Oasis - A Selfless International Society

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IYLDP: Oasis Life Camps

The main objective of life camp is to explore and improve the potential of each child. In these three-day camps, children learn to think about themselves. Every child is a gift of God and here in this camp they get the opportunity to know about their uniqueness and inner strength. Children can know the value of truth, confidence, love, honesty, and friendship through wonderful small stories, role play, movies which motivate them to live their life confidently and purposefully.

“How interested they are to learn the Meaning of Life!!!”

“Children Learned the Spell of Self-confidence”

Learning Life Values through amazing experiments

Life Camps are basic camps to introduce tall Life values to children
IYLDP: Oasis Dream India Camps

Oasis Dream India Camps are inspired by the principles of Freedom and Happiness. The camps are designed to facilitate the blooming of teenagers along with incorporation of other principles such as respect for potentials of children, enjoying & affirming them, self-reliance and overall independence. Children’s Parliament and Star Assembly are two major daily segments to implement these principles. In addition to that, daily learning sessions and duties keep the energies of students channelized from 6:00 in the morning to lights-off time at night. It is astonishing to witness how children from diverse backgrounds, seemingly low on self-confidence and self-esteem, are transformed towards being responsible and soulful members of community, just in over a week.

**Star Assembly:**
It is a time to affirm all the good seen in these children on the previous day.

**Total Freedom and empowerment to run-manage-live the entire camp as per ‘their’ rules by electing their representatives of children’s Parliament (Self Governance)**

We respected the children and they proved that they can solve their problem themselves!
In the atmosphere of complete freedom their creativity comes out naturally.

**Complete Freedom**
Freedom to choose a Subject, freedom to choose faculties, freedom to raise their voice if get bored, freedom not to attend class.

**Event:** Rallies, Street Plays & Awareness Campaigns at the end of Dream India camp.
Project “Misaal” is a Leadership Competition.

This competition is conducted to bring out leaders from the society. Young leaders who have idea to make India better country and who just need a chance can take part in the Competition. This can be their dream come true opportunity. Participating in the competition means they and their ideas are valued and there is a team who can support them.

Project Misaal aims to spot, inspire, prepare, guide and support teenagers, youths, teachers, citizens who wish to bring about a positive cultural change in the society and country at large being the Change themselves first, i.e. they be Role-model of that change and lead others.
2\textsuperscript{nd} LEVEL:
GROUP DIALOGUE

GROUP DIALOGUE-
Where they Shared, Listened, Integrated & Improved

3\textsuperscript{rd} LEVEL:
PROJECT WORK

Happiness Overloaded

Not just talks, they implemented their ideas with lots of confidence

Celebrations of Being Misaal
'Oasis L3 Course' is an abbreviated form of course conducted by Oasis on 'The Philosophy, Art and Science of Living, Loving and Learning'. As you can observe, L3 stands for Living, Loving and Learning. This is a process to bring out the inherent potentials lying within a person and getting connected with the deep-rooted values and principles of life! It is a unique, rare program that systematically helps for wholistic growth.

- **Knowing own self during workshop**
- **Participants learning important lessons through different actions**
- **Group Discussion during the workshop**
- **Participants Find Spirit of Right Living**
- **How openly participant shares her experiences!!**
- **L3 Participants with their Facilitator**
In June 2018, some 20 young participants of Oasis programs decided to be explorers of Oasis Misaal Honourship, which is designed and facilitated by Sanjiv Shah (Founder of Oasis). The participants are learning as well as working in different departments of Oasis and today this program has become the highlight of Oasis. All these participants have common intention in their heart - to be a DREAMER, to be a MISAAL, to be a SMILLIONAAIRE and to be a better human being.
The Aisi Ki Taisi Movement began with the booklets ‘Exam ki Aisi ki Taisi’ & ‘Result ki Aisi ki Taisi’ which are primarily written for students in general so that they don’t lose heart, get frustrated or consider exams & scorecard as the finality of their life. Based on the booklets, 1-hour sessions were organized by volunteers for students of class 10th and 12th throughout the state of Gujarat & at Bengaluru as well. Booklets were distributed among these students eventually taking the message to parents, relatives, teachers, and principals.

The result of the exam is not the end of the life

Reading the book during the session makes it a learning experience

Enjoying the Session in a relaxed manner

Students are taking a pledge that they will never be afraid of exams and will work hard
Education is DYING!

This movement involves writing letters to the Prime Minister and also and Chief Minister & Education Minister of the state. But mind well, these are not just 'letters'. These letters encompass comprehensive solutions and approaches that could help bring tides of change in our system. These letters are written by the citizens of India – students, teachers, parents, educators, professionals, etc. Moreover, one must share the solutions with people and take at least 20 signatures from those who agree with the views/ideas presented in the letter.

70+ letters have been dispatched to the Government from 4 different cities in just 20 days! During this campaign, around 2000 people signed these letters and got their voices heard.
Freedom Parenting Workshops

Oasis has designed a workshop named "Freedom Parenting Workshops" as an initiative of practical psychology in freedom parenting, as a part of Oasis Movement workshops. This workshop is based on the principles of three publications of Oasis ("સમરિહલ", "સજ તારા, નદી કર સેલેનાયાર", and "આખરે આઝાદ!"). This workshop will explore scientific solutions to deal with the above and many other such issues parents come across. It will also help and explore options for many kids' related issues, of what a responsible parent can do when kids go wrong. It is based on various principles of parenting which is a part of Oasis L3 Course. The design of the workshop is such that in two days not only parents/teachers try to understand the psychology behind their child’s problem but they also learn to apply freedom principles and philosophy to solve the problem from roots.
"Likhitang..." session gives participants (teachers) an understanding on importance of Emotional intelligence that will prepare them to increase their EQ including skills like emotional self-awareness, control on negative emotions, apology & it’s science and understanding and accepting different personality types of students whole heartedly.

It creates experiences which challenge participants to journey through areas like empathic communication & listening and stress management. The workshop includes an interactive discovery of skills and behaviors using discussion and sharing their stories and letters from the book that touched them in both the ways as a victim or as an assailant.

In this Session teachers trying to understand students pain and also they feel their mistakes and apologize for mistakes.

Facilitator takes session on likhitang book

Participant shares her amazing experience

Teachers group of Likhitang Workshop

Teachers are reading book and trying to understand student pain
**Sessions on Ek Pitano Mafi Patra**

The Main purpose of this session is to awake the conscience of teachers and parents so that they are inspired to behave rightly with the children. Here, the intention is not to hurt anyone’s feelings. In fact, the respectful disagreement is the heart of the session.

We all are victims of the system. All wrong things are done in ignorance, but with courage and moral values a positive change can be brought about. The purpose is to instill deep rooted self-confidence in children keeping deep faith in their potentials and strengths.

Why for the teachers?

Because, along with the formal education, schools also focus on character building. Children are unique in themselves. But if we treat them like machines, they wither in confidence.

The role of parents and teachers is very important in children’s life. So, the purpose is to make them realize why it is very important to awake them.

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*Parents are learning how to behave with the children from Facilitator*

*Teacher shares experience with all*
India Multiversity Alliance (IMA) is an alliance of individuals/organizations working for education of youths in India. They meet once in a quarter to network, explore possibilities of partnership, learn and share.

They Share their experience with all

Farm Tour

Hug Session

They do labour work and enjoy a lot!

Beautiful Moment
Haakal is a book compiled by Sanjiv Shah based on the thoughts of Swami Vivekanand. Haakal camps are organised for Youths and Teenagers based on the theme of this book. It is a book that drags the readers out of laziness, activates their mind, sparks the fire of strength in them, puts them to real productive and creative work and redirects them for finding the purpose of their lives. For the youths dwelling in weaknesses, the process of reading this book in itself triggers them to find solutions for overcoming the challenges they face in being strong.

Haakal is a mirror, through which we can see our inner strengths

Students captivated by enlivening and provoking thoughts of Swami Vivekanand

Facilitator motivates youths through the thoughts of Swami Vivekananda

Youths feel the magic of ‘Haakal’
The main objective of Oasis Jyotirdhar Abhiyaan is to rekindle the spirit of teachers to take charge of their duties and responsibilities as developer of intellectual, spiritual and moral qualities of students. They realize that children are the creator of future society and nation. Teachers need to be Role-models to the young generation by their actions, thoughts and speech - their overall life.

Oasis Jyotirdhar Abhiyaan, spreading across Gujarat, has taken a huge leap in 2017 by partnering with RMSA, Jammu & Kashmir which added 7 batches of HODs & HOIs for various districts of Jammu & Kashmir. In 2017 Oasis Jyotirdhar Abhiyaan was also launched at Mumbai, Maharashtra. In total 20 batches, some 400 teachers are passing through the processes of Self Leadership. Oasis Jyotirdhar Abhiyaan is becoming a strong support for Oasis Children’s Freedom Movement.

Group Discussion during Workshop

“Jyotirdhar Teachers Marching Ahead... On Wonderful Path of Learning & Self-discovery”

Participants Learning through role plays in workshop

Participants in the Listening exercise during the workshop
At Oasis, becoming a facilitator of a program is to undergo training. Selected individuals are invited to attend training retreats, organized at regular intervals.

The central spirit of Oasis Movement has always been to facilitate learning and growth in society by way of sharing. At the end of training, all the participants of the program give the commitment and fulfilled the same of teaching what they have learnt to other groups. Every person's experience brings in a creative transformation in one's life and s/he lovingly helps others to do the same. So as an important value, all workshop participants are educated and empowered to become educators.

*Being facilitator is a wonderful experience*

*They discuss why they want to become a facilitator.*

*Youths getting ready to work as Facilitators of Life Camps*
During March 14 to 16, Dream India Camp Retreat was organized at Oasis Valleys. Educators across the state came together, eager to understand the wonders freedom could make in children's life, in our education system and in the world.

Everyone, including the facilitators, volunteers and the children who were the beneficiaries of DIC, shared their remarkable DIC experiences. Powerful sharing by everyone strengthened everyone's belief in the concept of freedom.

Toward the end of the retreat, one could witness everyone's eyes filled with the dream of a world with freedom, happiness, equality and humanity. This retreat will surely take the children's freedom movement to another level.
Partnership with Dr. K.R. Shroff Foundation:

- Life Camp
- Dream India Camp
- Session in Dream India Camp
- Role Play in HCJ
- Jyotirdhar Abhiyaan

KRSF teachers participating and learning in Oasis Dream India Camp
• Partnership with Jammu & Kashmir:

• Partnership with TCPL for ITI Dharampur Students:

Group of Jyotirdhar Abhiyaan

Life Camp

They learn in Life camp

Group of TCPL’s Students with their facilitator
First Midyear Retreat of Oasis Movement was organized at Oasis Valleys from 13th to 15th August, 2018. Oasis Movement Core community Members, close friends, well-wishers, Youth & Teenagers - some 70 people attended the retreat.

This retreat celebrated Misaal 2018 achievements, Introduced Misaal Honourship Explorers & their journeys, Launched new logo of Oasis Movement, Inaugurated the amphitheater, Launched 3 new books of Oasis Publications and created an atmosphere of Love, Life & Friendship.
Regional Retreats were organized in various districts of Gujarat (Surat, Ahmadabad, Navsari, Vadodara, Bhuj) by core teams of the regions. In these retreats, the beneficiaries shared their touching transformation stories and inspired the audiences.
4th Grand Annual Retreat of Oasis Movement was organized at Oasis Valleys from 11th to 13th January, 2019. Oasis Movement Core Community Members, close friends, well-wishers, youth & teenagers - 125+ people attended the retreat. The retreat celebrated the journey through 2018, the mesmerizing year for Oasis Movement!
Reflections from Oasis Camps Participants

“I feel that this workshop (HCJ) was an eye-opener. Many times an educated teacher has good ideas, but it is difficult for him to implement them. I wish that if all the teachers could attend this workshop, they will be able to overcome difficulties & gather spirit to contribute in the real purpose of building character of the students, which in turn will build our nation.”

- Dr. Swapnil Bangali

“The Misaal Honourship Explorer (MHE) process is a wonderful concept where the person actually grows. I grew mentally and somewhere I have started understanding the real meaning of life. I got to know many new things here like, what is true friendship, what is real caring. I understood practically that what is the importance of teamwork, how to develop self-control, how to develop excellence in your work - These are really very small things which made my character better. I will never forget these values which Oasis gave me.

- Avadhi Shah, Vadodara

“This workshop (HCJ) has helped me a lot and I see miles ahead for my own progress. Of course, it is helping in personal life to deal with so many relations; problems do come, problems are there, but now I have courage and confidence to deal with it more realistically. Professionally, I have been healthily empowered to go still more ahead.”

- Neepa Solanki

“ઓએિસસ સાથે જોડાયા પછી પોતાની જલદો અને પરિવારની સતતલા સમજયો હતું, તેમને પ્રેમ કરતા, તેમની મોરી કરતા શીનીયો હતું, મારે જ નકી કરું કે હું માફ કરવા જુદા નથી પડે. મને અનયારે ભૂલ જ સાંભળ છું તેના રાય છે કે હું તેમની બહાર આવી ગયો હતું. સાથે શાળાના પ્રતિયે મારી શાળામાં એવું નકી કરું હું કે જે પણ શિક્ષકને કેટલા આફાની હેરાએ કરવા હોતો હતો, શીની શીની ફિરી શાળામાં આવી કરવી હોય તે જે શાળામાં આવી જાઓ રાખી રાખીને છેલ્લે, પછી જ તેમની હેરાએ અંતગતામાં આવીને, આ હું ઓએિસસ કરવા જ શીનીયો હતું.”

- ઘનભયામ લાંખુંમૂર્દ, શાળાના શીની, સુરત
“The future of any organisation is as good as the value system of the leaders and followers in the organisation.”

- N.R. Narayan Murthy, Founder, Infosys