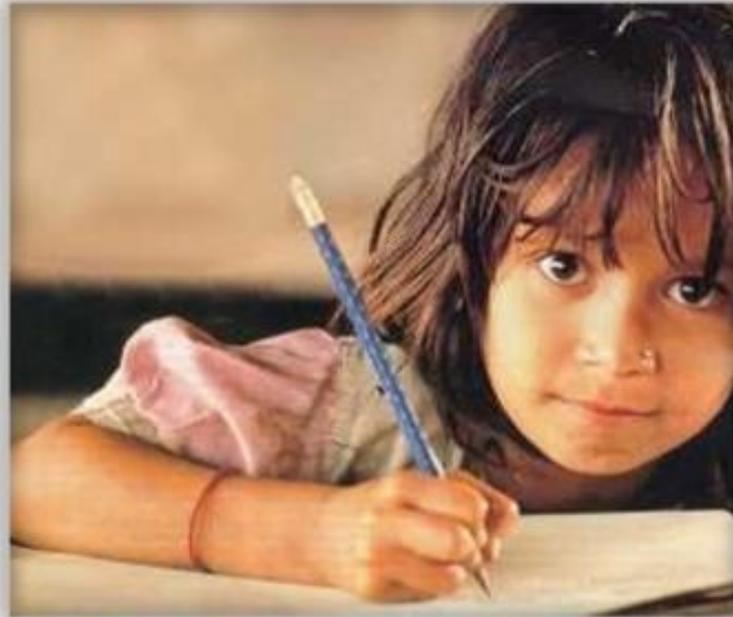


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**Etasha Project Proposal – Site Visit, Jan 26, 2011**  
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# Site Visit Report

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Conducted by Rita Bhalla (Aditi's mother)

Date: Jan 26, 2011, Wednesday

Location: Madanpur Khadar CDC

From Rita:

*“ I visited Etasha for the Certificate Award Ceremony held at the conclusion of their programs targeted at making young people from disadvantaged communities employable. This was my first visit to this neighborhood of Madanpur Khadar - I believe this colony was established in an attempt to rehabilitate slum dwellers from other parts of Delhi about a decade ago. The neighborhood appeared similar to impoverished area in a small town - being there makes you completely forget that you are in or within close proximity to the rich capital of our country.*

*The event that I attended was organized in a park close to the Etasha Center . There were about 150 -200 people present comprising of students, their parents, staff, volunteers and some NGO partners of Etasha. Mr. Bharat Ram a leading & well known industrialist and philanthropist was the chief guest of the event.”*

# Site Visit Report contd..

From Rita:

*“ Etasha conducts various types of courses of three months duration and gives out course completion certificated at the end of this course. Many students (approx 30) came forward to share their experiences. What I found very remarkable was that their speeches were self written and delivered in English ( I have taught many years in the past and realize how writing and even more so delivering speeches with limited understanding of a relatively new language can be very challenging)*

*Most students acknowledged that they could never dream of speaking on a stage and that too in English. Some speakers used wrong grammar which I think is understandable given their background and the short duration of course.*

*I interacted with several students including Raja, Santosh, Yasmin and Tabassum ; all three were visibly excited and nervous at the same time; they expressed confidence in being able to start new and promising careers*

*The parents looked very proud at the accomplishments of their children”*

# Site Visit Report contd..

From Rita:

*“ I spoke with many volunteers and other Etasha staff members. Most of them seem to work with a passion and knew the students quite intimately. There seemed to be reasonable level of familiarity between some of the parents and the staff/ volunteers as well.*

*I also met Etasha’s partner NGOs - Poonam Sharma of Shanti Sahyog (a NGO) runs a school in Kalkaji for underprivileged children has collaborated with Etasha. Etasha is running a course for Shanti Sahyog children at their school premises. Ms Poonam was very happy with the progress of students there. Etasha is also running courses at Gurgaon as it is hard for them to target children that need to commute big distances.*

***Overall, my impression from the visit was very positive – I believe, Etasha is doing important work in an effective manner. The success of their work was clearly visible on the faces of the young students of Etasha who were beaming with a sense of new confidence. “***

# Pictures: Certificate Ceremony @ Madanpur Khadar



**All trainees spoke in English; A good mix of boys and girls at the ceremony.**





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