



Approach of Mehergarh

The philosophical core of the Institute and its founders is captured in the ancient phrase, Ana Al Haq, which primarily means that the ultimate truth and power lies within us all. The aim is to develop the ability to discover oneself along with one's tendencies to violate other's rights and to understand the relationship that one shares with the existing power structures of the society. The philosophy demands that we must first recognize how we keep re-enforcing the unjust systems through our own daily actions before we are able to talk about changing the behavior of others and the society in general.

As the historic name suggests, Mehergarh's approach also recognizes the depth and breadth of our society. Our approach includes ownership of our history of 9000 years, as opposed to 60 years after independence. It includes recognition of the diversity of all ethnicities, religious groups, economic classes and divergent segments of our society. We believe that only when we expand the concept of "us" will we be able to fully understand "our" issues and feel the pain that different segments of our society feel. This is essential to work on solving those problems collectively. The narrow mainstream thinking and disconnect from the various pockets of our society will not lead to an effective resolution of the massive socio-political problems we face today.

Programs of Mehergarh

The strategy of Mehergarh is to initiate its programs in a phased schedule. Out of the programs listed below, the training camps and the Civil Action Program are in full swing. Meherkaar has gone through two phases of pilot testing and is being prepared for a large-scale launch. Media activities continue at various levels. Other programs will be gradually phased in.

Mehergarh Youth Camp:

This is an eight-week residential leadership summer Camp for young men and woman, with the purpose of preparing young leaders for the Human Rights movement.