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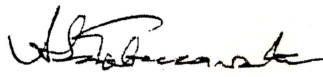
From the Chairmans desk..

It's that time of the year - for reflections and reviews, assessments and achievements. And as we enter 2007 Impact India Foundation looks back at the year which had in store seasons of pleasant surprises.

Our good friend Imtiaz Dharker who recently tied the knot with Simon Powell, generously requested her guests to make cheques payable to Impact India Foundation, favouring the Lifeline Express (LLE) Project. And we are thankful to each and every individual for the thoughtful donation. The cheques have come pouring in!

The SYNO (Stick Your Neck Out) approach seems to have worked favourably and well wishers continue to reach out to us.

And we at Impact take this opportunity to extend our warmest greetings and thanks to the medical personnel, donors, Government and other well wishers for all the support during these past years.


-A.H. Tobaccowala



Seen from top:

1. Melissa in a target village
2. Melissa visiting Impact office at Talasari, accompanied by Zelma Lazarus, and the staff
3. Melissa inside the Diagnostic Bus

Wellness from the Wells !

When Melissa and Al Wells visited the Lifeline Express (LLE) in Sagar, Madhya Pradesh, on 10th November 2006 it was an emotional experience. Melissa Wells was the first Director of Impact, former United States Ambassador, former United Nations Under Secretary General and at present Impact's World Ambassador.

Though widely travelled, her visits to India never fail to impress her, especially the Lifeline Express. She spent the entire day intently observing the surgeries as well as interacting with the doctors and the medical staff. Thereafter she spent time with the District Collector, absorbing all aspects of how the project is managed and attended a community programme of festivities.

She was overwhelmed by the clockwork precision manner in which the LLE functions with skilled professionals in villages with barely "non-existent medical facilities".

Melissa said in her report: "I was so impressed by the community mobilization that the District Collector had organised. I think a case study of the Sagar project and the community mobilization in support of it should be made part of the course work in social responsibility at the academy in Mussoorie where all IAS officers study before taking up their duties."

Thank you Melissa, we appreciate your kind words.



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A Born Volunteer:

The LLE is understandably known as the Magic Train by those it heals and cures in rural India. But many volunteers too have claimed to have experienced the “magical effect” the LLE has had on them. One among them is Claudine Rimattei from France, who wrote::

“When I decided out of sheer interest and curiosity to go and visit LLE in Jagdalpur, I did not know that what I would discover there would far exceed my wildest expectations!

I spent 4 days sharing the daily routine of the whole team onboard the LLE and what struck me most was the perfect organisation of this little community. Despite the somewhat harsh conditions, everything seemed to be running ever so smoothly under the skilled and benevolent leadership of Col.Ranbir Vishwen Singh. How could I not mention the Key players of the team: the cook! He deserves all the more credit since he had to cook meals for more than 20 people in such a minute kitchen!

Last, but not the least: the medical team. “I am at a loss for words to express the generosity, the dedication and charisma of the surgeons, nurses, anaesthetists and all the medical workers.”

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“Not only are they excellent medical professionals performing technical feats, but they are so caring and compassionate for thier little patients and their families. In this troubled times, it is heartening to meet people giving away time and skills for no other reward than the smile of a child able at long last to walk and play as any other child...”

I have enjoyed every minute of my stay in LLE and learned more in four days than in a whole lifetime!”

Ian Monaghan's Indian date



The Mobile Operating Theatre



Once parked, from either sides the unit extends by 2 feet

Ian Monaghan is a Director of Business Development for Vanguard Healthcare Solutions Ltd based in UK, which “builds” one of the world’s best surgical hospitals on wheels.

When Ian visited India with his wife Kate, and made a presentation to Impact, the reaction was quite contrary... For a change, Impact was left speechless by the technical ingenuity of the mobile hospital.

The pictures alongside reveal the seemingly unassuming bus. Impact dreams of a donation of such a bus to complement its diagnostic bus already in operation.



Once parked, the Unit is detachable and completely independent

Our heartfelt thanks to..

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