

FFI team meeting, Nov 4 2006

Chat transcript

(00:01:56) **Durga:** I see 4 ppl in the room
(00:02:00) **Durga:** right?
(00:02:19) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** Yep.4 so far.
(00:02:23) **Jitendra:** ya
(00:02:27) **Durga:** ok
(00:02:36) **Durga:** so lemme introduce
(00:02:40) **Sanjeev:** sure
(00:02:43) **Durga:** Dr Kirk Wilson is advising the project
(00:02:47) **Durga:** and is also mentoring one
(00:03:07) **Durga:** Mr Sanjeev Sethi = Sanjeev
(00:03:14) **Durga:** Jitendra Mohan = Jitendra
(00:03:24) **Durga:** are both professionals workign with the project
(00:03:37) **Durga:** Jitendra is a lead member and is spendign a ot of time on the project
(00:03:47) **Durga:** Ashutosh is a student at Idnian School of Mines
(00:04:01) **Durga:** he's working with kickstarting the project
(00:04:14) **Durga:** :)
(00:04:39) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** And your goal for this meeting now?
(00:05:27) **Durga:** 1. get a quick update on ashutosh on whats happened on the ground
(00:05:38) **Durga:** 2. what everyone think s about the projects listed
(00:05:48) **Durga:** 3. what should we be focussing on
(00:06:03) **Durga:** pls also invite Prateek
(00:06:38) **Jitendra:** ok
(00:06:48) **Durga:** Prateek is also a student
(00:06:59) **Sanjeev:** ok
(00:06:59) **Durga:** he currently runs an effort on blood donation
(00:07:02) **Durga:** at ISM
(00:07:10) **Durga:** he maintains a record of recent blood doations
(00:07:18) **Durga:** and whenever there is an immediate request
(00:07:27) **Durga:** he coordinates for emergency blood doantion
(00:07:34) **Durga:** he's started this on his own initiative
(00:07:40) **Durga:** and this is a proposed FFI project
(00:08:09) **Jitendra:** we need to shortlist 3-5 projects out of 10(?) that we have now..
(00:09:08) **Sanjeev:** Yes..infact I think we should shotlist project based on number of ground people we have..
(00:09:20) **Sanjeev:** and proportionately choose number of projects..
(00:09:36) **Durga:** Dr Pankaj Sarin is a mentor for the project
(00:10:36) **Durga:** lemme get the students in
(00:10:47) **Durga:** feel free to introduce yourselves meanwhile
(00:11:29) **Durga:** mohit is in
(00:11:31) **Jitendra:** i have invited kataria thrice..looks like he isnt getting the invite
(00:13:03) **Durga:** ok guys let me give areally quick update
(00:13:05) **Durga:** of where we are
(00:13:08) **Sanjeev:** not getting Prateek
(00:13:22) **Durga:** and then lets jump on the discussion items one by one
(00:13:26) **Durga:** sure
(00:13:34) **Durga:** howabout everyoe introduced themselves

(00:13:36) **Mohit**: means jst a name intro..

(00:13:38) **Durga**: that way it faser

(00:13:45) **Durga**: I am DP

(00:13:47) **Durga**: :)

(00:13:58) **Sanjeev**: Sanjeev (Sethi), '95 ISM MM, Minneapolis..

(00:14:01) **Mohit**: k myself mohit ranjan

(00:14:11) **Jitendra**: hi all.. this is jitendra mohan, a petroleum engineer working for chevron (2003 batch passout from ISM)

(00:14:28) **Mohit**: 3rd yr, ISM dhanbad

(00:14:31) **Durga**: DP Pandey, electronics engineer student at MIT

(00:14:47) **Jitendra**: we might have to copy paste this once others come in

(00:14:48) **Pankaj**: pankaj sarin, anesthesiologist, medical informatics fellow at MIT

(00:14:49) **Jitendra**: :)

(00:14:53) **Durga**: ya

(00:15:48) **Durga**: 1. we have a website, a wiki and a blog used for project listing

(00:15:50) **Mohit**: k

(00:16:16) **Durga**: 2. we have a couple of people supporting the project who are tentatively called "friends of FFI" on the FFI website

(00:16:46) **Sanjeev**: ok

(00:16:49) **Durga**: 3. Dr Kirk Wilson's NGO works partners network of which he is the CEO has committed 2000\$ in 200\$ installments

(00:16:58) **Durga**: excuse my typos pls

(00:17:23) **Durga**: 4. We have a list of 10 projects and we are probably going to shortlist it down to 2-5 projects

(00:17:32) **Sanjeev**: yes

(00:17:47) **Durga**: 5. Priyank Nandan has prepared a timeline for how we should proceed that I emailed earlier tonight

(00:17:59) **Durga**: 6. ISM has exams from Nov 24-29

(00:18:21) **Mohit**: no sir frm 20-25

(00:18:22) **Durga**: we are going to spend this whole coming week debating on projects and asking more details and working with the proposers

(00:18:28) **Durga**: and decide on projects by next weekend

(00:18:30) **Durga**: ok

(00:18:34) **Durga**: thanks for correcting me

(00:18:56) **Jitendra**: i think we should all go through the projects listed and think over it...and put forth your questions/comments

(00:19:09) **Durga**: yes

(00:19:17) **Sanjeev**: yes

(00:19:21) **Durga**: has everyone seen the projects list?

(00:19:23) **Jitendra**: i have already done that for some projects..

(00:19:35) **Mohit**: yes sir..

(00:19:42) **Sanjeev**: I have read them but not from solutioning standpoint, so I have to read from that perspective.

(00:19:42) **Durga**: apart from Jitendra's I haven't seen any comments there yet, i assume people are working on it

(00:20:03) **Dr Kirk Wilson**: I have looked at all the projects on the blog site.

(00:20:12) **Durga**: so our immediate aim is to finalise projects by next weekend

(00:20:15) **Durga**: okay

(00:20:20) **Sanjeev**: I read that DP mentioned just saying a problem is not good enough, so solutioning is important

(00:20:28) **Jitendra**: all ideas are excellent...but there is a good scope for brainstorming on those...so its

good if we all analyse it well

(00:20:38) **Durga:** Dr Wilson whats your reaction to the project ideas?

(00:20:54) **Sanjeev:** Can we start brainstorming for some projects now?

(00:21:16) **Durga:** lets get reactions to the current ideas first

(00:21:33) **Durga:** otherwise the discussion might lose track

(00:21:47) **Mohit:** sure sir..

(00:21:51) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** I liked the campus clean up idea because it seemed to straightforward to implement and it would give us potentially a clearcut success to report on our first project. I am most interested in doing something where we can clearly demonstrate success and shared responsibility and easy ways for volunteers to participate.

(00:22:15) **Jitendra:** exactly

(00:22:18) **Durga:** yes

(00:22:25) **Durga:** most people i have talked to agree on that

(00:22:29) **Jitendra:** to begin with i always thought we should have something which is doable and not too overwhelming

(00:22:47) **Durga:** ok so campus cleanup is in

(00:22:51) **Sanjeev:** Great point Dr. Kirk Wilson

(00:22:59) **Durga:** what idea next?

(00:23:11) **Jitendra:** blood donation

(00:23:22) **Jitendra:** i think that too is relatively easy...

(00:23:29) **Sanjeev:** Food Insecurity problem, from the same perspective as the campus cleaning.

(00:23:32) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** If you know how many initial volunteers you have and how much time is required of them, you can assign parts of the campus to each team and they can in a sense compete against each other to get things cleaned up. A separate team would maintain a report card for each team area on how well it was maintained at levels 1-100 for cleanliness.

(00:23:35) **Durga:** looks like prateek is unable to join

(00:24:00) **Jitendra:** i invited him twice..he says he is unable

(00:24:03) **Sanjeev:** Can we scope this for food insecurity problem promotions in ISM and then Dhanbad?

(00:24:41) **Jitendra:** i ll reproduce my comments on the blog

(00:24:44) **Durga:** that sounds like a good idea

(00:25:09) **Durga:** so what would be the aim of the cleanliness project for the whole 6 months?

(00:25:09) **Jitendra:** - there should be a cleanliness awareness week or something like that, where a major campaign can be launched. The team can be divided into many groups, and each group going to different parts of the town and *actually* taking part in the cleaning sidewalks/garbage. We can have a motto for this campaign.. something like "keep your backyard clean" or something more innovative. Media coverage of this event can be very useful too. the following link might be useful.

<http://www.sfcleancity.com/cleanteam/index.html> - schools can be educated more about this (dps dhanbad/de nobili dhanba) and if needed, we can pull in those students to volunteer for the campaign too. - its easier in cities like Mumbai to rope in filmstars and get huge publicity. This option is ruled out in a place l

(00:25:34) **Jitendra:** This option is ruled out in a place like dhanbad. But definitely we can rope in local DM/MP/MLA for any awareness event/s.

(00:25:35) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** I like the blood donation project because it too has very simple metrics. To me the most important thing is we can tell a story of clearcut success and give other confidence that FFI can tackle increasingly challenging projects but always with a reporting mechanism that everyone understands.

(00:25:40) **Durga:** Dr Wilson was talking of teams cleaning *campus* Jitendra is talking of team cleaning *city*

(00:26:28) **Jitendra:** cleaning campus is the first step of course.. before we can move on to the city level

(00:26:56) **Durga:** Jitendra was also advioocaing that these efforts should get media publicity. what do people think

(00:26:58) **Durga:** ?

(00:27:01) **Sanjeev:** Yep..cleaning campus.

(00:27:03) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** I prefer we focus on a project on campus. If we can succeed there, then expand to a neighborhood. What do not want to do is promote a project in which we cannot be very successful.

(00:27:10) **Jitendra:** there are some projects where we need to have a recognition before we can proceed forward...we need to hold those projects for now..

(00:27:16) **Sanjeev:** I agree, once we have success with campus, we can promote this to city etc

(00:27:54) **Durga:** Pankaj what do you think about media publicity?

(00:28:03) **Durga:** Do you think it might distract people from the actual work?

(00:28:39) **Mohit:** depends on the leader

(00:28:41) **Durga:** in terms of com[plexity, the blood donation project is a very simple and strong project

(00:28:43) **Mohit:** hw he handles the whole thin

(00:28:44) **Jitendra:** i dont think so.. good work should always be publicised.. that also gives recognition to FFI

(00:28:47) **Mohit:** thing*

(00:28:47) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** We can show the representatives of a neighborhood around the campus and show them before and after pictures. We can tell them we will help in their neighborhood if they will demonstrate their neighbors will be our partners. We will promise to help if they will promise to help. We will report our successes and failures honestly.

(00:28:56) **Durga:** IndiMa for example is a pretty complex problem to address

(00:28:59) **Durga:** welcome!!:)

(00:29:03) **Jitendra:** Sanjeev: Sanjeev (Sethi), '95 ISM MM, Minneapolis.. Mohit: mohit ranjan, 3rd yr, ISM dhanbad Jitendra: jitendra mohan, a petroleum engineer working for chevron (2003 batch passout from ISM) dp: DP Pandey, electronics engineer student at MIT Pankaj: pankaj sarin, anesthesiologist, medical informatics fellow at MIT

(00:29:33) **Durga:** that makes sense

(00:29:34) **Sanjeev:** IndiMa is a big program and we should hold-on to that one for now..

(00:29:40) **Durga:** Prateek tell us a bit about your project

(00:29:46) **Jitendra:** exactly.. we can take up IndiMa once we have tasted success with relatively easy projects

(00:29:52) **Sanjeev:** What do you guys think about Food Insecurity / Cleanliness awareness?

(00:30:06) **Durga:** Food is a very key problem

(00:30:11) **Durga:** but whats our solution to it?

(00:30:13) **Durga:** ok

(00:30:15) **Prateek:** ok

(00:30:16) **Jitendra:** the project proposal on food insecurity needs a bit more brainstorming...

(00:30:17) **Sanjeev:** Awareness programs.

(00:30:21) **Prateek:** hello everl

(00:30:25) **Durga:** Prateek can you talka little bit about your project?

(00:30:25) **Jitendra:** i am not very sure about the proposed solutions..

(00:30:31) **Prateek:** sorry for the inconvenience

(00:30:33) **Sanjeev:** Lessons, promotions for hygeine knowledge and then to nutrition awareness

(00:30:36) **Jitendra:** prateek please introduce yourself to the team

(00:30:41) **Durga:** guys hold on

(00:30:47) **Durga:** lets give prateek a chance to talk :)

(00:30:53) **Durga:** he ha worked hard for it

(00:31:18) **Prateek:** sure sir

(00:31:32) **Durga:** tell us what you have been doing with jeevan rekha

(00:31:53) **Prateek:** well jeevan rekha was started to cater to the blood related needs of the dhanbad people

(00:32:08) **Prateek:** as there is no proper blood bank here

(00:32:21) **Sanjeev:** ok

(00:32:29) **Prateek:** lots of people keep coming @ ism in search of blood

(00:32:39) **Durga:** how many people come? can you give a number ?

(00:33:08) **Prateek:** last yr i thought, y not to make up a database of the students who r interested in blood donation

(00:33:24) **Prateek:** u can take the avg as one per day

(00:33:30) **Sanjeev:** not bad

(00:33:30) **Jitendra:** 300 per yr

(00:33:39) **Jitendra:** which is big enough

(00:33:48) **Durga:** pls invite **smarty_18_ashu**

(00:33:58) **Prateek:** skip the vacation time

(00:34:08) **Jitendra:** ok

(00:34:10) **Prateek:** most of them r regular patients

(00:34:11) **Durga:** okay

(00:34:11) **Sanjeev:** ok

(00:34:30) **Jitendra:** so is this database updated on a regular basis?

(00:34:33) **Sanjeev:** Do they come through some hospitals or they directly come to you guys?

(00:34:37) **Durga:** so prateek keeps a register with th name and contact details of student s that have volunteered to daonte blood. and the most recent date when they donated blood

(00:34:38) **Prateek:** like ...u know abt thalassemia??

(00:35:05) **Prateek:** not THRU the hospital

(00:35:08) **Sanjeev:** ok

(00:35:09) **Durga:** this is from the proposal:

(00:35:11) **Durga:** At the Central Hospital of Dhanbad alone there are around 12 patients (8 of them are kids aging below 12 years) who suffer from Thalassemia which means their body can't secrete blood and hence, they need 2 units of blood every month in order to survive.

(00:35:20) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** How would you define success in the Jeevan Rekha? It must be expressed in terms of how many patients need blood and how many get it during each month of the first year. I assume some patients are harder to serve because of special needs. If the project was a 100% success, how would you describe it? I understand the database of donors is important but I would prefer to have a sense of the need first and then talk about the solution.

(00:35:28) **Prateek:** but the hospital staff also knows that blood is available @ ISM

(00:35:35) **Prateek:** so.....

(00:36:06) **Sanjeev:** ok

(00:36:25) **Durga:** good point Dr Wilson.

(00:36:33) **Prateek:** like.....how can u really judge abt the genuiness of a case?

(00:36:44) **Durga:** Prateek of the prople who aproach what % are you able to help with blood?

(00:36:53) **Prateek:** i wont say that it was a 100% success

(00:37:19) **Jitendra:** no not the genuiness.. if 1000 people need blood..how many go back empty-handed

(00:37:21) **Prateek:** around 80 %

(00:37:31) **Durga:** ok

(00:37:41) **Durga:** thats impressive

(00:37:41) **Prateek:** blood is not provided wen soml approaches me at exam times

(00:37:46) **Durga:** okay

(00:37:55) **Jitendra:** so 80% of the people who approach you get blood from the donors.. right?

(00:37:55) **Sanjeev:** thats true

(00:38:16) **Prateek:** many a times we dont hv thatparticular available

(00:38:23) **Prateek:** yes sir

(00:38:28) **Jitendra:** ok

(00:38:31) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** My preference is to adopt projects for FFI so that one can demonstrate the project has been successful to a certain point and later it can be expanded. My hope is that any project that is adopted will have a high success rate within a specified period of time. We want FFI to be associated with promises to deliver and results that prove we deliver on what we promise.

(00:38:34) **Sanjeev:** hmm

(00:38:38) **Durga:** so when I was at ISM, there was no one like Prateek coordinating this. I am sure fewer people were able to get blood then, though people still did

(00:38:45) **Ashutosh entered the room.**

(00:38:53) **Prateek:** i would like to bring to your notice one thing

(00:38:57) **Durga:** yes?

(00:39:00) **Prateek:** yes they surely did

(00:39:02) **Ashutosh:** hello everybody

(00:39:23) **Sanjeev:** go ahead Prateek, you were bringing something to notice?

(00:39:25) **Prateek:** since 1st yr i hv seen ISMites going for blood donation

(00:39:31) **Prateek:** if one donates blood to red cross

(00:40:05) **Jitendra:** To encourage more donors, it might be advisable to educate people on the some of the myths associated with blood donation (it makes you physically weak being one of them).

(00:40:09) **Prateek:** that person gets a certificate 4m the red cross

(00:40:19) **Ashutosh:** hi sir....Ashutosh,3rd year,Electronics,ISM,Dhanbad

(00:40:41) **Durga:** thats right Prateek

(00:41:00) **Prateek:** which entitles him for receiving blood (equal to the amount he donated) if he is need for it within the next 1 yr or so

(00:41:05) **Durga:** okay

(00:41:08) **Durga:** I hadnt known that

(00:41:41) **Sanjeev:** ok..thats a kind of incentive from red cross...right?

(00:41:41) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** Does that include any of his family members. If I donate blood and my sister needs blood this year, could I ask for my blood donation to be credited for her?

(00:41:55) **Prateek:** the dissappointing thing is that one has to donate it in a camp

(00:41:59) **Ashutosh:** ok

(00:42:06) **Sanjeev:** k

(00:42:27) **Prateek:** m not sure abt that sir

(00:42:38) **Sanjeev:** ok

(00:42:45) **Jitendra:** we can find that out

(00:42:46) **Durga:** we could check that with the red cross next week

(00:42:57) **Prateek:** in that case the concept of blood donation only wen the need is will not last

(00:43:06) **Prateek:** thnx

(00:43:08) **Durga:** and we could tie up with the red cross so tht our blood donations get recognized

(00:43:31) **Prateek:** gr8

(00:43:42) **Durga:** I know someone at the United Nations who might be able to connect me with a good eprson at the reed cross

(00:43:43) **Prateek:** the point is that i dont want it to be a blood donation camp

(00:43:53) **Durga:** yes that makes sense

(00:43:59) **Sanjeev:** ok

(00:44:04) **Prateek:** in that case once all the blood goes to the blood bank

(00:44:04) **Jitendra:** ya

(00:44:15) **Jitendra:** tying up with a well-known face helps

(00:44:19) **Prateek:** it may be misused

(00:44:29) **Durga:** so there has ato be a way of making sure that when jeevan rekha gives a cerfcitae for blood donation, the red cross believes it is true

(00:44:30) **Ashutosh:** y

(00:44:31) **Prateek:** thats gr8 sir

(00:44:39) **Durga:** that it is a genuine donation
(00:44:43) **Sanjeev:** we need to be careful then because red cross might need that from storage standpoint..not sure..but my guess.
(00:44:52) **Sanjeev:** storage to hospital..
(00:45:12) **Jitendra:** well.. do we need to tie up with red-cross right away?
(00:45:18) **Durga:** ok Prateek I'll send out emails next week and find out about this
(00:45:20) **Pankaj:** would the red cross agree to such a thing? the certificate for redemption?
(00:45:27) **Sanjeev:** I am not too sure about that jha.
(00:45:30) **Durga:** 1. about getting our blood donations recognized by some methodology
(00:45:32) **Prateek:** its not very necessary
(00:45:41) **Durga:** 2. if a relative can benefit if i have doated blood
(00:45:46) **Sanjeev:** I agree with Dr. Sarin and moreover, I am not sure if our cause will be reflected appropriately
(00:45:50) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** How much blood of each type does Central Hospital of Dhanbad need each month or each year? I am trying to understand what is needed and how much of that need we can help fill. I think we could get a large number of students to participate if we could tell them that we need 90 more students or something very concrete. Right now, I don't understand the need.
(00:45:52) **Mohit:** sorry 4 tht..
(00:45:55) **Durga:** I would ask the red cross and see
(00:46:40) **Jitendra:** i think we should keep this tie-up with red cross as a next step .. first lets understand the *need*
(00:46:41) **Durga:** yes Dr Wilson has akey point
(00:46:42) **Sanjeev:** I think we should do some data acquisition
(00:46:54) **Durga:** we need to know what % of the need of central hospital we are fulfilling
(00:47:00) **Pankaj:** yes, is the need for thalassemia (where the patients are known ahead of time and probably relatively constant) or for trauma/surgery?
(00:47:09) **Sanjeev:** based on Dr. Wilson's suggestion and that is important because it will br critical to recognize - are we helping? and how far we are helping?
(00:47:15) **Durga:** because jeevan rekha could potentially be expanded to take donatiosn from non students in dhanbad
(00:47:31) **Jitendra:** can we get the data from central hospitall about how many pateints need blood annually?
(00:47:43) **Pankaj:** because if it's the first, then you will know the need month to month and it will be easier to get a certain # of people to donate
(00:47:50) **Prateek:** ok i'll try to enquire abt that
(00:47:51) **Sanjeev:** agreed..
(00:47:57) **Prateek:** but hopes r less
(00:47:57) **Jitendra:** good point
(00:48:07) **Prateek:** u know all these govt stuff na?
(00:48:11) **Durga:** yes
(00:48:16) **Durga:** its not so easy to get such data
(00:48:19) **Sanjeev:** so, thats an action item -- 'Getting data from the central hospital about average blood needs"
(00:48:31) **Sanjeev:** You should find some contacts there Prateek.
(00:48:34) **Durga:** Prateek I know a senior doctor in central hospital
(00:48:39) **Durga:** do you have contacts there?
(00:48:49) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** If we know the need, we can make the case for blood donation. If we do not know the need and the risks if the need is not filled, i.e., 10 children will die this month, then we cannot convince people to give blood. We all know that blood is always needed but donors want to know that their blood is needed to meet a specific need (I think).
(00:48:51) **Sanjeev:** I would recommend talk to Rajiv Tiwari '95 batch if you can't get, he should be able

to help you.

(00:49:03) **Prateek:** i dont hv any personal contacts there

(00:49:13) **Sanjeev:** his mobile 9431189602

(00:49:15) **Durga:** Sethi sir can you tal to Tiwari sir?

(00:49:21) **Prateek:** n those central hospital guys aren't much supportive either

(00:49:27) **Sanjeev:** take my name and ask for help...he will certainly connect you to the right person..

(00:49:57) **Durga:** well we have to find a way to get this data

(00:49:58) **Sanjeev:** don't worry, talk to Tiwari and 'ask' for help...take my name, in the mean time, I will call him and tell

(00:50:07) **Durga:** ok

(00:50:14) **Durga:** Prateek coordinate wth Mr Sethi

(00:50:15) **Prateek:** ok sir

(00:50:21) **Jitendra:** i dont think it should be that big a deal given that we are trying to help them with it

(00:50:23) **Durga:** his ID iis <mailto:Sanjeev@yahoo.com>

(00:50:29) **Sanjeev:** sure..

(00:50:36) **Durga:** jhajee havent u ahd any experince with govt hospitals

(00:50:51) **Durga:** staff dont want to do anything else than what they have to to get paid

(00:50:51) **Prateek:** ok sir

(00:51:09) **Durga:** Prateek I also knew a doctor there

(00:51:16) **Jitendra:** no i mean..if we have a contact (in this case tiwari sir)..it should be relatively smooth

(00:51:17) **Jitendra:** :)

(00:51:24) **Durga:** i am not so sure

(00:51:30) **Durga:** it isnt so easy on the ground

(00:51:37) **Durga:** but we need to start trying

(00:51:51) **Durga:** and work with all the resources we can get

(00:52:01) **Durga:** Tiwari sir is a good contact to start with

(00:52:04) **Jitendra:** how about we approach through the ISM doctor?

(00:52:04) **Prateek:** a contact will surely help quite a lot

(00:52:08) **Jitendra:** i dont have much hope there either

(00:52:09) **Durga:** ya

(00:52:10) **Jitendra:** but we can try

(00:52:19) **Durga:** Prateek I will make sure you get good contacts

(00:52:21) **Sanjeev:** Don't worry, central hospital contact in Dhanbad will be done soon.

(00:52:27) **Durga:** good

(00:52:39) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** If we know the need, we can prepare to collect some number of units of blood of each type and get a commitment from the hospital IN WRITING to use and store the blood. Then we can start organizing to meet the blood quota. We can get the parents of the neediest children to help deliver it to the hospital and make sure it is handled properly.

(00:52:58) **Sanjeev entered the room.**

(00:53:06) **Durga:) Dr Kirk Wilson:** If we know the need, we can prepare to collect some number of units of blood of each type and get a commitment from the hospital IN WRITING to use and store the blood. Then we can start organizing to meet the blood quota. We can get the parents of the neediest children to help deliver it to the hospital and make sure it is handled properly.

(00:53:08) **Durga:** yes

(00:53:19) **Prateek:** like if the blood goes in storage

(00:53:24) **Prateek:** they may sell it

(00:53:27) **Durga:** ok

(00:53:30) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** Yikes.

(00:53:33) **Prateek:** thats wut i m worried abt

(00:53:39) **Durga:** so prateek you want to make sure blood only gets donated on a need bais?

(00:53:45) **Sanjeev:** I agree with Prateek

(00:53:50) **Jitendra:** i am still trying to understand...how does this work... when do the pateints approach you? as a last resort? or in advance?

(00:53:56) **Jitendra:** well in advance i mean

(00:53:57) **Durga:** when they need blood

(00:54:00) **Durga:** right then

(00:54:04) **Jitendra:** ok

(00:54:05) **Sanjeev:** we should not let 'anyone' use this for the purpose of making money...even if that is storage cost

(00:54:08) **Durga:** most fo these blood requirement is in emergencies

(00:54:20) **Durga:** am i right prateek?

(00:54:28) **Prateek:** wenever comes to me wid a request

(00:54:46) **Prateek:** i first ask abt the blood grps of the family members

(00:54:52) **Durga:** ok

(00:54:59) **Jitendra:** all 80% fulfillment you mentioned a while back was regarding emergency requirements..right?

(00:55:04) **Durga:** do they usually come for emergency cases?

(00:55:08) **Prateek:** obviously i cant be sure whether they r telling a lie

(00:55:13) **Prateek:** but still.....

(00:55:17) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** Ah. So that means that the project will react quickly to need. Mobile phones start ringing and students and others show up to give blood. That sounds very nice. I can imagine a wonderful newspaper article about FFI saving lives in emergency situations every day.

(00:55:22) **Durga:** ya

(00:55:23) **Prateek:** for emergency....yes

(00:55:30) **Durga:** okay sounds good

(00:55:33) **Prateek:** but most of them r regulars

(00:55:38) **Durga:** ok

(00:55:44) **Durga:** what % of them are regulars?

(00:55:48) **Durga:** any idea?

(00:55:51) **Prateek:** one thing i had in my mind

(00:55:59) **Durga:** can you later on look his up in your register?

(00:56:02) **Prateek:** around 60

(00:56:03) **Durga:** yes?

(00:56:04) **Pankaj:** a couple of things: i'm not sure it matters if the hospital "sells" the blood donated, as long as there is blood available for the receiptent - i.e. 1 unit blood from ISMers will result in 1 unit blood for receiptent

(00:56:05) **Sanjeev:** ok

(00:56:05) **Durga:** ok

(00:56:12) **Jitendra:** is there any scope for people with business needs trying to make use of this situation? and selling the blood?

(00:56:20) **Durga:** Pankaj I think prateek is worried the blood might be sold illegally

(00:56:32) **Durga:** with staff pocketing money

(00:56:34) **Prateek:** wut if he ask one of the family members to donate blood in return of our donation

(00:56:40) **Jitendra:** that is very much possible..

(00:56:44) **Durga:** thats a good idea

(00:56:45) **Prateek:** it'll increase the input

(00:56:47) **Pankaj:** also, why not go with someone more reputable like red cross? or same issues with them?

(00:56:56) **Jitendra:** there should be some way to find out the genuineness of the case

(00:56:59) **Sanjeev:** Agreed Dr. Sarin but the point is that ISM students are volunteering to give blood and if that is stocked and sold, that would be a profitable practice for someone else

(00:57:01) **Jitendra:** maybe a certificate from the doctor?

(00:57:10) **Prateek:** surely there is

(00:57:31) **Durga:** ok guys

(00:57:42) **Prateek:** i hv heard that there is a private blood bank at bank mode which sells blood @ rs 1000 per unit

(00:57:51) **Durga:** lets say for now that there are a couple of things we need to kow first and then brainstorm more on Jeevan rekha

(00:58:01) **Durga:** so going on with the meeting

(00:58:10) **Durga:** we will start a thread on the ffindia mailing list

(00:58:14) **Pankaj:** i'm saying that whatever blood is donated should be accounted for , and an agreement with hospital should be made that an equal number of units of blood will be available for whatever purpose FF designates

(00:58:14) **Sanjeev:** Yes, I know. In fact I know that central hospital even keeps blood for emergency needs of the affluent people in Dhanbad.

(00:58:15) **Durga:** and I will add prateek to the list

(00:58:16) **Jitendra:** so given that we find a way to ascertain the genuineness... and once we get the data..we are well set to move forwrad on this

(00:58:18) **Sanjeev:** and sell them when needed

(00:58:33) **Durga:** okok

(00:58:40) **Sanjeev:** ok

(00:58:47) **Durga:** would it be a go0od idea to take thi discussion on the mailing list in detail?

(00:58:56) **Jitendra:** sure..

(00:58:58) **Sanjeev:** yes.

(00:59:00) **Durga:** i think there are a whole bunch of points people hav raised

(00:59:08) **Pankaj:** because blood has limited time for storage anyway - if you have too many people donating and you don't use it all up, some will go to waste

(00:59:10) **Jitendra:** i think we should all write out comments/points in the blog/mail

(00:59:22) **Sanjeev:** Prateek - Let me know if you do not get quick help on collecting the data. I can expedite from here

(00:59:23) **Durga:** Prateek Dr Sarin will help you, and so will everyone else in figuring out details of this project

(00:59:30) **Prateek:** quite possible

(00:59:42) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** From my standpoint, I feel a strong need to understand the need for this project in some practical ways. How many patients need blood each month at the hospital? How many get it? Where does the current blood come from? How many units of blood are used each month at the hospital of which type? If we were to completely solve the problem, how much blood would we arrange to donate to the hospital every month? I would prefer to ignore the risk of theft or staff selling the blood. If a problem arises, I would prefer we deal with it at that time.

(00:59:46) **Jitendra:** prateek its important that you keep the communication going once you have questions

(00:59:49) **Durga:** Dr Sarin is a faculty at Harvard medical School and also has expertise in information systems for Medical needs

(00:59:50) **Prateek:** that would be gr8

(00:59:58) **Sanjeev:** great

(01:00:09) **Prateek:** there r too many complications

(01:00:19) **Durga:** ok

(01:00:28) **Sanjeev:** Prateek - Why don't you write in the list about the complications you think

(01:00:29) **Durga:** so lets go on with our discussion for now

(01:00:29) **Prateek:** most of the emergency cases r not from the central hospital

(01:00:37) **Sanjeev:** and let us all see how we can handle them..

(01:00:46) **Prateek:** there r a bunch of hospitals operating here

(01:00:50) **Sanjeev:** It is definitely a difficult but good task and we can work through that

(01:00:59) **Prateek:** getting data from each of them may be a bit tough

(01:01:17) **Durga:** sorry to interrupt guys

(01:01:27) **Durga:** but lets take this discussion further on the mailing list and blog

(01:01:32) **Pankaj:** yes it has potential as long as needs can be identified (i.e. there are concrete measures of success)

(01:01:35) **Sanjeev:** sure DP..let's move on

(01:01:44) **Jitendra:** ya so before we move on... what are the to-dos for prateek?

(01:01:59) **Jitendra:** - get more data (as much as feasible)

(01:02:04) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** Will those hospitals that work with us and provide us information be the first ones to get our donations?

(01:02:10) **Prateek:** i'll first talk to tiwari sir

(01:02:28) **Prateek:** get some potential contatcs @ central hospital

(01:02:30) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** It seems to me the first step is to make a list of the questions we need answered before we can scope out the project.

(01:02:49) **Sanjeev:** I agree with Dr Wilson

(01:02:57) **Prateek:** try to get data regarding the patients there who need blood

(01:03:18) **Jitendra:** ya..thats very important to understand the need..

(01:03:19) **Sanjeev:** in the mean time, Prateek works on the data and identify all the complications related to ground reality, we (over here) should work on list of questions to be answered

(01:03:24) **Durga:** should we get the list of questions now?

(01:03:26) **Jitendra:** and thats where we can chip in

(01:03:26) **Pankaj:** who needs it, how much they need, how often etc

(01:03:35) **Jitendra:** - and know from them how the system works..

(01:03:38) **Durga:** guys this is a little confuusing

(01:03:47) **Durga:** but productive :)

(01:04:05) **Durga:** so should we try to pinpoint all the qns right now or take it on the mailing list?

(01:04:05) **Prateek:** but wut abt other hospitals

(01:04:06) **Jitendra:** i think prateek is listing what all he needs to do in coming days/weeks.. :)

(01:04:10) **Durga:** ok

(01:04:32) **Sanjeev:** DP, I would recommend you take the first shot at the questions and send that to the mailing list.

(01:04:42) **Sanjeev:** All of us - Review questions - add, change, remove suggestions etc

(01:04:53) **Sanjeev:** and then finalize a list of questions with in few days

(01:04:58) **Sanjeev:** Sounds okay?

(01:05:00) **Durga:** sound sgood

(01:05:08) **Prateek:** k

(01:05:08) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** How many hospitals? How many patients in each hospital each month? How many patients in each hospital need how much blood of what type? How many patients are not provided the blood they need because it is not available to the hospital? Yes, let's start compiling a list of questions that DP can gather and organize.

(01:05:11) **Durga:** I'll document the questions and mail them on the list

(01:05:23) **Durga:** I'll also post this chat transcript

(01:05:27) **Jitendra:** ya

(01:05:30) **Durga:** so we wont lose the ocnversation

(01:05:33) **Durga:** ok

(01:05:33) **Sanjeev:** sure, make sure you take whatever Dr. Wilson has documented / asked in this conference

(01:05:47) **Durga:** so we have 2 projects identified as potential FFI rpojects

(01:05:48) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** Can we get a Red Cross person to participate in this exercise?

(01:05:55) **Durga:** 1. Fresh forward(clienaliness)

(01:06:04) **Jitendra:** ya

(01:06:06) **Durga:** 2. Jeevan rekha

(01:06:16) **Durga:** Dr Wilson I'll try to get abck on the red cross qn this week

(01:06:23) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** Great

(01:06:24) **Durga:** lemme email alm my contacts and ask

(01:06:32) **Durga:** i'll email tonight itself

(01:06:40) **Jitendra:** sounds good

(01:06:46) **Durga:** which other projects look good?

(01:06:48) **Sanjeev:** great

(01:07:05) **Jitendra:** indima looks good..

(01:07:15) **Durga:** is indima doable Dr Sarin?

(01:07:29) **Durga:** can we get a clear cut success i 6 months?

(01:07:37) **Pankaj:** i like the idea quite a bit, but for a starter project it will be tough

(01:07:41) **Durga:** ok

(01:07:44) **Sanjeev:** DP, my recommendation will be same..

(01:07:44) **Pankaj:** in 6 mo = no

(01:07:46) **Sanjeev:** it is tough for starter

(01:07:49) **Durga:** ok

(01:07:54) **Durga:** which other rojects?

(01:07:56) **Sanjeev:** What about food awareness program?

(01:08:01) **Durga:** i hope u all can see the project list

(01:08:07) **Durga:** <http://ff-india.blogspot.com>

(01:08:14) **Sanjeev:** I did not read the solution part of that project yet but something like that

(01:08:29) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** We need to have criteria for a new project? It certainly needs to be a project that we feel we can succeed at. Our initial FFI projects need to be wonderful successes to motivate everyone.

(01:08:52) **Jitendra:** i think food awareness pgm is still not very clear about the solution..

(01:09:15) **Durga:** yes

(01:09:26) **Durga:** is it a food *awareness* program??

(01:09:32) **Jitendra:** lets have 2-3 projects where we can succeed with relatively less pain :)

(01:09:47) **Sanjeev:** it is a food insecurity problem

(01:09:52) **Durga:** I thin the back to school project is also doable

(01:09:56) **Pankaj:** i feel that the two projects already mentioned are the projects with best potential for success in short period of time

(01:10:06) **Sanjeev:** I think we are good to go with 2 for now DP..

(01:10:06) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** There is no purpose in starting a journey if we don't know how to get to the destination and we end up getting stuck halfway to someplace. Projects like IT for Farmers and Food Issues are too broad. Again, we need a project methodology and answers to an initial set of questions before we move forward.

(01:10:12) **Durga:** back to shcool is about counsellign high school students abotu careers

(01:10:31) **Jitendra:** oh yeah..i forgot to mention..

(01:10:33) **Sanjeev:** but back to school is counselling

(01:10:34) **Jitendra:** thats very doable

(01:10:38) **Durga:** yes

(01:10:42) **Durga:** counsellign is very sueful

(01:10:46) **Jitendra:** infact there are lots of high schools and colleges where we can be of help

(01:10:48) **Sanjeev:** for educated (but needs more awareness)

(01:10:54) **Durga:** and all the parents of students in schools will support FFI

(01:11:00) **Jitendra:** and students there are always on a lookout for suggestion/counselling

(01:11:07) **Durga:** I think back to school is a really good doable project

(01:11:15) **Durga:** and not very hard either

(01:11:19) **Pankaj:** question is will it help promote FF? how do we measure success?

(01:11:23) **Jitendra:** and if they get expert and well-thought out suggestions..nothing can beat that

(01:11:25) **Durga:** I have myself been counselling a LOT of students over these years

(01:11:30) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** The problem is how do you make the case that FFI was VERY successful in something like counseling. What is the end product?

(01:11:33) **Sanjeev:** it is indeed doable

(01:11:35) **Durga:** hmm

(01:11:43) **Ashutosh:** sir..certainly back2school is something which can be taken up easily

(01:11:46) **Sanjeev:** that's the point I am trying to mention..

(01:11:55) **Sanjeev:** counselling is not "needful" help..it is augmentation

(01:12:05) **Durga:** I agree that we might not be able to measure impact so easily

(01:12:21) **Durga:** but i also like it because i know its going to have impact

(01:12:27) **Durga:** given the severe lack of such information

(01:12:29) **Pankaj:** similar to MIT's alum externship program - students are connected with alums who are working in field of interest

(01:12:38) **Durga:** well in Indian high schools

(01:12:48) **Durga:** there is almost no formal way to provide career info

(01:12:54) **Durga:** there is no career counsellor at all

(01:13:01) **Durga:** nothing

(01:13:02) **Jitendra:** how about we counsel the students who need it the most...

(01:13:04) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** I think we want projects that address a clearcut need with a clearcut solution that demonstrates a problem has been addressed and to some measurable extent solved. It also needs to be with a methodology that is replicable.

(01:13:21) **Pankaj:** agreed

(01:13:42) **Durga:** also abck to school, needs not much resources

(01:13:47) **Durga:** except ppl going and talking

(01:13:55) **Jitendra:** how about counselling students from not so well-to-do families.. in addition to 'regular' students

(01:14:09) **Durga:** why not counselling all the high school students in dhanbad?

(01:14:28) **Durga:** so my point is: are we expending too much resource in doing abck2school

(01:14:43) **Ashutosh:** yes sir.we can do that

(01:14:45) **Durga:** i see it as a project with little investment and very good impact and goodwill

(01:14:45) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** The problem with counseling, however much it is REALLY needed, is that you cannot easily demonstrate impact of the project.

(01:14:49) **Ashutosh:** infact to start with that's our idea

(01:15:01) **Jitendra:** agreed

(01:15:10) **Prateek:** my point is that 4m where do we ourselves gain information so as to counsel the students properly

(01:15:11) **Sanjeev:** yep..

(01:15:12) **Sanjeev:** agreed

(01:15:24) **Durga:** that's a good point

(01:15:24) **Jitendra:** so something like kartavya has been ruled out .. right dp?

(01:15:32) **Sanjeev:** DP, it is like you are counselling someone at ISM for Harvard or MIT..

(01:15:33) **Durga:** we'd need to get experts to come and talk

(01:15:42) **Durga:** maybe organize an event in penmen auditorium

(01:15:46) **Durga:** no

(01:15:52) **Sanjeev:** or school to ISM

(01:15:53) **Durga:** its like counselling someone in a high school

(01:15:58) **Durga:** about what are all the possible paths

(01:16:03) **Durga:** other than IIT and medical

(01:16:07) **Jitendra:** career-counselling

(01:16:14) **Durga:** and how they can go about it

(01:16:24) **Sanjeev:** yeah but still that is not a "need"...substantiating this will be difficult.

(01:16:27) **Jitendra:** dont you think something on the lines of kartavya is more measurable in terms of impact?

(01:16:27) **Prateek:** its like most of us didn't know well abt ISM before coming here

(01:16:29) **Ashutosh:** for the info..we can ask for some counsellors..or even we at this level are somewhat capable of providing counselling to students in school

(01:16:31) **Jitendra:** what do you guys think?

(01:16:36) **Durga:** i'd say its a need

(01:16:39) **Sanjeev:** how would you say that at the end of 6 months, there are 100 school children who learnt about IIT..

(01:16:42) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** I am not even sure that experts do a good job of counseling. It is a huge and complex problem to motivate a young person to make decisions and follow them. And then there are the variables of family needs and changing personal circumstances and so on and so forth.

(01:16:42) **Durga:** though not a life saving need like blood

(01:16:48) **Durga:** but significant in its own way

(01:16:54) **Prateek:** similarly there r tons of other colleges abt which we dont know anything

(01:17:07) **Durga:** well isnt some counselling much better than zero counselling

(01:17:34) **Ashutosh:** we'll have to gather that information

(01:17:37) **Jitendra:** why not something on the lines of improving literacy?

(01:17:42) **Pankaj:** what are you going to counsel abotu? besides people may not want the counseling

(01:17:48) **Durga:** ok guys

(01:18:02) **Durga:** seeing the major votes vetoing back2school

(01:18:09) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** I think counseling is very important. I just don't think we know how to do it and we do not know how to measure the benefits and our pressing need is to show that FFI gets results. We do not just want a bunch of IIT students talking to younger students for 5000 hours each year ---- with what result?

(01:18:13) **Durga:** lets move on to other projects

(01:18:26) **Jitendra:** ok lets move on..

(01:18:41) **Jitendra:** so there are no education related projects?

(01:18:49) **Jitendra:** something on the lines of kartavya?

(01:18:51) **Ashutosh:** ok

(01:18:56) **Durga:** i still consider it a significant problem thats very doable so if Mohit needs help i'll "counsel" him for this project on the side

(01:19:04) **Durga:** ;)

(01:19:16) **Sanjeev:** as Dr Sarin said - the receiving side of the counselling may not necessarily need them..

(01:19:25) **Sanjeev:** but when you compare blood donation, it is a need

(01:19:29) **Sanjeev:** let's move on..

(01:19:42) **Durga:** Sethi sir

(01:19:44) **Ashutosh:** yeah..

(01:19:44) **Sanjeev:** Jha..something on the lines of Kartavya..

(01:19:52) **Jitendra:** ya.. thats more impactful

(01:19:55) **Durga:** students really need counselling i think

(01:19:56) **Durga:** but

(01:19:56) **Jitendra:** in my opinion

(01:20:06) **Durga:** we arent doing it for now

(01:20:26) **Ashutosh:** we can go for some education related projects

(01:20:32) **Jitendra:** exactly

(01:20:37) **Sanjeev:** I agree and without considering if that is possible or not, I thought shaking hands with Kartavya would have been great but I am not sure if that is possible

(01:20:46) **Jitendra:** lets focus on projects which *improve* literacy

(01:20:50) **Durga:** ok

(01:21:01) **Sanjeev:** yeah..improve literacy is very clicking as well..

(01:21:01) **Durga:** Kartavya by itself is not going to work with FFI

(01:21:09) **Sanjeev:** yeah..you told me DP..

(01:21:13) **Durga:** since they have a planned way of going about expansion and impact ec

(01:21:25) **Durga:** and they want to go it their way

(01:21:30) **Jitendra:** ok

(01:21:39) **Durga:** but Kartavya has also volunteered to participate in any education rproject

(01:21:48) **Durga:** the volunteers in their personal capacity

(01:21:53) **Jitendra:** any education projects like?

(01:21:54) **Ashutosh:** yeah...but they can help us with their experience and they have agreed to it

(01:22:05) **Durga:** Dr Wilson has some ideas on education projects

(01:22:10) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** I believe FFI needs to tell a simple story of a problem that was identified and quantified and solved in a measurable way to some extent. FFI needs to be about getting results on an identified problem. Then people will believe when FFI starts something, they will focus, get down to work and get results.

(01:22:44) **Jitendra:** i concur

(01:22:50) **Ashutosh:** i agree..

(01:23:38) **Jitendra:** since we dont have any education projects as of now.. lets move on to other projects

(01:23:52) **Ashutosh:** at the start success we need success and hence..we need to work on something which is very well defined

(01:24:28) **Sanjeev:** ok

(01:25:26) **Jitendra:** should we move on?

(01:25:28) **Durga:** no

(01:25:29) **Ashutosh:** i mean we need fixed goals to achieve..something which can be explained in facts and figures

(01:25:37) **Durga:** Dr Wilson had some thoughts about education projects

(01:25:41) **Durga:** I'd like to hear them

(01:25:42) **Jitendra:** oh ok..

(01:25:47) **Sanjeev:** yes, please go ahead Dr. Wilson

(01:25:47) **Jitendra:** lets hear it

(01:25:53) **Sanjeev:** ahead

(01:26:07) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** Just a second.

(01:26:12) **Prateek:** please go ahead Dr. Wilson

(01:26:13) **Durga:** yes

(01:26:25) **Ashutosh:** ok

(01:26:34) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** By way of introduction, I am Kirk Wilson. I am developing the World School Network, a web-based Student Information System in English, Hindi and Urdu. Later Bengali, Arabic, Portuguese, Spanish and other versions will be implemented. I have been designing the system for over a year and engineering teams in Karachi and Chennai are starting to build it. It will be available for free and a subscription-based version will have a few more features but also be very low-cost. We include an integrated sponsorship program so individuals and organizations can support any school that wants to use the World School Network. I spent time all over India 25 years ago researching the use of sign language used by deaf adults in Delhi, Calcutta, Bangalore and Bombay. This work resulted in an Indian Sign Dict

(01:26:35) **Sanjeev:** Guys, I am excited about this..

(01:26:57) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** Dictionary. So I am interested in helping students with special needs.

(01:27:20) **Sanjeev:** Hmm..

(01:27:33) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** The issue for me is that we can start on education projects of all types but the problem is the education world is living in the 15th century and it is hard to change anything.

(01:27:37) **Sanjeev:** let's debate on this..Dr. Wilson - Could you please elaborate on the network?

(01:28:10) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** I propose we focus on very clearcut projects where FFI can establish a reputation as a "ca do" organization. Tackling big projects is a mistake in my opinion. Education is too big.

(01:28:20) **Sanjeev:** ok..

(01:28:35) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** The World School Network is part of a bigger concept of assigning tasks to members of a team.

(01:28:42) **Sanjeev:** so guys, can we spend most of our energy in focusing on the 2 projects we identified..

(01:28:42) **Jitendra:** Dr Wilson, i am not clear about what exactly is this network going to do?

(01:28:52) **Sanjeev:** ?

(01:29:11) **Sanjeev:** and depending on how many people working, I think we may not have enough bandwidth

(01:29:46) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** The basic idea is that social entrepreneurs need a mechanism to mobilize the anthill. The World School Network provides a way to assign tasks to staff, teachers and students. I would be happy to provide details but this may not be the best time.

(01:29:47) **Ashutosh:** yeah..dr. wilson plz eleaborate

(01:29:47) **Durga:** sethi sir

(01:29:52) **Sanjeev:** yes.

(01:29:54) **Sanjeev:** ?

(01:29:56) **Durga:** hold on while Dr Wilson explains ;)

(01:30:17) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** I will try to be brief.

(01:30:21) **Durga:** sure

(01:30:37) **Sanjeev:** I read this and thought, we are not going for this -- Dr Kirk Wilson: I propose we focus on very clearcut projects where FFI can establish a reputation as a "ca do" organization. Tackling big projects is a mistake in my opinion. Education is too big.

(01:30:39) **Durga:** i'd also like to give my point of view on education

(01:31:12) **Durga:** there are many education NGOs doing excellent work in India

(01:31:22) **Durga:** such as pratham, MV Foundation

(01:31:24) **Durga:** etc etc

(01:31:29) **Ashutosh:** so dr. wilson what would be the role of FFI in world school network

(01:31:34) **Durga:** they spent over 20 years working in the field

(01:31:42) **Durga:** developing a rich set of strategies

(01:31:57) **Durga:** to go convince people get children into school

(01:32:05) **Durga:** now if we started te whole thing from scratch

(01:32:11) **Durga:** wouldnt we be reinventing the wheel?

(01:32:25) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** My understanding is that there are a small number of people in any community who have ideas and others who are willing to follow those leaders. There needs to be a technology that enables the leader's ideas to be expressed as tasks which others can complete. In a nutshell, the web technology we are developing enables users to assign and track tasks assigned to members of a team. I am afraid this forum is not the best way to lay out the big picture but I hope you get the general idea. Our work is being implemented in English, Hindi and Urdu.

(01:32:32) **Durga:** do we have enough time and resources to sale these projects?

(01:32:36) **Jitendra:** but if we feel we can do it better than them.. whats wrong with that? -> dp's point

(01:32:49) **Jitendra:** in response to dp's point*

(01:32:52) **Durga:** agree jhajee

(01:33:00) **Durga:** you will need to work a lot in the field

(01:33:07) **Durga:** because that better way isnt so obvious

(01:33:12) **Jitendra:** a fresh set of eyes alwyas have a different perspective

(01:33:13) **Durga:** and i doubt if it will emerge in 6 months

(01:33:42) **Durga:** but thats just my perspective

(01:33:58) **Dr Kirk Wilson:** Well, I like the idea of two specific projects. World School Network could be for another day and another conversation.

(01:34:16) **Durga:** if I were to do an education project, i personally would try to find ways to help Pratham expand in Bihar for example

(01:34:23) **Jitendra:** i agree that their experience can help us in terms of what roadblocks we can expect ..

(01:34:52) **Durga:** we already have kartavya. so do we want to start a new kartavya?

(01:34:52) **Jitendra:** but we shouldnt take their way as *the* way.. again i might be too sounding too optimistic..

(01:35:15) **Sanjeev:** okay guys..hold on

(01:35:18) **Ashutosh:** why not sir..

(01:35:30) **Prateek:** i think it'll be like competing with them

(01:35:35) **Ashutosh:** after all kartavya has a limited domain..

(01:35:47) **Ashutosh:** we can increase it to larger canvas

(01:35:47) **Sanjeev:** In the interest of Kartavya, we may not be competing with them..

(01:35:52) **Sanjeev:** They are doing a good job

(01:36:06) **Sanjeev:** I am not saying do not do the same thing at other place..

(01:36:13) **Sanjeev:** but doing at the same place may not be worthwhile

(01:36:21) **Prateek:** yes they obviously r

(01:36:26) **Ashutosh:** sir..kartavya as such has no pblms if we start anything like that..

(01:36:30) **Jitendra:** kartavya is just one of the many literacy related projects.. its not that someone is eating into their market share.. or something..

(01:36:33) **Ashutosh:** infact they are ready to co-operate

(01:36:36) **Prateek:** ya thats my point

(01:36:38) **Ashutosh:** i ahd a talk with them

(01:36:51) **Sanjeev:** it is not the problem with Kartavya but it is just that we are directly or indirectly part of the same family.

(01:37:00) **Prateek:** n starting at a new place means 3-4 yrs for it to get recognized

(01:37:16) **Jitendra:** interesting thing is in rural areas of northern bihar.. NGOs like kartavya arent allowed to enter and threatened away..and this is a fact

(01:37:26) **Durga:** pls reinvite **Mohit**

(01:37:26) **Sanjeev:** but Jha, opening another one in the same place as Kartavya and helping Kartavya, I would prefer helping Kartavya..

(01:37:49) **Ashutosh:** then for any of the projects we'll have to start frm scratch

(01:37:54) **Prateek:** i agree wid sethi sir

(01:38:01) **Jitendra:** but kartavya wants to go its way:)

(01:38:15) **Durga:** ok guys

(01:38:24) **Durga:** Jhatee what would be a specific literacy project?

(01:38:32) **Ashutosh:** yeah....but why not at a different place

(01:38:34) **Prateek:** n the best help we can provide to kartavya is.....FUNDS

(01:38:44) **Ashutosh:** such as jitendra sir talked abt northern bihar.

(01:38:54) **Jitendra:** even if it is something similar to kartavya whats the harm?

(01:38:55) **Mohit entered the room.**

(01:38:58) **Sanjeev left the room.**

(01:39:05) **Ashutosh:** it wud be a gud point working there

(01:39:32) **Prateek:** @ dubey: starting at a new place will take up a lot of time before the project gets recognized

(01:39:42) **Durga:** ok wait guys

(01:39:48) **Durga:** we are looking at 6 month projects

(01:39:58) **Durga:** we need to see something in 6 months

(01:40:02) **Prateek:** kartavya itself is a live example, it took 5 yrs to get to the position where it presently stands

(01:40:05) **Durga:** yes

(01:40:14) **Durga:** education projects take time

(01:40:16) **Jitendra:** literacy project => simple project to improve literacy rates among rural children
(01:40:19) **Ashutosh:** sir..can't we implement it in 6 months..kartavya took time coz of limited volunteers
(01:40:31) **Prateek:** n currently we r looking for short term projects, which can provide us initial success
(01:40:35) **Durga:** ok
(01:40:40) **Durga:** lets go into positive mode
(01:40:51) **Durga:** so what would be the plan of action of the education project
(01:41:13) **Jitendra:** ok how about this..
(01:41:24) **Ashutosh:** i mean working in a naxalite affected area is a solid enough reason to get recognised
(01:41:32) **Prateek:** where do u plan to implement it ashutosh
(01:41:42) **Jitendra:** if we find sufficient no. of volunteers ready to teach rural children in and around dhanbad..we can start something like kartavya..?
(01:41:47) **Mohit:** can anybdy jst tell me the project under discussion..
(01:41:50) **Jitendra:** any other logictisc issues ashutosh?
(01:41:51) **Mohit:** i joind late..
(01:42:04) **Ashutosh:** infact that stategovernment may be willing to help us
(01:42:21) **Durga:** its a literacy project Mohit, like Kartavya
(01:42:38) **Ashutosh:** sir..anywhere in jharkhand or bihar where we have such pblms.i mean naxalites and all
(01:42:51) **Durga:** arent we aiming a bit too high?
(01:43:00) **Jitendra:** ya i have heard it myself from someone in darbhanga that 2 people were murdered..
(01:43:10) **Jitendra:** they were from NGOs doing somehting similar to kartavya
(01:43:26) **Jitendra:** but lets not go into all those details now..
(01:43:26) **Prateek:** i dont want to be discouraging but.....
(01:43:36) **Durga:** education is a very time intensive and difficult project
(01:43:42) **Ashutosh:** hmm..sir but FFI itself is a very ambitious project
(01:43:47) **Durga:** I am all for it given there are people ready to do this
(01:43:47) **Prateek:** do u think students will dare to go to teach in those areas
(01:43:52) **Jitendra:** ashutosh..you have been working on kartavya..
(01:44:01) **Prateek:** even if the students want to, will their parents permit thhem
(01:44:10) **Jitendra:** so tell us.. do you think its a feasible project to get started on given 6 months and maybe 20 volunteers (say)
(01:44:17) **Durga:** FFI isnt doing anything outside dhanbad for now guys
(01:44:22) **Durga:** its not practical
(01:44:26) **Ashutosh:** not actively
(01:44:27) **Durga:** so lets focus on dhanbad
(01:44:27) **Mohit:** me worked 4 kartavya
(01:44:35) **Mohit:** infact parents used 2 support us
(01:44:53) **Prateek:** they did for kartavya
(01:45:00) **Durga:** pls invite Priyank
(01:45:12) **Prateek:** but wut abt going to naxalite areas
(01:45:18) **Jitendra:** so do you think it makes sense to start another kartavya within FFI.. thats caters to the neds of rural children from dhanbad.. that kartavya doesnt?
(01:45:44) **Priyank entered the room.**
(01:45:45) **Prateek:** i m sure my parents won't allow me to go to a naxal area for teaching or any stuff
(01:45:57) **Jitendra:** lets concentrate on dhanbad for now
(01:46:13) **Ashutosh:** abt rural children of dhanbad..kartavya ppl already have something in mind
(01:46:42) **Ashutosh:** they have plans to extend it to other schools and colleges
(01:46:59) **Pankaj:** okay all, i have to head off....
(01:47:01) **Ashutosh:** to extend it to nearby NIT's also
(01:47:30) **Priyank:** Dubey...do you have the list???
(01:47:41) **Durga:** I dont think its best to duplicate Kartavya's efforts and start a new education project

instead of helping it. So what if its not working with FFI? We should still help them

(01:47:50) **Pankaj left the room.**

(01:47:52) **Ashutosh:** yes sir..of the 2nd years..

(01:48:04) **Mohit left the room.**

(01:48:05) **Priyank:** but we were supposed to have the poora thing by Sat right?

(01:48:06) **Jitendra:** all i am trying to understand is.. can we have a parallel kartavya? i personally dont see why we cant

(01:48:11) **Mohit entered the room.**

(01:48:13) **Prateek:** if we can generate funds i hv a very potential project

(01:48:18) **Prateek:** its regarding the rickshaw waalas @ dhanbad

(01:48:22) **Prateek:** m sure most of u know that most of them dont own a rick

(01:48:49) **Jitendra:** hold on prateek

(01:49:19) **Ashutosh:** yes sir...but 1st years were not available..and 3rd years are showing little interest

(01:49:20) **Jitendra:** lets 1st get people's opinion on one project at a time.. then we can move on to the next

(01:49:24) **Mohit:** ya

(01:49:38) **Mohit:** they generally have hire it for a daily charge

(01:49:44) **Ashutosh:** the mssg is conveyed and by today evening we'll hae the list of 1st years also

(01:49:59) **Priyank:** what about 3rd years and final years??

(01:50:00) **Prateek:** ok sir

(01:50:08) **Priyank:** I am sure there will be people from the 3rd year as well

(01:50:24) **Ashutosh:** abt 3dr years..we need some more efforts

(01:51:07) **Priyank:** Prateek

(01:51:09) **Ashutosh:** there are but very few..

(01:51:17) **Ashutosh:** infact some senior frm final year would have to be invloved

(01:51:18) **Priyank:** Can you and Ashutosh gel together

(01:51:18) **Jitendra:** how about imparting computer education to children/housewives? something related to education....

(01:51:20) **Durga:** Nandan hold on

(01:51:26) **Priyank:** k

(01:51:35) **Jitendra:** yet not exactly replicating kartavya..

(01:51:36) **Mohit left the room.**

(01:51:46) **Priyank:** :)

(01:51:48) **Jitendra:** dp has had expeirence with this in bhagalpur

(01:51:49) **Prateek:** sure

(01:51:53) **Durga:** ok

(01:51:59) **Durga:** so guys I'd say

(01:52:00) **Jitendra:** does this sound doable dp?

(01:52:07) **Durga:** instead of replicating Kartavya lets just help them

(01:52:11) **Durga:** they need help

(01:52:13) **Ashutosh:** i think DP sir has already done that at ISM..

(01:52:20) **Durga:** but we could do a computer literacy project maybe

(01:52:28) **Durga:** Jhajee suggested

(01:52:30) **Ashutosh:** sorry bhagalpur

(01:52:41) **Jitendra:** we will do it in dhanbad

(01:52:45) **Prateek:** who r we planning to target with our literacy project

(01:52:47) **Durga:** my colleague has started such a projecy in west bengal

(01:52:50) **Durga:** its called linkage India

(01:53:04) **Durga:** so we will do a computer literacy project

(01:53:10) **Durga:** for students who cant afford it?

(01:53:20) **Jitendra:** yep

(01:53:20) **Durga:** we have students who can teach this stuff
(01:53:29) **Jitendra:** in bhagalpur who were the target audience?
(01:53:39) **Jitendra:** children/women?
(01:53:56) **Durga:** in bhagalpur
(01:54:01) **Durga:** i taught about 70 people
(01:54:04) **Durga:** 25 housewives
(01:54:12) **Jitendra:** and that a success...
(01:54:17) **Jitendra:** so lets replicate that effort here
(01:54:18) **Durga:** scholchildren from a goovernment school who were very poor
(01:54:25) **Jitendra:** dp was the only volunteer i guess
(01:54:28) **Durga:** students from another llocalcal school etc
(01:54:28) **Jitendra:** here we will have more
(01:54:37) **Ashutosh:** yeah..
(01:54:38) **Durga:** ya i did it singlehandedly with 3 computers
(01:54:45) **Durga:** and working about 9 hours a day
(01:54:56) **Durga:** the housewives performed best
(01:55:00) **Jitendra:** great.. assuming 2 voluntteers = 1 dp.. we can do great with 3-4 volunteers
(01:55:01) **Jitendra:** :)
(01:55:15) **Prateek:** from where do we intend to get the comps?
(01:55:20) **Durga:** ok
(01:55:21) **Durga:** <http://rdvp.org/archives/2006/08/24/anudip-graduates-first-class-and-opens-second-center/>
(01:55:23) **Durga:** read this
(01:55:27) **Durga:** very evry short article
(01:56:08) **Jitendra:** yep.. something similar
(01:56:26) **Durga:** this project runs in very rural areas
(01:56:29) **Durga:** in the sunderbans
(01:56:34) **Durga:** where people are extremely poor
(01:56:36) **k**
01:55:23) Durga: read this
(01:55:27) Durga: very evry short article
(01:56:08) Jitendra: yep.. something similar
(01:56:26) Durga: this project runs in very rural areas
(01:56:29) Durga: in the sunderbans
(01:56:34) Durga: where people are extremely poor
(01:56:36) Prateek: i think we can ask the admin to provide us the ol computers
(01:56:44) Durga: have their houses flooded almost every year
(01:56:50) Jitendra: good idea prateek
(01:56:52) Durga: we can of course get compuetrs
(01:56:59) Durga: and technical knowledge is our strength
(01:57:09) Jitendra: yep
(01:57:15) Priyank: Even if the admin does not agree it shouldnt be much of a problem
(01:57:15) Durga: thats a great idea Jhajee!!!
(01:57:18) Durga: yes
(01:57:21) Durga: we'll still getit
(01:57:25) Priyank: Nahee its simple
(01:57:35) Jitendra: ya.. its very doable and impactful
(01:57:40) Priyank: we just need permission to get a room to teach in ISM itself
(01:57:46) Priyank: which should be like a cakewalk.....
(01:57:46) Jitendra: dp did it in a month or so.. so it can surely be done here in 6 months
(01:57:58) Durga: pls reinvite Mohit

(01:58:02) Prateek: that would be difficult
(01:58:13) Durga: wats difficult prateek?
(01:58:15) Jitendra: what would be difficult?
(01:58:16) Priyank: One of the volunteers can use his own compu
(01:58:23) Mohit entered the room.
(01:58:25) Prateek: like.....kartavya itself hasn't got ne room by the admin
(01:58:29) Durga: nandan we'll get computers
(01:58:30) Jitendra: we can rent a room in dhaiyya.. as dasji used to do:)
(01:58:32) Durga: that can be arranged
(01:58:36) Priyank: ya sure
(01:58:37) Durga: either from admin or frm outside
(01:58:41) Prateek: asking the admin to give a room
(01:58:42) Priyank: renting a cheap room is not a big deal
(01:58:45) Durga: yes
(01:58:48) Durga: i can pay for a room
(01:58:50) Durga: no issues
(01:58:53) Durga: or 4 rooms
(01:59:01) Durga: if thats required
(01:59:02) Jitendra: ya..
(01:59:03) Priyank: ya sure
(01:59:19) Priyank: arranging one compu also wouldnt be a problem....
(01:59:29) Ashutosh: it's ok then...we have the strength
(01:59:30) Prateek: there is enuf space @ ism if we can convince them
(01:59:34) Prateek: i myself hv some places in mind
(01:59:36) Ashutosh: yeah..we can arrange more also
(01:59:38) Durga: ok these are details
(01:59:38) Priyank: thats what I told first
(01:59:46) Durga: wait guys
(01:59:46) Prateek: 1) the old MBA deptt
(01:59:48) Mohit left the room.
(01:59:51) Mohit entered the room.
(01:59:53) Durga: we'll need more computers
(02:00:00) Durga: but we'll get it
(02:00:01) Jitendra: how many?
(02:00:02) Prateek: near the workshop
(02:00:05) Jitendra: 4?
(02:00:06) Mohit left the room.
(02:00:08) Durga: this project will do well
(02:00:09) Mohit entered the room.
(02:00:14) Durga: these are details to be figured out
(02:00:22) Prateek: i agree
(02:00:24) Jitendra: we canget comps depending on no. of volunteers..
(02:00:25) Durga: who is documenting the proposal for this project?
(02:00:30) Jitendra: or number of target population
(02:00:37) Durga: who is documenting it
(02:00:39) Durga: and
(02:00:43) Durga: what should we call it?
(02:01:18) Durga: no activity suddenly?
(02:01:18) Durga: ;)
(02:01:21) Jitendra: fIT forward :)
(02:01:22) Jitendra: ;)

(02:01:31) Jitendra: IT in caps
(02:01:37) Durga: hmm
(02:01:39) Priyank: looks good :)
(02:01:45) Priyank: Computer Kranti :d
(02:01:49) Jitendra: dp isnt satisfied
(02:01:50) Jitendra: ;)
(02:01:51) Durga: haha\\
(02:01:52) Prateek: yup
(02:01:56) Prateek: its nice
(02:02:22) Prateek: ha ha ha
(02:02:36) Durga: the aim is to gradually uplift the community
(02:02:46) Durga: by providing excellent quality almost free computer education
(02:02:52) Durga: really good quality
(02:02:55) Jitendra: i can document the proposal..
(02:02:55) Priyank: The name should be appealing to the community I guess
(02:02:58) Durga: and a nominal fee
(02:03:03) Durga: good
(02:03:09) Jitendra: did you charge the bhagalpur folks?
(02:03:10) Durga: yes we'll think more on the name
(02:03:11) Priyank: fIT forward is awesome
(02:03:18) Priyank: but not that appealing to the community
(02:03:23) Priyank: wont make much sense to them
(02:03:37) Jitendra: ya they will think its an gym program:)
(02:03:39) Durga: in bhagalpur it was free.. but the light was always gone and we needed to use a generator soo all the rich professionals paid 100 rupees
(02:03:40) Dr Kirk Wilson: :-h I will sign off and talk to you all later. Good night from California.
(02:03:43) Prateek: teaching sc n maths is a different thing but teaching computers.....
(02:03:49) Jitendra: good night Dr Wilson
(02:03:52) Durga: the money was used to pay for the diesel for generator
(02:03:53) Jitendra: thanks for your time
(02:04:09) Priyank: Bye
(02:04:20) Prateek: like.....we must first search for some study material n a plan regarding teaching methodologies
(02:04:38) Priyank: I think initially the basic aim is making the kids computer literate
(02:04:48) Priyank: and that wont involve much of a methodology....
(02:05:11) Priyank: we need to keep in mind that the target is people who don't know the c of computers
(02:05:27) Durga: wait
(02:05:28) Jitendra: i think dp can help us a lott with his expeience
(02:05:32) Durga: lemme give some abckground
(02:05:34) Priyank: yeah
(02:05:36) Jitendra: he knows where the roadblocks will come from
(02:05:40) Priyank: yups
(02:05:43) Durga: prateek sahab kya baat kar rahe ho
(02:05:51) Durga: I taught housewives how to use DOS
(02:05:54) Jitendra: haha
(02:05:58) Jitendra: dp is da man
(02:05:58) Priyank: :)
(02:05:59) Jitendra: ;)
(02:05:59) Durga: DOS is HARD dude
(02:06:03) Durga: they understood

(02:06:10) Jitendra: they were matriculates?
(02:06:11) Durga: these were class 5-6 eucated women
(02:06:13) Durga: with kids
(02:06:13) Prateek: u have the potential sir
(02:06:16) Jitendra: awesome
(02:06:17) Durga: and families to look for
(02:06:21) Durga: all hopusewives
(02:06:26) Prateek: but u can't expect it from ever1
(02:06:28) Durga: you cant teach them basic computer skills?
(02:06:37) Prateek: teaching obviously an art
(02:06:41) Durga: i dont think i ave any supernatural powers
(02:06:48) Jitendra: exactly
(02:06:49) Priyank: dude teaching the basics is noit that compliucated
(02:06:50) Jitendra: dont be negative :)
(02:06:59) Durga: i am sure a couple of peopl inn ISM are capable
(02:06:59) Jitendra: its doable
(02:07:07) Priyank: more than a couple sir ;-)
(02:07:10) Prateek: i think if u could prepare the study material
(02:07:12) Durga: out of 800 people you wont get 3 capable people?
(02:07:18) Jitendra: we canget 10:)
(02:07:19) Durga: when I ran NCSED i had no alck of teachers
(02:07:21) Jitendra: i think
(02:07:37) Priyank: :d
(02:07:42) Jitendra: the guy who himself dealt with this is telling you its no biggie.. so take his word for it
(02:07:44) Prateek: i think i m being too much negative
(02:07:51) Priyank: Dubey are you there???
(02:07:55) Durga: prateek take it easy
(02:07:55) Jitendra: those housewives werent from MIT .. they were just that, housewives:)
(02:07:57) Prateek: :">
(02:07:59) Durga: its all about being inspired
(02:08:03) Durga: and eciding to do it
(02:08:10) Durga: the housewives did better than everyone
(02:08:15) Durga: they did better than regular students
(02:08:16) Prateek: quite true
(02:08:19) Durga: better then the profssions
(02:08:23) Durga: and the MOST shocking
(02:08:30) Prateek: so should we tk it up group
(02:08:30) Durga: there was a bunch of teachers i taught too
(02:08:31) Jitendra: great..
(02:08:34) Jitendra: so this project is ON
(02:08:37) Durga: the housewives di far better than the teachers
(02:08:39) Durga: damn teachers
(02:08:43) Jitendra: :d
(02:08:54) Jitendra: teachers = chothebaaj
(02:08:54) Jitendra: :)
(02:08:55) Durga: now some little more info
(02:09:05) Durga: just to test if the housewives could learn rocket science
(02:09:15) Durga: I actually explained to them the difference between analog and digital signals
(02:09:19) Durga: they got it
(02:09:29) Durga: i taught them how u break the levels(quantise)

(02:09:37) Durga: etc etc
(02:09:41) Jitendra: see the thing is..
(02:09:44) Prateek: gr8
(02:09:48) Durga: i am not asking u to do that
(02:09:50) Durga: :)
(02:09:56) Durga: i am a little crazy
(02:09:56) Jitendra: at any time these 3-4 caable volunteers dont have any clue.. they can always get in touch with dp
(02:10:05) Jitendra: capable*
(02:10:17) Durga: I can totally mentor this project
(02:10:25) Jitendra: awesome..
(02:10:32) Prateek: so we'll hv to find capable as well as interested
(02:10:33) Durga: one of my housewife students is a computer instructir there now
(02:10:34) Durga: :)
(02:10:34) Prateek: done
(02:10:35) Priyank: By the way as fe updates I need to give
(02:10:44) Jitendra: fe?
(02:10:45) Priyank: few*
(02:10:48) Jitendra: k
(02:10:53) Durga: ok
(02:11:01) Priyank: I mean by the way there are a few updates I need to give :)
(02:11:07) Jitendra: go on
(02:11:15) Durga: haan bol
(02:11:28) Priyank: Kumar Vivek and Parag Goswami both 2k6 passouts are also in
(02:11:32) Durga: ok
(02:11:33) Durga: good
(02:11:41) Priyank: they want to be a part of the operations team here
(02:11:45) Durga: good job
(02:11:49) Jitendra: bring em in
(02:11:54) Priyank: best part is both of them are motivated
(02:11:59) Durga: excellent
(02:11:59) Jitendra: kumar vivek submitted a proposal too i guess
(02:12:03) Priyank: ya
(02:12:03) Durga: yes
(02:12:13) Jitendra: food insecurity or something
(02:12:14) Prateek: they r highly motivated
(02:12:15) Durga: the food insecurity one
(02:12:18) Jitendra: k
(02:12:21) Durga: excellent
(02:12:31) Jitendra: vivek is a passout?
(02:12:39) Durga: food insecurity is a very real and important problem
(02:12:47) Priyank: yes sir both are 2006 passouts
(02:12:55) Jitendra: ok
(02:12:56) Priyank: Vevek is working in bangy
(02:13:00) Durga: that we should maybe try to work on this year on the side and make it a project for next year's FFI programs
(02:13:05) Priyank: and Parag in Gurgaon
(02:13:10) Prateek: i regret to inform that i'll hv to take a leave now.
(02:13:16) Jitendra: ya lets keep thinking about it..
(02:13:17) Priyank: just to give you guys an heads up bout their backgrounds
(02:13:24) Prateek: please post the chat on blogspot

(02:13:30) Durga: good job prateek
(02:13:35) Durga: !!
(02:13:37) Priyank: Prateek
(02:13:38) Prateek: thnx sir
(02:13:42) Jitendra: sleep over the problems :)
(02:13:46) Priyank: I I call you today
(02:13:54) Priyank: I wanna do a conf with you and Dubey
(02:13:57) Jitendra: prateek so you have the list of to-do's
(02:14:01) Prateek: ok sir
(02:14:03) Priyank: maybe Vivek will also be joining
(02:14:07) Jitendra: i ll write up a proposal for this computer project
(02:14:07) Priyank: can you guys do a conf??
(02:14:08) Durga: good
(02:14:12) Prateek: hv a good day
(02:14:14) Durga: also include agarwal sahab
(02:14:19) Prateek: n best of luck to all
(02:14:22) Priyank: agarwal?
(02:14:27) Durga: who also wanted to work on blood donation
(02:14:28) Jitendra: whats the tentative name for this housewife project?
(02:14:31) Durga: vivek?
(02:14:39) Priyank: Kumar Vivek :d
(02:14:43) Durga: tentative= FIT forward
(02:14:46) Prateek: i'll talk to him in an hour
(02:14:46) Durga: na na
(02:14:47) Jitendra: Compaurat Kranti ;)
(02:14:48) Jitendra: ok
(02:14:52) Durga: i am not talking of kumar vivek
(02:14:53) Priyank: :))
(02:15:09) Prateek: i'll talk to vishal
(02:15:14) Prateek: bye then
(02:15:17) Jitendra: who is vishal?
(02:15:17) Prateek left the room.
(02:15:18) Durga: i mean vishal agarwal
(02:15:20) Jitendra: ok
(02:15:23) Priyank: k
(02:15:26) Durga: vishal also submitted a project
(02:15:29) Priyank: hmm
(02:15:30) Durga: similar to jeevan rekha
(02:15:35) Jitendra: ya it was t he same as jeevan rekha
(02:15:37) Jitendra: ok
(02:15:47) Priyank: I think I wanna do a conf with Mohit,Dubey and Prateek
(02:15:50) Jitendra: so it was a productive brainstorm
(02:15:51) Jitendra: :)
(02:16:06) Priyank: these are the guys jinhone khud se intrest dikhaaya hai
(02:16:21) Priyank: and will do good work for us if handled well....enthu bhee hai inme...
(02:16:32) Durga: ok guys
(02:16:33) Jitendra: oh ok..
(02:16:41) Jitendra: chalo.. we have some progress
(02:17:03) Priyank: BTW is this project targetting housewives or school kids??
(02:17:10) Jitendra: both i guess
(02:17:16) Durga: we'll think about it

(02:17:32) Jitendra: as of now.. its for rural people..
(02:17:43) Durga: what do you guys suggest?
(02:18:21) Durga: ok
(02:18:25) Jitendra: housewives and kids who have studied till class 5-6
(02:18:29) Durga: lets contnue this discussion on the mailing lit
(02:18:31) Durga: list
(02:18:41) Durga: we need to flesh out the details
(02:18:46) Jitendra: ok
(02:18:54) Durga: and ask ourselves the qns Dr Wilson was asking about the blood project
(02:19:05) Jitendra: ya ..
(02:19:09) Jitendra: whats the problem..
(02:19:15) Jitendra: what we can do to help
(02:19:32) Durga: jhajee pls save this chat
(02:19:35) Jitendra: ok
(02:19:45) Jitendra: let me post it on the blog..