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AGENDA

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Mission and Objectives

- The Mission of Ek Kadam Aur is to assist extraordinarily bright students (with low income background) in fulfilling their dreams of achieving highest that they are capable of and possibly a little more i.e. a step ahead of their imagination (Ek Kadam Aur means an additional step above and beyond).
- Ek Kadam Aur aims to achieve its mission by providing financial assistance to cover cost of books and reading materials, tuition, and living expenses. It will support distant learning opportunities via internet at schools in far remote areas.
- An additional goal is to improve health and well being at the level of community and villages through knowledge-sharing at grass root level and at the level of inter-institutional exchange programs for graduate students in public health and their faculty.

Achievements (Dec 2015 – Jan 2017)

- Registered Ek Kadam Aur in US and India
- First project to test what would it take to adopt schools in India with the goal of enhancing quality of education, health and overall development of children in remote villages:
 - Started video classes; developing smart class and internet connectivity
 - Developed interest in learning and discipline
- Effectively communicated with children, parents, villagers and students of middle school in nearby villages through the opportunity of an elaborate celebration of Republic Day on 26 January 2017 (see next two slides)

Republic Day (26 Jan'2017)



- Government Primary School, Jhavar Ka Purva, celebrated Republic Day, for the First time in an elaborate way
- Middle School Students from nearby schools, Villagers and local media participated.
- Elected Representative 'Head of Village' (Sarpanch) inaugurated as "Chief Guest"
- EKA's contributions appreciated by parents of the students, Village Sarpanch and guests
- Two hour video is being shortened to 10 min for sharing with BoD

Republic Day (26 Jan'2017)



- Program started with Student March through the streets of the Village of Jhavar Ka Purva
- Students sang patriotic songs during the March.
- Sarpanch hosted the National Flag followed by National Anthem and National Song
- Sarpanch, Principal (Virendra Prakash Bishnoi) and EKA Representative (Girijashankar Sharma) spoke about the Significance of Republic Day and Initiatives of EKA
- Children participated in a competition of singing National Songs and Poetry; Rewarded with Prizes
- Program concluded with distribution of sweets to all

Potential Goals for 2017 (Feb – Dec): Discuss

1. File and obtain Non Profit Status:
 - a. With IRS in US
 - b. With Income Tax Dept in India; File for Reserve Bank Permission to accept foreign contributions
2. Successful initiation of Interactive Smart Class in 2 Rural Schools in India
3. Finalize logo and Punch line and file with the Office of Patents and Trademark in US and India
4. Finalize web address and launch website
5. Develop/Select expandable program for Schools
6. Develop Budget for 3 years
7. Develop measurable Goals for 2018
8. Develop Student Exchange between India and US

What is Next?

- Finalize Goals for 2017 by 28 February 2017
- Add 2 Directors into the BoD for US; One should be Resident of USA: What should we look for? Skills in Finance, Networking, Fund-raising/Event Organizing
- Get suggestions from BoD on naming well wishers and volunteers of EKA: Ambassadors, Trustees, Distinguished Members

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Ek Kadam Aur Foundation for Education and Public Health

Ek Kadam Aur = One more step (= one more step in the direction of progress)

- To promote and support education at the level of pre-school, primary, middle and secondary school, collegiate, university (doctoral and post-doctoral) and vocational in any area of learning and/or knowledge development, sharing and enhancement.
- To promote healthcare and facilitate exchange of ideas leading to better awareness of hygiene at personal and community levels resulting in better health.
- To promote development in rural and urban areas through literacy, knowledge sharing and enhancement of skills