

# Disabled Persons' Welfare

## Programme Vision

Our programmes aim to

- Promote recognition of equal rights of the disabled.
- Promote self reliance through independent mobility and vocational education.
- Promote employment generation for the disabled.
- Promote physical, psychological and medical rehabilitation of the disabled.
- Promote prevention of disability.



## SELF RELIANCE THROUGH MOBILITY AND MEDICAL REHABILITATION

### Motorised Vehicle Distribution

Often, for a person with a physical disability, a mere provision of a means to be mobile, can open up doors of new opportunities for education, employment or business. For the orthopedically challenged individuals, the Foundation has been giving away a motorised disabled friendly vehicle since 1992. This year too, 150 such vehicles were given with the support of our donors. Prior to their distribution, a training programme to familiarise the new owners with the vehicle and to ensure that they can drive them safely was organised in

collaboration with the Institute of Road Traffic Education (IRTE).

### Lifeline Express Camps

The Lifeline Express takes, on a train, modern surgical facilities and doctors to the needy disabled residing in rural areas. The Foundation supports this unique initiative led by Impact India Foundation. The train provides free surgical interventions for polio, ear defects, cleft lip and cataract. Also at the 'camps' organised for these surgeries, assistive devices like callipers, crutches, hearing aids, etc. are distributed. This year camps were organised in Amethi in UP and in Chhapra in Bihar. In these two camps a total of 717 cataract operations, 94 ear drum surgeries,



*A view of the Operation Theatre in Lifeline Express in Chhapra*

*Distribution of Motorised Triwheelers in New Delhi*





79 cleft lip surgeries were performed and 740 assistive devices like hearing aids, artificial limbs, crutches, tricycles and callipers were distributed.

### Mobility Camps

Jaipur Foot – artificial limb – has proved to be a boon for millions of orthopedically challenged individuals. It is a hand-made artificial foot and lower limb prosthesis that is designed to meet the needs of a developing country lifestyle such as squatting, walking barefoot and sitting cross-legged. The Foundation, in collaboration with the Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti (BMVSS), Jaipur, has been organizing mobility camps in under-served areas since 2005. This year they were organised in Gangtok in Sikkim and Chhapra in Bihar benefitting 146 and 290 persons respectively.

### Project Health Watch: Prevention of Causes of Disability

To build capacity of health functionaries at the district level, 92 medical officers and paramedics were trained, during Lifeline Express camps, on community need assessment and community based rehabilitation. The focus was on early detection of disabilities and preparation of health plan for management of disability at the PHC level.

### Early Intervention Programme for Hearing Impaired Children

Early detection of hearing impairment increases the effectiveness of auditory training and as a consequence, greatly improves the chances of educational rehabilitation of the affected child. We try to help early detection through our partner



*Patient leaving Lifeline Express after the operation*



*Mobility camp beneficiaries, Chhapra, Bihar*



*Early intervention programme for hearing impaired, Vadodra*

institution Akshar Trust in Vadodara. Parents are also trained so that they better understand the child's situation and provide enabling environment at home. Seven children were successfully integrated into formal schools this year.

## EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT

### Manufacture and marketing of screwpine craft

Training physically challenged women in the manufacture and marketing of screwpine craft is hoped to provide them with a regular source of income. The project is being implemented in Ernakulum district of Kerala with the help of Kottapuram Integrated Development Society (KIDS).

The first batch of 20 disabled women and 10 other people (who would help procure raw materials and market the products), received training this year.

The training included components on introduction to the screwpine leaf, splicing of the leaf, weaving of the basic mat, side stitching of the pieces for making a particular craft item, lining of each piece and dyeing of pieces with azo-free or natural dyes.

These trained women have started making products in their villages and the finished goods are being marketed by KIDS. A design development workshop was also organised in which 10 prototypes of new designs using Screwpine were developed.

### Oyster Mushroom Cultivation

Oyster mushroom cultivation has the potential of making disabled women economically self reliant. To realize this potential for such women in Bhind, MP, the Foundation tied up with Mahila Bal Vikas Samiti (MBVS) to train 45 of them in 2004. This year 100 trainees have received training, which included 30 men who will help with raw material procurement and marketing.

## ACCESS – PROMOTING A DISABLED FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

### Accessible Delhi Project

To make Delhi a disabled friendly city, 20 sites were identified in collaboration with Delhi government to make them barrier

*Screwpine Training in progress at Ernakullam*





free. To implement this project a road map was drawn and a core group headed by the concerned Minister of the government was formed. The work on 16 of these sites has been completed and on the other 4 is at various stages of completion. Our partner for this project is Samarthya, National Centre for Promotion of Barrier Free Environment for Disabled Persons.

## AWARENESS AND ADVOCACY FOR THE INCLUSION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY

### Legal Literacy on Disability Issues

The objective of the project is to raise awareness about the rights of the disabled through workshops. Workshops organized during the year were held during the Lifeline Express camps in Amethi and Chhapra where 86 representatives of different NGOs and lawyers participated.

### Radio Serial: A programme for the Visually Impaired

Radio is an effective means to inform, inspire, include and empower persons with visual impairments to lead a normal life. We supported Score Foundation to produce a radio programme - "Eyeway: Yeh Hai Roshni Ka Karawan". This year, 52 episodes were broadcast in All India Radio stations of 29 cities. Each episode consists of interviews, profiles and advice on legal issues, education and employment opportunities and medical-related questions. The profiles have so far been presented by such personalities as Naseeruddin Shah, Tom Alter, Nandita Das, Om Puri and Amin Sayani. The programme won the

Information & Broadcasting Ministry's "Radio Dunia Award" for 2008 in the category of best programme in Social Responsibility Initiative.

## COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION OF DISABLED

### Landmine Survivors Assistance Programme

Most landmine victims in India are poor villagers living in India's border villages. After the injury inflicted by the landmine, they need complex psycho-social care, physical rehabilitation, artificial limbs, and vocational training in order to reintegrate back into their communities. In most of India's landmine-affected areas, these services are not available.

The landmine Survivor Assistance Program is an effort to develop a

cost effective model for community-based economic, medical and social rehabilitation of landmine survivors in about 40 villages in the Abohar Block of Ferozepur District, Punjab. The project is being run in partnership with Society for All Round Development. At the start of the programme, a Base Line Survey of 28 villages was conducted and 40 victims were identified. During the year, appropriate curriculum for vocational training of youth from families of mine victims was developed and two Jaipur Foot camps were organised. In addition, a training of trainers workshop was organised for 30 government school teachers. The workshop was attended by representatives of the Border Security Force who informed teachers about different types of mines. A documentary film on the situation with profiles of victims has also been shot.

*Landmine Survivors project, Punjab – Training of Trainers*



# Health

## Programme Vision

Our programmes aim to:

- Promote health planning and prevention of communicable and non-communicable diseases.
- Achieve empowerment and development with emphasis on primary healthcare, adolescent health and policy advocacy.





### Rajiv Gandhi Mobile AIDS Counselling Services (RGMACS)

Mobile vans are being run under this programme to provide counselling services and generate awareness about the disease in Delhi, Mumbai, Pune and Guwahati.

In Delhi, where six slums are being covered by Mobile Vans, our partner is Ranbaxy Community Health Care Society. More than 80,000 pamphlets/posters were distributed and over 22,000 people were reached through magic shows, street plays, quiz competitions and audiovisual shows etc. Linkages were established with local NGOs, government hospitals, religious leaders and community groups for effective implementation and sustainability.

Our project partner in Mumbai is People's Health Organisation. In 6 slums, over 50,000 people were reached through exhibitions and 7652 persons were counselled in groups and 2901 individually. Networking was established with the local NGOs, government agencies, hospitals/nursing homes and care & support centres in the areas.

People's Health Organisation is also our partner in Pune where 6 localities were covered. Around 1,25,000 leaflets in Hindi and Marathi called 'Jagte Raho' were distributed. Exhibitions and talk shows were conducted in offices, schools, colleges, panchayats and banks. 2,740 people received individual counselling and 7,925 people were reached through group counseling sessions. Networking has been established



*Mobile AIDS Counselling, Delhi*



*Creating awareness on AIDS, Delhi*

with 11 local NGOs, 10 STD clinics, 48 Integrated Counseling and Testing Centres, 4 care & support units and 1,800 general practitioners.

AIDS Prevention Society works with us in 6 slums of Guwahati in this project. More than 2.5 lakh people were reached through various IEC activities. 2,254 people received individual counselling and another 894

people were referred for STI treatment. A total of 116 youth, 140 women, 71 community leaders and 36 community health workers were provided training on various aspects of HIV/AIDS and STIs.

### Save the Kidney Initiative

This initiative hopes to reduce the possibility of onset of End Stage Renal Disease through early detection, treatment and regular monitoring of blood glucose and

hypertension. The project was implemented in collaboration with AIIMS and Rajbhora Foundation in Delhi. Out of more than 10,000 individuals that were screened, 405 were detected with hypertension, 140 with diabetes mellitus and 360 with albumin in Urine. All of these 905 patients are now under treatment and are monitored closely. Our volunteers, social workers and doctors also create awareness about benefits of healthy living.

#### Health for All, Rae Bareli District, Uttar Pradesh

This project aims to generate awareness on importance of sanitation & safe drinking water in prevention of diseases, promotion of institutional deliveries, and adoption of personal health & hygiene practices. It is being implemented in Harchandpur Block of Rae Bareli District, U.P with the assistance of Mamta Health Institute for Mother and Child. 8 Orientation and sensitization workshops were organised for Panchayati Raj Institution members, government officials, primary healthcare workers, paramedics, volunteers, peer counsellors, media and community based groups. More than 400 people were trained through these workshops. A two-day training was conducted for 21 folk artists for effective communication of the key messages of the awareness generation campaigns.

#### Training of Private Medical Practitioners of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homeopathy

The role of alternate medicine in prevention, control and management of HIV/AIDS is often not given its due importance. In

this initiative our goal is to build capacity of the Private Medical Practitioners (PMPs) of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homeopathy (ISM & H) for this purpose.

This year, we are working in collaboration with VHAI in states of Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh for training of 240 PMPs. A 2-day training programme was organised in Delhi where 16 identified core trainers (4 members from each state) participated. It is

planned that in each state, 60 PMPs of ISM & H will be trained by VHAI in two training programmes of two days each.

#### Life Skills Education to Out of School Adolescents

We are working with Modicare Foundation to enable out-of-school adolescents to make correct choices and to avoid risky behaviour regarding reproductive and sexual health. It was successfully piloted last year in collaboration with the FICCI-SEDF in 10 slums of Delhi and



Health for All programme, Rae Bareli

Life Skills Training in Delhi





now an additional 10 slums of Delhi have been taken up. Already, 25 professionals have been trained as Master Trainers and 279 adolescents as Peer Trainers. These Peer Trainers further identified and trained 1,359 adolescents as Peer Educators. A curriculum for five-day training and promotional materials on life skills have also been developed.

### Smart Parenthood Campaign, Kurukshetra, Haryana

The Smart Parenthood Campaign aims to sensitize population against sex selective female foeticide and work towards enforcement of Parental Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act 1994. It seeks to create an environment that supports change of behaviour and practices regarding reproductive health. To achieve this objective, orientation and training workshops are held and village health committees are formed. In all these activities the participants are drawn from a cross section of the society and include doctors, Panchayat members, government officials, community leaders, school teachers, media, NGOs, students and volunteers. In addition, 'Smart Parenthood Clinics' have been set up in PHCs to counsel newly married couples. 5 new clinics were started this year taking the total to 15.

Thirty-five volunteers were trained to undertake counselling sessions in these clinics. Promotional material and counselling aids have been developed in Hindi to disseminate information. Around 7,000 people have been sensitized through 36 folk performances. Media seminar was organised and



Smart Parenthood campaign, Kurukshetra district



Community aide support

print media campaigns were launched. Official statistics show a slight improvement in sex ratio at birth in the district.

### Community Aide Support

To support the over-burdened Anganwadi worker, trained community aides, *Gelathi*, have been introduced in six villages of Bangalore rural district in collaboration with Belaku trust. To facilitate her work, 40 meetings were held with Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) officials, Panchayat members,

teachers, anganwadi workers, and parents of children who attend anganwadi centres. Village Support Committees were formed in all six villages and around 82 meetings of the committee were held. Around 75% of the community members are willing to financially support the *Gelathi*. This is an indication of community's satisfaction with the programme which has improved nutrition intake during adolescence and pregnancy significantly.



*Red Ribbon Express being flagged-off, New Delhi*

### **Mobile TB Clinic in Kangra, Himachal Pradesh**

This project was initiated in 1993 in Kangra, Himachal Pradesh in partnership with World Memorial Fund for Disaster Relief, New Delhi. Early detection of the disease is made through household surveys conducted by volunteers. Those with symptoms of the disease go through sputum test in the Mobile TB Clinic. If tested positive, the patient is counselled and treatment is started immediately with follow up by volunteers to ensure that the complete course is taken. So far, more than 55000 people have been surveyed and 1048 people have been successfully treated. At present 97 patients are under treatment. Various communication channels have been used to raise awareness regarding prevention

and treatment of tuberculosis, with a special emphasis on the need to improve hygiene and sanitation.

### **Red Ribbon Express**

The Red Ribbon Express (RRE) is a specially designed seven-coach train to generate awareness on AIDS/HIV and offer counselling services. Three of the coaches are education and exhibition coaches that show multimedia presentations on all aspects of the disease. Others coaches have auditorium-cum- training facilities and arrangement for giving counselling and medical services.

The train has already visited 54 stations in Rajasthan, M.P., Maharashtra, Chattisgarh, U.P., Uttarakhand, Bihar and Jharkhand. More than 3.5 lakh people have visited the exhibition

and more than 40,000 have benefited from counselling services. 298 training sessions have been conducted for over 15,000 participants. Government officials, elected representatives from Panchayats, community leaders, educationists, health workers, NGOs and youth groups have attended the training sessions.

### **Dental Camps – Essential Oral Care**

The dental camps are organised in collaboration with L. Gela Ram Memorial Dental Clinic and Orthodontic Centre, New Delhi. Patients are screened for any dental procedures that might be needed which are then provided free. This year, a 3-day dental camp was organised in Amethi, UP in which 870 patients were examined and given requisite treatment and





*Dental Camp, Amethi*

medicines. Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Hospital, Amethi is conducting the follow-up of the treated patients.

#### **Workshop on HIV/AIDS Management in the Lifeline Express Train**

The purpose of the workshop on HIV/AIDS which is held inside the Lifeline Express train is to build the

capacity of the local medical fraternity and NGOs regarding HIV/AIDS management. The members of the Rajiv Gandhi Workforce serve as resource persons. About 10 private medical practitioners and 30 representatives of local NGOs attended the workshop organised during Amethi camp and more than 70 participants attended it

during Chhapra camp. At these workshops, issues covered range from modes of transmission of the disease, myths & misconceptions surrounding it, stigma, and denial & discrimination associated with HIV, prevention, control and management of HIV/AIDS.

#### **Towards making Transplantation of Human Organs Act (THOA), 1994 more donor and recipient friendly**

It was felt that Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994, had not been able to prevent various kidney and transplantation scams and had not led to benefits of transplantation reaching the poor. To seek a review of the law, a National Policy Dialogue was conducted in 2004 and a Task Force was constituted in 2005 to recommend suggestions. Comments of the public were invited on these suggestions and a consultation was held in 2007 to finalise the recommendations. These recommendations have been sent to the Government of India for necessary amendment in the rules.

*A view of National Consultation, Delhi*

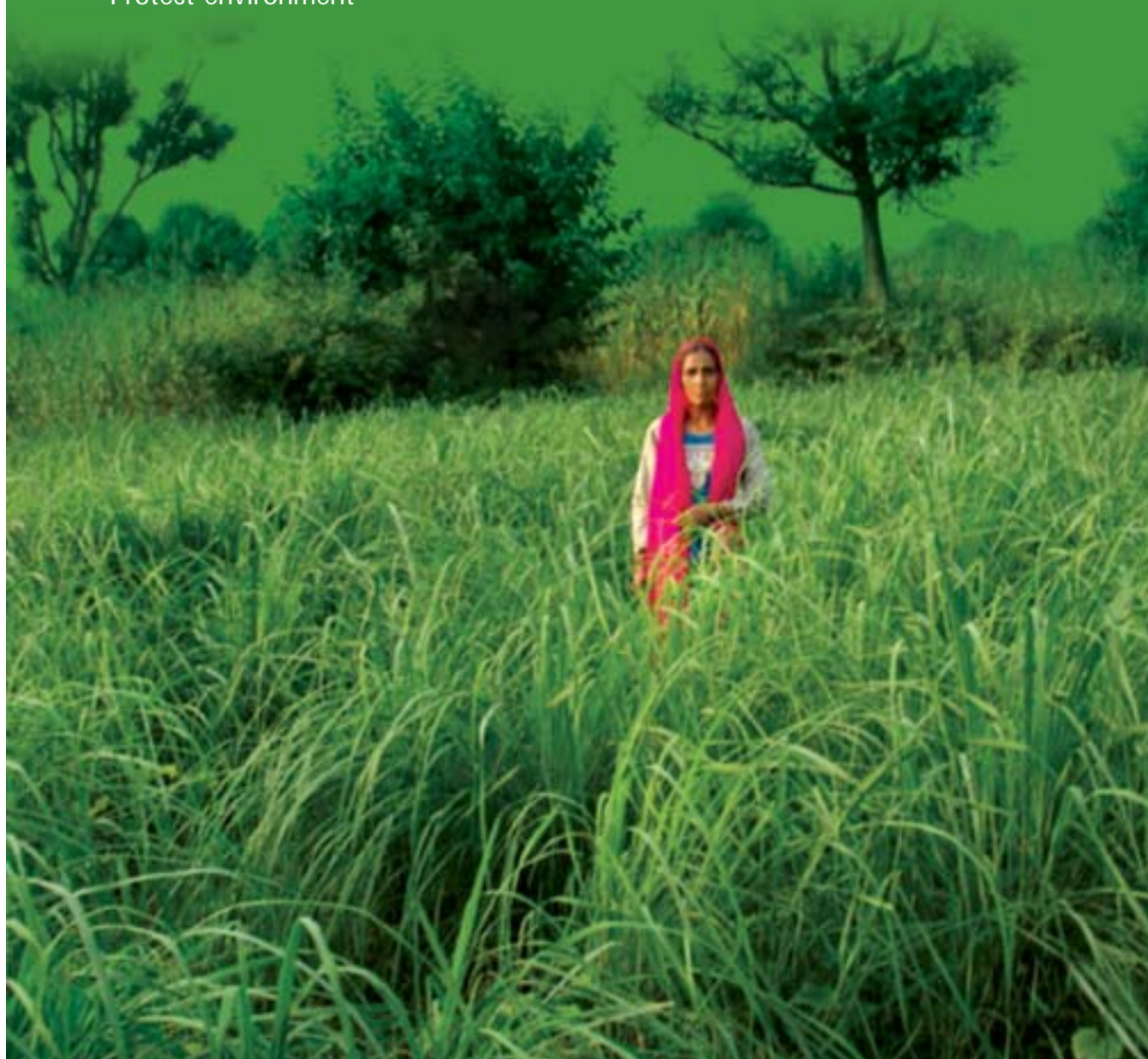


# Science and Technology

## Programme Vision

Our programmes aim to:

- Improve the lives of the poor
- Promote rural development
- Protect environment





There are two projects under implementation in Uttarakhand: Bio-resource conservation project and Aromatic plant cultivation and processing. Both seek to use scientific methods & local knowledge, enlist community participation and generate regular incomes.

## BIO-RESOURCE CONSERVATION PROJECT

The project aims at bio-resource conservation for long-term food and livelihood security and empowerment of communities. It is being implemented with the help of Gene Campaign in 50 villages of Ramgarh block of Nainital district, Uttarakhand.

### Promoting Sustainable Agriculture Practices

An important way of promoting sustainable agricultural practices is through encouragement of organic agriculture. To generate awareness about it, group meetings were organised and campaigns were carried out about harmful effects of uncontrolled use of agro chemicals and pesticides. For this purpose farming families in over 150 villages were contacted. 224 farmers have adopted organic farming practices.

### Plant Based Pesticides

The communities were advised to use plant-based pesticides. Local plants that could serve as pesticides and insect repellents were identified. Various field trials were conducted on pesticides based on Timur, Bichoo Patta, Tobacco, Akhrot and Ramban. Tobacco was found most effective on vegetable pests and in general, it was found that the plant pesticides seem to

work better in prevention mode rather than in curative mode.

### Conservation of Agro Bio-diversity

To document agro bio-diversity in the region, staff of Gene Campaign as well as Chirag, a local NGO, was trained in collection and characterization of seed samples. More than 1,300 seed samples

belonging to 45 different crops have been collected from 1,232 farmers. Senior research staff of Pant Nagar Agriculture University have provided expert advice for this project.

### Community Gene/Seed Bank

Gene/Seed bank has been set up in village Orakhan to house the agro biodiversity collection of

Plant based pesticides and their effectiveness			
Crop Name	Plant/leaf used	Quantity	Results
Radish	Tobacco	50 ml + 150 ml water	Less effective
		50 ml + 100 ml water	Effective
		50 ml + 80 ml water	More effective
Mustard	Bakain	30 ml + 300 ml water	Not effective
		60 ml + 300 ml water	Effective
		100 ml + 300 ml water	More effective
Peas	Sewai	10 ml + 100 ml water	Less effective
		20 ml + 100 ml water	Effective
		30 ml + 100 ml water	More effective
Apricot	Sewai	30 ml + 100 ml water	Less effective
		40 ml + 100 ml water	Effective
		30 ml + 30 ml + 100 ml water	More effective

Plant Based Pesticides



traditional variety of seeds. Before storage the seeds are processed to reduce moisture content to 7% for better viability. Following our efforts at awareness generation it is now being observed that farmers are voluntarily contributing seeds for the community seed bank.

### Publications

Leaflets, handbills, brochures in local languages describing the different issues related to indigenous knowledge have been made available to villagers, civil society groups, government agencies and individuals. These publication materials seek to create awareness about the importance of conserving indigenous knowledge and indigenous varieties. Booklets and wall papers in Hindi containing information on World Trade Organization, Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights, Convention on Biological Diversity and Indigenous Knowledge, Seed Patents and Farmer's Rights have also been prepared and distributed in schools.

## AROMATIC PLANT CULTIVATION AND PROCESSING PROJECT

The Foundation, Agrisud International and Uttarakhand government implemented a pilot project for cultivation and processing of Aromatic Plants in Sahaspur block of Dehradun district in 2005. Most of the aromatic plant cultivation under the project was of lemon grass. A distillation plant for extracting lemon grass oil from it was also set up. At the end of that project, HARC, a Dehradun-based NGO was enlisted as a partner, to provide support to the 140 farmers

who are growing lemon grass under the project on 165 bighas of land and are producing 250 litres of lemon grass oil per year.

### Experience Sharing and Awareness Building among Stakeholders

To find ways of increasing productivity of lemon grass cultivation, an experience sharing

workshop was organized. Participants from farmers' group, scientists from Centre for Aromatic Plants and representatives from Indian Council for Agriculture Research attended and shared their experiences and knowledge about new techniques. To generate awareness, campaigns were organized in project villages and three farmers' SHGs were formed.



*Drying seeds for storage in Seed Bank*

*Awareness generation through Nukkad Natak and songs*





For these SHGs, system of minutes writing, reporting and attendance monitoring was evolved.

### Strengthening organizational structure of the Federation

To understand how to strengthen organisational structure, an exposure visit to a successful federation was organized. Training on different organizational aspects like leadership development, documentation, vision building was imparted to the farmers. The Farmers' Federation was incorporated as 'Pachava Doon Agri and Aromatic Producers' Company' under companies act.

### Strengthening Distillation Unit

Repairs of the distillation unit, extension of tin shed, construction of platform, repairing of water tank, was carried out



*Federation members being oriented on Company Law*

### Marketing Facilitation

A study on the possible marketing avenues of lemon grass oil was conducted. The study has looked at industrial applications of lemon grass, different buyers and their capacities, export possibilities,

packaging needs of the market, the supply chain and demand structure of the ordinary buyers. This study was shared with the company which has since been in touch with 20 national level buyers of lemon grass oil.

*Distillation unit repair work*



# Scholarships for University Students

## Programme Vision

Our programmes aim to:

- Offer opportunities to British University students to travel to India
- Provide opportunities to Indian students to study at Cambridge.
- Encourage careers in science in India.

### Rajiv Gandhi Travelling Scholarships Programme

The Foundation collaborates with the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust and Rajiv Gandhi (UK) Foundation for award of up to 20 scholarships to students from Cambridge and some other British Universities e.g. Edinburgh, London School of Economics, Oxford to travel within India to conduct research or simply to know India better. The Foundation supports the travel and stay of the scholars within India. 18 students visited India this year. 8 were from Cambridge, 2 from Edinburgh, 6 from London School of Economics and 2 from Oxford. The study areas included veterinary sciences, theology & religious study, history and anthropology. Here are remarks made by some of the

awardees after their India experience.

#### Ms. Helen O' Rourke

Ms. Helen O' Rourke studying in BA (French and German) at Cambridge University says that the sight-seeing in Delhi provided her with a wonderful overview of Indian history. After four busy days

in Delhi she visited Agra and thereafter proceeded to Vijayawada for her voluntary work with Street Kids' Community Villages (SKCV). She writes that "with the sight-seeing part of our trip at an end, it was time for another compulsory Indian experience – the overnight train journey cross country. Illness was affecting us both this time, and so we spent much of the 27 hour journey lying in our berths just trying to sleep. However, all sickness was soon forgotten when we arrived in Vijayawada and went to meet the staff and children at the SKCV main centre..."

*Ms. Helen O'Rourke in SKCV, Vijayawada*



#### Ms. Isabel McCann

Ms. Isabel McCann studying for BA English at Cambridge says "I left with the impression that India





Ms. Isabel McCann in Bangalore

has a much more sovereign culture than some neighboring countries, including China. It has its own dominant religion, although India has a number of native faiths, and understands the importance of encouraging them to coexist peacefully. It has its own very popular film industry and a definite national obsession: cricket. Despite (perhaps because) of its colonial past, and the widespread use of the English language, it does not seem to be moving towards a western, or American dictated model of daily life, or at least not very fast. Children ask you about Dravid, not David Beckham, women don't buy suits instead of saris and food varies by region according to the local tradition..."

#### Ms. Amina Adewusi

Ms. Amina Adewusi from London School of Economics studying for B.Sc. (Social Policy) was in India for five weeks reported about her impression of India saying "India is such a vast country, and since I have spent the majority of my time in Delhi - I can hardly say that I've visited India. What struck me about India is that it is a developing country, but one whose economy

is growing. You can see this from all of the construction going on all over the city and the seemingly endless string of Western shopping malls springing up. Delhi for me is a mish-mash of worlds. For example, the local buses are terribly congested and the bus system is in need of improvement, however the metro system is state-of-the-art and much better than the London underground system without a doubt. Likewise, central Delhi is beautiful with its wide roads and tree-lined streets and Old Delhi is like going back in time with its bustling activity of street sellers. There is a lot to find in Delhi that is surprisingly contradictory. I am also told that this variety of environment and culture is not confined to Delhi alone, but can be said of the whole of India where language and culture can differ every 100 k.m.

One of my favourite things about India is its diversity of culture, religion and food. I have enjoyed different types of Indian cuisine thoroughly. I have visited the temple of the Bahai faith, the Jama Masjid, the Dalai Lama's temple and various Hindu temples."

#### Cambridge Scholarships and Bursaries

With the help and support of the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust, UK, the Foundation continues to award scholarship/bursaries to meritorious Indian students wishing to pursue a second degree course at any of the affiliated colleges of Cambridge University, U.K. This year Ms. Girija Borker (Girton College), Ms. Ragini Madan (Wolfson College), and Ms. Vidya Kolachina (Lucy Cavendish College) were awarded bursaries for BA Economics and Mr. Shivan Ghosh (St. Edmund's College) for BA Natural Science.

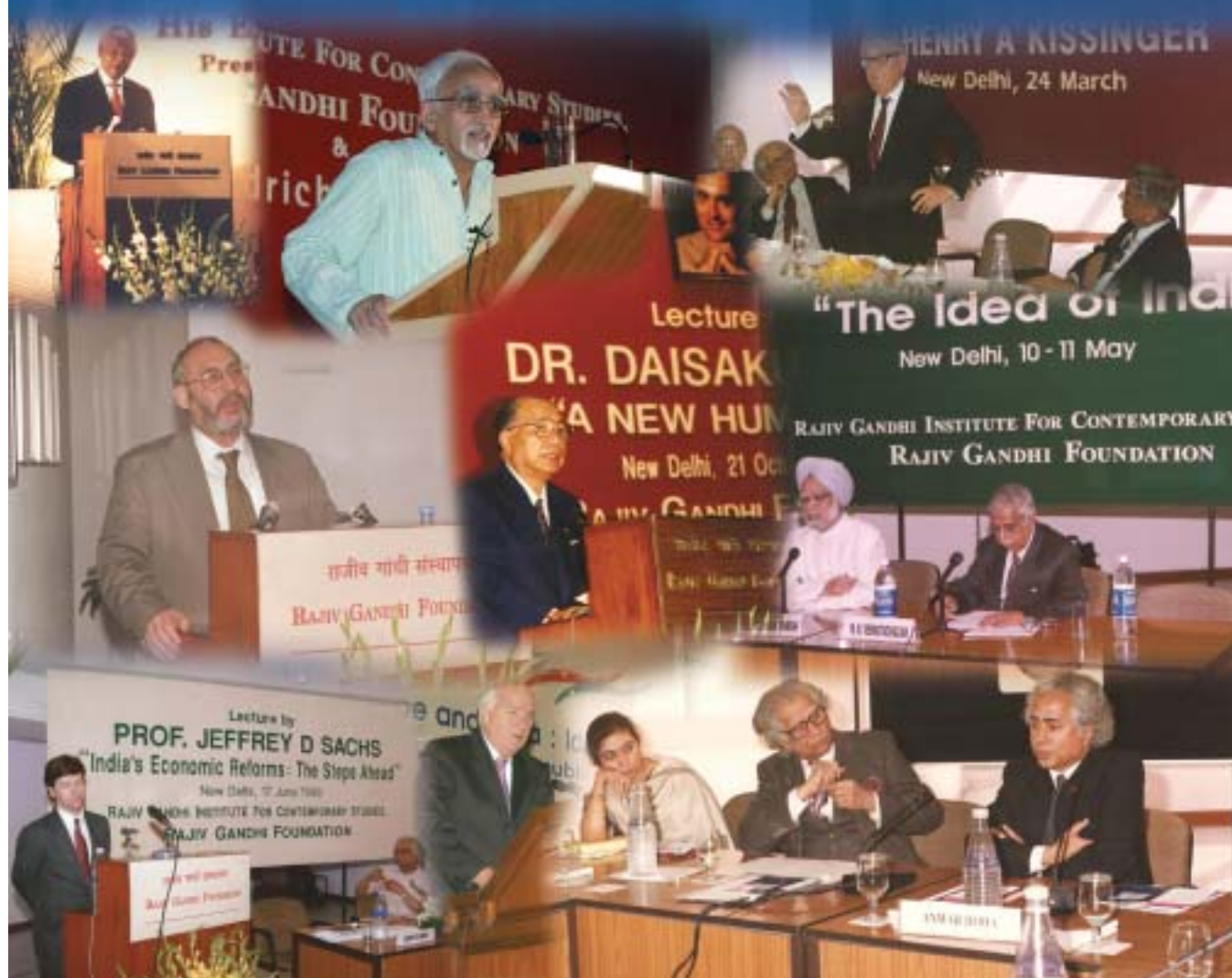
#### Rajiv Gandhi Science Talent Research Fellowships

The Fellowships programme commenced in 1993 and is implemented through the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bangalore. These are awarded to undergraduates and MSc students from all over India.

The fellowships are renewable on a selective basis for a consecutive second year. The selected students spend two months during summer under the guidance of distinguished scientists/researchers at the Indian Institute of Sciences, or at other such renowned research institutes in the country. The programme tries to assist the students to understand what scientific research really is and how it is conducted. It encourages them to opt for scientific research as a career.

This year 15 students were selected for research in the fields of Life Sciences, Engineering Sciences, Chemical Sciences and Physical Sciences.

# Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Contemporary Studies (RGICS)





The Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Contemporary Studies operates as the Foundation's 'think-tank' and research division with the task of public policy research and extension programmes to educate the public on contemporary issues. The Institute accomplishes these responsibilities through in-house research as well as commissioning outside experts to work on a short-term basis, publications and also seminars and conferences.

The Institute's objectives are to:

- Promote and undertake interdisciplinary studies in order to formulate public policy options
- Disseminate its findings and generate an informed public debate about policy choices.
- Enable professionals, intellectuals, and community leaders to interact, in order to develop a shared understanding, and multiple perspectives and solutions to problems
- Offer training programmes, lectures by eminent people, workshops, meetings and publications
- Create institutional capability for policy advice, and build networks of global collaboration.

It provides research-based ideas, analysis, policy and practical programmes in identified areas. The Institute differs from other research institutions in two ways: it is not interested in purely academic work devoid of policy content, believing instead in imparting policy direction to whatever work is carried out; and it believes that any reform should be pro-poor – if it is to succeed – by being widely accepted and universally beneficial.

RGICS specializes in four main areas – International Economic Relations, Economic Reforms, Law Reforms, Panchayati Raj Institutions and Information Technology. In 2007-08, the Research Advisory Council suggested five new areas for research, namely: (1) Affirmative Action (2) Threat of Naxalism (3) Rehabilitation & Resettlement (4) Employment & Employability and (5) Management & Utilization of Water.

#### A new website

During the year, the Institute launched an independent website [www.rgics.org](http://www.rgics.org) which is horizontally linked to RGF's website ([www.rgfindia.com](http://www.rgfindia.com)). The site is, as of now, a work-in-progress. Since 1993, the Institute has produced many research reports, working papers and hosted internationally renowned persons to deliver the Rajiv Gandhi Memorial Lectures. Its publications number nearly 200, are now being converted into digital form to offer on the website as downloads. Depending upon the feedback received, the website will be revised and made fully operational by the end of the year 2008-09.

Some achievements in the mandated areas during the year are as follows:

#### International Economic Relations

The focus of research is on issues emerging from the World Trade Organization and its implications on the Indian industry. In the past, the Institute carried out various studies on trade-related issues, like non-tariff barriers, intellectual property rights, free trade area, TBT & SPS measures, environment, etc. During the year, the

Institute carried out the following two studies:

#### Implications of SPS and TBT agreements on access to health

The study was funded by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and World Health Organization. The report is likely to be published in 2008-09 as a working paper after obtaining approval from the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

#### The role of Indian diaspora in transforming India into a knowledge society

The study was carried out independently as preliminary research to form a basis for an extensive study to be carried out next year. A proposal for extensive study was submitted to the Government of India.

#### Economic Reforms

The focus of research is on issues emerging from pursuing the path of economic reforms with a human touch. In the past, the Institute carried out studies on issues like, economic reforms for the poor, agenda for governance, poverty alleviation, Index of Economic Freedom, affirmative action, etc.

During the year, the Institute carried out following studies:

#### Drawing a level playing field for wire winding manufacturing in India

This study was funded by the Wire Winding Manufacturers Association. Based on this study, the Association made their submissions to the Ministry of Finance. The study highlighted the weakness of the current tariff policy on Copper and suggested appropriate policy measures.

### Economic Freedom Index for the States of India

The study was carried out by the Institute in association with a senior faculty member from the Faculty of Management Studies, Delhi University, and funded by the Friedrich Naumann Stiftung. This study covered 20 states of India and analysed various policy initiatives for improving the business environment in the respective states.

### Intellectual Capital in India: Contribution of States

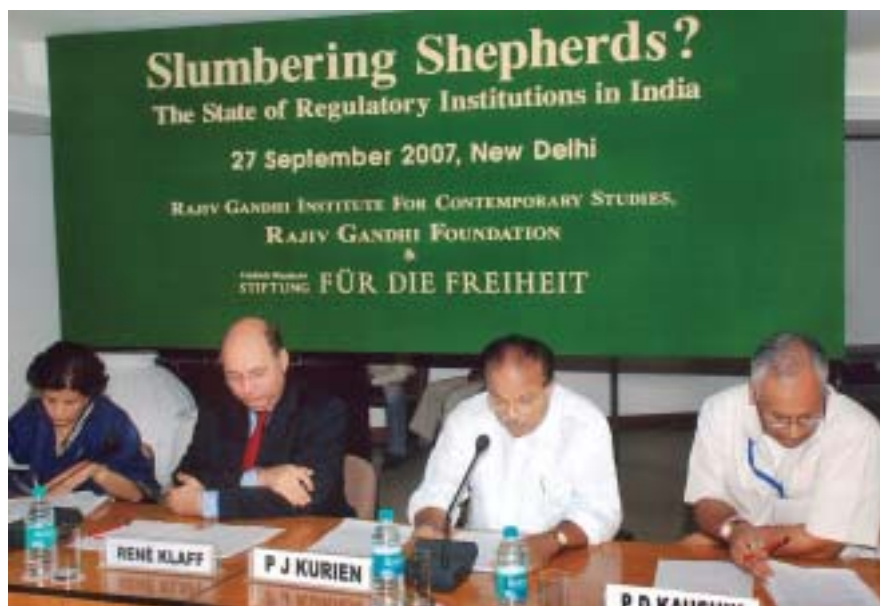
The study was funded by the Friedrich Naumann Stiftung. This work is first of its kind to make an assesment of intellectual capital contribution made by the states of India. This was carried out on the basis of state's human capital, structured capital and relational capital.

The last two projects have been carried out to ascertain the agenda for third generation reforms, which are essentially targeted at the states of India.

### Law Reforms

Law reforms complement economic reforms. The focus of our research has been on identifying areas of law reforms that are required to complement the process of economic reforms in India. In the past, the Institute has carried out studies on subjects like access to justice to poor, access to justice to women, exit provisions for the small-scale sector, bankruptcy law, administrative laws in Delhi, etc.

During the year, the Institute carried out work on regulatory reforms. A national seminar "Slumbering Shepherds: The State



*Seminar in progress*

of Regulatory Institutions in India" was also organized during the year. The focus of research was on the process of law making in India. This project was funded by the Friedrich Naumann Stiftung. This work will be published in 2008-2009.

### Information Technology

The focus of research is IT as an enabling tool for development. In the past, the Institute carried out research studies on issues like, e-commerce, e-governance, IT for rural India, status of e-readiness of states, etc.

The Institute has developed in-house capabilities to carry out research studies on issues related to IT for development. During the year, the Institute carried out a research project on "IT for the Masses-II", which was an extension of the project carried out in 2006.

### Panchayati Raj

In the past, the focus of work on Panchayati Raj was essentially on capacity building of elected repre-

sentatives and organizing Task Force on Panchayati Raj's meetings. Since 2004-05, the Institute included some research components in its list of activities in this field. The focus of research was on energizing panchayats through markets. Besides, the current focus of research was on devolution of funds, functions and functionaries, systemic improvement in State Finance Commissions, etc.

During the year, the Institute carried out a study on "Tribal welfare through panchayats: The experience of PESA in Orissa". This work was carried out in-house and has been published.

### NEW RGICS INITIATIVES IN 2007-08

#### 1. RGICS Post-doctoral Fellowship

This programme was launched to broaden the research agenda of the Institute on the advice of the Research Advisory Council. During the year, the Institute carried out a rigorous selection process and the identification of post-doctoral fellows for academic



year 2008-09. The RGICS set up five post-doctoral fellowships in the following areas:

1. Employment and Employability
2. Regulatory Reforms
3. Affirmative Action
4. Rehabilitation and Resettlement for Infrastructure Projects
5. Threat of Naxalism

The Institute received 30 research proposals from all over India in the above mentioned areas. However, the Institute decided to grant post-doctoral fellowship for 2008-09 in two areas, viz. (1) Employment and employability and (1) Rehabilitation and resettlement. For other areas, the research proposals lacked policy content.

## 2. India-China Studies

The RGICS had received a grant of USD 3,00,000 from the Government of China. It was decided that efforts should be made to build a corpus of USD 1 million by seeking financial assistance from Government of India and industry.

The interest earnings from the USD One Million corpus will be utilized for funding India-China studies and other programmes. The Institute approached the Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Commerce and Industry for financial assistance equivalent to Chinese grant. The Ministry of External Affairs has kindly given their consent for a matching grant.

During the year the Institute carried out the following two research studies, namely:

1. Perception of India among Chi-

Major RGICS Projects/Activities during 2007-08	
Area/topic	Associates
IT for the Masses-II	Jointly with FNSt
Process of Law Making in India	Jointly with FNSt
Economic Freedom of States in India*	Jointly with FNSt
Intellectual Capital: Contribution of States	Jointly with FNSt
Implications of WTO agreements on SPS & TBT on access to health	Jointly with Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Drawing a level Playing Field: Wire Winding Manufacturing in India	Jointly with Wire Winding Manufacturers Association
Perception Study on India & China	Work under India-China Programme
Women in Panchayats	Jointly with Government of Ireland
Technology transfer from R&D institutions to industry in India and China	Work under India-China Program
Work with schools*	Jointly with UNDP

\*Annual research activities of the Institute.

2. Technology transfer from R&D institutions to industry in India and China

## 3. Dr. Mahbub ul Haq Inter-school Debate

The Institute in association with the UNDP, has been organizing this school debate since 1998. This

Delegates with HE Mr. Zhang Yan, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China



year, the debate was extended to cover the entire South Asian region.

The theme of the 10th Dr. Mahbub ul Haq Memorial Inter-school Debate was Climate Change. The debate was organized in Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The winning team from each country was invited to participate in the SAARC final held on 3rd December 2007 at Delhi.

His Excellency Sh. M. Hamid Ansari, Vice President of India, gave away the prizes. The SAARC Trophy was awarded to the team from Pakistan and the Runners-Up trophy was awarded to the Indian team. Individual awards, viz., best speaker for the motion was awarded to Master Prerak Pradhan from Nepal and best speaker against the motion trophy was awarded to Master Mohammed Aseel Hassan from Maldives.

### People's Forum

The Institute successfully organized the monthly public debate program "People's Forum" during the year. This program aims at building active citizenship in Delhi. The Institute provided a platform where citizens can interact with policy makers, politicians and experts on contemporary issues.

### Organising seminars and conferences outside Delhi

In 2007, the Institute decided to showcase its research outside Delhi. In this regard, the Institute organized seminars on relevance of economic freedom for development at Chennai and Bhubaneswar.



Participants of the SAARC Debate



SAARC Inter-school Debate

People's Forum





## Publications during the reporting period

### Books and Monographs

*Women Rights: Access to Justice*, by P. D. Kaushik, Bookwell Publishers & Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Contemporary Studies.

*Economic Freedom in India & China*, by P. D. Kaushik & Mao Yushi, EFN Network Asia.

*Reflections - People's Forum-2007*, Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Contemporary Studies & Friedrich Naumann Stiftung.

### Working Papers in Print

*Tribal Welfare Through Panchayats: The Experience of PESA in Orissa*, by Sujata Ratho.

Besides these publications, the staff of RGICS regularly publishes in journals (both national and international) and newspapers. During the year Dr. P. D. Kaushik, Mr. Mohammad Saqib and Mr. D. Shyam Babu made several contributions by way of participating in policy-oriented debates as well as media commentary.



## RGICS seminars and public events (1st April 2007 - 31st March 2008)

Event	Date	Other details
People's Forum "Bhoomiputra vs Migrants: Safeguards or Lost Opportunities?"	April 13, 2007	Jointly with FNSt
People's Forum "Autonomous Institutions: Really Independent or Government Controlled?"	May 11, 2007	Jointly with FNSt
People's Forum "Criminal Justice System: Guilty or Not Guilty?"	June 8, 2007	Jointly with FNSt
Conference on "Relevance of Economic Freedom on Development" at Chennai	June 20, 2007	Jointly with FNSt & TFSC
People's Forum "Sting Operations: Betrayal of Trust or Seeking Truth?"	July 13, 2007	Jointly with FNSt
Conference on "Enabling Health Research in India"	July 21, 2007	Jointly with India Development Foundation
People's Forum "Road Rage: Blue Line or the Line of Death?"	August 10, 2007	Jointly with FNSt
Panel Discussion on "Economic Freedom in India & China"	September 3, 2007	Jointly with FNSt
People's Forum "Unsolicited Calls: Need or Nuisance?"	September 14, 2007	Jointly with FNSt
Regional Round of 10th Dr. Mahbub ul Haq Inter-school Debate	September 15, 2007	Jointly with UNDP
Conference on "Slumbering Shepherds- The State of Regulatory Institutions in India"	September 27, 2007	Jointly with FNSt
People's Forum "Private Healthcare System: Money-Spinner or Service to Humanity?"	October 12, 2007	Jointly with FNSt
Final Round of 10th Dr. Mahbub ul Haq Interschool Debate	October 24, 2007	Jointly with UNDP
People's Forum "Private Education: A Necessity or Quest for Money?"	November 2, 2007	Jointly with FNSt
SAARC Round of 10th Dr. Mahbub ul Haq Interschool Debate	December 3, 2007	Jointly with UNDP
Conference on "Relevance of Economic Freedom on Development" at Bhubaneswar	December 8, 2007	Jointly with FNSt & SEARCH
People's Forum "Parliamentary Democracy: Constructive or Destructive?"	December 14, 2007	Jointly with FNSt
Dialogue with a Diplomat: Mr. Zhang Yan, Ambassador of China	March 14, 2008	RGICS
Talk by Hon. Dr. Roche on "Arms control, Non-proliferation and Environment Protection"	March 18, 2008	RGICS



# RGF in the Media

The programmes and events of the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation (RGF) have been getting considerable media attention over the years. The Foundation has successfully built up an interactive relationship with the mass media at different levels. Apart from disbursing the programme messages to the public, the strong media linkage has helped in getting the proper pulse of the beneficiary groups. This has been useful in designing the schemes to suit the genuine needs of the people. The following is a scan of the media response to RGF activities in the past one year:

## Making Organ Transplantation Benevolent

RGF in collaboration with the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare held a national level consultation on Transplantation of Human Organs Act (THOA). The objective was to make the act friendlier to both the organ donor and recipient besides honouring the donor. Various suggestions made by the THOA Review Committee and RGF Task Force on the issue came up for discussion. It covered structure of the authorization committee, definition of organs and tissues, sperm banks, promotion of cadavric organ donation, Organ Retrieval banking Organization (ORBO) and penal provisions to curb illegal trade. Eminent specialists from across the nation attended the meet. They favoured taking the matter ahead with appropriate adjustments. The event and the issue got good coverage in the newspapers and periodicals.

Besides, a group of children with thalassaemic health problem met Mrs Sonia Gandhi at her residence and asked her to make effort to include such afflicted persons in the handicapped category. The 30 children gave 3-point demand to Mrs Gandhi which included provision for cheap drugs and encouraging blood donation among the general population. The affected children need a blood transfusion every one week to 15 days. Thalassaemia is an inherited disease of the blood which usually manifests itself in the first year after birth, and is a life-long disease. The pictures of these children interacting with Mrs Gandhi were carried by several newspapers like *Deccan Chronicle*, *Eenaadu* (Hyderabad), *DNA* (Mumbai) and *Metro Now* (New Delhi). The event was well covered by TV channels also.

## Promoting Human Development

RGF is also engaged in programmes to promote Human Development. Under its Village and Slum Library Programme, the Foundation has established 1,411 libraries in 22 states which include 1,328 Village and 83 Slum Libraries. It has not only helped to improve the quality of education available to children in marginalized communities and expanding the learning capacity of the people, but also established linkages between these libraries and local schools. About this programme, Mrs Gandhi remarked: "Working towards the goal of universal literacy, our 1,411 village and slum libraries are not only helping to inculcate a reading

habit among adults and children, but also contributing to improving the quality of learning in schools".

In its pioneering programme for the welfare and education of children orphaned by terrorism in different parts of the country, the Foundation has given its heart to healing the wounds of innocent victims of senseless violence.

The universal literacy programme has also paved the way for working with minorities, Dalits and tribals. It also covers training of Panchayat representatives in improved natural resources management at the local level and the promotion of agricultural innovation in some water harvesting in deficient areas. Mrs Sonia Gandhi's message of rededication to the social goals of the human development initiatives were well carried by several newspapers, including the *Pioneer* and *National Herald*.

## Lifeline Express

Major national newspapers, including the *Times of India*, *Indian Express*, *National Herald* and *Hindu*, carried dispatches on the Lifeline Express. The Lifeline Express train would travel to different parts of the country to give medical assistance to the needy. It is intended to provide modern medical facilities to thousands of needy persons in far away rural and urban settings. It is an initiative launched and managed by the RGF in association with Impact India Foundation. There is an ophthalmic testing room, a laboratory and an X-ray facility in the train. The coaches were designed and manufactured by the Integral Coach Factory at a cost of Rs 5 crore. The first Lifeline Express launched in 1991 has

already traveled about 64,000 km and has attended to the medical needs of many.

### Remembering Rajiv Gandhi

To commemorate the birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi, several newspapers, including the *Indian Express*, *Times of India* and *Pioneer*, brought out special features and supplements on the RGF initiatives. The media drive focused on the initiatives inspired by Rajiv Gandhi for building an India that is modern, an economy that is strong, and society that is just. As the RGF patron, Mrs Sonia Gandhi, pointed out: "It is not just what the Foundation does, but how it does it, that counts". The Foundation has marshalled its scarce resources and used them to achieve outcomes of high quality to empower women and children, encourage water conservation and rainwater harvesting, help the disabled, improve education and healthcare and extend a helping hand to some of the most deprived and marginalized sections of the people in the country.

### Smart Parenthood Campaign

The Smart Parenthood Campaign being implemented by the RGF came into media focus. RGF plans to give focus on mobile AIDS counseling services. It was conceptualized to foster behavioural change at the societal level by raising awareness, provide services like on the spot testing and preventive and supportive counseling. The services are currently available in the slums of the national capital. The media picked up this aspect of the RGF initiative. Several newspapers had special write-ups and features on the topic.

### Red Ribbon Express

The Red Ribbon Express is a seven coach hospital type train launched by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in association with the RGF. This multi-activity social mobilization campaign initiative for HIV/AIDS awareness will reach out to people in over 20 states and Union Territories, covering a total distance of 70,000 km. It is the RGF that started a national campaign to mainstream the issues related to HIV/AIDS around the idea of the Red Ribbon Express project. The National Aids Control Organization and Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan are part of the initiative. The project is targeted specifically at youth groups, woman/women's self help groups, adolescent/students communities, urban slum dwellers and farmers. The train, stopping at pre-determined stations, would serve as the nodal point for serving and accessing a cluster of identified villages. The Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan would set up Red Ribbon Clubs to back up the awareness programmes. The Red Ribbon Express was flagged off by Mrs Sonia Gandhi in the presence of Mr. Lalu Prasad Yadav, Union Railway Minister. The launch got extensive coverage in the mass media, including major newspapers like the *Statesman*, *Times of India*, *Navbharat Times*, *Rashtriya Sahara*, *Jansatta*, *Asian Age*, *Business Standard*, *Punjab Kesari*, *Quami Awaz*, *Dainik Jagran* and *Hindustan Times*. The event was aired by several TV channels also.

### Assistance to the Differently-Abled

The Rajiv Gandhi Foundation distributed 75 motorized vehicles to physically challenged persons at

a function to commemorate the 63rd birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi. Among the beneficiaries were 35 women. In addition, hearing aids were made available to 40 persons with hearing impairment. Mrs Sonia Gandhi handed over these assistive devices to the beneficiaries. This function got very good coverage in a large number of newspapers and periodicals, both nationally and regionally. Many papers published the news with photographs of Mrs Gandhi standing with the beneficiaries with the assistive devices in the background. The prominent among the newspapers that gave coverage to the event were: the *Asian Age*, *Punjab Kesari*, *Dinamalar* (Tamil), *Pioneer*, *Hindu* and *National Herald*.

### RGF Scholarship for Girl Children

*The Tribune* daily gave a report on the RGF scholarship being extended to encourage education of girls belonging to less privileged groups like the Dalits and some Muslim communities. The initiative known as *Vidya Gyan scholarship* was launched in collaboration with Siva Subramaniya Trust. Girl students of class VI to X are being covered.

### 10th Dr. Mahabub ul Haq Memorial Inter-school Debate

The *Indian Express* and *Jansatta* gave good coverage to the 10th Dr. Mahabub ul Haq Memorial Inter-school Debate completion for groups of school children from SAARC countries. The programme is organized by the UNDP in association with RGF. Two girl students from Pakistan's Lahore Grammar School were the winners of the competition this year.



# RAJIV GANDHI FOUNDATION

## PARTNER ORGANISATIONS AND DONORS

### YEAR 2007 – 2008

#### LITERACY AND EDUCATION PROJECTS

##### Partner Organisations

- Action India, Uttar Pradesh
- Action for Integrated Rural & Tribal Development Social Service Society (AIRTDS), Andhra Pradesh
- Ahmedabad Study Action Group, Gujarat
- Ajit Vyas Foundation, Rajasthan
- Anekal Rehabilitation Education and Development Centre (READ), Karnataka
- Bal Sahyog, Delhi
- Beti Foundation, Uttar Pradesh
- Bharat Gyan Vigyan Samiti, Jharkhand
- Centre for Study of Developing Societies-SARAI, New Delhi
- Children Emancipation Society (Project Mala, Uttar Pradesh)
- Creative Learning for Change, New Delhi
- CRY, New Delhi
- Department of Kashmiri, University of Kashmir, Jammu & Kashmir
- Disha, Uttar Pradesh Dr. A.V. Baliga Memorial Educational Trust, Delhi
- Ex-Servicemen Welfare Action Committee, Himachal Pradesh
- Foundation for Development Research & Action, Uttarakhand
- Foundation for Education and Development, Rajasthan
- Gramin Vigyan Sewa Sansthan, Rajasthan Gram Vikas, Orissa
- Gyan Vigyan Samiti, Assam
- Help Foundation, Jammu & Kashmir
- Hilda Trust, Kerala
- Hum Kisan Tendu Patta Sangrahan Samiti, Rajasthan
- Human Aid Society, Jammu & Kashmir

- Indian Council for Child Welfare, Assam
- Jan Chetna Manch Bokaro, Jharkhand
- Jodo Gyan Educational Services, New Delhi
- Kathalaya, Karnataka
- Madhar Nala Thondu Niruvanam (MNTN), Tamil Nadu
- Mahita, Andhra Pradesh
- Majlis, Maharashtra
- Manthan Yuva Sansthan, Jharkhand
- Model Rural Youth Development Organisation, New Delhi
- National Book Trust, New Delhi
- Outreach, Karnataka
- Pashu Shwachhedan Audyogik Utpadan Sahkari Samiti Ltd, Uttar Pradesh
- Pratham Books, Bangalore
- Rudra Dheeraj Prashikshan Samiti, Uttar Pradesh
- Sahyog Community Co-ordination Network (CCN), Andhra Pradesh Samanther Sansthan, Rajasthan
- Samerth Trust, Gujarat
- Samvada, Karnataka SAKAR, Uttar Pradesh
- Sainion Ka Sangathan, Uttarakhand
- Society for Rural, Urban and Tribal Initiative (SRUTI), New Delhi
- Society for Integrated Development Himalayas, Uttarakhand
- Street Survivors India, West Bengal Society for All Round Development, Rajasthan
- The Kishkinda Trust, Karnataka
- Voluntary Association for People Service (VAPS), Tamil Nadu
- Unnayan Sansthan, Uttar Pradesh

#### Vidya Gyan Scholarship Programme

- Beti Foundation, Uttar Pradesh
- Children Emancipation Society (Project Mala), Uttar Pradesh
- Gyan Vigyan Samiti, Uttar Pradesh
- Human Welfare Association, Uttar Pradesh
- Lok Mitra, Uttar Pradesh
- Pashu Shwachhedan Audyogik Utpadan Sahkari Samiti Ltd, Uttar Pradesh
- Sabla, Uttar Pradesh
- Sahbhagi Shikshan Kendra, Uttar Pradesh
- Sewa, Uttar Pradesh
- Vision Society, Uttar Pradesh

##### Donors

- Directorate of Adult Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India
- Good Gifts, U.K.
- Mrs. Nargesh Khurshedji Dady Public Charitable Trust
- SSN Trust
- Mr. K S Srikand

#### WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

##### Partner Organisations

- AARAMBH, Madhya Pradesh
- Aman Public Charitable Trust, New Delhi
- Andaman & Nicobar Administration
- Directorate of Education
- Directorate of Health Services
- Directorate of Industries
- Directorate of Social Welfare
- Ashirwad, Maharashtra
- Child Welfare Council of Punjab, Chandigarh
- Concern for Humanity, New Delhi

## PARTNER ORGANISATIONS AND DONORS YEAR 2007 – 2008

- CRY, New Delhi
- Department of Women & Child Development, Puducherry
- District Administration- Baramulla, Jammu & Kashmir
- District Administration- Kupwara, Jammu & Kashmir
- District Authorities:
  - Batala, Punjab
  - Karimnagar, Andhra Pradesh
  - Kohima, Phek, Tuensang, Zunheboto, Mokochung, - Nagaland
  - Nalgonda, Andhra Pradesh
  - Rajouri, Poonch, Jammu & Kashmir
  - Raipur, Chhattisgarh
  - Warangal, Andhra Pradesh
- Fr. Agnel School, New Delhi
- Gram Vikas, Orissa
- Home Department, Govt. of Tripura, Tripura
- Humana People to People India, New Delhi
- Indian Council for Child Welfare, Assam
- Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Academy (IGRUA), Uttar Pradesh
- Jammu & Kashmir Yateem Trust, Jammu & Kashmir
- Khadagdhari Gramin Vikas Sansthan, Bihar
- Khwai Social Development Organisation, Manipur
- Mahila Prabodhini Foundation, Uttar Pradesh
- Mine Labour Protection Campaign (Trust), Rajasthan
- Muskan Samajik Utthan Samiti, Uttarakhand
- Rajiv Gandhi Charitable Trust, Uttar Pradesh
- Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust, Mumbai
- SAMERTH Charitable Trust, Gujarat
- Schumacher Centre for Development, New Delhi
- Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA), Gujarat

- Mr. Mohd. Sultan, Coordinator, INTERACT, Jammu and Kashmir
- Unnati, Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- Volunteers For Village Development, Manipur
- Women Development & Child Welfare Department, Andhra Pradesh

### Donors

- Embassy of Luxembourg
- J.R.D Tata Trust, Mumbai
- Mr. Peshori Lal, Canada
- Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India
- Prime Minister's National Relief Fund

## NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROJECTS

### Partner Organisations

- Outreach, Bangalore
- BAIF Development Research Foundation, Pune

### Donors

- Deutsche Bank
- German Technical Corporation (GTZ)

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS

### Partners-cum-Donors Organisations

- Agrisud International, France
- Gene campaign, Delhi
- Himalayan Action Research Centre (HARC), Uttarakhand

## HEALTH PROJECTS

### Partner Organisations

- Adarsh Gram Udyog Samiti, Haryana
- AIDS Prevention Society, Assam
- All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi

- Belaku Trust, Karnataka
- FICCI-Socio Economic Development Foundation, New Delhi
- Hindustan Latex Family Planning Promotion Trust, New Delhi
- Lala Gela Ram Memorial Dental Clinic, New Delhi
- MAMTA-Health Institute for Mother & Child, New Delhi
- Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi
- People's Health Organisation, Mumbai
- Rajbhra Foundation, New Delhi
- Voluntary Health Association of India, New Delhi

### Donors

- Dhun Pestonji Parakh Discretionary Trust
- GAIL (India) Ltd.
- Dr. Sidhartha Mehta

## DISABLED PERSON'S WELFARE PROJECTS

### Partners Organisations

- Akshar Trust, Gujarat
- Apeejay Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi
- Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti, New Delhi
- Human Rights Law Network, New Delhi
- Impact India Foundation, Maharashtra
- INTEGRA Design, New Delhi
- Kottapuram Integrated Development Society, Kerala
- Mahila Bal Vikas Samiti, M.P
- Prince Auto, New Delhi
- SAMARTHYA, New Delhi
- Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Trust, New Delhi
- Score Foundation, New Delhi
- SENSTEPS, New Delhi
- Society for All Round Development – SARD, New Delhi



## PARTNER ORGANISATIONS AND DONORS

### YEAR 2007 – 2008

#### Donors

- ABN Amro Bank
- Aditya Vikram Birla Memorial Trust
- Apeejay Trust
- Bank of Maharashtra
- Bharat Forge Ltd.
- Bharti Foundation
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- GTL Foundation
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- State Bank of India
- Steel Authority of India Ltd.
- Tata Steel Ltd.
- The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corpn. Ltd.
- The Indian Hotels Co. Ltd.

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS

- Cambridge Commonwealth Trust, Cambridge, UK
- Rajiv Gandhi (UK) Foundation, UK

#### GENERAL DONATIONS

- Mr. Prakash Chandra Ahluwalia
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- Bharti Foundation
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- Essar Steel Ltd.
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- Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
- Ministry of Small Scale Industries
- Pawai Trust
- Sahyadri Trust
- Tansa Trust
- Tista Trust
- Tulsi Trust
- United Nations Development Programme
- Vaitarna Trust
- Vihar Trust
- Vindya Trust
- Winding Wire Manufacturing Association, New Delhi
- World Health Organisation
- Wular Trust

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.3.2008

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 2008

LIABILITIES	31st March Rs. (In million)		
		2008 Rs.	2007 Rs.
<b>CORPUS FUND</b>			
General Account		741.23	542.73
Research Account		52.52	52.52
<b>EARMARKED DONATIONS</b>			
General Account		30.00	30.00
Research Account		—	—
<b>EARMARKED ACCUMULATED FUND</b>			
General Account		20.00	12.50
Research Account		—	—
<b>ENDOWMENT FUND (INCLUDING INTEREST)</b>			
General Account		14.94	14.25
Research Account		—	—
<b>INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT</b>			
General Account		132.85	118.77
Research Account		—	—
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
General Account		23.56	21.54
Research Account		9.43	9.96
		<b>1024.53</b>	<b>802.27</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
General Account			
Cost Rs.	24.23		
Less: Depreciation Rs.	21.15	3.08	3.35
Research Account			
Cost Rs.	2.32		
Less: Depreciation Rs.	2.22	0.10	0.16
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>			
General Account	*	878.69	659.68
* Includes Mutual Fund at Cost — Rs.	255.78		
Market Value — Rs.	261.14		
<b>RESEARCH ACCOUNT</b>		15.27	17.27
Current Assets, Loans & Advances			
General Account		80.81	76.76
Research Account		3.96	2.39
<b>INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT</b>			
General Account		—	—
Research Account		42.62	42.66
		<b>1024.53</b>	<b>802.27</b>



INCOME				
	GENERAL ACCOUNT Rs. (In million)		RESEARCH ACCOUNT Rs. (In million)	
	31st MARCH		31st MARCH	
	2008 Rs.	2007 Rs.	2008 Rs.	2007 Rs.
Interest from Banks	2.02	1.37	1.64	1.49
Interest from GOI Bonds/FDs	51.13	37.92	—	—
Other Income	0.14	0.17	0.01	0
Profit on sale of Units	7.46	12.75	—	0.02
Donations	23.44	11.10	2.00	0.70
Accumulated Fund Written Back	2.50	—	—	—
Dividend from Mutual Funds	17.91	17.38	—	—
Assistance from RGF	—	—	3.41	4.17
Profit on sale of Assets	0	0.02	—	—
	<b>104.60</b>	<b>80.71</b>	<b>7.06</b>	<b>6.38</b>

EXPENDITURE				
	GENERAL ACCOUNT Rs. (In million)		RESEARCH ACCOUNT Rs. (In million)	
	31st MARCH		31st MARCH	
	2008 Rs.	2007 Rs.	2008 Rs.	2007 Rs.
Salaries & Allowances	8.89	7.30	2.53	2.10
Communication Expenses	0.48	0.36	0.23	0.16
Honorarium & Professional Fee	0.03	0.07	0.38	0.28
Vehicle Maintenance & Hire Charges	0.32	0.31	0.12	0.12
Maintenance Expenses	2.96	2.60	2.21	1.87
Conferences Expenses	0.51	0.57	—	—
General Expenses	0.13	0.16	0.03	0.06
Presentation/Complimentaries	0.02	0.13	—	—
Auditor's Remuneration	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06
Travelling & Conveyance	0.43	0.18	0	0
Printing & Stationery	0.19	0.17	0.21	0.20
Project Expenses * #	59.67	39.65	1.20	1.45
Expenses Against Accumulated Fund	2.50	—	—	—
Assistance to RGICS	3.41	4.17	—	—
STT Paid	0.04	0.15	—	—
Depreciation	0.64	0.76	0.04	0.06
Prior Period Adjustments	0.01	—	—	—
Loss of Interest on premature withdrawal	—	0.39	—	—
Loss on Sale of Assets	0.22	—	0.02	—
	<b>80.51</b>	<b>57.03</b>	<b>7.03</b>	<b>6.36</b>
Excess of Income Over Expenditure	24.08	23.70	0.04	0.03
	<b>104.59</b>	<b>80.73</b>	<b>7.07</b>	<b>6.39</b>
# Supplemented by external grants	7.35	5.85	2.19	2.33
* Excludes Project advances Rs. 11.83 million Rs. 14.88 million (Previous Year)				

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