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The year 2007-2008 was marked with launching of Tribal Mensa Nurturing Project, digitations of Mensa Tests record and designing long term projects for wider societal platform. Here are the details of the activities.

I Membership Database:

1. The Membership records were retrieved and segregated into separate folders are maintained for each record. The folders include complete (available) information along with receipts (money paid by each member).
2. Alphabetic listing of Members into Folders have been done, this will help in administration and to access the records at ease.
3. Computerization of membership records has been done as per Mensa India Web Format.
4. The Members Folders is approximately 2500 in number.
5. The entire work was completed in 6 months.
6. Mensa India Pune Chapter extends sincere thanks to Mensa volunteers: Anuja Date, Shilpa Nair, Akshay Kulkarni, Priya Gokhale, Mrunmayee Godbole, Madhura Panse, Leenata Bankele, Chaitnya Shevade, Harshal Desai and other who volunteered in this endeavour.
7. Mensa India Pune Chapter is thankful to Sashi Sarvade for computerization of membership data.

II Mensa Test Record Database:

1. Special Mensa Test Record Cards were printed for maintaining complete test records for those appeared for Mensa tests and qualified for the same. This cards are very helpful for retrieving test records for issuing membership and transfer of members records.
2. More than 4500 Cards have been completed.

3. Special thanks to Mr. Pandurang Desai and Ms. Gauri Sovani who have contributed to this huge task.

III Mensa Testing at Jnana Prabodhini, Pune:

No. of Tests Conducted: 19
No. of People Tested: 145
No. of New Annual Members (New): 03
No. of Renewed Annual Members: 01
No. of Life Members (New): 05
No. of Annual Members took Life Membership: 01

IV Mensa Testing at Guwahati:

Mensa test was conducted at The Faculty School, Guwahati, Assam for 65 students of age group 10- 15 years. 37 students secured qualifying percentile scores. Few of them took life membership. Mensa India Pune chapter with help of Mensa Delhi is keen in developing Mensa North East.

V Tribal Residential School Testing:

Name of Taluka's: Maval, Ambegaon, Khed and Junnar
No. of Tribal School: 12
No. of Tribal students: 2200
No. of Tribal Students Qualified for Mensa Membership: 64 (50 Boys and 14 Girls)
Testing was made free. Mensa India Pune Chapter distributed stationery and books worth of Rs. 50 to each tribal student who appeared for test.

No. of Tribal students tested from Tribal Hostels: 117
Testing was funded by Verisoft Software Company, Pune.

Tribal Mensa Nurturing Program:

Mensa India Pune Chapter realized that organization should reach the tribal community. Thus, in year 2004 Pune chapter conducted Mensa International test at Sevadham Trust Tribal Residential School. In two tests conducted for more than 200 students, 12 tribal students scored Mensa International qualifying score i.e. above 98 percentile score. The result was surprising. Thus, thought of conducting more Mensa

tests in tribal schools. Mensa India Pune chapter has launched ambitious project entitled **"Tribal Mensa Nurturing & Nourishing Program"**.

Recent Achievements in Tribal Mensa Nurturing Program

1. Screened 2200 tribal students from 12 tribal residential schools of Maval, Ambegaon, Khed and Junner talukas of Pune District.
2. **64 tribal students (50 boys and 14 girls) qualified international Mensa Intelligence test, scoring more than 98 percentile score.**
3. Mensa India Pune chapter has established first ever Tribal Mensa Nurturing Center at Mauli Nagar, Kamshet on 9th October 2007. The center is named "Nishta" (Nishtatai, 83 year French lady donated her property for the same cause).
4. Nishta Tribal Mensa Nurturing Center is well equipped with basic lodging and boarding facilities. (12 Rooms, 4 Halls)
5. Tribal Mensa Nurturing Program has been recognized as First Tribal Gifted Nurturing Program in the world by Belin Blank Center of Gifted Education Center, University of Iowa, USA.
6. The program has completed 4 workshops (Kartik-Damodar, Pongal, Durga and Varsha). More than 20 Psychology tests were conducted to collect fundamental research data on tribal giftedness.
7. The clothes collected for Tribal Mensa Nurturing Program (more than 10 gunny bags) were given to School for Mentally Handicapped, Lonavala. These clothes were supposed to be used for Tribal Gifted but the entire tribal Mensans unanimously decided to give away the clothes as charity to their fellow friends of Lonavala. Thus inheriting the value to share and be selfless.
8. Tribal Mensa Nurturing Program wants to extend sincere thanks to following people for their continuous support and guidance: Nishtatai (Mentor and Social Worker) Mr. Kapse (Project Director Tribal Project), Dr. Gore (Trustee, Sevadham Trust) , Dr. Vadhokar (Trustee Sevadham Trust), Mr. Kiran Kokate, Mr. Ravi Kokate, Col. Joshi, Mrs. Anjali Joshi, Dr. Anuradha Oak (Yoga Expert), Mrs. Swati Joshi (Yoga Expert), Mrs. Kanaka Desai (Yoga Expert), Mrs. Mugdha Chitale (Yoga Expert), Mrs. Priyadarshani Parkhi (Yoga Expert), Dr. Pratibha Kulkarni (Gynecologist), and Dr. Devasena Desai.
9. Please visit www.tribalmensa.blogspot.com for more details.

Tribal Mensa Nurturing Program Funding:

Funding Agency	Purpose	Committed Amount	Amount Received
Disha Foundation Trust, Thane	Identification & Nurturing Phase	Rs. 12,50,000	Rs. 5,00,000
Kher Foundation, Mumbai	Nishta Center Development	Rs. 7,80,000	Rs. 65,000
Kher Foundation, Mumbai	Nurturing Phase	Rs. 3,00,000	Rs. 3,00,000
Niteingale Foundation, B'bay	Identification Phase	Rs. 1, 82, 500	Rs. 1, 82,500
Niteingale Foundation, B'bay	Tribal Teacher Training Program	Rs. 75,000	Rs. 75,000
Mehandale & Joshi	Nishta Center Development	Rs. 45,000	Rs. 45,000
Nishtatai, Pune	Nishta Center Development	Rs. 20,000	Rs. 20,000
Shirshikar D. Pune	Nishta Center Development	Rs. 10,000	Rs. 10,000
Kedar Deshpande	Nishta Center Development	Rs. 10,000	Rs. 10,000
Kinny, Mensa Bangalore	Nishta Center Development	Rs. 5000	Rs. 5000
Mensa India Pune	Nishta Center Development	Rs. 20,000	Rs. 20,000
Total		Rs. 26, 97, 500	Rs. 12, 32, 500

- As on 30th June 2008

National & International Presentation:

1. The Tribal Mensa Nurturing Project and allied projects were presented to The Dorbaji Tata Trust, Disha Foundation Trust, Kher Foundation, Praj Foundation and Rotary Lonavala.
2. Power Point Presentation of Tribal Mensa Nurturing Program was presented at following Places:
 - a. Belin Blank Center for Gifted Education, University of Iowa USA
 - b. Landlife Trust, National Wildflower Center, Liverpool UK

- c. The Indian Consulate, London
- d. Eden Project, South UK
- e. Conservation Biology Society, Port Elizabeth, South Africa
- f. DePaul University, Chicago, USA
- g. University of Arizona, Tucson USA

Tribal Residential School Teacher Training Program:

With help of Kaivalyadham Yoga Center, Lonavala and Tribal Mensa Nurturing Program, seven days workshop was organized for Tribal Teachers. 30 teachers attended the workshop and learnt about application of Yoga at school level and individual level. The workshop was great success as many more teachers are asking for similar type of workshop. Mr. Kapse, Project Director, Tribal Department, Government of Maharashtra took initiative to support such type of workshops. Mensa India Pune chapter is thankful to Mr. Kapse and Government of Maharashtra for the opportunity and collaboration.

Niteingale Foundation, Mumbai was contacted for sponsoring Tribal Teacher Training program. The initial project proposal was for 120 teachers training over the period of 2 years, but only one batch of 30 teachers training amount was sanctioned. Nether less, it will help us to study the teachers problems and effective solutions for the same. This project has been handed over to Manas Tatva, non-governmental organization headed by Dr. Devasena Desai and Mrs. Anjali Joshi.

Visits & Special Appreciation to Tribal Mensa Nurturing Program:

1. Mr. Richard Scott, Senior Project Officer, Landlife Trust, Liverpool UK
2. Prof. Randell, DePaul University Chicago
3. Mrs. Holond, Global Women Fund Chicago
4. Mattheiu, Agriculture Engg. Nantes France
5. Sonavi Desai, Trustee Kher Foundation
6. Vinayak Kelkar, Praj Foundation
7. Belin Blank Center of Gifted Education, University of Iowa, USA
8. The Templeton Funds, USA

Future Projects & Funding Agencies:

1. Mensa India Pune Chapter has been invited by Sir Dorabji Tata Trust, Mumbai to implement the Tribal Mensa Nurturing Program at Assam & Chhattisgarh. The trust is also interested to fund complete Tribal Mensa Nourishing Program along with allied project budgeting nearly Rs. 40- 45 lakh.
2. Praj Foundation, Pune has shown willing to fund the Sacred Grove Restoration Project worth of Rs. 9, 00,000.
3. Global Women Fund, Chicago is keen to funds related to tribal girls and women issues.
4. Rotary Lonavala is keen in supporting nurturing activities.
5. Mensa Testing for leprosy rehabilitated family children.
6. Establishing Mensa India Pune- Talegaon & Lonavala subunit.