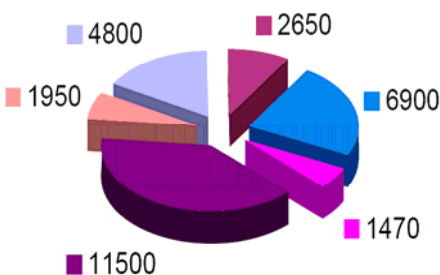
More than 1000 active volunteers worldwide

Supporting around 400 projects globally.

In Munich and Frankfurt, we are an active young group of people constantly looking for people with great vision, ideas and enthusiasm to help the underprivileged.

For information about our next meeting write to us at info@asha-munich.de

PROJECT Disbursement of Funds 2003-June 2008 (in Euros)



- 20%, Delhi
- VRF, Delhi
- Tapovan, Uttar Pradesh
- Aasara, Uttar Pradesh
- Jalukbari, Assam
- Raiwada, Maharashtra

Our Initiatives

Delhi

'Parivartan' to strengthen Government of Delhi's scheme of giving 20% reservation to poor kids in posh private schools

Vivekananda Resurgence Foundation (VRF) to spread education amongst children living in slums

Uttar Pradesh

Tapovan Education Foundation and Aasara Seva Sansthan to help the marginalized sections of the society in getting access to basic education

Assam

Joined hands with *Debendra Nath Acharya Charitable Trust* for the betterment of educational amenities for tribal children in Jalukbari, Assam

Maharashtra

Tukaram Educational Society (TES) in Raiwada Village (Kolhapur district), a primary school for children from families displaced because of dam construction



The individual project wise disbursement can be visualized in the attached pie chart. Each of the mentioned projects has been detailed on our websites. For any kind of questions or queries please visit our website or write to us at info@asha-munich.de.



Jalukbari Project

Guhwati, Assam



Raiwada Project

Kolhapur, Maharashtra



Extension of the School



VRF Project

Delhi

