

Newsletter
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Bindaas Bol Our World: Our Story



A joyous gathering at the beginning of the year of Trustees & senior staff members



Celebrating our 34th Foundation Day with our Emeritus Founder Trustee Dr. Praveen Nair



The children and staff celebrated the **34th foundation day of the Trust** with much joy de vivre, there was music and dancing and drama. This successful journey is the fruit of the unconditional passion and dedication of our staff members. The Trustees felicitated the **staff members who completed the milestone of 10, 20 and 25 years** of service with the organization.

DID YOU KNOW?

All children, except only those who come only for emergency support, participate in some form of education.

In the financial year 2021-2022

- **862 children** went to formal school, **238** from children homes & **624** from contact points
- **2030 children** received Non-formal education at the centres
- **69 children** were admitted to **National Institute for Open Learning (NIOS)**
- **34 children** secured a place into higher education out of which **22 are girls**

Donate to educate more street children



Educate a child at INR 1500/month

(this includes school fees, uniforms, school bag, tiffin, bottle and stationary, tuition and extra classes and snack for tiffin.)

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"Oh, the places you'll go!"



Nandini was 5 years old when she was spotted by our outreach worker from Kishalaya day care centre near Hanuman Mandir at Connaught Place. This bright eyed, tiny girl would wander around neglected, aimless and hungry, without any supervision as her parents were heavily addicted to cheap, lethal drugs. Nandini would spend the whole day near the temple and would sleep on the pavement at night, begging for a few scraps to eat.

She lost her father due to complications arising out of his addiction and her mother was not capable of offering a safe space or emotional support to the child. Luckily, Nandini was not into substance abuse, and we worked hard to convince her mother that it was the best and safest thing for Nandani to be admitted into Udaan, our residential home for girls in Kamala Nagar.

Nandini felt blessed to be in an environment where she no longer had to worry about her next meal or the instinctive struggle to stay safe at night from the addicts and child molesters. She was an eager and curious child with a remarkable zest for life. She adapted well and settled into a formal school routine and this year she completed her 12th standard with a first division.

Today, Nandini works at a Starbucks outlet and is making a monthly salary of Rs. 18,000. She is also pursuing a B.A. course from the School of Open Learning.

Hers is a joyous story which promises a happy future.



Striving to play a good game



Amar had to start working at a mechanic shop at 7 years of age as his family was very poor. Back breaking work, meagre wages and physical and emotional abuse by his stepmother made Amar's life a never ending nightmare. In the hope of getting away from it all Amar decided to run away, he boarded a train to New Delhi. Little did he anticipate that life in a metro city would be just as difficult. Once in Delhi his only option for survival was to work as a rag picker and at times he would pickpockets. To control hunger pangs, he started using drugs.

Amar soon caught the attention of our outreach worker at New Delhi Railway Station. The social worker tried to convince Amar to shift to a shelter home where he would be provided food and education.

The prospect of warm meals, a safe space and education enthused the weary young boy. Without thinking twice, he took the offer and agreed to stay at the Apna Ghar open shelter. There, he was enrolled in class 5.

Amar soon settled in to school and other co-curricular activities however he was diagnosed with Bone Tuberculosis. The illness waylaid his life for 2 years but he recovered with medication. The spirited young boy bounced back with an even greater motivation to study. He worked hard and cleared all his exams, despite all odds.

Presently, Amar is working at Decathlon, a sports and athletic goods company, as a Project Manager of Delhi- N.C.R. and pursuing graduation from a distance learning facility. Amar aspires to be an entrepreneur.

We wish him good health and success.



**So Special
Lets create an inclusive world**



Ishan and Anuranjan came to Aasra home for boys at the age of 14 and 11 years respectively. Both were loving endearing simple kids yet struggled with everyday functions. An evaluation by our counsellors showed that Ishan had an intellectual disability as he showed difficulties in communication, self-care and performing daily activities. Anuranjan was diagnosed with mild autism and moderate intellectual disability too similar to Ishan.

Both were enrolled in a special school and were given therapy sessions by our counsellor. With consistent efforts by the caregivers and the mental health team, both children showed considerable improvement in verbal communication and soon were independently managing daily activities such as bathing, washing their own clothes etc.

Both the boys were capable of getting vocational training and were enrolled at MUSKAN which offers training for persons with special needs. After a year's training, Ishan and Anuranjan are interning in the candle making unit at MUSKAN. Both are undergoing 3 months of internal training and we are hopeful that they would be soon placed in a job.



The story of perseverance



T. Narayan Rao joined S.B.T. on 1st August 1995 as a caretaker cum office boy. Affable, easy going but very conscientious, Narayan proved his worth quickly. Seeing his dedication and the zeal to learn, he was soon promoted and given the responsibility of a storekeeper. For 12 years, he managed the store and office efficiently and honestly. He actively participated in managing SBT's kitchen and candle making unit too.

The management realized he worked with numbers very easily too and was interested in accounting. Since then, he has been part the accounts team and is the go-to person for all the staff to sort out any accounting issues. Famously known as Narayan Sir, he addresses every staff's billing issues with ease and a smile.

He reminisces about how he has come really far and how the organization has grown, and that is what requires him to constantly grow and be in sync with the times.



We rise by lifting others Volunteer story- Manas Gandhi



As a Psychology student, I always wanted to make a positive impact on society. When I read about Salaam Baalak Trust on internet, I was thrilled to get the opportunity to work with the organisation. I still remember my first day at Apna Ghar open shelter. My nervousness disappeared quickly as the warmth and kindness of the children made me feel needed and right at home.



Since then, I have also worked at Uday open shelter and at the Perna contact point, and it has been an amazing journey. Through teaching subjects such as english and mathematics and as an intern counsellor, I have formed deep connections with children. I have heard their stories and the amazing resilience they show, I have learned so much from them, their joy for life and courage. It has been a lesson to see their comradery with each other and with the staff of Salaam Baalak. The courage each child holds, reflected in their bright smiles and shining eyes, is something that will stay with me forever. My experience with Salaam Baalak Trust has been life-changing. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for their unwavering dedication towards improving the lives of these children.

Volunteer with us: Read the kids a story, do some craft with them, or play a game, help them with Maths or their homework, mentor senior kids who have to make their way into the world.

We need just a bit of your time!

Awards and recognitions

Mr. Sanjoy k Roy, MD, Teamwork Arts and our Founder Trustee started working with children on the street 35 years ago. His unwavering passion towards this cause has impacted so many young lives.



Mr. Sanjoy K Roy, MD, was recently felicitated with the Rabindranath Tagore Prize for 'Social Achievement 2021-2022'.



Cordial visit by Australian Education Minister

The **Australian Education Minister Jason Clare** visited Salaam Baalak Trust's DMRC Children home for boys. Mr. Claire along with the Vice Chancellor of Central Queensland University Australia interacted with the alumna and beneficiaries there. Through our valued relationship with CQU from the past 10 years, we have so far supported 80 children to pursue education from reputed institutions across India like Amity University, Galgotias University and many more.



35 Years of Salaam Baalak Trust- Book Launch

We documented our journey of 35 years into a heart-warming book replete with stories of our kids and the growth of our Trust. Friends and well-wishers gathered at 1AQ Art Gallery, Mehrauli to celebrate this momentous occasion. Mr. Anurag Kundu, Chairperson Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights launched the book. A group of well-wishers and members of Theatre for a Cause added some melody to our evening celebrations.



The book is written by **Ms. Sujata Raghavan** and designed by **Ms. Mani Suri**.
Book your copy now @9811163926 (Tanya Alag)

Workshops and trainings on various skill gaps are organized to increase productivity of our staff.



The most recent ones are as follows:

#	Training topic	Resource person	# of Employees benefitted
1.	Accountability & Ownership	Ms. Gagan Singh	40
2.	Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (Pocso)	Mr. Anjani Tiwari	15
3.	Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (Pocso)	Mr. Anjani Tiwari	25
4.	Communication and Empathy	Mental Health team	15
5.	Art based therapy workshop	Mental Health team	35
6.	Prevention of Sexual Harrasment (POSH)	Mr. Vikram Srivastava	29
7.	Fundraising	Mr. Sanjeev Gupta	19
8.	Report writing & Documentation	Mr. Vikram Srivastava	35





We remember him with a Smile



It still feels unreal that we lost our brightest star - Gaurav. He passed away in a tragic accident. He came to us when he was only 10 years of age and had dreams of studying and making it big in life. His undeterred passion for academics was soon observed by his teachers and he was lucky enough to get admission in one of the most prestigious schools of India- The Lawrence School, Sanawar, Himachal Pradesh. He scored 84 percent in 12th standard and was pursuing graduation in Nautical Science from the Institute of Science Technology and Advanced Sciences at Chennai. He had a bright future but fate had other plans.

We grieve silently and try to find solace in the memories of a short life-fully lived.

A NEW WALK FOR THE FOODIES
Let the delicious food smells whet your appetite
FOOD WALK - DILLI 6 EDITION!

The Salaam City Food Walk, Old Delhi Edition, is an extended version of the City Walk programme. This is a 3-hour guided tour conducted by the former alumni of Salaam Baalak Trust. This scintillating walk takes you through the alleys of Old Delhi detailing out the magnificent infrastructure, rich history and mouth-watering culinary aspects of Dilli 6.

This walk would take you through a vortex holding the stories of people in the streets and also how the children at risk in Old Delhi are further provided support through the Jama Masjid Contact Point, one of the day-care centres of SBT.

Let's explore Dilli 6 from the lens of our Guide's perspective.



HURRY UP AND BOOK YOUR SLOT

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