

## The Project work of the Indo-German Society e.V. affiliates

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The Indo-German Society e.V. and its affiliates support numerous projects in India. To the activities belong projects devoting the training and further education of children and young persons, the equal rights for women in families, society and education and the assisting and building centres of sanitary, welfare and rehabilitation. Further the society and its affiliates support programs devoting development of the villages and the regional structure. The leading thought of all these efforts is the principle of “helping people to help themselves”. That means that the society and its affiliates try to use local potential for a self-defined and sustainable change in consideration of the social, cultural and political context of the projects. For effective development cooperation, it is important to keep an eye on motives for why people engage in projects: who really benefits from the help and at whose expense? The adequate methods must be submitted to a careful examination.

In consideration of size and complexity of the Indian subcontinent and the huge number of possibilities to engage with social projects, it's evident that the Indo-German Society e.V. and its affiliates can only engage selective and on a limited scale.

### Overview of the projects by the Indo-German Society's e.V. affiliate Remscheid

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Project	Project description	Affiliate	Further information
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**In the field for rights and justice**



**2006 the affiliate Remscheid initiated a cooperation with a group of pupil of the Röntgen -Gymnasium in Remscheid. Together they started an awareness Campaign of the PVCHR and for the Dalit.**

**Link to the Website:**

*"Together in friendship for Dalits' rights"*

[www.dalit-roegy.de](http://www.dalit-roegy.de)



Pupil of the Röntgen Gymnasium with their teacher Gisela Loosen

**PVCHR** is an organisation engaging in human rights. Through emancipation and education, the PVCHR tries to develop a fully democratised society, including all social ranks and castes. By taking Dalit issues to the centre stage, the organization started different projects with a wide range.

- Campaigns against child labour, Violence against women and oppression of the Dalits
- Education-campaigns / Fair-trade-Initiatives
- Publications, etc.

**Since 2002 the affiliate Remscheid cooperates with the PVCHR.** Together they care about projects engaging the Dalit's situation in the villages Baghwanala, Shivrampur, Ayer and Belwa, near Varanasi. Since February 2007, the village Raup near Sonbadhra (75 Km from Varanasi) is also part of the network.

**Content of the Education-campaigns:**

Exchange between German pupils and pupils from Dalit –families, establishing friendship. Since years, pupils of the Röntgen Gymnasium in Remscheid, also known as the "Dalit-Team", tried to call public attention to their Indian friends' fight for equal rights.

To help support the project, the pupils of the „Dalit Team“ have set up a web page with the topic: **„Together in friendship for Dalits' rights“**. The engagement of the German pupils supports the Dalit friends in their fight for their rights.

Three friends, who are always active for the PVCHR:

Chanda



Indra



Santosh



**Remscheid**

Since 2002 - individual and regularly contacts through the affiliate Remscheid.

**2007: For the first time the affiliate Remscheid achieve aid money.**

The society achieves financial support from the ministry of generations, family, women and integration of the federal state Nordrhein-Westfalen and from **InWent** (Organization supporting international further education and Development) for the construction of a Dalit-School in Shivrampur und the building of a kindergarten in Ayer.

**End of 2008, in Raup** near Sonbadhra a School and community centre was constructed. It is the third building, which was enabled by aid money from InWent, the affiliate Remscheid and the **PVCHR**.

**In February 2009**, the school and community centre opened in the presence of the Chairwoman of the Zg Remscheid.

**In March 2010**, the fourth project was finished: a centre for weavers in Varanasi and surrounding area, whose survival was imperilled. This project was been supported by InWent, the affiliate Remscheid and the PVCHR too.

**On the recommendation of the affiliate Remscheid, some students have absolved an internship at PVCHR in Varanasi. The students noticed the projects or the society via internet. They decide on spending some months in Varanasi, working for the PVCHR and living with Dalits.**

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**Das first project 2007**



On 6th September 2007, the project was dedicated by the district magistrate, Mrs. Veena, and the director of the „8th May Foundation“, **Mr. Kim Nan Soo, from Korea.**

**The village Raup**



**Weaver centre**




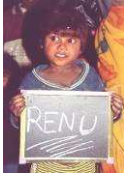
On 16th February 2009 the “Sushil Tripathi School in Raup was dedicated. On 05th May 2010 the PVCHR could celebrate Dedication of the weaver centre in Varanasi by the Secretary of labour **Sri Harish Rawat.**

**Protest against child labour - Varanasi 18th July '10**

["http://www.scribd.com/doc/34570436/Scan-0015"](http://www.scribd.com/doc/34570436/Scan-0015)



[tp://pvhtchr.blogspot.com/2010/07/chanda-rising-young-star.html](http://pvhtchr.blogspot.com/2010/07/chanda-rising-young-star.html)

<p><b>Important remark:</b> On 10th December 2010, the international day of human rights, which is proclaimed by the UN, Dr. Lenin Raghuvanshi received the "Human Rights Award" of Weimar.</p> <p>Dr. Lenin/PVCHR was recommended by the "Friedrich - Naumann –Stiftung für die Freiheit".</p>  <p>June 2009: Dr. Lenin with supporters from Remscheid, they were received by Mrs. Beate Wilding, Lord Mayor of Remscheid.</p>	<p><b>Special activities of the affiliate Remscheid:</b></p> <p>On March 2010: In cooperation with financial supporters and the PVCHR, the Indo-German Society Remscheid could finish a school for 230 children in Baghwanala.</p>   <p>The Indo -German Society Remscheid was represented by the Chairwoman, Helma Ritscher, at the opening ceremony.</p>	<p><b>The student Frauke Bergmann</b> wrote her thesis about Dalits and the PVCHR after absolving an internship at the PVCHR for five month. The thesis title was: „Land rights struggle as means of empowerment“</p> <p>She wrote the thesis at the beginning of 2010. It deals with the influence of land rights struggle on using the example of Dalit-communities in four different villages attended by the PVCHR.</p> <p>The thesis of Frauke Bergmann can be found under: <a href="http://www.scribd.com/doc/32599108/">http://www.scribd.com/doc/32599108/</a></p>  <p>Frauke</p>	<p><b>The Student Frank Hoffmann</b> engaged for the PVCHR - he supports the Zg Remscheid in the village Ayer too.</p>  <p>Frank 2008 at PVCHR</p> <p>The picture shows Frank and children from the Ayer-kindergarten. Frank explains them the new memory. The memory was a gift by the children of the Remscheid day-care facility for children. The children tinker the game, which shows motives of children's everyday life, with help from their teachers.</p> <p>Together with the Austrian student <b>Catarina Freundl</b>, who also absolved an internship at PVCHR, the Ayer-children tinker a memory for their friends in Remscheid. They drew clear motives like the sun, flowers or the Indian flag.</p> <p>These are the children of the poorest, who are looking forward to get something to eat for lunch - each day from anew.</p>
<p><b>PVCHR - Kindergarten-Project in Ayer</b></p>  <p>Renu</p>	<p><b>The Kindergarten-Communication-Project:</b> Since February 2006 there is cooperation between a Mushar -kindergarten and the "Remscheider Kindertagesstätte" of the - IKE- development association for cross-cultural development. The project started in a small cottage in Varanasi. But today the Mushar-kindergarten have an own building, which was enabled via Indo-German Society Remscheid, constructed and inaugurated by the outstanding partner PVCHR. (Mushar is lower caste inside the Dalit-caste)</p>	<p><b>Remscheid</b></p>  <p>Harvey-Ken and Adrian</p>	<p>Dt.-Indische Gesellschaft Remscheid Helma Ritscher Voßnackstr. 16, 42857 Remscheid Tel. 02191-70732 Fax. 02191-78 08 89 <a href="mailto:h.ritscher@gmx.de">h.ritscher@gmx.de</a></p>
<p><b>School partnership between the Sophie-Scholl Gesamtschule Remscheid (Comprehensive School in Remscheid) and the CHINMAYA VIDYALAYA (senior secondary public school) Vasant Vihar NEW DELHI 110057 / India</b> <a href="http://www.chinmayavidyalaya_newdelhi.org">www.chinmayavidyalaya_newdelhi.org</a></p>	<p><b>The partnership exists since early 2009 and bases primarily on application of new media.</b> In addition to communicating via Email, the pupils use internet for the so-called "Virtual classroom". Thanks to new media, which are available in both schools, a direct communication is possible. Furthermore, the affiliate Remscheid enables the exchange of project work and personal letters by bringing them to Delhi or Remscheid, yearly.</p>	<p><b>Remscheid</b></p>  <p><b>CHINMAYA VIDYALAYA</b></p>	<p>Dt.-Indische Gesellschaft Remscheid Helma Ritscher Voßnackstr. 16, 42857 Remscheid Tel. 02191-70732 Fax. 02191-78 08 89 <a href="mailto:h.ritscher@gmx.de">h.ritscher@gmx.de</a></p>

<p><b>June 2010:</b></p> <p><b>Start of a new school partnership between the Leibniz Gymnasium in Remscheid and the</b></p> <p><b>Vikash Higher Secondary School Shahbad, in Shahbad-Tesil Tijara, in the state Rajasthan</b></p>	<p>This school partnership will profit by the experiences of previous partnerships between German and Indian schools. Even though the Indian school in Shahbad-Tesil Tijara is more rural than the Leibniz Gymnasium, the Vikash Higher is an equal and advanced partner. The pupils are going to get to know each other via letters, photos and project works.</p> <p>The first project works and personal letters for the Indian school, have been produced while the project week in July 2010. The affiliate Remscheid took them to India in February 2011</p>	<p><b>Remscheid</b></p> 	<p>Dt.-Indische Gesellschaft Remscheid Helma Ritscher Voßnackstr. 16, 42857 Remscheid Tel. 02191-70732 Fax. 02191-78 08 89</p> <p><a href="mailto:h.ritscher@gmx.de">h.ritscher@gmx.de</a></p>
<p>Since 2007 the “Vikash Indo-German Education-Centre for Physically Handicapped Youth” is integrated in every day live in school.</p> <p>So far, physically disabled children couldn't visit school, if there was no financial help by “private friends” or by the Indo-German Society Remscheid, which ensures “All round care and school visits free” for the children.</p> <p>In the meantime, the awareness of the importance of education and support, including for children with disabilities in the village's population, has grown. So nowadays, the centre achieves also donation by the villagers.</p> <p>Another donation source is the “Sponsors Membership”, launched in March 2011.</p> <p>The membership system should ensure a fix income for the centre to a project, which help the people to help themselves.</p> <p>Since April 2009 the pupils also have the opportunity to get a regular and free health care by a „mobile health camp“ in Delhi. The health camp helps both: the pupils from school and the villagers</p>	<p><b>“Vikash Indo-German Education-Centre for Physically Handicapped Youth”</b> is an Indo-German Education Project which was launched 2007 by cooperation between the affiliate Remscheid and the Vikash Higher Secondary School Shahbad.</p> <p>The centre offers a free education and health care for physically disabled children and youth, who never got any education until yet. Unfortunately, these children have a little chance of an education because of they often suffer from social and familial discrimination. Meanwhile, 8 disabled children attend school regularly.</p> <p><b>Spring 2010- Health care:</b> In consultation with the parents the school organized an surgery for the physically disabled children in the “Narayan Sewa Sasthan polio hospital” in Udaipur, The hospital offers poor people a free surgery. But the waiting lists are very long, often people must wait over a year for an appointment.</p> <p>Thanks to the mediation of the board member, Gauri Shankar, and a personal conversation with the health minister of Rajasthan, Mr. Aimaduddin Ahmad Khan, who spontaneously assure his support, four disabled had been operated yet, some twice already.</p> <p><b>Perspective 2012:</b> Using a mobile service should give physically disabled children from the surrounding villages a chance at education on the one hand and a possibility to get a surgery on the other hand. Thanks to a successful surgery, the children will get the chance for a job and social integration.</p>	<p><b>Remscheid</b></p> <p>Das Project has been developed by <b>Amar Singh</b>, Delhi, Advisory Board member of the affiliate Remscheid. He is the representative and contact for the social and educational projects of the society.</p> <p><b>The board of the centre are:</b> <b>Mr. Satish Yadav</b>, Headmaster of the Vikash Higher Secondary School, 2nd from left. <b>Mr. Gauri Shankar</b>, next to Mr. Satish <b>Mr. Amar Singh</b>, 2nd from right. <b>Mr. Suresh Yadav</b>, not at the picture</p> <p><b>Patroness of the Centre:</b> <b>Mrs. Helma Ritscher</b>, Chairman of the Indo-German Society Remscheid.</p> 	<p>Dt.-Indische Gesellschaft Remscheid Helma Ritscher Voßnackstr. 16, 42857 Remscheid Tel. 02191-70732 Fax. 02191-78 08 89</p> <p><a href="mailto:h.ritscher@gmx.de">h.ritscher@gmx.de</a></p>  <p>Annual ceremony in the Vikash Higher Secondary School Shahbad, in front of the “<b>Indo -German partnership's emblem</b>”, and with some disabled pupils.</p>   <p>Meeting with the Health Minister of Rajasthan, Mr. Aimaduddin Ahmad Khan on his election tour (left).</p> <p>Rani (right) visited school, but thanks to the operation, she has a real chance - now she can found a family. In May 2011 she will have her last operation.</p>