

# Progress Report

The Indo - American Friends' Group

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## America – Days-in Lucknow 2007–08-09-2010

The Embassy of USA in India and Indo-American friends Group celebrated the America days on 5th and 6th September, 2007 at Lucknow . The American culture, education and economy were introduced to the people of Lucknow and Uttar Pradesh on these days. The Minister Counselor Public affairs Mr. Larry Schwartz and Dr Ajai Prakash Misra, Chairman, Indo-American Friends' Group inaugurated the 2-day long America Fair at Hotel Clarks. The Indo-American Friends' Group also displayed its activities on a stall in this fair. The Group hosted a seminar at Hotel Taj on Education in America and it was followed by dinner cocktail. Mr. Theodore Osius, Minister Counselor Political Affairs, Prof.R.P.Singh ,Vice Chancellor , Lucknow University , Mr. .George Deikun ,Director ,USAID India, Ms.Elizabeth,Spokes Person Embassy of USA India, Mr. Clayton Bond, Ms.Anne Lee Sheshadri ,Public Affairs Officers, Embassy of USA ,also expressed their views on the issue. State Bank of India U.P sponsored the event. Mr Jamuna Nishad Minister U.P.Govt. Mr Jayant Krishna State head of Tata Consultancy, Mr M.A. Khan ,Tata Motors, Mr Anees Ansari IAS, **Mr Atul Kumar Gupta IAS, Mr Mohinder Singh IAS** ,Mr Satya jit Thakur IAS, Mr Sanjay Prasad IAS, Mr. .Bal Krishna Choubal General manager, State Bank Of India U.P. Mr Peter Kaestner ,Minister Counselor Consulate Affairs ,Embassy of USA were also present. The Jazz from New York entertained the audience.

In Sep 2008 We celebrated the similar events in Sep 2008 at Hotel Taj , Lucknow . Mr Lessley Bigouri , Dy Minister Counselor political affairs was the chief Guest.

On 14-15th Sep 2009 The Indo-American Friends Group and Embassy of USA celebrated the America Days at Lucknow and apart from U.S. Diplomats Mr Charls [Consul], Dr.Sandelands , Ms. Alissa Redmond, and others, dignitaries from state government ,education , business and industry participated in the interactions .

On September 7th 2010 The Indo-American Friends Group celebrated the Group discussions with the U.S.Diplomats Ms.Ujra S.Zeya Minister Counselor Political Affairs , Embassy of USA New delhi and Mr Goads Torry Political Officer . The other dignitaries were Mr. M.K.Mishra, Vice Chancellor, Lucknow University , prof. Chooramani Gopaj, Vice Chancellor, Medical University , LKO, Mr.Anis Ansari, Vice Chancellor, Arbi University LKO, The Principal of Isabela Thoborn College, other professors , Mr. Satyajit Thakur, IAS, and large number of advocates, intellectuals students took participation in the discussion. Chairman Dr.Ajai P Misra addressed the vote of thanks.

## Delegation to USA

The Indo -American Friends Group led a delegation to South Carolina USA to Join the Oath Ceremony of the Governor elect Ms. Nikki Randhawa Haley on her invitation. She took the oath on 11-12th January 2011.The Chairman Dr. Ajai Prakash Misra led it. Mr. Naresh C Goyal, OSD to Rail Minister Mr Muniyappa, and other delegates joined it.

### **NRI Day [ Pravasi Divas]**

The 5th NRI day was celebrated at Hotel Taj Mansingh New Delhi. The delegation from USA participated including Congressman Mr. Frank Pallone, Ms Seema Singh, Cabinet Member New jersey state , Ms. Nita Bhasin and other delegates..

The 6th NRI day celebration was organized in Hotel Janpath New Delhi. Mr. Amitabh Sharma, Director of Asian American Chamber of Commerce , Usa was honored and 7th NRI day was organized in the auditorium of PHD Chamber of Commerce New Delhi . Mr. John dorschner , senior First Secretary Embassy of USA conferred The pride of India Award over Mr. Diru Bhai Shaah , eminent industrialist of USA.

The 8th NRI day was celebrated in American Center New Delhi in association with Embassy of USA Mr Steven White , Charge D' Affairs , Embassy of USA was the chief Guest. Ms. Ruby Dhalla, Member of Parliament, Canada; Vice - Chairperson, Standing Committee of Govt. of Canada; Mr. Subash Razdan , an American Citizen President, Asian American Chamber of Commerce USA; Mr Prem Chopra, an Eminent Bollywood Film Actor, India; DR Ram Banglore, eminent Lungs Specialist,USA; Ms.Chandanaa Raul, Famous Odissi Dancer, India; Dr Chandra Pal, IAS, Secretary [MSME] to Govt of India were among the awardees.

The 9th Foundation day was organized at Constitution club New Delhi.Ms Anne lee Director, American center, and the Minister Counselor cultural Affairs, Mr.Michel Macy were the Chief Guests.

The 10th NRI was celebrated on 9th January 2011 in the Auditorium of PHD Chamber of Commerce New Delhi. Dr. Karan Singh presided over the event. Ms. Uzra Zeya, Minister Counselor, Political Affairs and Ms Anne Lee, Director American Center were the Chief Guest/ guest of Honour.

### **Reception of New U.S. Ambassadors at Lucknow**

The Indo-American Friends Group met and greeted the new U.S. Ambassadors at Lucknow. The GROUP hosted receptions for Ambassador Peter A. Burleigh and Ambassador Timothy J Roemer on 16th March 2010 M.B. Club. Ujra S. Zeya, Minister Counselor Pol. Affairs. Embassy of USA and other diplomats from U.S. embassy

### **Felicitation of U.S. Delegates**

The U.S. delegate Ms. Raj Razdan was felicitated at The Moha Hall at PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry House in New Delhi on 30th August. Ms Razdan owns a T.V. Channel in United States and presents a famous serial Namaste Bombay every week. Mr. Chandra Pal, IAS, Industry Secretary to Govt of India, presented the memento to Ms Razdan and honoured her. She was also honoured by Mr. Sudarshan Sarin, Mr. Sanjay Nagi, Mr Ashok Kapoor, Mr Ashok Malhotra, Secretary General GOPIO [India] and other dignitaries.

Socio-Business delegation to U.S.

The Indo-American Friends' Group mounted a delegation to the East Coast of United States of America led by the Chairman Dr Ajai Prakash Misra. The senior IAS from Uttar Pradesh Mr Satya Jit Thakur, Secretary Science & Technology, Mr. Sudarshan Sarin President Delhi Productivity Council, Dr A.K. Jain, and other 4 delegates participated Vishwa Hindi sammelan at New York on 13-15th July 2007. The Atlanta chapter hosted an event with Asian-American community at Global Mall, Atlanta, GA, Mr Amitabh Sharma, Dhiru Bhai Shah, Shiv Aggarwal, Sandeep Sawla, Subhash Razdan, President Asian American Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Young & more than 50 dignitaries witnessed the event.

Ms Seema M. Singh, President Asian Indian Chamber of Commerce, & Senior Asian American Leader, hosted the event on 18th July 2007, at New Jersey, Mr. Anil Bansal, Chairman, Indus American Bank, USA and Dr Ram Bangalore were present among the dignitaries.

The delegation also visited the States of Washington DC, Carolina, and Pennsylvania, to see the education & Health System of USA.

Farewell to U.S. Diplomat

The Delhi Chapter of Indo American Friends' Group hosted the farewell party to the U.S. diplomat Dr Jon P. Dorschner, Sr 1st Secretary, in U.S. Embassy, transferred to Iraq on a mission.

Reception of U.S. Diplomats

The U.S. diplomats visited Lucknow to join the Seminar on 'Emerging Education & Health Opportunity in India & United States' on 15th. Mr. Theodore Osius, Minister Counselor, Ms Beth Hogan Dy. Director, USAID, India, Dr Jon P. Dorschner, Sr 1st Secretary, Mr. Dinesh Dubey, Political Advisor, Embassy of USA, participated as Guest of honour, Mr. Sukhdev Rajbhar, Hon'ble Speaker, U.P. State Assembly Chaired the event. Mr. Mohinder Singh, Principal Secretary, Housing & Urban development, Prof R.P. Singh, Vice Chancellor Lucknow University and 60 delegates witnessed the event.

Foundation Day Celebrations

The 7th Foundation day celebration was organized in Hotel Sagar International Lucknow. Dr Hemchandra was honored with Pride of India Award 2007. The award was conferred by Mr. B.M. Lanong, The chairman of Khasi Hills Dev Council, Shillong. The other dignitaries were Mr. Jagdish Gandhi, and others.

8th Foundation day was celebrated on 30th May 2007 at Hotel Clarks Awadh Lucknow. Ms Anne Lee Sheshadri, Public affairs Officer, Embassy of USA and Ms Irmel Marla, Germany, were the Guests of Honour. Mr Sukhdev Rajbhar, Hon'ble speaker U.P. State Assembly, Chaired the event. Mr. Kamal Taori, IAS, Mr. Vinod Malhotra IAS, Mr Mohinder Singh IAS, Mr. Satyajit Thakur, IAS, Dr. Sunil Pradhan. SGPGI were the special Guests. The Pride of India Award 2006 was bestowed upon Dr Pradhan the senior Neurologist of SGPGI of Med. Sciences. The members from across the country participated in the celebration.

The 9th foundation Day celebration was organized in India International Center New Delhi. Mr. Peter Kaestner, Consul General U.S. Embassy, New Delhi was the chief guest. Mr Vijay Kumar, former Foreign secretary, Govt of India, Mr. S.N. Patra, Minister Govt of Orissa, Mr Dinesh Kumar, Secretary MSME, Govt of India were among the dignitaries on dias.

The 10th foundation day was celebrated at YMCA Auditorium, New Delhi, Ms. Ujra S. Zeya addressed the seminar. Mr. M.K. Misra, V.C. Lucknow University was honored with Pride of India Award.

#### Visit of the U.S. Diplomats to our Delhi Office

The U.S. diplomats Dr Jon P. Dorschner Senior First Secretary, Embassy of USA, along with Mr Dinesh Dubey Political Advisor, visited the Delhi Office of the Indo American Friends Group on 11th April 2007

#### Reception of U.S. Diplomats at Rae Bareilly and Lucknow

The Indo American Friends Group organized an event to welcome the diplomat posted in U.S. department of States, Washington DC, Ms. Mary Cole Bank and Dr Jon P. Dorschner senior 1st secretary, Embassy of USA New Delhi, at Lucknow and Rae Bareilly on 6th & 7th March 2007 respectively. Raebareilly, as being the parliamentary constituency of UPA leader Ms Sonia Gandhi, delegation met with the political, industry, labor, and army leaders.

A similar event was also organized at Dehradun, where the Indo American Friends Group, in association with People of Indian Origin Chamber of Commerce, [PIOCC] welcomed the U.S. delegation at Hotel Madhuban on 6th February 2007.

#### Reception of U.S. Diplomats & Seminar on Indo – U.S Relations in context of Democracy & Development

The Indo American Friends Group Organised a Reception Party and Seminar on Indo –U.S.Relations in context of Democracy and Development at Hotel Clarks Avadh, Lucknow on 18th January 2007. Mr. Theodore Osius, Minister Counselor Political Affairs, Dr Jon P Dorschner, Senior first Secretary, Embassy of U.S.A. New Delhi, Mr. Justice V.K. Sahay, Mr. Justice S.C. Verma, Mr. Justice S.N. Shukla USA, [High Court of, Lucknow Bench], Justice C.B. Pandey, Adnl Adv General of Uttaranchal Govt., Mr R.P. Singh, Vice Chancellor of Lucknow University, Padmashree Dr. Rajan Saxena, Sanjay Gandhi PGI of Medical Sciences Lucknow, Mr. T.P. Pathak, IAS, Mr. K.L. Gupta, Former Director General U.P. Police, Mr. Jyotindra Misra, President, High Court [Avadh] Bar Association, Lucknow, Vishal Dixit Adv, General Secretary Avadh Bar, and other 145 eminent, Army, Industry, Education, Business and Social leaders participated the event. Mr. Justice S.N. Shukla High Court Lucknow Bench was honored with the most prestigious Pride of India Award 2007. In the seminar the speakers emphasized over the necessity of strengthening of Indo US relations.

#### Networking Event on International Trading with U.S. Delegates and U.S. Embassy

The Indo American Friends Group organized an event on 16th December 2006 at PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industries New Delhi, on International Trading and the Seminar on relevance of Mahatma Gandhi and Swami Vivekananda in Today's World. Dr Jon P Dorschner, Senior First Secretary, Embassy of USA participated as the guest of Honor. Mr. Dhru Bhai Shah, Director, National Federation of Indian American Associations [NFIA] USA, Mr. Amitabh Sharma, Vice President, Asian American Chamber of Commerce USA, Prof Lalit Sarin USA, Participated as special guests, Mr. Mata Prasad Pandey, Speaker U.P. State Assembly, Senior Congress leader & former M.P. Satya Bahen, Ashok Kapoor, Binay Dubey, Vice President Reliance Industries, and eminent industrialists from across the north zone of India participated in the seminar.

#### Seminar with American Embassy and Punjab National Bank

The Indo American Friends Group Organised the seminar on promotion of Trade /Import/Export with United States at Haridwar and Dehradun, on 3rd and 4th Sep 2005. The Punjab National Bank hosted the events. The commercial specialist from U.S. Embassy was the chief guest. The leading industrialists of Uttaranchal participated in this seminar. The Zonal Manager of PNB Mr. G.K. Sawhney, Lead bank Manager Mr. Negi and other officers of PNB rendered their valuable cooperation in hosting the event.

#### Plantation Programme

The Indo American Friends Group started the comprehensive plantation programme in the Salon Block of Raebareilly district. The divisional commissioner Mr. Rakesh K. Mittal IAS inaugurated it formally by distributing thousands of plants to the students of Sri Laksheshwar Inter College Raghu Pur Salon and planted a Panchvati in the mandisthal, on 12th August 2006. The district magistrate Rae Bareilly Mr. Jitendra Kumar IAS, chief development officer, Mr. Sudhakar Adeeb, Chief Forest Conservator Mr. Uma Shankar Singh, district forest officer Mr. Verma, Suptdt of Police Mr. Raju Babu Singh and other senior officers witnessed the event.

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#### Inauguration of North East Chapter

The North East Chapter of Indo American Friends Group was formally inaugurated on 12th Oct 2006 at Shillong in an event organized in Shillong club by the Chairman Dr Ajai Prakash Misra. The Commissioner and Secretary in Meghalaya government Mr. C.D. Kynjing IAS was the Chief Guest. The Chairman announced the team, Mr. B.M. Lanong [Dy. Chief Minister, Meghalaya] as state president, and Mr. Peter Bernard Raplong as state secretary.

## Pride of India Awards

The Pride of India Award 2005 was bestowed upon Mr N.D.Tiwari the Chief Minister of Uttaranchal and Mr. Mata Prasad Pande the Speaker of U.P.State Assembly on 30th May 2005 In an event at Central Hall of U.P. State Assembly Lucknow. Mr. Girish. Pandey, the writer of Dharti Janti Hai, received this award on 30th May 2006 in an event at Hotel Clarks Awadh Lucknow. The pride of India award 2004 was conferred to Dr. Hem Chandra, Superintendent Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Science, Lucknow . The event was organized at Hotel Sagar International, Lucknow . Chief guest Mr.B.M.Lanong Chief Executive Member Khasi Hills Development Council, Shillong, conferred the award. Renowned Educationalist Mr. Jagdish Gandhi, city Montessori school, Lucknow , Mr. Gopal Narain Misra, Bar Council U.P., Satish Verma, Satya Narain, MLA, Radha Krishna Misra (Jail Superintendent) were the dignitaries graced the occasion. The other eminent awardees are Mr. M.M.Chadha, Dr. Hem Chandra, Rajiv Garg, Rakesh Sharma, Aneel Khushu, Col. B.S.Goraya, Girish N.Pandey etc.

## Indo –American Pride AWARD CEREMONY

On 10th January 2004 the award ceremony was organised at Hotel Taj, New Delhi to confer the prestigious Indo American Pride Award. The award was given to Ms. Seema M. Singh, the president of the Asian Indian Chamber of commerce USA and cabinet member in the New Jersey state of USA , As being the first lady of Indian origin inducted in any government of United State of America . She led a delegation of 12 members including the US Congress man Mr. Frank Pallone and Dr. Ram Bangalore, Neeta Bhaseen, Amit Limaye, Rahul Mahana etc. The award was conferred by the member f Legislative Assembly U.P. Mr. Satya Narayan. Ranbaxy Laboratories hosted the dinner in her honour. The Indo –American Pride Award 2005 was bestowed upon Ms.Reshoo Pande, the Miss India America 2005, on glorifying the Indian beauty in USA . Mr. Amitabh Sharma, vice president Asian American Chamber of commerce Atlanta , USA and Mr. Dhiru Bhai Shah, Director, National Federation of Indian American Associations USA were honored with the similar award on 10th January 2006 at Hotel Janpath and PHDCCI auditorium New Delhi .

## Child, Antenatal, Postnatal and Mother's Care programme

The villages Thakurain ka Purva in Bahadur Pur block and Madhavpur Ninaiya of Salon blocks of Raebareli Districts were taken for the child and mother care, as being the most backward villages in the district. The village Thakurain ka Purva belongs to the pedigree of the present President of Guyana H.E. Bharrat Jagdev. Out of 170 members of his family only one member is high school passed, no lady is even literate one . During the visit of H.E. to his village it was learnt that due to the unavailability of ante –natal /post natal care several children and mothers died .The group took it in its agenda and rendered the awareness programme in the villages Thakurain Ka Purva and Madah pur Ninaiya as being the most backward villages.

## EYE CAMP

A week long camp was organized by Kaimganj Unit at Kaimganj, Farukhabad, U.P. in the month of January 2004. In this camp about 1200 cases / patient were given the spectacle after being examined by specialist doctors. The doctors visited Kaimganj from Kanpur and Delhi to examine and operate the cataract cases. 300 cases were operated for cataract. The Medicines and dressing was also provided free of cost. The Medicines and dressings was also provided free of cost. The additional district magistrate Farukhabad inaugurated and the district Judge concluded the camp about 2000 patients were benefited in the camp. The proprietor of Amit rice mills Kaimganj Mr. Kallu Yadav sponsored this camp.

## SEWING AND EMBROIDERY CAMP

The embroidery and sewing camp was inaugurated by the director Ms. Minnie Pandit. Mr. Ashok Kapoor, Sharad Kapoor, Jails Superintendent Raebareli Mr. Radha Krishna Misra, Dr. K.O. Mathew, also graced the occasion. In this training camp 30 ladies were benefited. The Sewing machines had been provided by Ms. Minnie Pandit and by Late Yash Pal Kapoor trust. Ms. Pandit also distributed the blankets to the needful. This camp was run by Ms. Priya Srivastava and managed by Mr. Praveen Kumar Srivastava in the suchi town of Salon Tehseel in the Raebareli district in month of February 2004.

## YOGANATUROPATHY, ACUPRESSURE

The Indo American Friends Group Organized the acupressure, Yoga and naturopathy camps to enhance the ancient Indian System of Medicine to Popularize it and to provide the curative facilities to the people who are lacking for facilities. The expert Yoga Naturopathy and acupressure physicians examined and treated the people of different age group of different section of society. The arrangements have been made for sustainability of the treatment and periodically repeated camps monitored the curability.

These camps have been organized all over Uttar Pradesh, Uttranchal and Punjab states. In Uttar Pradesh the main focused areas are the district of Raebareli, Farukhabad and Gonda. In Raebareli district the salon, Deeh, Chhatoh and Bahadur Pur Blocks have taken for its comprehensive development. In Bahadur pur Block ,the Village Thakurain Ka Purva has adopted. As this village belongs to the pedigree of the president of Guyana . His Excellency Bharat Jagdev. Its development leaves a Good impression over the NRIs who are dwelling overseas. It also touches the emotions of them.

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## RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The selective villages have been taken for its comprehensive development in the blocks salon and Bahadur pur in the Raebareli District. The group rendered a survey of villages and endeavored to initiate awareness to participate in the developments programmes. The high breed insemination programme had been carried out to produce more milk with their cows and Buffaloes.

## TRAINING PROGRAMME

The villages pertaining to ,OBC,schedules case and schedule tribe population are deprived of their rights ad are engaged in duties only. The training the programmes are run in the villages Mamuni, Matka, Rohania, Sirsira, Bijwalia, Khairahani, of Salon Block and Thakurin Ka Purva of Bhadur Pur Block of Raebareeli District.

Seminar in IIC New Delhi 30<sup>th</sup> May 2008 Attended by Honble Secretary MSME Mr Dinesh Rai , Mr S.N Patra Dy C.M.Orissa and Mr. Peter Kaestner Consul General Embassy of USA

### EDP & SME Programme

Seminar on Entrepreneurship Development Programme in Rae Bareli Distt 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2009 Shanti Inn

Bankers – Entrepreneurs relationship seminar Hotel Clarks Awadh , Lucknow October 15<sup>th</sup> 2010 Attended by the key bank officers of State bank of India , PNB, Central Bank and other SME Associations

Seminar on E#mployment Generation in YMCA Hall Mew Delhi with U.S.delegation led by Mr KV Kumar Trenton CA USA and

Commercial Attache of US Embassy in India Mr Pat Cassidy 9<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

## WORLD POPULATION DAY

The Indo American friends group as being a member in PNDT Act committee, formed by the health department of state government observed an awareness programme over the gender sensitive abortions. The speeches were concentrated over the reducing strength of girl children. The medical officer in charge of PHC Salon Dr. Ghanshyam Pandey condemned the detection and parental sex. The Medical Officer stressed over the grim situation and decreasing resources were the topics of speeches. The world population day was observed as he family welfare day also. The participants belong to the different communities of the society. The speakers admired the couples, who have balanced their families according to their needs and income of the family

## AIDS AWARENESS CAMP/CAMPAIGN

The sexually transmitted disease aids is engulfing the youngsters very rapidly in its grip. The people living solitarily away from spouse are more susceptible for this disease. The Truck Drivers, Dhaba Stewarts and sex workers are more prone to this disease. The workers of friends Group identified the fields of the survival of H.I.V. in the society and warned them about the dangers of aids by organizing the awareness camps at the high ways of Lucknow to Pratap garh and Lucknow to Allahabad and Varanasi . The red light areas situated in the Raebareli district and Pratap garh was taken for the study and the blood samples of the sex workers and some of visitors were also taken. The blood was examined for H.I.V. Most of the samples were found negative. The people were educated about the dangers and preventions of aids. These camps are organized and the eminent medical professionals deliver their lectures over the prevention of this disease.

## Vocational TRAINING CAMPS

The sub urban areas of Salon, distt. Raebareli was taken for the training of a short course of beautician, Menhadi. The batch of 25 girls was taken from the town and some selective villages of Mamuni, Matka, Beerbhan pur, and sirsira, Vijualia. The Training also comprised in subject of candle making and mosquito repellent Oils. There is proposal to train the girls and to provide the employment to them.

## WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

The friends Group observed the 10th June as the world environment day. A seminar was organized at the Survodaya Inter College Campus on the occasion and a debate was carried out over the grim situation of the air, water and sound pollution. To combat with the increasing air pollution the debaters emphasized over the more plantation of PEEPAL, BARGAD and other VAT Trees in the villages and at the roadside. The plantation of PANCHWATI was also proposed in the villages. About the sound pollution, the speakers suggested to minimize the use of Load speakers.

## GENDER SENSITIVE POPULATION CONTROL

It has been observed that the foetus is detected by ultra sonography, amniosyntasis, and by other methods and the female embryo is terminated. The gender composition in India is being misbalanced and the strength of the female is being reduced in comparison of the males. For this purpose the group has started counseling to educate the people about the need of a daughter in the family. The clinics ultra sonography centers are taken where such people are motivated not to abort the female foetus.

## WATER CONSERVATION AND PAUSHALA

The selective villages were taken for the awareness programme about the lowering strata of the under ground water. The water harvesting methods were described in the villages Barvalia, Bisualia, Sirsira and Beerbhanpur. These villages suffer through a great crisis of water during the summer season. The experts motivated the villagers to harvest and procure the rainy water in the pounds.

A POUHALA was started at 2 points in the town salon and in the near by markets also. The state bank of India Salon Branch funded this programme. The large number of people and passengers were benefited during the summer season.

## Legal Awareness camps

The Indo-american Friends Group organised the legal awareness camps to educate the students about their duties and rights. The GROUP organised these camps in the Isabela Thoborn Girls College , Mahila Degree College, KG Medical College, Shiya degree college, KKC Degree colleges in Lucknow, Feroze Gandhi Degree College in Raebareli, and in rural areas of Raebareli and Amerthi. The girls were specially educated to fight the eve teasing.