Introduction

Over the years, as Dhanak has grown and become more self-sufficient, it has started to impart help to the society in better ways. Nirmaan, the society of IIST that works in the domain of social betterment throughout the year, may it be by weekly visiting various government schools, by visiting and contributing to orphanages, or by holding cleanliness drives and many more such similar activities. Dhanak Social works in conjunction with the society by giving needed support to bring about more significant changes .Last year, Dhanak Social adopted a school in rural Kerala and contributed to the installation of basic facilities and betterment of the infrastructure in its own capacity by the money raised through the festival ventures.

Dhwani (Voice for the vision)

Dhwani is a social initiative by Dhanak-2k17 and Aagaaz (An organization under Infosys-CSR).This is a voice donation drive that aims at developing an audio library consisting of personal accounts/information about the world, environment, people, experiences, and everything under the stars. This is a joint initiative with GSVT, Thiruvanthapuram for the development of an audio library and extend its availability to other blind schools.

Facts:

* There are about 5 million blind people in India (Census 2011).
* 3 out of every 1000 persons aged 10 to 19 years is visually disabled.
* Main causes of blindness in India are Cataract , Refractive Error, Glaucoma, Corneal Blindness.
* 80% of the visual impairment can be avoided or cured.

About GSVT

The Government School for Visually Impaired at Vazhuthacaud,Thiruvananthapuram is an institution for the visually challenged. The aim of this school is to devise a comprehensive educational programme which helps a student to raise from a ‘visually challenged’ state to a ‘differently abled’ state. This institution has provided education and training to more than a thousand visually challenged persons. This school has been distributing Audio Books covering a variety of topics to the visually challenged teachers and students all over Kerala.

For more information:-Visit the school at <http://www.gsvt.in>

How you can contribute:

Record a short voice memo/audio clip (in English , Malayalam or Hindi) of a maximum 10 minutes and send on the following email-id

dhanaksocial@gmail.com

Rules

1. Any relevant topic can be chosen and recorded. Speeches, Poems, Debates, articles, scientific discussions and topics, or any other way can be chosen for disseminating information.
2. In case the topic is taken from some book or other source, please provide the details of the source in the beginning of the recording.
3. Make sure there’s no noise in the background while recording the audio.
4. Proper pronunciation of words is required.
5. Give necessary pause at commas, exclamation marks, question marks etc.
6. Use of offensive words strictly not allowed in whatsoever context as the audience aimed at is under 18.

Suggestions

1. Use earphones with built in microphone for recording.
2. Audio recording software (like Audacity) can be used for recording. They come with whole lot of features to help while recording.
3. The language used (for general topics)should be easy to understand and should include commonly used words.
4. Please provide us the content of the recording in a text document. This might be used to re-record the content in case there’s some issue in the recording provided to us.
5. A formal introduction about the speaker can be provided either in the recording or the text document. However, one can submit the recording anonymously too.
6. We here at IIST value your time and hence suggest to keep the recording under 10 minutes. However, there’s no strict upper cap on the time of recording. For longer recordings we suggest breaking the recordings into multiple parts which will be convenient for both the speaker and the listeners.

Pragati

Dhanak 2017 is also launching an initiative Pragati to contribute towards setting up of better infrastructural facilities at the Government Higher Secondary School, Tholicode. The amount gathered by Dhanak Social funds will go directly towards the service of the cause for a school which lacks basic facilities that are a indispensible for every modern school. This includes the provision of smart classrooms, setting up a library, and betterment of classrooms and basic amenities around the campus.

About GHSS,Tholicode

The Government Higher Secondary School is located in Tholicode village under Nedumangad Tehsil which was established in 1996. This school provides education to about 360 higher secondary students in science and humanities stream out of which majority of students belong to backward communities. GHSS has built a new building with the help of government funds. Due to inadequate funds, the school still lacks educational facilities and basic amenities. Such facilities are very essential to increase the quality of education which is required to be in par with the outside world.

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“Our voices will light up their lives, our voices for their vision.”