

# NAV JEEVAN SANTHA



ज्योती की ओर  
From Darkness to Light

## Greetings from NJS

As we continue to work with underprivileged children in our community, we strive to keep the importance of education at the forefront of our mission. With a new school year underway, we are continuing our base programs, but there are also several new things happening at NJS that we are very excited to share with you!



### New Website

For further updates on what's happening at NJS, visit our new website.

[www.navjeevansansta.org.in](http://www.navjeevansansta.org.in)



## The 2010-11' School Year Gets Underway

For the past 6 years, NJS has been bringing slum children out of the slum environment and into the NJS campus environment. As a new school year begins, like every year, we have grown! This year, we have 110 children living in the school dormitory and another 110 that are picked up daily from their homes and brought to the school by our bus.

This school year we have added an additional grade and now provide studies for our students through the 9<sup>th</sup> standard. We have also started English medium classes for standard 2-9. All of these classes are taught in English. The children all came back after summer holiday excited for a new year of studies.

## Volunteers at NJS



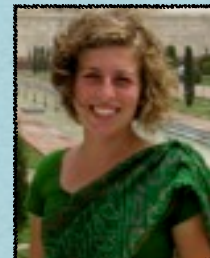
**JANET DEVINE**

For 27 years Janet taught second language children in L.os Angeles. She provided insight on how to creatively and effectively teach our students a second language, and was here for the month of July and plans to return in the future.



**KENDRA GRITCH & WHITNEY LEWIS**

These two graduate students from the University of Washington's School of Social Work were at NJS for two weeks. Their focus is on women's empowerment and social justice. They continue to support NJS by creating a volunteer application and manual.



**MEGHAN SCHOLL**

A recent graduate from Hope College in Michigan, Meghan has been volunteering at NJS for four months and will stay on for one year. She is working on project development for the long term success of NJS.

**STUDENT OF THE MONTH**



**Name:** Shweta Dongre

**Age:** 12

**Standard:** 7th

**Favorite Subject:**  
Mathematics

**Favorite Food:**  
Mango

**My favorite past time is:**  
Playing Hide and Seek with my friends

**When I Grow Up:**  
I want to be a math teacher

**What I like most about NJS:**  
I like coming to school everyday and learning. I also like the art projects we get to do because being creative is fun. The food is also very tasty.



A painting made by Shweta. She is a very artistic girl.

# New Projects at NJS



MAD volunteer working on English skills with three of our students

## Stay Tuned! New programs and projects at NJS

As we grow, we are continuously looking forward and implementing projects to better the education of our students as well as improve our community. Currently, there are three new projects in the works at NJS:

### Science Lab

Currently our school does not have a functioning science lab. We are planning on building a lab for chemistry, biology, and physics lab work. This is a long-term investment that will only improve the academics at NJS.

### Renewable Energy Initiative

As climate change becomes a global issue, NJS is researching renewable energy options. Not only do we hope to positively impact the environment, but also believe that investing in different forms of alternative energy will allow us to use our resources and funds more efficiently. By investing in long-term energy solutions, we will not have the annual expenses of replacing nonrenewable energy items like fluorescent lights.

### Make A Difference – Nagpur

NJS has partnered with a student run and organized group called Make A Difference (MAD). MAD is a College volunteer network that teaches English to underprivileged children in their community. This partnership, not only allows our students to work on their English skills, but also provides good role models at NJS on a weekly basis.

## UP COMING EVENTS

Educational  
Exhibition

October  
10-20

Fete Day/  
Children's Day  
November

14th

Christmas  
Program  
December

21st