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Children at the core!



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Launching Community Financial Education Program

The community interventions of MelJol was further strengthened with the commencement of Community Financial Education Program with the support of CARE Ratings. The program will be spread across two locations: Mumbai and Thane. For Mumbai, Vikhroli Parksite (VPS) has been selected as the community for program implementation. The program was officially inaugurated on 11th of September in VPS with the presence of Ms. Meenal Sikchi & Mr. Jigar Shah from CARE Ratings, Community members and MelJol team. The community received the programme positively which aims at their socio-economic wellbeing. Such a feedback was welcomed by the dignitaries.

India program director now a trainer for Asia region.



We are happy to announce that MelJols National program director, MR. Subrat Nayak, is identified as a trainer for the ASIA region. Mr.Subrat attended the Global Master training workshop during 3-7th September 2018 in Amsterdam. This was organized by Aflataoun International where the existing global master trainers were further capacitated on the revised contents and innovative child learning methods. The Four day workshop included rigorous brain storming sessions and research heavy applications of innovative child learning methods. The workshop was attended by 30 Global master trainers from 30 countries.

Youth reflects on creating solutions



A two-day consultation with various NGO's was organised by UNICEF from 21-22 September 2018. The agenda for the consultation was to discuss the challenges adolescents and young people face with regards to education and livelihood/career opportunities. Five young participants from MelJol's Entrepreneurship Lab program implemented in the communities of Mumbai underwent the consultation process. The participants, Mr. Sachin Jadhav, Ms. Aboli Satpute, Mr. Vivek Avinash Shinde, Mr. Krishna Yadav & Mr. Shivam Yadav exchanged their views with other young people like themselves. This exchange broadened the worldviews of these young minds. The brainstorming on their challenges and the possible solution on the issues of education & livelihood was collated to best suit their needs. The collective outcome of the two-day event was an enriching activity for all the participants

Lights- Camera - Action!

As a routine impact documentation activity, HCL,'s video crew visited Yavatmal district of Maharashtra. The purpose was to create an audio-visual account of the work done by MelJol through the Aflatoun program. The Aflatoun Social and Financial Education Program is implemented in schools from Maregaon & Zari blocks, for grade 1 to 8. MelJol's program implementation team helped the video crew in doing a realistic mapping of the intervention. The video crew captured various socio-economic engagements carried out with the school kids during the 2 day video shoot from 3rd to 4th September 2018. Also, feedbacks from various stakeholders, such as teachers, School management committee members, parents and Gram Panchayat members were recorded. The video created will shed light on the impact created by the program.





Train hard, Work hard quarter for MelJol!



MelJol conducted 22 teacher training workshops for 662 teachers, representing 646 government schools within a span for three months. These teachers were from Barabanki, Gonda, and Hardoi districts in UP, Hazaribag and Chatra district in Jharkhand and Yavatmal district in Maharashtra. The project is supported by HCL Foundation. It was a struggle to conduct teacher trainings in the 1st year of programme implementation, which became possible only after being positively acknowledged for MelJol's efforts by the education departments in the areas.

MelJol organized a refresher training workshop for teachers and field staff of ChildFund Jharkhand in September 2018 as it is the Knowledge partner of the organization. ChildFund is implementing the social and financial education program in 10 schools of Deoghar district in Jharkhand. MelJol provides modules and other IEC materials to ChildFund and its field partner CHETNA VIKASH. Mr. Naresh Bhoir, a pedagogy expert, helped the teachers understand the use of mathematical tools to enhance mathematical calculations among children. It was one of a kind experience for the teachers. The teachers were enthusiastic and the session will surely produce positive outcomes.

Nurturing Entrepreneurship

MelJol renewed its partnership with PRAYATN (NGO) to continue working with 800 youth from 25 high schools on Entrepreneurship Lab Program. The programme is its final phase of implementation. The programme focus this year will be on encouraging and building the capacities of the youth to establish enterprises to secure their livelihood from the training they receive as part of the program. Setting up an enterprise big or small is no an easy task. Through the EL lab program we aim to create not employees but employers who will in turn create job opportunities for numerous Youth.





Hockey for development of social and life skills



MelJol is in collaboration with Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd to implement 1 Million Hockey Legs Program in Nasik district of Maharashtra. One Million Hockey Legs program aims to develop children’s social and life skills via hockey. It also aims to increase the quality and quantity of hockey players and coaches in India. ‘1 Million Hockey Legs’ is an organization based in Netherlands having International Hockey Players as its founders. Ten schools

were covered in this program. They were majorly Municipal Corporation and Private schools. Local hockey trainers trained the school teams including girls. The program also nurtures the culture of sports among children for their overall development. The program culminated into an exciting Hockey Tournament among school teams. Prizes were awarded to the winning teams.

MelJol’s Expertise invited to Sri Lanka!



MelJol’s National program director, Mr. Subrat Nayak, was invited by Room to Read Sri Lanka to conduct refresher training for teachers and staff members. The training was conducted in Anuradhapura, about 250kms away from Colombo. Mr.Subrat trained twenty-eight participants to take forward the social and financial education in the region. Room to Read is the local NGO partner who implements the Aflatoun Social and Financial Education Program in Sri Lanka.

Aflatoun Bal Mela

MelJol organized an Aflatoun Bal Mela for around 110 students from 9 schools of Palghar on 6th September 2018. It is a fest that reflects the culture nurtured at MelJol through Aflatoun and its allied programs. . Groups from every school had prepared stage presentations related to the 5 pillars of the Aflatoun programme. Students did a role-play on Gender Equality and importance of education. Some groups presented an ‘Image Theater’ to spread the message ‘Stop child labor’. Another group presented a role play on the functioning of banks. Snake and ladder game on Child Rights was enjoyed by all the children. The representative school teachers and students shared their experiences and insights while working with MelJol.



Commencement of Field Action Project



College of Social Work, Nandurbar has joined hands with MelJol to initiate Aflatoun Social and Financial Education Program (ASFE) as Field Action Project. This initiative was undertaken to bridge the gap between the number of social work students and the opportunities available for them to undergo field-work under NGO settings. Meljool has agreed to provide the necessary knowledge support for the same. A preliminary interaction was held between MelJol’s team and college staff and students to build a roadmap for the project. A glimpse of the ASFE programme was given to the faculty and staff during this interaction.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was finalized on 7th September 2018.

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