

THE INSTITUTE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: INDIA
STUDENT HOUSE, PUNE
QUARTER IV, 1986-87

The 1987-88 school (academic) term in Pune started the first week of June. ICA: India Student House began preparation for a fresh start up after the PSU in the third week of May. All assigned faculty of the Student House came at different times to Pune. We would like to report what has happened in the last three months. There will be six parts of this Quarter Report: 1) Set-up and Opening, 2) Facility, 3) Schooling, 4) Curriculum (gardening, new skills), 5) E.G. 6) Order Members Lives Celebrations and the challenge for the next ten months.

SET UP AND OPENING:

The Institute of Cultural Affairs:India Student House is a great place to live. In the past this was a Programme House and Imaginal Education Centre. Now the Student House has the whole building for its functions. The facility is totally transformed from the Programme House to the Student House.

It started with painting the front porch for the first time since it was rented, the E.G. Room and the Collegium Room. Two volunteers, Karen and Chris, joined us for the painting., There was a big campaign to re-set-up all the rooms, clean and wash up and fix up two dorms for boys and one for girls. A sign board was painted "ICA:India Student House". Meanwhile it took two weeks to find a good school for transferring students and registering them in the school.

The opening was a great excitement for the new startup. From Bombay Primary Unit, Mrs. Gail West came for the opening on the 7th June evening. There were only three of the 10 students were present, with four E.G., five faculty and special guests. The opening was done by Gail West with a context and the unveiling of the signboard "ICA: India Student House" to symbolize the opening.

FACILITY

In this building we had much broken furniture. 98% of the furniture was altered to make it short or fix it for proper use. In the house everyone has a wooden or metal bed. All ten students have their own small table and chair for study in the bedrooms. Everyone has a bed sheet, cover and mosquito net. There are wardrobes for clothes hanging.

There are two boys dorms (four in each) and one girls dorm. There is also one big lounge, a collegium room, a kitchen, the E.G. room, two guest rooms, 3 couples rooms and one for a single family. In addition, we have one office, skills and ironing room. The house is totally transformed and reorganised.

There were many places with hanging wires for lights, fans and other uses. They were completely redone and fixed up with original wiring. It took 15 days for an electrician with a faculty assistant to repair over 50 points.

SCHOOLING

In the Student House we have 10 Students and 6 Emerging Generation. Of the total of sixteen, 15 go to school and one is an infant. Of the 10 Students, six go to a Marathi medium school, one is in a Hindi medium school and three go to St. Joseph's school (English medium). Of the 6 E.G., one goes to a Marathi medium school while four are going to English medium, and one infant stays home.

There are four times for school. Seven children leave at 7:15 am, one pre-schooler at 8:00 am, two leave at 10:00 am and five children leave at 11:30 am.

This year we have six children registered in St. Joseph's School. It was helpful to transfer two from Basant School and four came from outside. It was a long trial to register them since two didn't pass the test and there were other complications.

All students were provided similar cloth material for their uniforms.

CURRICULUM

In the Student House PSU the team recommended curriculum images of "Building the Planet Earth". It has three parts: 1) Creating New Space, 2) Learning Study Skills and 3) Discovering My Global Relatedness.

There are two time designs for the Student House, 1) a corporate time design and 2) the students time design. After wake up all student go running and do exercises regularly. There are three collegiums in the evenings. Almost all students wash their own clothes and help the faculty in other domestic work such as cleaning and cooking food and wash up. Enablement Teams are: Tagore Team, Vivekanand Team and Karmyvir Team.

Cricket is the favorite game of the students and riding the bicycles. All students watch TV a lot. This includes Tuesday and Thursday song shows and movies on Saturday and Sunday and other educational programmes. Every evening all students watch the Hindi news at 8:40 PM and we end with a reflection. Typing and sewing are new skills training which we have started. Gardening has also started. We put a fence in part of our garden and plan to plant vegetable crops and flowers.

EMERGING GENERATION

We have a room for E.G. curriculum and have started eating dinner together. We hired a rickshaw for the E.G. who go a long distance from our house to school. E.G. and students get milk as a supplementary food.

ORDER NEWS

A grand Quarter celebration was held with the Pune Programme House as our guests. The Arjun and Jeejabi Algaonkar family celebrated their 14th marriage anniversary on 7th June. Sandhya Shrivastawa celebrated here 7th birthday on 7th June. C P & Lucy Shrivastawa celebrated their 8th marriage anniversary on 6th June. We have welcomed a new baby in the Mukund & Sushila Deotale family. Her name is Palvi Deotale, born on the 22nd of May 1987.

The Challenge for this quarter is to symbolise and demonstrate teamhood and to make all faculty initiators in being creative in order to fulfill the ICA:India Student House purpose.

List of faculty, students and E.G.

Adults	Students	Emerging Generation
Mukund Deotale	Manoj Prasad, V, English	Suryakant Shriv (presch)
Sushila Deotale	Raju Meshram, V, English	Sushma Shriv, (Sr KG)
Ratnamala Jadhav	Vikash Borkar, V, Marathi	Sandhya Shriv, I
Raghanath Jadhav	Prakash Algaonkar V, Marathi	Avinash Meshram, II
Rahul Kamble	Vandana Algaonkar VI, Marathi	Vijay Algaonkar, III
Jeejabi Algaonkar	Rekha Verma, VII, Marathi	Palvi Deotale
Arjun Algaonkar	Mukesh Bhoyar, VII, Hindi	
Lucy Shrivastawa	Vijay Bhattacharya, VIII, English	
C. P. Shrivastawa	Dilip Maske, VIII, Marathi	
	Deepak Kamble, VIII, Marathi	

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