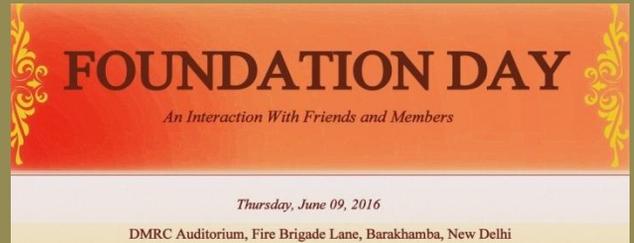




NEWSLETTER

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Message from the CEO

At FRNV we have decided to celebrate our Foundation Day on June 9 every year, to bring together our Members and Friends and give them a sense of belonging. The idea is to engage with them, tell them about our ongoing values, our commitment to them, and what we do. This Day marks the registration of FRNV as a Society eight years ago, and it is an important day to remind ourselves of how and why the organization was formed, to reflect on the early days of the Foundation and how far we have come.

Some projects are underway, few regional chapters are functional and much more needs to be done. The coming year would be defining and significant for FRNV as new projects would be launched, more full time professionals would be hired and greater engagement in the community and the state level would be formed. Our endeavor would be to continue to improve the quality of our organizational system, increase our standards in all aspects, identify core strengths and prioritize goals and work on them.

Our Friends and Members would continue to be important components of FRNV set up, as we will engage more frequently with them and look up to them for support and guidance. This month's newsletter brings in great detail, various suggestions and observations made by our Members and well wishers who participated in the celebration held at DMRC Auditorium on June 9.

Anupama Jha
CEO

Foundation Day

-Mitali Gupta, Intern, FRNV

On Thursday, June 9, 2016, the Foundation for Restoration of National Values held its Foundation Day at the DMRC Auditorium, Metro Bhawan, in New Delhi. Spanning a little over two hours, the session began with a welcome note by Vice President Shri Gopal Ganesh. He talked about FRNV's vision and mentioned the various programmes, such as those promoting value based education and police reforms, undertaken by FRNV to develop an ethical and responsible society. His speech was followed by a video message by Swami Bhoomanand Teertha. Swamiji, who in his message, stressed the importance of approaching the Supreme Court for filing PILs to solve policy and administrative issues. He also stressed on the need of updating the goals of FRNV and requested the board to deliberate on this.

Swamiji's encouraging message was followed by an address by our Founder-President, Dr E Sreedharan. In his address, the 'Metro Man' reminisced with friends and members the summit organized by FRNV in its early years of inception. He also expressed his discontentment regarding the lack of established infrastructure in the country. He also referred to the World Bank Report citing that even after 69 years since independence India is facing issues of governance. He urged everyone to reflect on how to change the existing conditions.



The speeches were followed by a discussion session wherein Dr E Sreedharan stated that in place of engaging in a unilateral discourse, he would like to take suggestions from the friends and members of FRNV. The floor was then open for comments and suggestions.

Many insightful discussions took place in the session. Concerns regarding the increasing monopoly of party-and a lack of values in the government and private sectors were voiced. Suggestions were made regarding the promotions of value based education and adopting a leading role in the area of electoral reforms. Members also volunteered to write books for the Foundation.

The Annual Journal of FRNV, on the theme of Value Based Education, was then released by Dr E Sreedharan and was distributed among invitees by the employees and volunteers. The foundation day concluded with vote of thanks from Ms Anupama Jha, the CEO of FRNV, followed by High Tea.

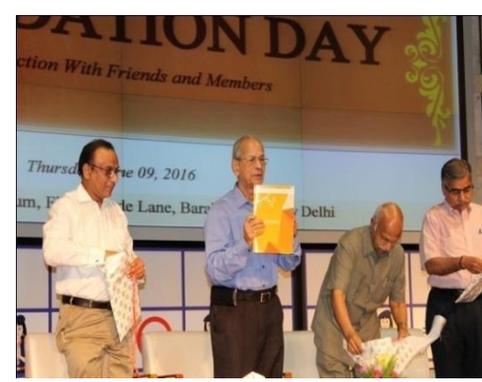
News and Events

• Our founder Dr. E Sreedharan has given a go ahead to start the Karnataka chapter from Bangalore, we will soon open an FRNV office in Bangalore and enroll members and friends for the cause of FRNV.

• The second meeting for the joint project between FRNV and CHRI on Police Reforms was conducted with Members of Legislative Assembly of Delhi and representatives of civil society organizations in Population Foundation of India, New Delhi on 29.06.2016 under the Chairmanship of Anupama Jha, CEO of Foundation for Restoration of National Values. The purpose of this interaction was to familiarize respective MLAs with the problem of police personnel and discuss the police legislation in the center and the state.

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



Suggestions From Members and Friends

- Yogita Rathore, Intern, FRNV

The celebration of FRNV'S foundation day to mark eight years of its existence saw the participation of 'Friends' and 'Members' of FRNV. Most of those present were the ones who have been associated with the organization and are aware of our vision and passion to bring about a change. In an insightful session with the friends and members, substantial amount of suggestions were voiced. Value based education was dominantly identified as an agenda by most of the participants followed by social media presence, political accountability and electoral reforms. Some of the participants were even enthusiastic about working for FRNV and giving their contribution by authoring books, offering their services and tying up their own organisation with FRNV.

Apoorva Lochan pressed on FRNV to focus on value based education and suggested partnering with his organisation. Dr. Thelma taking the agenda of value based education forward offered her services to make FRNV vibrant by authoring books on value education for schools. Shobhita Johari highlighted that value based education should be the main focus of FRNV for creating a better tomorrow. Sharat Sharma felt the same and went on to emphasize that FRNV must focus on value based education and the related fields. He also mentioned that FRNV should focus on outreach to make itself known and take help from members for outreach support and projects. Sunil Kumar also felt the need to focus on value education in the country. M.D. Thomas extended the concept of value based education forward by saying that the value based education projects should focus on grownups and religious bodies too. H. R. Bangia also voiced similar opinion.

Arvind Kumar suggested that FRNV should conduct values and ethics workshops for corporate sector. Brig. Chaitanya Prakash focused on how FRNV should create public opinion against corrupt and criminal politicians and have regular performance audits of elected leaders.

Vipul Mudgal stressed on FRNV working in the areas of community intervention and electoral reforms. Pramod Chawla stated that too many convicted criminals are working as legislators and parliamentarians and hence FRNV should work towards remedial measures; while Nishi Saxena believed all the people associated with FRNV should contribute by focusing on solutions. She also suggested training people of corporate sector could be a potential area of interest for FRNV. Devendra Tripathi and H R Vaish believed political accountability could be one of the main focus areas of FRNV along with electoral reforms and performance audit. Sandeep Jhanji talked about household waste segregation and suggested on online membership drive to reduce data entry work.

Geeta Karunakaran reiterated the fact that greater publicity for FRNV is a must and therefore organization should focus on increasing its media presence. V.Vishwanath suggested on more regional chapters in different areas as a part of the projects of FRNV.

Other feedback and suggestions included that the FRNV website should be regularly updated and the tie-ups with media, civil society, schools, educational bodies and CSRs should be initiated. Also, the need to devise a clear plan for the same was also felt. Roping in more youngsters and easy volunteer management program were among other suggestions. Social media presence was identified as a major step to be taken by majority and was specially highlighted by Sangeeta Sharma.

All in all, the event generated fruitful suggestions which will translate into better policies and projects by FRNV very soon and FRNV is very thankful to all the participants, invitees, friends and members for the same.