

# Rekindling Hope...



"Amity, besides providing world class education, is driven by a deep passion for philanthropy and corporate social responsibility. To realise this mission, Amity Humanity Foundation has been established to help the underprivileged sections of society through diverse welfare activities."

**Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan**  
Founder President,  
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Founder, Amity Humanity Foundation

Initiated under the benevolent vision of Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder of Amity, Amity Humanity Foundation (AHF) was born out of the desire to do something meaningful for the underprivileged sections of the society. Thus, from the beginning it was more than a corporate social responsibility for Amity.

Established in the year 2000 as a registered NGO under the aegis of Amity - India's leading education group with 100,000 students, 5 universities, 150+ institutions and 8 global campuses, the Foundation truly reflects the social responsibility, consciousness and concerns of Amity Group of Institutions which forms an integral part of the group's philosophy.

Since then, AHF has focused on core areas of development like education, health and governance. It has set up institutions like Amitasha and Atulasha to provide free education to the underprivileged children. It has initiated projects on women empowerment, rehabilitation of the physically disabled, HIV/AIDS awareness and other socially relevant issues and thus brought about a change in the lives of many.

## Nurturing The Underprivileged Children

Amitasha, an initiative of AHF was established in the year 2000 with 35 girl students. It was the dream of Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools to offer free education to the underprivileged girls of the society and thereby provide them a level playing ground to realise their potential.

Today, Amitasha runs 4 schools in Delhi where over 1000 girls get educated in the best of infrastructure. The schools are run in the campus of Amity International Schools and boast of the best infrastructure required to provide the ideal learning environment to the children. Starting from Nursery, these girls remain with Amitasha till class VII under the able guidance of professionally qualified teachers. Amitasha also provides free meals, books, uniforms and health care for these children. Students who display extraordinary potential and interest are encouraged to study further at the other Amity institutions. Apart from academics, the girls are also given vocational training so that, tomorrow they have the ability to become economically independent.



## Taking the baton of education forward

Atulasha, a school for the underprivileged boy child, was established by AHF in the year 2011. It began with a handful of students but within a short span, over 100 boys from the economically backward class of the society are being provided free schooling, right from Class Nursery onwards. It also provides uniform, stationery to the students and takes care of their health and nutrition.

## Rehabilitating the differently abled

AHF organises several programmes to bring the differently abled into the mainstream and enable them to lead a normal life. For example a workshop

on assistive device and corrective surgery for polio affected people organised by AHF saw about 500 people getting rehabilitated successfully.

Similarly, a seminar to raise awareness about the plight and provisions for persons with disabilities was also organised to raise awareness about the physically handicapped. Several eminent speakers like Mrs. Meira Kumar, the then Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Maj. Gen. Ian Cardozo Chairman Rehabilitation Council of India and Mrs. Poonam Notrojan, Chairperson, National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy & Mental Retardation addressed the seminar which proved to be beneficial for many.



"In India, girls carry the honour of their families and are the cornerstone on which homes are built. In a scenario like this, it is imperative that we impart education to the girl child, who in turn becomes responsible for the education of a family, thereby contributing to nation building."

**Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan**  
Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools

## Empowering women

The endeavour at AHF has always been to promote equality between men and women by enabling gender mainstreaming. It has undertaken several innovative programmes to empower the women, both in rural and urban India. It joined hands with the National Commission for UNESCO, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India to conduct an "Awareness Raising Study" and a Workshop on "Female Foeticide & Gender Justice."



Amitasha Students learning photography from Amity faculty



Workshop organised for Women Self-help Groups by AHF

Students of Amity were also involved in making the prestigious event a big success. The Foundation also trained 1500 Anganwadi workers as animators for starting and running Self Help Groups under the Mahila Mandal Self-help Groups scheme of Haryana Development Corporation.

The five-day training comprised of group dynamics and confidence building sessions, legal literacy (to deal with social evils and exploitation), micro-entrepreneurship development programme and modules to prepare the groups for bank linkages.

Further reiterating its commitment of ensuring self-employment for women, AHF mobilised the Swayamsiddha Scheme of Department of Women and Child Development, Haryana Govt. under which 2500 women from rural self-help groups of Haryana were trained in the areas of Group Dynamics and Confidence Building.

AHF also tied up with NABARD to implement a scheme on Women Entrepreneurship Development for which the foundation conducted programmes on food processing and beauty therapy for the rural women of Haryana and Uttar Pradesh.

## HIV/AIDS Prevention & Care



Erstwhile First Lady of Nigeria- Her Excellency Mrs. Stella Obsanjo along with Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan during an event organised on World AIDS Day

As part of its endeavour to create awareness about HIV/AIDS, AHF observes World AIDS Day in association with Delhi State AIDS Control Society (DSACS). The mission was to sensitise the youth and prepare peer leaders within the community to impart relevant information and timely assistance to the vulnerable sections of the community within their locality.

In another ambitious event, AHF brought together representatives from all the religions across the world to sign a Delhi Declaration and to pledge themselves to use their power and influence among their followers for generating awareness about prevention and care in HIV/AIDS. The foundation has also produced a film on HIV/AIDS called Parikshit- The Tested One with the help of UNICEF. AHF also imparted training to Women Leaders from various faiths to spread the message of Prevention, Care and Compassion in HIV/AIDS under Project Pratibha.

## Community Development

Community Development is yet another area where AHF has made some significant contributions. The villages of Isapur, Baogah, Mundela Khurd, Mundela Kalan and Dhansa in the National Capital Region have been adopted by the Foundation for all-round development. It also carried out an extensive Impact Evaluation Study on the Integrated Scheme of oilseeds, pulses, oil palm and maize across 21 states of India on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India. A three year project has also been launched in Tribal areas of Orissa with the support of Department of Science and Technology. The Project is in its third year of implementation.



The Amity Polo Cup organised every year by Amity in aid of Amitasha and Atulasha

## Caring for the Environment

AHF was part of the National Awareness Raising Campaign of the Ministry of Forest & Environment, Govt. of India. Awareness Raising workshop for students, a seminar and painting competition were organised under the campaign where over 300 school children participated. Some of the themes for this campaign in the past were: Household Waste management, Global Warming and Climate Change, Uses of Solar Energy, Biodiversity Conservation' and Forests for Sustainable Livelihood.



One of the many Community Development programmes organised by Amity Humanity Foundation

## FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

Amity Humanity Foundation along with Amity Group embarks on several fund-raising activities throughout the year. The foundation aims at approaching people from all walks of life through innovative methods in order to make AHF a self-reliant NGO.

The Amity Kolkata Half Marathon is one such initiative taken by AHF. Started in 2011, the Marathon is already a popular event in the city and witnesses active participation from the Kolkataans. The Amity Polo Cup - India's only polo event for charity is yet another event organised to support the students of Amitasha and Atulasha.

Earlier, AHF has also produced a song 'Sapna Dekha Maine' penned by Prasoon Joshi which was sung by renowned vocalist Shubha Mudgal together with the students of Amitasha. In addition, the Foundation organises concerts and charity shows regularly to fund its initiatives.

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Amity Kolkata Half Marathon organised in aid of Amitasha by Amity, which attracted over 8,000 participants



An annual cricket tournament is organised by Amity, the proceeds of which go to Amitasha

