



Building trust across the world's divides

Initiatives of Change

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A Responsible Hope

If the stone said, 'One stone cannot make a wall..' then there would be no homes.

If the drop of water said, 'One drop doesn't make a river..' then there'd be no oceans.

If the grain said, 'One grain of wheat cannot sow a field..' then there would be no harvest.

If a human says, 'One gesture of love can never save humanity..' then there will never be friendship or peace on earth.

As the home needs each stone, as the ocean needs each drop of water, and as the harvest needs each grain of wheat, so God uses us, where we are, unique, and so indispensable.

So go out now! Be stones to build homes and grains for the harvest.

The Lord awaits you outside.

He is the God of hope, of trust and of love. He has turned His face towards you; He blesses and keeps you.

January 2016 was significant because of the new initiative, Lead for Change program, hosted at AP which started on the 1st of January and was a great success. Read the detailed report of [Lead for Change](#).

Asia Plateau marked its 48th Anniversary in this month. We were privileged and inspired when Mr. R D Mathur, the first Director of AP, shared his experience, passion and vision he had for this centre. Prabha Mathur also shared some of her golden memories and experiences of the time when this centre was inaugurated.

AP family and the friends from the UK, Germany and India, present at the occasion, also shared an impressive account of their time and learnings at AP. A special evening was nicely arranged by Mayur Shah and the Interns.

CIB conference was one of the highlights of the month; Delegates from 15 countries participated including India. The five day conference aimed at how to make Business an Engine for Sustainable Growth. You can read a brief report by Micheal Smith [here](#).

An ELL program was attended by 75 Participants from 7 Companies, led by Mayur Shah. Some profound sharings and decisions were made during this four day program. “My definition of Leadership changed”, said a participant



17th AIS program was organised by ICCfG and conducted by lofC, which brought together 24 Civil Servants from various parts of India.

‘Holding on to the lofC core values i will focus on the human factors to work towards an inclusive democratic approach’, said a participant.

Ethics in Governance: A five day program for 39 officers of Registration and Stamps Dept., Govt. of Maharashtra, was held at AP this month, of which Mayur Shah was the course director.

“One will play a unique role in one’s life, if one listens to the Still Small Voice within”, was the call given at the inauguration.

The participants found Quiet Time as an effective tool

to solve life problems and shared their experiences of Inner Listening.

‘I am not the same as I was before this program, I am a changed person’, said a participant.

Followed by CIB, an international Heart of Effective Leadership program was held. 17 Participants from 5 Countries and 8 different companies participated.

Qualities underlying Ethical Leadership and Strategies to improve Inner Governance were main subjects of discussions.

‘Participating in such a Leadership program in India which aims at Addressing Global Needs through Personal Change was an experience in itself’, expressed a foreign delegate.

Amazing work by Grampari Last Year

79

VILLAGES WERE
MET

6

SPRING BOXES
BUILT

52

TRAININGS IN
GRAMPARI

260

SCHOOLS IMPACTED

127

SCHOOL
VISITS

321

VILLAGE
MEETINGS

30,000

PEOPLE DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY
GRAMPARI'S WORK

51

DAYS OF VOLUNTARY
WORK WITH
VILLAGERS

56

TRAININGS IN
VILLAGES

One Acre Organic Farm Produced

1584

LIMES

1620

BANANAS

2700Kgs

COMPOST

540 Kgs

VERMICOMPOST

200 Ltrs

ORGANIC
PESTICIDE

75 Ltrs

VERMI WASH

100Ltrs

ORGANIC
FERTILIZERS MADE

IfL Journey Continues in various parts of India

2016 started off with new magic – with IfL spread across various parts of India. Some team members were fully involved in the Lead for Change Conference, and several other programs through January. Others spent valuable time with family. The magic of lofC lies in the friendships formed on the basis of genuine care and guidance from the Inner Voice. With this intention, Gaurav and Shashika spent two weeks in the states of Assam and Meghalaya. It turned out to be a blessed time especially with two friends from Meghalaya - George and Goera. They had participated in a program we had conducted in April last year and the experience had opened up doors for them to serve people in new ways. The visit of Shashika and Gaurav gave George and Goera the strength to continue their journey with renewed resolve.

Towards the second half of the month, many senior lofC friends came to Asia Plateau for the CIB conference. People like Fiona, Andrew and Eliane, Faulker and Monica, who inspired us through their stories. In one of our interactions with Andrew about life and the present situation in Europe, he left us with this question, “How do we live together despite our differences?” - A question we need to keep asking ourselves everyday, wherever we are.

Interns Corner

The Five month Interns Programme concluded on a very high note as the Interns left from Asia Plateau to take on the practical life. Equipped with the tools of lofC each one had lots of new learnings and experiences. At the end of the programme, they made a final presentation, which described their their profound journey under the guidance of Neeru Gandhi. They also spoke about what they learnt, the change they had, and what they're going to do after going back.

Two beautiful videos were created by the team to explain their journey at Asia Plateau.

To see them you may click on the links below:

[The summary of the experience in Asia Plateau](#)

[Out reach to PDKV; Akola agricultural University for organic farming and Ayurveda program](#)

While it was time for the Former interns to leave Asia Plateau, Asia Plateau also recieved the new batch of interns from very versatile backgrounds. 12 Interns from Various countries which includes, Spain, Columbia, Latvia, Afghanistan, Australia, Japan, S. Korea and India are part of the programme

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