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PROJECT EFFORT ALMOST MATCHES THE 2nd HIGHEST YEAR .. WEBSITE DOMAIN NAME IS UPGRADED ...

NEW EXEC TERM BEGINS

Much good news to report in this issue of the Newsletter. To implement projects in the areas of education, awareness, community development, and support for the disadvantaged is the real reason INSAF exists. Hence our project output is the most important metric. For 2004, the total project effort of \$30,495 nearly matches the \$30,859 for the Year 2001. Compared with the previous year of 2003, the project effort improved by almost 66% — not bad.

The major credit for this goes to **Dr. Ashok & Dr. Hema Varma, Dr. Ram Chaudhary, and Joginder and Meera Kundra**. The Varmas provided \$10,000 to support the Little Angels School in Hyderabad (AP), the Chaudharys and their family/friends \$4,450 for the Bhulpur Shiksha Samiti (UP), and the Kundras \$6,900 for education projects in Bihar and Jharkhand, and for the Indian Prime Minister's Tsunami Fund.

The depth and breadth of the projects improved as well in 2004. The projects covered 10 states in India, and also the U.S. There were 20 projects on the honor roll — a good year from the perspective of breadth for INSAF. In addition, 12 projects got supported at or over \$250 (above Rs. 10,000) — which is good from a depth perspective. Congratulations are also due for these efforts to **Ashok & Darshan Mehan, Santosh & Perviz Chokhani, Bhav & Kaye Sharma, Raj & Padmashri Lad, P. and Susheela Harshavardhana, Manju Chexal, Ashok & Usha Sachdev, Aruna Marathe, and Surinder & Nirmal Maheshwary**.

Declining costs of domain name ownership also meant that INSAF could finally upgrade its web site name to INSAFWEB.ORG during the first quarter of 2005. This had been a recommendation made several times in the past by several colleagues, including former INSAF member and now NJ assemblyman **Upendra Chivukula**.

Finally, a blend of the old and new takes over as the INSAF Exec for 2005-2007. Our immense gratitude is due to outgoing Execs **PK Malhotra** and **Prem Bajaj**, who served as Execs for many years, and what is more, are continuing to work on projects for the future. PK is continuing to help the Exec and Prem has continued to do good work with the India Heritage Project. We are very fortunate to have **Soma Murthy** and **Kumar Kapur** continue in the Exec, and to have the talented and experienced members **Harshavardhana** and **Ashok Sachdev** join the Executive Team.

INSAF PROJECTS

The following list is an important snapshot of INSAF activities for both INSAF outsiders and insiders Therefore, kindly let the Editor know of any errors and omissions. Also please verify the contact information.

Contacts/Sponsors	Project
Brij & Shail Agarwal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> D. N. Inter College, Gulaothi, UP (Scholarship)
Ram Chaudhari	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural Center for Science Culture, Bhulpur, U.P
Manju Chexal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OSDAV Public School, Kaithal, Haryana (Late Sh. Milkhi Ram & Shmt. Kesra Devi Gulla Awards, Late Sh. Bindi Chexal Awards)
Om & Veena Garg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. S. D. High School, Narnaul, Haryana
Santosh Chokhani, Ashok & Darshan Mehan, Bhav & Kaye Sharma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SODHANA Charitable Trust, Chipurupalli, AP
P. and S. Harshavardhana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> India Heritage Project (with Bajaj, Chokhani, Kumar, Paliwal, Malhotra, Sharma) Government Model Primary School, Saneguruvanahalli, Karnataka Tsunami Relief Project (with several other INSAF colleagues)
Joginder & Meera Kundra & Arju Bhojwani	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adivasi Child Education, Lathakhamhan, Jharkhand Arya Samaj — Telco School, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand Samanwaya Ashram Child Education, Bodh Gaya, Bihar Arya Samaj School, Sonari, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand
Aruna Marathé, Raj & Padmashri Lad, Bhav & Kaye Sharma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Aid & Sponsorship Program, Pune, Maharashtra
Kumar & Sudesh Kapur, Ash & Guddi Mehan, Bhav & Kaye Sharma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Sponsorship — SOS Children's Village, Rajpura, Punjab
Raj & Padmashri Lad, Ashok & Darshan Mehan, Bhav & Kaye Sharma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shri Samartha Education Society, Mumbai, Maharashtra
Ash & Guddi Mehan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integral Education Mission, Dehradun, Uttaranchal
Soma & Parvathi Murthy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gov. Pre-Univ. College, Batlahally, Karnataka (Scholarship)
Ramesh & Pratibha Paliwal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shiksha Bharati Project, Hapud, UP (Education)
Satish & Uma Sharma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> S.O.S Children Association, Panchkula, Haryana
Bhav & Kaye Sharma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary & Middle Schools, Village Ramgarh (Patiala), Punjab D.D. Girls High School, Navsari, Gujarat Trees for Life, Wichita, Kansas Balabhavan Orphanage, Paduapuram, Kerala; Bal Niketan, Panchkula S. R. Arya High School, Patiala, Panjab Chem Eng Dept. Panjab Univ. Chandigarh (with 17 more from the Class of
Ashok & Sanjeevan Soni	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lions Club Eye Clinics, Midtown Jagraon and Raikot, Punjab
Ashok & Hema, Sriraj & Pushpa Varma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little Angels School, Hyderabad, AP Ramnath Inter College, Unnao, UP (Expansion to Degree Coll.)
Vijay & Laxmi Verma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sri Satya Sai Seva Samiti Public School, Alwar, Rajasthan

INSAF Financial Secretary **K. Kumar Kapur** has once again come through with a timely preparation of the financial report. Thanks to Kumarji, we are able to continue our tradition of 29 years to report the state of our finances in the first issue of the Year's Newsletter. Results for 2003 and 2002 are included to help you consider the trends. Please note that popularity of Life Memberships has meant a decline in annual membership dues. Comments or questions are welcome via E-mail to the Newsletter editor.

	2004	2003	2002
Opening Balance Jan 1	\$ 18,908.50	\$ 14,596.88	\$ 12,012.57
Project Trust Funds	4,160.00	5,102.06	5,102.06
Life Membership Funds	4,200.00	1,700.00	0.00
Operating Account	10,548.50	7,794.82	6,910.51
Receipts	33,255.63	22,812.50	17,666.80
Membership Dues	110.00	0.00	455.00
Life Membership Dues	1,150.00	2,500.00	1,700.00
Project Contributions/Other	31,976.01	20,294.05	15,495.19
Interest Income	19.62	18.45	16.61
Expenditures	30,715.55	18,500.88	15,082.49
Projects	30,495.12	18,395.00	14,750.06
Other Including Newsletter & Misc.	220.43	105.88	332.43
Closing Balance Dec 31	21,448.58	18,908.50	14,596.88
Project Trust Funds	12,762.19	4,160.00	5,102.06
Life Membership Funds	5,350.00	4,200.00	1,700.00
Operating Account	3,326.39	10,548.50	7,794.82

Warm Welcome and Thanks ...

Warm welcome and Special thanks to the following for sending in their 2004 memberships after Nov.:

Shri Sunder and Ms. Vinod Bhatla, Dayton, OH

Shri Yash & Ms. Jeffra Nandan, Princeton, NJ

Shri Sikander & Ms. Kamlesh Tuli, Cornwell Heights, PA

Shri Raja and Ms. Radha Wusirika, Corning, NY

On the Life Membership front, we are very pleased to welcome:

Shri Arun & Ms. Geeta Mehan, Dayton, OH

It is a special pleasure to recognize and welcome the families above — as each of them are very long-time and sincere well wishers of INSAF.

Tsunami Project Update

The Tsunami tragedy of Dec 26, 2004 caused much suffering in many countries — including India. INSAF General Secretary **P. & Shakunthala Harshavardhana and Jo & Meera Kundra** recently contributed \$1,000 each to assist with immediate relief. Immediate relief activities focused on providing basic necessities such as pots, pans, blankets and clothing to the worst affected Tsunami victims in Tamil Nadu. Beyond this, INSAF has decided to help in our small way in the reconstruction effort in India. For this purpose, a goal of \$5,000 has been set. Currently, funds are being collected at INSAF and the project specifics are being prepared. Harsha is the Project Leader. Everyone is requested to send in whatever amount you can to the attention to INSAF Financial Secretary Kumarji (please note Tsunami on the memo line of the check or in your cover note). Under consideration are collaborations with Seva



A LETTER FROM THE INSAF PRESIDENT SOMA MURTHY

Friends,

It is an honor and a pleasure for me to serve as the President of INSAF during the current term. I want to thank all of you for your continued support of INSAF activities and projects during the past and request your continued vigorous support in the future. I want to thank my new Executive Committee members for their time and effort to organize and lead INSAF projects. I want to thank especially our former INSAF President PK Malhotra who has been lending his time and wisdom by attending our executive committee meetings and providing his insights and advice. I also want to make special recognition and offer my thanks to our dear friend Bhav Sharma who has been instrumental in keeping INSAF alive and growing! These are tumultuous and difficult times - the US economy is on the down trend and India's economy is on the upswing. Nevertheless, we have to continue our contribution to our mother country. Once I had done a calculation and figured that, by money terms alone, each one of us may owe ~\$100,000 to India for providing us cheap and many times free education we received. So, regardless of uncertainties we face locally, we have to continue our efforts to pay back our dues. I request you to continue even if at reduced levels your contributions. While we owe mother India a heavy debt, we also should be grateful to our new home, the United States. We should conceive and start some projects locally as well.

I want to communicate some progress we have made during the past few months. We now have a new, easy to remember web address <http://www.insafweb.org> -- thanks to the efforts of our valued member and leader Bhav Sharma. Please mark this webpage as a bookmark! Please feel free to send by email (go to the bottom of the webpage) your suggestions to improve the webpage or suggestions for us to improve the INSAF work. Please use the Project Contribution and Signup Sheet to make your contributions.

We have been discussing how to contribute to address a major blow dealt by the tsunami in India late last year. Our objective is in reconstruction efforts, so we have not missed the window of opportunity. It has been a struggle to locate a trusting partner in India to execute our plans. We are closing in on this.

A recent project supported by 3 INSAF families has resulted in sponsoring two female children in Punjab through SOS Children's Village.

My hope is we continue with vigor many projects INSAF members have initiated over the years and start some new projects.

I look forward to serving you and INSAF.

NEW PROJECTS AT INSAF

We are very pleased to report that a "**Bindi Chexal Memorial Trust Fund**" has been established at the OSDAV School, Kaithal, Haryana in memory of the late Bindi Chexal — an ever enthusiastic builder of INSAF whom we lost on June 6, 2001. Funded largely by Bindi's wife Manju, the interest from the \$1,500 trust fund will be used to award annual scholarships to children in need. Additional sponsors are Bhav & Kaye Sharma, Kumar & Sudesh Kapur, and Satish & Uma Sharma.

We are also pleased to report that 21-month Bhavna Sharma (right, top) and 3-year old Shalini Kumari (right, bottom) have joined the family of 10 other INSAF member-sponsored children. They reside at the SOS Children's Village in Rajpura, Punjab. Sponsors are Ashok & Darshan Mehan, Kumar & Sudesh Kapur, and Bhav & Kaye Sharma. Such sponsorships are intended to continue till the child becomes independent.



How about a letter to the Editor with your opinion on some matter of interest to INSAF Newsletter readers?

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PROJECT UPDATES

Samanwaya Ashram, Bodh Gaya, Bihar

Jo and Meera Kundra are supporting the education of — believe it or not — 1,100 children — in a project run by Shri Dwarko Sundrani, who is 84 and a follower and friend of the late Shri Vinoba Bhave. This exemplary project will require \$13,200/year.

Arya Samaj School, Sonari, Jharkhand

A major upgrade of the building facilities at this Sonari school has been underway and the Kundras are supporting it with a \$2,500 contribution which will pay for one room.

Dayananda Public School, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand

This school of 92 students has been working hard to provide quality education to its students. Thanks to the \$650 sent by the Kundras during 2003-2004, five teachers were each given a modest first-ever bonus ranging between Rs. 500 and Rs. 2,000.

Adivasi Child Education, Lathakhaman, Jharkhand

The Kundras had provided a \$4,000 contribution in 2003 to support the work of the Village Hope Foundation run by Dr. Subhash Chandra, a 1967 Physics Ph.D. from Caltech. About 300 children are getting education up to the 4th grade and the addition of another grade is planned this year.

India Heritage Project

The objective of this project is to provide unbiased and useful information resources on India to libraries in the United States. In an example of the usual terrific INSAF collaborations, books purchased and donated by former Exec **Sant Chokhani** and Life Members **Raj & Padmashri Lad**, two sets of books were provided to the North High School Library and the Public Library in Wichita, KS by former Exec **Prem and Raj Bajaj**. Prem also got the Wichita State U. library to purchase these books. Would you like to give the following good books to a library in your area (donated by other INSAFers).

THIS IS INDIA — Shobita Punja

INDIA — An Introduction by Khushwant Singh

Please send an e-mail to the editor.

PROJECT HONOR ROLL FOR YEAR 2004

We are proud to present our Project Honor Roll for the year 2004. Projects receiving \$50 or more of support are included. This year, we have 20 projects on the list, an improvement from 18 last year, and, 10 states in India were covered by our projects.

Request to sponsors: Thank you for forwarding a copy of your correspondence with the project site to the Editor. Please continue to ask the site how specifically the funds were utilized. Your follow-up is greatly appreciated. Thanks.

Y04	Y03	PROJECT	\$ Level
1	1	Little Angels School, Hyderabad, AP	10,000
2	2	Bhulpur Shiksha Samiti, UP	4,450
3	-	Samanway Ashram, Bodh Gaya, Bihar	3,000
4	-	Arya Samaj School, Sonari, Jharkhand	2,500
5	-	Shri Samartha Educ. Society, Mumbai	1,250
6	6	SODHANA — Chipurupalli, AP	1,100
7	-	Government Model Primary School, Saneguruvanahalli, Karnataka	1,015
8	-	Tsunami — PM's Relief Fund	1,000
9	-	Child Sponsorships — CASP, Pune	950
10	-	Child Sponsorships — SOS Rajpura, PB	280
11	-	Integral Education Mission, Dehradun	250
11	-	Bindi Chexal Memorial Trust, Kaithal, HR	250
13	-	Higher Sec. School, Hoshiarpur, Punjab	220
14	7	SOS Bal Niketan, Panchula, Haryana	160
15	-	Dayanand Arya School, Jamshedpur	150
15	15	Balabhavan Nazareth Orphanage, KER	150
17	-	Shiksha Bharti, Hapur, UP	100
18	14	SR Arya Higher Sec School, Patiala PNB	80
19	16	Parupkar Homeopathic Hospital, Gurgaon, Haryana	70
20	16	Trees for Life, Wichita, KS	60

PROJECT FEEDBACK:

TOP RIGHT: Dayanand Arya Samaj School, Sonari, Jharkhand

Copy of the first page of a Dec 22, 2004 letter from Shri T.P. Singh on behalf of the School thanking Jo and Meera Kundra for their \$2,500 contribution to help with construction improvements.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Dayanand Public School, Birsanagar, Jharkhand

Copy of the 2nd page of a July 11, 2004 letter from Shri Vijay Kumar on behalf of the School to Jo and Meera Kundra detailing the **first** bonus to the teachers based upon years of service with the Kundras \$500 contribution. An additional \$150 has been sent subsequently to fund an increase in the number of students at the school.

BELOW: Panjab University Chem Eng. Class of '69 Scholarships

Copy of a long-awaited March 9, 2005 letter from an Assistant Registrar at the university. This letter came after nearly 18 months of persistent phone calls and e-mails. In 1995, a group of classmates from INSAF decided to mark the 30th anniversary of their graduation by raising \$6,800 for 4 permanent scholarships. All members of the Class of '69 can feel happy that to-date at least 9 students have benefited. We still have to figure out the financial math given in the letter. How Rs. 253,490 can

Air Mail

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Sub- Award of 'Class of 1969 Scholarship'

Dear Sir,

This is to inform you that the committee had discussed the modalities for the award of 'Class of 1969' Scholarship for the year 2004-2005 held on 25.1.2005 and decided that a complete statement of disbursement year wise for the last three years be sent to you for information.

In this regard, the number of students benefited w.e.f 2001-2002 through this scholarship is given as under:-

Year	Name of the Students	Class	Amount
2001-2002	1. Sh. Rohit Arora	B.E.Chem 1st year	5000/-
	2. Sh. Parminder Singh	2 nd year	5000/-
	3. Sh. Varun Arora	3 rd year	5000/-
	4. Ms.Parul	4 th year	5000/-
2002-2003	(None of the students had applied for the award)		
2003-2004	1. Ms. Monika Nain	B.E.Chem 2 nd year	5000/-
	2. Ms. Shikha Rauhila	3 rd year	5000/-
2004-2005	1. Sh. Jatin Sahney	2 nd year	5000/-
	2. Ms. Monika Nain	3 rd year	5000/-
	3. Ms.Ekta Gulati	4 th year	5000/-

However, you are also informed that the total amount received in parts from 1997 to 2000 by the University in the endowment Fund is Rs.2,53,490/-. During this period students did not apply for the scholarships, thus this scholarship was started w.e.f.2001-2002 and out of the interest, received the balance amount available after disbursement of scholarships is Rs.1,22,900/-.

Hope the above information will suffice your purpose. In case you require any more information please do not hesitate to write to us.

Yours sincerely

Asstt. Registrar A/cs-II
for Registrar

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Shri. Jogender P.Kundra
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Dear Shri Kundraji

It was an immense pleasure not only to me, but also to all the Committee members, School staff and Students, when Shrimati Meera Kundra with her father Shri Raj Pal Soni visited our Arya Samaj office and the school premises on 04.11.2004. We are happy to cherish their presence amongst us.

We are grateful that they were impressed with the on going construction work of the school building. And acknowledge with hearty thanks a cheque of \$2500 sent as a donation to the Arya Samaj, Sonari by you. It is of a real help at this juncture. We now enclose a receipt in acknowledgement of your timely cheque.

To improve the quality of education at this Institution, since we are not yet affiliated to the I.C.S.E / C.B.S.E Board, we are going to have a tie-up with Dayanand Public English School, Sakchi who are registered and affiliated to I.C.S.E Board for allowing students of Std X to appear in the final exam. We are also commencing teaching VIII std from next session (2005-2006) and under this agreement our students passing out from VIII std will be admitted without any difficulty at the D.P.E.School. Thus, parents will be free from all anxieties about their wards future studies.

About the construction of the school building, we have to mention that the work is going on in full swing, in both the blocks. Block 'A' named as Maharishi Dayanand Block, consisting of four rooms with floor area of approx. 3000 sq.ft. and four rooms on the first floor with the same covered area of approx. 3000 sq.ft. are completed and on the second floor, construction work of an Auditorium having a space area of approx. 4500 sq.ft to accommodate 1500 persons at any given time, is well in progress.

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teaching staff than anything else as a result we would be able to attract students from far off places.

As far as students of other communities are concerned, we have always kept our door open to welcome them. But they are few in this locality and there are other missionary schools nearby for them to take advantage.

We are at one with you for the distribution of bonus among the staff of this school. We have done a slight change in the amount and given below in details.

- 1. MISS ARCHANA - Rs. 2,000.00
- 2. Mrs REEMA SINGH - Rs. 1,200.00
- 3. PURNIMA SINGH - Rs. 1,200.00
- 4. PINKU SETH - Rs. 500.00
- 5. HEERA MANI - Rs. 500.00

Let God's blessing be with you always.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Vijay Kumar.

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(VIJAY KUMAR)