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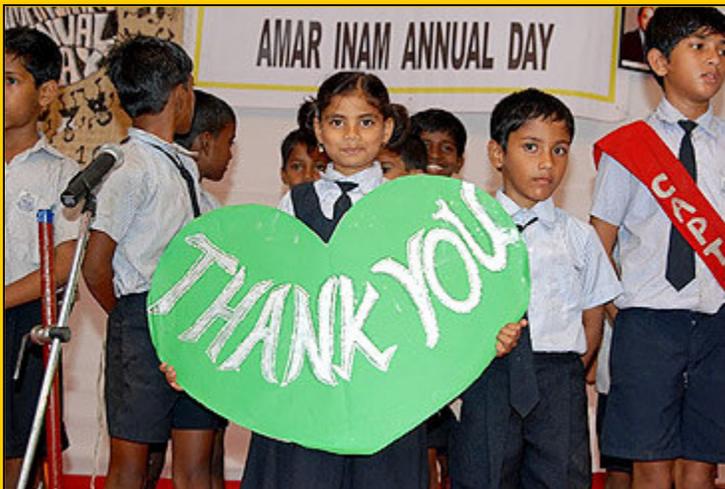
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*“The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.”*

*- Lao Tzu*

### Welcome to the Academic Year 2010 – 2011!

We have begun this academic year - our journey into education - with hope, enthusiasm and a desire to learn. At an interactive session held recently, we were delighted to hear a student express how much he looks forward to returning to school. We have worked hard to make our schools a fun and enriching experience for students – developed creative and experiential teaching aids, planned innovative projects and prepared for our new project at the Kherwadi Municipal School in Bandra (East).



Our last academic year ended with much fanfare as we celebrated the Amar Inam Annual Day in each of our schools. All our 786 children participated in a two-hour programme comprising various colourful events of songs, dances, choral recitation and skits. Each event showcased the spirit of unity in diversity, and highlighted issues related to the environment, good manners and education.

In Igatpuri, the Annual Day celebrations of our Sitabai Kavji Mengal Anganwadi were even more special as they were followed by the inauguration of our new Education Centre for Tribal Children, Awalkheda. This occasion was a milestone in Aseema's efforts in Igatpuri and we are pleased to have 30 children regularly attending our new Pre-Primary class. Children, Awalkheda. This occasion was a milestone in Aseema's efforts in Igatpuri and we are pleased to have 30 children regularly attending our new

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In Mumbai, the learning continued into the summer vacation as we organized a Summer Camp for about 60 students learning art, craft and theatre and also participating in value-based games. Another 40 children participated in an ongoing Cinema and Theatre Workshop where they were trained in theatre, film making and cinematography. The children have written, directed and enacted their second film, "Umeed" based on child labour.

When schools reopened in June, in keeping with the Right to Education Act, all students were promoted to the next class. Additional teachers were appointed to help students who find academics challenging as well as to maintain a suitable student-teacher ratio. 15 young women have also been trained by Aseema in our approach to education and will be joining our school as Assistant Teachers. They, along with our old and new staff, participated in a 2-day Orientation Programme where they shared experiences and learnt more about our philosophy and approach.

Our approach of Activity Based Learning in Standards I and II will be extended to Standard III this year. We have also started classes for our first batch of Std. X students at the Santacruz (W) Municipal School.

In June 2010, we started classes for the Pre-Primary and the Primary Section at the Kherwadi Municipal School in Bandra (E). Currently, we have 130 students studying at this school and have new entrants joining us every day.

We are happy to share with you that Sunita Gaddam, a Support Centre student studying at St. Joseph's Convent scored 87% in the S.S.C. examination this year. Rubina Khan and Anshu Dubey passed the NIOS, Std. X exam with good results. Roshni Jadhav and Amir Khan have also fared well in the NIOS, Std. XII exam. As they look forward to enrolling in college, they have become an inspiration for our many students..



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