

### ***KMRF Sports Meet-2107--18 on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2017***

The annual event of KMRF-Sports Meet – 2017 was held at the campus of Sreenidhi in collaboration with SNSA & SIS, students' volunteers on the 25<sup>th</sup>, November, 2017.

It was a truly gratifying day to witness the cheers and happiness in village school children who actively took part in all the events that had been organized.

#### ***Experience of the event narrated by CAS students of IBDP—Sreenidhi.***



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On 25th November, 2017, the IBDP students of Sreenidhi International School, had the opportunity to see four months of collaborative work come to fruition, as it was finally Sports Day, for the local village government school students. KMRF –adopted – Aziznagar Govt Primary & High school students from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade and around 105 students participated in this Sports Meet. It was conducted on the Sreenidhi campus organised by the SNSA-dept.

These are the students who regularly visit Sreenidhi school campus for Saturday activities—that include Sports & Games, English Language instructions and Art & Craft sessions. During their games session all of them are being divided into groups and taken care by the Sreenidhi sports department and us in conducting games and practice for track and field events that they will be taking part on the KMRF-Sports Meet.

Over the past two months we had worked with the SNIS staff to prepare these young children for this event. Every other Saturday, the DP students instructed these children certain sports skills in track and field events. We wanted the children to have the opportunity to grow holistically, so we sought to give them an opportunity to build on their athletic prowess. The activities were how to sprint, long jump and long distance running. The children loved the events, so it was worth all the hard work of preparation.

Another interesting event that took place was the Sreenidhi Block Party. We used the funds that we raised from this event to purchase athletic shoes, for each and every student. This idea came up due to the fact we noticed, while practicing the events, that most of the kids either

worn torn shoes, flip flops or barefoot. It did not take long to think of the perfect gift of PUMA athletic shoes and sports uniform, before the Sports Day began. It was so well planned by KMRF staff that each pair was labeled with the child's name and respective size. After receiving the shoes the children were over the moon with excitement, as they opened the shoe boxes and tried on their shoes, for the first time.

Participation in organizing Sports Day for the children has become another CAS experience for some of the 11 and 12 IBDP students, who have volunteered that day to assist the sports department, in conducting the sports events. Athletics was our main focus as it provides an opportunity for everyone to participate in the events, without any specialized skills needed.

There were 100, 200 and 400 meter races plus long jump events. The Sreenidhi student volunteers helped the coaches in a few chores: assembling the students, dividing the children into groups according to events, recording the timings, measuring the distance of their jumps, constant supervision, escorting them to restrooms etc... After all the events, the victorious children were presented with medals, followed by a delicious lunch for everyone.

Throughout the event not only were we able to make a difference as well as give back to the community, but we were able to see the joy on the children's faces. This was a terrific learning experience for us: team collaboration, patience, leadership skills, commitment, acts of selflessness. But the frosting on the cake was the smiling thankful students. That made every effort worth it.

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