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EVENT DOCUMENT

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Event Title		Old Clothes distribution to kids	
Venue		Pragati Balwadi, Golibarg, Santacruz	Conducted On 12 th Dec 2007
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Related Project		Mumbai Old Clothes Project	
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-Detail description of the event with Inference-

Clothing is a fundamental need of man. In this respect, the gap between the haves and have-nots can be bridged by optimal resource utilization where the good quality processed old clothes of the privileged meet the clothes need of the poor. With this background thought in mind, couple of months back there was an old clothes collection drive in initiated by PeFSSSED on individual effort and in a corporate office of Geometric Mumbai.



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Quite expectedly, the contribution by people was encouraging. A large portion of the clothes were of kids. These clothes were utilized in PeFSSSED run balwadis in Santacruz. On the day of events handful of geometicians went to balwadi and conducted a counting cum color-identification session and distributed the packed clothes to all the kids present for the session.

We have only utilized the clothes for kids. Majority of the clothes of larger size are processed and kept at one of PeFSSSED's workstations (at Dharavi). These clothes are sold in minimal price (like a good quality Lee Cooper pant sold at 10-15 Rs). Some of the readers of this report may not appreciate the idea of sell of clothes, but it is done so precisely for the following reasons -

- a). The principle of economics i.e. "there is no free lunch" is very much applicable to social service where nothing should be absolutely free. If things are given free, people would not 'value' the things they get. Be it a low price of five rupees; but by asking the buyers to pay that, we ensure some sweat of beneficiary go in the process of obtaining the clothes. Also with a price, one can distinguish between aspirants who are serious and who are non-serious.
- b). With some monetary return the project can be made self sustainable (expenditures are incurred in collection, transportation and processing (ironing/resizing)).

But the above does not prevent us to give clothes free to kids, the destitute and the victims of calamities. We reserve some clothes for such purposes.