



About Literacy India

Literacy India commenced its journey in the year 1996, with the objective of empowering underprivileged children and women by making them self reliant. It has set three 'E's as its goal - **Education, Empowerment and Employment.**

Keeping in view the rising population and un-employment, the root cause of which is illiteracy, ignorance and poverty, Literacy India has taken on the task of creating awareness on the importance of education for both under privileged children and youth.

- To identify young girls and children from under privileged backgrounds and help build their confidence and awareness
- To support children in active schooling to provide minimum level of learning.
- To use role models to inspire the youth to take up issues concerning their communities.
- To provide women and children with vocational skills.
- To empower women economically from rural & slum areas.
- To nurture, mentor and assist children to become human resource assets in the community and to restore dignity amongst the underprivileged.



Literacy India endeavors to meet these objectives through imparting basic education and through exposing its students to a variety of vocational skills in performing arts, computer animation, etc. Organization believes in innovative pedagogy in order to retain the children within the purview of education.

Literacy India today has reached out to around 17,000 beneficiaries through its various projects Jagrukta (Awakening), Vidyapeeth (Non- formal School program), Pathshala (Bridge course, School mainstreaming and Supplementary Tuition program) , Gurukul (Child Sponsorship program), Karigari (Vocational Training), Shiksharth (Creative development), Arogya (basic health care along with awareness) and Indha- creating Livelihood programs for Women.

By putting waste paper into recycling bin and not trash, we help create a valuable resource that can be used over and over in new products.

Recycling starts with people in their homes, schools and businesses by collecting used paper. After the waste paper is collected it is transferred to a collection bin and further to the recycling unit. Here, the paper is sorted by grades and contaminants - such as glass, metals and plastic - are removed. Once sorted, the paper fibers are shredded and mixed with water to make a pulp.

Objective:

- Conserve resources by inculcating the concept of recycling at an appropriate scale
- To convert the waste paper in generation of useful products e.g. Office stationery, Certificates, Pen stands, Carry bags, Visiting Cards, Invitation Cards, etc.
- Promote usage of recycled paper in the offices
- Create employment opportunities for village poor women, men and artisans

Products made from Recycled Paper :

Visiting Cards, Certificates, Pen Stands, Carry Bags, Invitation/Greeting Cards, Envelopes, Photo Frames, Note pads, Gift Boxes, File covers, Packaging boxes, Calendars, Diaries, Masks made of Paper mache...to name a few.

LI's PAPER UNIT – PROCESS BRIEF



The Beater which performs the first leg, where water, shredded paper and cloth strips are beaten into pulp. ↓



Sheet is then pressed to squeeze out the water ↑



The pulp is then spread onto the frame →



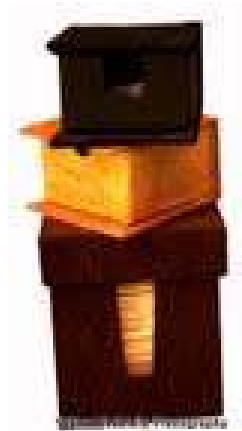
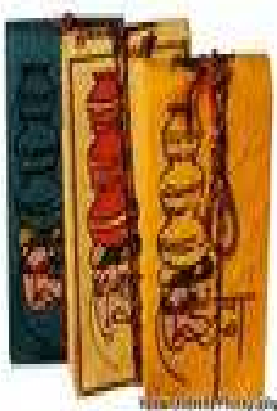
The pulp is taken out in the form of a sheet

OUR PAPER PLANT





Products made from LI's Recycled Paper Unit



Recycle Paper unit at Literacy India :

The recycling unit was set up in 2009 with the help of TARA (Technology and Action for Rural Advancement). Before the setting up of the unit, a training workshop for two weeks was conducted by a Senior Paper Technologists and a Product Trainer for a batch of 12 women from the village Bajghera. Out of these 6 women are today employed at the unit. Besides these at present youth from villages boys and girls were also taking training as a part of their vocational training. The production in the unit was started exactly a month after the setting up and training of the women. Initially the paper manufactured was thick but with continuous trainings there is a marked change and the paper is of really thin component.

Production of recycled paper has significant environmental advantages over virgin/ fresh paper production. It has less impact on forest resources, less air pollution, less water pollution, less energy and water consumption and less solid waste. In addition for being a flagship program in employment generation, paper recycling unit of Literacy India is a humble contribution towards the cause of a greener environment. Recycled paper being produced by Literacy India is somewhat different from the handmade paper in as much as all the ingredients in recycled paper are already used and discarded materials. Also, recycled paper is a little coarser and uses machines as against mostly manual operations in the case of handmade paper. sold at 5 outlets in Delhi and 1 store in Bombay.

Experiences of Recycle Paper Unit:

The experiences are not easy going. The women who took training for preparing sheets are not always ready to work as they sometimes they really think the waste paper or cloth as waste.

- Very often the women are not ready to touch the reuse things as they have a feeling of dirty
- Absenteeism among women are visible as still they are facing domestic violence.
- BEST PART

They have livelihood for themselves to depend – in summers Paper Unit is the coolest place for them to be around.

They feel proud of the end product

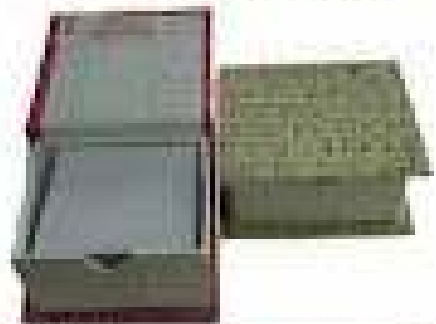
They are getting to understand their help to save the nature .

Various Workshops have helped them to love what they do.

Go green or go home Reduce, reuse, recycle! Use Indha green Products

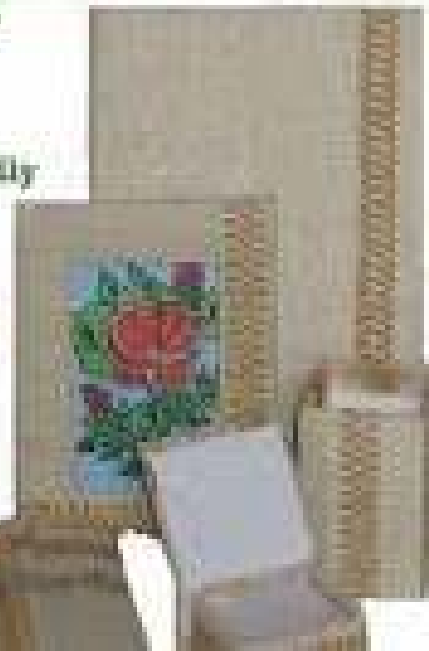


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Dear Friends,

Greetings from Literacy India!

We at LI are running project Indha wherein the focus is on empowering women through vocational training and traditional crafts and creating opportunities for income generation. Under the project we have recently launched a paper bag making unit and an eco friendly paper recycling unit. We believe that your organization engages in buying newspapers etc. on a daily basis. We would be grateful if you can consider donating the used newspaper stock to us.

This can help us in making newspaper bags that would enable us engaged local rural women folk to supplement their income. The newspaper stock can be collected by us from your premises on regular basis as advised by you from time to time.

You may contact the following for pick up / delivery of the material

Team of Literacy india



For more details on recycled products visit our blog www.literacyindiaindha.blogspot.com or visit us at www.literacyindia.org

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Green India, Clean India

Preserving natural resources is our utmost priority and with this project we aim to safeguard them and save the planet via our environmental actions.

***Aligned with Literacy India's
WASTE PAPER & COTTON
RECYCLING PROJECT***

