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Mensa India Pune Chapter Annual Report for the Year 2005-06

Mensa India Pune Chapter (MIPC) during the year 2005-06 has been following a self analysis regimen. We found some crucial areas which required attention, and designed methods to enhance our potency. We believe that these methods are effective, efficient, and transparent. This has been supported by a marked growth in communication among members, financial growth and in general, the spirit of Mensa. The key areas include,

- Administrative Protocol
- Testing Procedures
- Promotion and Awareness
- Mensa Community formation
- Research

Administrative Protocol

Updating administrative protocol to the demands of increasing membership was the primary concern. These included,

- Implementation of new system for database storage
- Improved communication
- Transparency in transactions

These were achieved by the following methods,

A) Computerizing membership data by use of a specialized software. The software used for this process is the **Mensa Membership System (MMS)**.

Main features of the MMS are as follows:

- Data of all members from 1975 to 2005 can now be accessed easily with regard to type of membership, membership number, membership year, and permanent address.
- Duplicate numbering; incomplete information can now be avoided.
- Membership transfer, register writing are faster and accurate.
- Members can now easily procure membership renewal, certificates and other information if required and in limited time.

- This procedure has been supported by intelligent file management by means of Membership Forms.(Refer Annexes A and B)

B) Membership Cards:

Members can now avail of new International standard Identity Cards. These have been distributed to over 150 members and 350 members will soon receive the above.

C) Improved Communication Methods:

The office can now be reached by, Yahoo group (mensapune@yahoo.com) Google group (groups.google.com/groups/punemensans) and through mobile issued to the Office Administrator (No. 9860072580) This has boosted connectivity and we can see improved number of active Mensans as an effect.

The office has also improved postage methods, 'Address Stickers' of all members (1975-2005) have been printed reducing addressing time. All letters are now printed on Inland Letter Cards. A whopping Rs.3.50/ letter are saved by this process (Previously Rs.6.50/letter). This will save approximately Rs. 10,000 to 15,000 per year. (Refer Annexes C)

D) Transparency in Transactions:

MIPC has developed a very efficient and transparent process for managing the finances.

These steps include,

- **Weekly account update:** All daily transactions are recorded and are computerized by the weekend. This process has increased accuracy in accounting and we believe will help in accelerating audits.
- **Bank accounts** and accounting for all Chapters operating through the office have been separated

Mensa India Pune	Dena Bank A/C No. 500009
Mensa India Pune F.D	Dena Bank A/C No. 500010
Mensa Mega	Dena Bank A/C No. 500008
- All transactions through these accounts are supported by Vouchers for fund request and approval. All payments are made by cheques ensuring Bank records. This procedure has encouraged and ensured complete transparency in account handling.
- **The Fixed Deposits:** The membership fees of all Life Members is converted into Fixed Deposits of Rs.10,000/- which have a maturity time of 57 months. The Rate of interest currently is around 6.00% to 6.75%. The interest from these fixed deposits is either yearly or quarterly and it is transferred to the Mensa India Pune account Dena Bank A/C No. 500009.
- A new protocol is under discussion. This includes the transfer of fixed deposits from the

Dena Bank to the **Reserve Bank of India Bond** under Long Term deposits. This gives us 8 % interest rate as compared to the 6.5 % at present. (Refer Annex D)

Testing Procedures

The Testing process is the crux of the recruitment in Mensa. It is thus essential to make it people friendly. We took steps by putting this as our primary objective. Tests were conducted frequently and regularly through the year. Announcements for all tests appeared in over 40 dailies news papers. Mensa testing advertisement also appeared in the Times of India. Tests are conducted in group, individually and under Tribal Mensa free testing is also done. Other important decisions on testing procedure as deliberated on 24/4/2006 have been given in Annex F

Certification: Besides this, new certificates were printed. These certificates have been designed to suit our increased demand from the Mensans in the corporate world. (Refer Annex E)

Digitization of Test Reports: Test reports will now be digitized to ensure complete, detailed, permanent record of all Tests under Mensa Pune. The reports will provide details with respect to test used, scores, and information about the candidate and, test Statistics for that particular session. This can facilitate any further research and can provide a permanent database for all members. We look forward to digitizing all the reports from 1975 to 2006 by the year end.

Mensa Awareness Program: Mensa India requires reaching to a wider range of people, to find and bring together the intelligentsia. Thus, promotion of Mensa as an organization is essential and one of our objectives for the year. The following media and methods were explored along the year. In this year 3000 copies of 24 page Mensa information booklet, 5000 copies of 4 page pamphlet 2000 copies of Stickers and 1000 copies of pocket calendars were distributed. (Refer Annex G, H, I, J)

Newspaper Coverage: Mensa and Mensans related articles appeared in the three leading dailies in Pune such as Times of India, The Indian Express, Sakal (Refer Annex K, L, M, N) We got tremendous coverage, across India, due to our novel idea of Tribal Mensa.

The Promotion Campaign: Promotion campaign was not limited to Pune, but exhibitions were held at Chennai. Besides this, correspondence was made to the following areas; Malegaon, Belgaum, Aurangabad, and Solapur. The Mensa notifications have been appearing in over 40 newspapers almost 25 times this year. A direct effect of Mensa Advertisements and articles was found through the Membership renewals and conversions.

The formation of Mensa Community and increasing interaction among member's forms is a direct objective from the aims of Mensa Organization.

MIPC has developed a three way program for achieving this goal.

- Increasing Man Power
- Motivate , nurture Mensans through workshops
- Contribution to society as , Tribal Mensa, Charity Work

Increasing Man power was achieved by increasing the Life Members. At the beginning of the year we emphasized that Annual members should renew or convert to Life Members. 31 annual members become life members.

Nurturing programs have been conducted under Mensa Mega for past few years. This year too, a number of activities were conducted for young Mensans. Informal meets and recreation activities were also conducted in the year which include;

Nurturing programs

- **Vedic Mathematics** Workshops were conducted for Mensans twice a year. This program was also conducted in the USA in the month of May and June. A Vedic Mathematics Book is being published by a Mensans. It will soon be available to all Mensans for further use.
- **British Council English Proficiency exams** are conducted twice every year. Mensans from School level and Business level can appear for these exams. Workshops were conducted in the months of May and June for young Mensans.
- Besides this, regular **Saturday workshops** have been started from December. These workshops inculcate personal and social skills along with stimulating the intellect. We wish to boost logical thinking in daily life and make it a part of their personalities. A group of active young Mensans is forming due to these regular meets and we believe this will catalyze the formation of the Mensa Community.
- Interaction is the key in the development of this community. Hence, we have increased informal meetings among the senior and junior Mensans. **Informal meetings** involve discussions on personal, social and other subjects. In our future activities we will look forward to a new concept of the '**Mensa Networks**'. The concept of Mensa Networks is to bring together Mensans from a locality and provide support at individual levels.

Sunday Movie Club

Since January 2006, Sunday Movie Club activity has started. Movies form a good medium for entertainment and intellectually stimulating discussions. Movies are selected on basis of their concept and presentation. They can be categorized as thought provoking, inspiring, or

informative. Around 15 movies have been played since January .A regular quorum of 20 Mensans is present for every movie. The Movie Club is also playing a role as an attractive activity for senior Mensans and can prove as a ground to regenerate communication among them. All future activities and discussions have found a common dais for deliberation in this form.

For MIPC, contribution to society is of highest importance, as we believe that intelligence is a fulcrum towards social development. We have been conducting tribal testing and development program for the last three years.

We look forward to a complete **research and development program** under Tribal Mensa with the help of Cummins foundation, ASMAE (France), SER-India, ISSET. The project proposal is given in Annex O

Tribal Mensa testing has found 12 Mensans and they have been given free Life Membership by MIPC. We also wish to start a nurturing program for these Tribal Mensans in the future.

Besides this, MIPC has contributed to **Monsoon Flood Help** to the tribal school. Mensa contributed in form of clothes, books, utensils and other material worth Rs. 25,000. A number of books; educative and entertaining, were donated to the Tribal school. Besides this, MIPC donated its notice board to Child Youth Development Program (CYDP) of Jnana Prabodhini.

The Future Plans for MIPC cover the aforementioned areas

Administration:

- Formalizing all Balance Sheets and Account writing for Mensa India and related chapters under the guidance of Mr. Prasad Jahagirdar, C.A.
- Foreign Contribution Regularizing Act (FCRA No.) for getting foreign donations under the guidance of Mr. Vinay Deshpande

Testing:

- Test Administrator workshops
- Digitizing Test Reports

Promotion:

- Publicity through Newspapers
- Frequent exhibitions in cities outside Pune

Mensa Community:

- 'Parenting for the Gifted' program under the guidance of Dr. Devasena Desai
- 'Gifted Child Learning Disability' program under the guidance of Ms. Mukta Bhagwat
- 'Counseling Center for Mensans' under Dr. Meenakshi Gokhale
- Mensa-Sutra Think Tank
- Parent Forum

Research Programs:

- Tribal Mensa: 'Tribal Intelligence & Aptitude: Identification and nurturing'
- 'Nurturing the Gifted: The effects on ability and personality'
- Parenting

Proposed body for the year 2006-2007

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