

~ Education for Life ~ In Gurgaon, India Schools

Dear Friends,

In July, 2019, at Ananda Village, Nitai, Aryavan and Kabir were invited to have lunch with Pia Singh, who is the Chairperson of the DLF Foundation, one of the most successful development corporations in India. Pia shared with us that a strong inspiration had recently come to her — to have the DLF Foundation sponsor Education for Life in Delhi, in order to bring EFL principles and practices into typical Indian schools. To start with, we were “assigned” to help transform a K-12 school in Gurgaon, called *Summer Fields School* (with 1,400 students!), into a top-quality Education for Life school.

Accepting Pia’s invitation, my wife Bhajana and I returned to living in Gurgaon (for the third time in fifteen years), Aryavan had already planned to move to serve in the Ananda Center in Delhi, which was convenient, and Nitai found that he too would be able to come to Gurgaon several times each year to participate as fully as possible in this amazing EFL project.



Now, three months into the project, so much has already been accomplished, and we have established both short-term and long-term objectives for EFL in Delhi/Gurgaon. In brief, we are now fully integrated into Summer Fields School and have been working with students and teachers in a variety of creative and enjoyable ways. As we move forward, we will be developing a full Education for Life curriculum, specifically designed for integration into the standard Indian curriculum. In addition, we have initiated a comprehensive EFL Teacher Training Program for some of the teachers of Summer Fields School, a program that will last the entire academic year, and perhaps beyond. Pia has also requested that, if all goes well, we work toward integrating EFL into dozens of schools throughout India.

There is yet another special project that I would like to share about. DLF Foundation and EFL have together assessed and interviewed dozens of children from very poor families living in the rural villages of the Delhi area. Out of this group, 48 amazing, “bright-eyed” children were selected to receive a full DLF Foundation scholarship to attend Summer Fields School, where each child will receive special EFL training and support, along with advanced academics. In fact, it was found that some of these children from the rural villages have extremely high IQ’s — a couple even above that of Albert Einstein! It is going to be a true joy to work with these special souls, with thanks to the DFL Foundation and Pia Singh.

With regards to the further development of the EFL curriculum, we will be making full use of the How-to-Live Curriculum that Paramhansa Yogananda outlined in his article, [The Balanced Life](#). Therefore, we would like to involve the input of all EFL teachers, parents and interested people worldwide. If you would like to participate in this project, please send a note to kabirmac Dow@gmail.com. We whole-heartedly welcome you to become a part of this fine EFL team!

With best regards, Kabir