



# NEWSLETTER

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## disciplinary problems

- **bullying**
- **disrespect**
- **aggression**
- **defiance**



### **FRNV's initiative in Kochi**

*The Kochi Chapter of FRNV was launched on 26th August 2017 in the presence of a big assembly of prominent citizens of Kochi. At the end of the meeting following priority areas were identified as FRNV's immediate agenda for the city.*

*They were –*

- 1. Values- based Education*
- 2. Campus Discipline*
- 3. Police Reforms and,*
- 4. Eradication of mosquitoes menace and flooding in the city*

*Volunteer groups were formed to pursue smart city initiative.*

*As part of Values-based education, the task force conducted an exhaustive survey of all the schools in Ernakulam district which revealed that schools run by organizations such as Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Ramakrishna Mission, Chinmayananda Trust and Christian Missionaries all have moral classes on a regular basis ,but in Government schools and aided schools it was totally missing.*

*As a follow up, the President of FRNV personally met the Hon'ble Education Minister of Kerala, Shri. C. Raveendra Nath, Thiruvananthapuram on 06.12.2017. The Minister was not aware that moral classes were not being held in these schools, but agreed to examine the same for introduction for the next academic year onwards.*

*The task force on police reforms also held a meeting which reviewed the working of the Police Complaint Authority and also decided to pursue implementation of the Supreme Court guidelines on the subject.*

*Campus unrest and indiscipline have become a major*

threat to students who want to pursue education peacefully in good academic environment. Instances of detention (gherao) of principals, burning effigy of principals, burning principal's chairs, etc. by students with encouragement and incitement by political elements from outside has corrupted the academic atmosphere. Some of the principals had approached Kerala High Court and very positive and fair judgments had emerged from the Courts empowering the principals to take stern action against erring students and directing the police to render immediate necessary assistance to the College authorities.

With this background, the FRNV task force organised a meeting of all Principals of Ernakulam District in the DMRC meeting room on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017. It was disappointing to note that even after contacting all the Principals and Managers personally; many of the principals did not turn up presumably wanting to avoid controversies with the Government whose soft stand against political elements was the main reason for such disruptions and indiscipline. The Kerala High Court had particularly commented that freedom of few students for speech and political activities should not deny freedom to the larger section of students who want to pursue peacefully their studies.

The Principals meeting was also attended by Dr. A. Letha, Vice- Chancellor of Kochi University. In this meeting, High Court Advocate Satyanath Menon explained to the Principals the various Court rulings including judgment from Supreme Court. The Court has taken a firm stand that discipline and orderliness in campuses is a prime right of the students. The Principals have to take stern action against erring students and the police have to render timely help to restore normalcy in the institution. Advocate Menon explained the court orders (Supreme & High Court) issued in favour of the institutions and the guidelines to be followed with reference to specific court orders like the Lindo commission, Sojan Francis vs. M.G.

University, S.N.M. College vs. S.I. of Police, N. Prakash vs. Principal, Govt. Law College, Ernakulam etc.



It was felt necessary to educate the students and college authorities that these court orders are not meant to put anybody down instead they serve as a strong support system to enable the smooth functioning of the institutions.



The college authorities who attended the meeting were very happy about the initiative taken by the FRNV in the matter.

The task forces have now decided that similar meetings of Principals/Managers of the institutions will be organized in other Districts of Kerala State as well.

FRNV is considering setting up of Task Forces on various Focus Areas on similar lines in other cities

## NEWS AND EVENTS

❑ An activity was conducted for the students of class 8 at DUSC School, Maurice Nagar on December 16, 2017 to encourage them to think about the most important value for them. The students were divided into different groups on the basis of their chosen value and were asked to discuss what value they have selected means to them in their daily lives. The teams were asked to



*prepare a short skit to illustrate the value they have chosen. Then each team presented their skit followed by a discussion about the value that was demonstrated.*

*Also, a teacher's workshop conducted which started with a quick recap regarding the previous discussion and the group picked up their discussion from where they left off. Throughout the duration of this workshop, the fundamental questions of why and how values should be included in teaching methods was tried to be understood by the participating teachers, with the question of why values should be included answered with a simple tie-up between values and how they help a student in thinking.*



❑ An activity was conducted for students of class 6 at SKV School, Malviya Nagar on December 20, 2017. About 100 students participated in this activity. The objective of this activity was to encourage children to think about their own values and human rights values.



❑ An activity with grade 6 children to promote values like Honesty, Justice, Equality and Discipline at Raja Ram Mohan Roy SKV, Hauz Rani, Delhi on December 28, 2017 followed by a Teacher's Workshop.



❑ A community based activity to promote values like Responsibility, Respect, Discipline with children and their parents at Sangam Park, New Delhi on December 29, 2017



## Meeting Invite

Dear Friend & Members,

Foundation for Restoration of National Values (FRNV) cordially invites you along with friends and colleague to attend a meeting to review the FRNV Journey so far and also draw up future plan of actions.

**Date:** Saturday, 20-January-2018

**Time:** 5:00 PM

**Venue:** DMRC Auditorium, Metro Bhawan, Fire Brigade Lane, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi-110 001

At this important meeting, we will also decide on key projects that can be taken up along with potential volunteers for the working Groups. We would appreciate your active contribution in the deliberation.

Please confirm your participation by writing to us at [frnv@valuefoundation.in](mailto:frnv@valuefoundation.in).

We look forward to your participation.

Wishing you a very Happy New Year !

**Dear Readers,**

**FRNV invites stories from its readers on deep-rooted values that have helped us in our everyday lives. Some of these stories will be featured in the next issue of our newsletter. So put your thinking caps on, recall the values integral to your life which you cherish and write to us at [shilpi@valuefoundation.in](mailto:shilpi@valuefoundation.in).**