1. It is indeed a very happy occasion today when we have gathered here to celebrate the 6th foundation day of Virjanand Akash Computer Kendra. With a deep sense of inner pleasure and satisfaction we rejoice in the success of the initiative taken six years back, though my heart aches in the memory of our beloved son Akash. However when I see his name and ideals being kept alive and growing through such deeds, I find some solace and strength and I thank God Almighty for the same.

2. The centre has grown rapidly in the last Six years and we can say with Pride that it is well equipped now with 25 Desktops, Two laptops, two printers, an Online UPS, coolers and inverters, beside all other peripherals and furnishings. The aim of starting the Computer Kendra was to facilitate imparting basic computer knowledge to children, senior citizens and housewives to enable them to meet the challenges of today’s fast changing and highly technology savvy world and bring them at par with others who have the privilege of these facilities. From five students in the first batch we feel elated to see the healthy growing response due to which we have been able to train about 2700 children, 180 senior citizens and housewives and make them computer literates, training them in Basic Computer, HTML, Photoshop and Tally also. We feel honoured that we have been able to provide Computer training to many of our senior citizens who are above 70 yrs of age including the senior most Mr. Rao, 88, Mr. Devendra Behari Mathur, 81 yrs and Mr. Vijay Prakash Tyagi, 77 yrs, which proves that there is no age limit to learning.

3. In the year gone by we have been able to take rapid strides towards expanding the scope and level of training and quantum of students as well as providing better facilities for a conducive learning environment. We were able to induct 7 computers including a laptop, 1 cooler and 1 printer during the year due to magnanimity of people like you who contributed generously towards the noble cause of this Kendra.
4. Along with good things in life one has to come across hurdles also at times. Another step taken by Akash Memorial Charitable Trust, of starting a second Computer centre in the year 2011 was brought to a halt by the changed Management committee of JVCC and unfortunately we were forced to shut down the centre last winters due to the vested interest of some people in the new committee. Though it came as a setback but it has not dampened our zeal of moving on our path and do constructive things in life and keep our Akash's name alive.

5. One more milestone achieved in the year gone by was to continue with our understanding with the Rotary club Noida and Cyber learning through which we have been able to have our children undergo Microsoft certification. You will be amazed that many of our students passed the exam with flying colours attaining cent percent marks. We are in the process of renewing the tie up for this year also.

6. Having said this, I do not want to miss out on another important aspect of the Trust. The contribution of our very dedicated and learned instructors. Presently two very bright instructors are imparting computer education to the students. They are Ms Nidhi Singh and Miss Lakshmi Singh. I take pride in telling you that Nidhi is an ex student of this kendra only and she has been contributing to the kendra whole heartedly. Many other ex students are also doing well in their chosen fields in various organizations and about 40 of them have been hired by various organizations.

7. In this journey of six years we have been fortunate to have been given immense support by many of our friends, well wishers and relatives. It would be inadequate by any yardstick to thank them for their continuous support, so I just wish to thank all of them from the core of my heart as without their contribution and guidance we would not have grown to the level we have reached. I would however like to show our gratitude to Arya Samaj, Arun Vihar, NOIDA who have provided not only material assistance to us but also given a lot of moral support, every now and then, to enable us overcome various obstacles in the path and operate the Kendra in a smooth manner.

8. I strongly feel that our Akash, where ever he is must be keeping his spiritual eye on his trust. and must be, to great extent, satisfied with our efforts and the progress so far and will keep guiding us in future too.

9. In near future, the most urgent need is to provide ACs in the kendra as computers generate a lot of heat and our kendra is on the top floor, making it nearly impossible to breathe comfortably there in such hot summers. I humbly urge all of you to extend your hands and hold the trust's hands to look after the society in a better way.

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10. The sole motto and endeavor of the trust is to give back to the society what we have taken from it all our life. And we promise today that we will never step back.

11. Finally, I would like to thank each one of you for sparing your valuable time to join us today. Thank you.

(Archana Saxena)
Secretary