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“I have prevented my own child marriage & continue to sensitize communities. Child marriage negatively influences children's rights to education, health and protection”

- Pooja Banjara



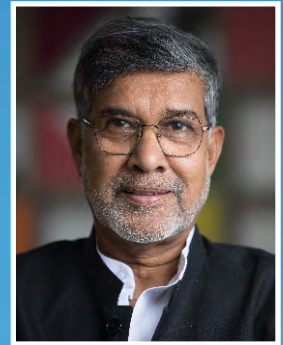
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MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-FOUNDERS

The coronavirus pandemic was perhaps the most challenging times in our lifetime and possibly in the entire recent history. It engulfed the whole of mankind in unimaginable ways, disrupting the foreign policies, health services, economy and development of countries. Forced to stay indoors with schools being completely shut down, children became one of the most affected populations of the country. This posed a bigger challenge and gave us an even bigger responsibility to protect and safeguard the childhood of our children.



But as unstoppable as we are, I would begin with thanking my children- survivors of slavery, children from our Bal Panchayat and Banjara Education Centres who demonstrated extraordinary leadership. The girls from our Skill Training Centre stood firm with the team to prevent coronavirus and stitched masks for distribution in the communities.

In the end, I would like to thank all my team members, donors, media and civil society organizations, and say again that together we will overcome any challenges that are thrown our way if we show compassion and remain focused on our goal of attaining freedom for all children.

Nobel Peace Laureate
Kailash Satyarthi



I applaud the efforts of my team members who worked tirelessly to fight against COVID-19 and reached out to communities in need. We adapted to the new normal immediately and ensured that each child, household or community is provided with immediate response. The display of courage and commitment by our teachers, staff, volunteers and well-wishers has been inspiring and indispensable during the testing times.



Our hard work was celebrated through the prestigious awards we received during the year. In the end, I would like to thank my team and volunteers for their continued support to our trust.

Smt. Sumedha Kailash



INTRODUCTION

Bal Ashram Trust is an innovative and transformative grassroots solution which addresses complex and deep-rooted societal problems **to ensure child protection and create a child-friendly world**. It was founded by Nobel Peace Laureate Shri Kailash Satyarthi and Smt. Sumedha Kailash in 1998 as **a long-term rehabilitation centre** for children rescued from child labour, child slavery, and child trafficking.

The Trust also runs programs focusing on child-centric and holistic community development - **the Bal Mitra Gram** (Child-friendly Villages) and the **Banjara (Nomadic) Education Centres**.

Through our three programs, **we have impacted over 1,74,724 lives**.

We follow a **rights-based approach** where we work to inculcate values of justice, equality, and freedom by incorporating principles of democratic participation, accountability, and non-discrimination at every stage of our programs. An example of this is the elected 'Bal Panchayat' (Leadership Council of Children) which provides child leaders equal participation in relevant matters of local governance and a voice to demand change - through dialogue and partnership with the Village Council.

We also create **strong linkages and partnerships with government agencies** at the local, state and the national level to ensure holistic, systemic and sustainable impact.



OUR VISION

Our Vision is to create a child-friendly world where all children have access to their rights and can become compassionate, responsible citizens and agents of change.



OUR MISSION

Our Mission is to empower children to realize their full potential and become advocates for rights and social justice through equitable and participative reform.

OUR IMPACT



174,724

Lives
Impacted



70,795

Children
Impacted



11,385

Elected
Child Leaders
of Bal Panchayat



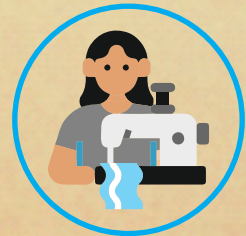
1435

Survivors
Successfully
reintegrated
into Society



205

Child-Friendly
Villages developed in 5 Blocks
of Alwar and Jaipur



1800 +

Girls received
Skill Training



OUR PROGRAMS



Bal Ashram Rehabilitation Centre

Bal Ashram is one of a kind long-term rehabilitation centre for children rescued from child labour, trafficking, abuse, and exploitation.



Banjara Education Centres

Banjara Education Centres are community-based learning centres that provide education to children from Nomadic Communities & addresses deep-rooted socio-cultural practices through participative reform.



Bal Mitra Gram™

Bal Mitra Gram™ is an award-winning transformational model of democratic, participatory reform creating child-friendly villages.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The onset of the second pandemic wave took a significant toll on people's lives across the nation.

As per a report by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and UNICEF, *“the COVID-19 pandemic will pose very real risk of backtracking”* the efforts made to eradicate child labour in the previous years. According to UNESCO, the global average for school closures was recorded to be 37 weeks, while in India schools were closed for 82 weeks (UNESCO, November 2021). The pandemic not only disrupted the education system across the country but also exacerbated the pre-existing vulnerabilities to livelihoods faced by low-income, rural and migrant families. The rights of all children were, thus, under threat to a degree that has not been seen in more than a generation.

However, in the last year we worked tirelessly with the support of our partners to battle the mounting impact of the pandemic's second wave. During those testing times, we reached out to the most marginalized communities, specifically children and young women, to prevent school dropouts, child marriage, and forced labour. Our team on ground distributed ration kits, sanitizers and protective gears/kits were also actively sensitizing communities on the significance of vaccinations against COVID-19.

The members of our Mahila Mandal (Women's Group), Yuva Mandal (Youth Group), and young leaders from Bal Panchayat were critical in providing support to the marginalized communities during the pandemic. We adapted to the new normal and planned our activities throughout the year accordingly

Over 8700 adults and more than 930 children received their vaccination against COVID-19 through the vaccination camps organized by the local health services in Banjara villages and our BMGs™.

The overall impact of COVID-19 has been nerve-wracking and has posed a greater risk of mental health problems among the children, youth and adults. We partnered with FORTIS Mental Health Care Services to provide free online counseling for the children at our Bal Ashram-Rehabilitation Centre to help them deal with the pandemic.

Not only did we make efforts to mitigate the challenges, but we also partnered with various renowned entities like UNESCO MGIEP and Adobe during the year. To make our efforts more sustainable, we ensured that people benefitted through linkages with various government schemes.

Along with our efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19, our team made remarkable difference in the communities of Rajasthan through various awareness campaigns on child marriage and child labour.

As the pandemic situation began to improve, we organized multiple awareness campaigns including **Shehnayi Nahi Padhayi** and **School Chalo Abhiyaan** to educate communities about the repercussions of child marriage and prevent school dropouts. About **30,000** people were reached and were informed about the ills of child marriage, and the need for education. Around **1,05,000** people have been impacted through the BMG™ (Bal Mitra Gram) program.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS AT A GLANCE



Mahatma Award

Bal Ashram Trust received the Mahatma Award for Social Impact, a prestigious award given by the Aditya Birla Group for making sustainable change in the society.

Our co-founder Smt. Sumedha Kailash received the International Mahatma Award, which is presented to social impact leaders and change makers annually by the Indian Norwegian Cultural and Information Forum.



International Mahatma Award



Award received from SDM, Thanagazi

Bal Ashram Trust received a certificate of excellence by the SDM, Virat Nagar, Thanagazi Block, Rajasthan for our work towards building child-friendly villages in Rajasthan.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR ALUMNI



Chirag Alam



Imtiyaz Ali



Mannu Kumar



Sanjay Kumar



Manish Kumar

5 children from Bal Ashram secured admissions in various higher education courses at SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai. They were provided by After Care supported by us.

Our young change maker Payal Jangid from BMG™ Hinsla won the Nari Samman Award on International Women's Day 2022. She was also selected among Rajasthan's top 40 youthicons in a survey conducted by Dainik Bhaskar.



Dainik Bhaskar's honour to Payal Jangid



Payal Jangid wins Nari Samaan Award

Four children from our Bal Ashram-Rehabilitation Centre scored the highest marks in their 10th board exams, and received a certificate of appreciation from honourable Mr. Ashok Gehlot, Chief Minister of Rajasthan.



Bal Ashram's children being honoured by Mr. Ashok Gehlot, CM, Rajasthan

During the Children's Day celebration, our children from Bal Ashram participated in various extra-curricular and sports tournaments organized by the Rajasthan State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, in which they won 14 medals and 12 trophies.



Bal Ashram children received trophies & medals

BAL ASHRAM - REHABILITATION CENTRE

At Bal Ashram-Rehabilitation Centre, we work with children rescued from child labour, trafficking, abuse, and exploitation. Almost all the children who come to the Ashram have faced some trauma. Therefore, to help them overcome their traumas, our in-house counselors, teachers, and staff at Bal Ashram strive to give them an environment of safety, love, care, and enough space to help them rebuild their self-esteem and confidence.

We also ensure that all children have access to nutrition and health facilities, formal and non-formal education, career counseling for higher education, skill training, digital learning, sports, and co-curricular activities that help them develop their team-building skills, problem-solving skills, and leadership skills.



We are happy to share some of the key updates of the year:

- ◆ **135** children received care and protection at Bal Ashram-Rehabilitation Centre;
- ◆ **72** children continued their formal education in Government school;
- ◆ **33** children attended non-formal education classes at Bal Ashram;
- ◆ **30** children received vocational skill training, including stitching & tailoring, electrical training, and carpentry trade;
- ◆ Children from the age of 6-14 years attended literacy and numeracy classes, alphabets, vowels, and consonants in their Non-Formal Education classes held at Bal Ashram;
- ◆ **15** children appeared for the 10th and 12th board exams this year.



EDUCATION

During the beginning of the year, the regular classes for children from formal education were conducted online at the Ashram. Children were provided smartphones which helped them continue their regular classes.

Bal Ashram campus got equipped with 24*7 Wifi which was crucial for us to ensure that every child studying online gets access to study material and learning tutorials.

Aftercare Support for children above 18 years

We support children in aftercare by exploring career opportunities, creating linkages with the government schemes, providing them with various scholarships, and orienting them about higher education institutions. The overarching goal is to support these children to opt for careers of their interests, which could also increase their chance of employability.



Introducing 21st-century skills for our children at Bal Ashram

We introduced Scratch Coding classes for children in Grades 7 to 9 as part of our digital learning curriculum.

To fuel their interest in learning English, we appointed a full-time English teacher at Bal Ashram to help them with grammar, communication, speech and more. During the year, **112** Children attended English reading and writing classes at Bal Ashram. The teacher planned extra lessons and routine tests and grammar worksheets for children appearing for the board exams.



Children learning Coding at Bal Ashram

We were happy to observe that these children became more confident in speaking English, and some of them have even taken the lead by writing scripts in English to anchor programs and events at Bal Ashram.

5 children from Bal Ashram secured admission to SRM Institute of Science and Technology

5 Children from Bal Ashram have enrolled at SRM Institute of Science of Technology, Chennai, to pursue their choice of courses that include hotel & catering, management, physiotherapy, business administration, nursing, and physical and health education. These children were supported by Bal Ashram Trust's After Care facility. Their education expenses are being supported by our partner Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation's Freedom Fellows Education Fund.



Chirag Alam



Imtiyaz Ali



Mannu Kumar



Sanjay Kumar



Manish Kumar

SKILL TRAINING FOR BOYS AT BAL ASHRAM

At Bal Ashram Rehabilitation Centre, we also have a skill training program for boys over the age of 14 years to motivate and encourage them in exploring their careers in skill-based jobs.

We have three different skill training centres for boys at Bal Ashram.



Skill Training for boys

Stitching & Tailoring Trade

23 Children got enrolled for Stitching & Tailoring Trade. These children were trained in apparel in stitching and tailoring (both Men & Women), buttoning the garments, & learnt about various stitching tools.

Carpentry Trade

3 Children from Bal Ashram made furniture items such as table furniture, benches, window frames, & glass fittings. They have also gained knowledge regarding the essential tools & machinery.

Electrical Trade

4 Children were enrolled in the Electrical trade under which they were taught about air conditioner, washing machines, geysers, & water coolers servicing, repairing ceiling fans & regulators, solar panels, domestic wiring, and fittings.

Skill Training Centre for Girls

Bal Ashram Trust also provides skill training to adolescent girls in the Jaipur and Alwar districts of Rajasthan. The program aims to enhance livelihood opportunities for young girls and promote market-oriented skills that train them to gain remuneration and dignified career options.

These girls learn basic I.T. skills, tailoring, embroidery, and beautician skills. Along with the technical training, we have also introduced a curriculum on issues concerning women and children, including dowry, education, gender equality, etc. A total of **31 women** benefited from these courses.

Some of our students are either victims of child marriage or child labour. Their life stories have motivated us to keep exploring potential partnerships to reach out to a broader group of girls from marginalized societies.



Mental Health & Speech Therapy

We continued to support children's mental well-being by providing online counseling sessions from the team of psychologists from Fortis healthcare. These sessions aim to promote their mental wellbeing.

63 sessions were conducted by the Fortis Mental Health Counseling team, while 7 Children received speech therapy. We have observed an increase in children's self-confidence, class participation, and clarity in their speech as an outcome of these sessions.



(Mental Health & Speech Therapy)

Neev Career Counseling Program

A unique program primarily focusing on identifying educational and employability programs for the children, preparing them to identify courses as per their interest, building their capacity, and communication skills, and providing them relevant exposure.

To counsel children at Bal Ashram about various career prospects, we organized multiple career counseling sessions by Mr. Chandra Sawan, a professional career counselor by profession. He conducted and oriented them about various higher education courses. Besides the career counseling sessions, our children also attended alumni sessions with Bal Ashram alumni currently pursuing professional careers. Such sessions motivate the children at Bal Ashram bringing more hope and boosting their self-confidence and morale.

During the reporting period, **5 Career counseling sessions** and **12 alumni sessions** were conducted.





BANJARA EDUCATION CENTRES

INTRODUCTION

Bal Ashram Trust works with the Banjara (nomadic) communities located in the remote villages of Rajasthan. Banjara Education Centres (BEC) are community-based learning centres to provide basic education to children from Banjara communities and address deep-rooted socio-cultural problems through community-based interventions and participative reform.

BACKGROUND

Banjaras are a group of various nomadic tribes found throughout India, and they live in small isolated groups called thandas. These communities typically have high illiteracy rates, low-income levels, and poor infrastructure, they are subjected to extreme discrimination and marginalization by other upper caste communities. The continuous migration due to these factors leads to child labour, child marriage, and a lack of education for the Banjara children.

To halt these exploitative practices, our first Banjara Education Centre was established in 2008. These child-friendly education centres provide a hands-on learning experience to children, especially girls, and support their families through community-based intervention and participative reforms.

Through this program, we aim to address the deep-rooted socio-cultural practices with a focus on female empowerment, create first-generation school learners and enable the community to find an alternative to regular migration leading to societal acceptance without ostracization and discrimination. Currently, we have **13 Banjara Education Centres** located in Rajasthan.

Here are some glimpses of the key activities held at our Banjara Education Centres.

EDUCATION

The COVID-19 pandemic posed a significant threat to the children of Banjara Communities as there were speculations that many families were migrating during and after the second wave.

Despite the closure of schools until September 2021, our teachers ensured the children did not miss out on their studies.



Banjara Education Centre Classrooms

Our teachers went an extra mile and taught children at their doorsteps, maintaining the social-distancing guidelines. They planned a daily timetable, prepared worksheets for children, visited each child's home, discussed the lessons, and guided them throughout. These efforts have been instrumental in providing education to **373** children, of which 209 were girls, and 164 were boys.

During the reporting period, **121** children were mainstreamed from all our BECs to the age-appropriate classes in the nearby Government school.

We also inaugurated a new Banjara Education Centre in Badri Baba Ki Dhani village during the year to support the education of more children from Banjara communities.

INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Community infrastructural support plays a key role in the overall development of communities. While people in urban cities access metros, buses, and cabs for their daily commute, Banjara communities in Rajasthan seek government support even for the basic amenities like water and electricity.



Solar Panel installation

We, as an organization, identified this core issue and are constantly engaged in building dialogues and advocating to the local administration for their support in providing basic necessities.

Some of the infrastructural development facilitated by us during the year;

- **10 Solar lights were installed in different Banjara Communities;**
- **11 Banjara Education Centres now have benches, and 9 computers were installed in our centres;**
- **2 Hand pumps were installed, due to which 750 people now have access to clean drinking water;**
- **2 Hand pumps were repaired in 2 communities, benefitting 700 people.**

COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVES

For an overall development of a community, a robust mechanism of addressing the health needs of a community is essential. Our team reached out to the Banjara communities and distributed ration kits and sensitized them on the importance of vaccinations against COVID-19, as there were many misconceptions around the vaccinations We reached;



Vaccination against COVID-19

- **1180** Adults received vaccinations against COVID-19;
- **90** Children received their first dose of COVID-19 Vaccination (12-18 years);
- **1682** Ration kits and sanitizers were distributed to the families covering 11 villages in 5 months.

LINKAGES WITH GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

One of our significant objectives in strengthening the Banjara communities is to create linkages between the communities and the government welfare and social security schemes. During the reporting period, **1006** people, including children, were linked with Government Schemes like Palanhar Yojana, E-Shram cards, Pension schemes, etc.



Identification documents

WOMEN LITERACY SUPPORT

To make women independent in opening their bank accounts and other financial documents, **98 women** from **11 Banjara communities** were guided and taught to write their names by our team on the ground. We were awestruck to see the kind of happiness these women experienced in writing their names for the first time. These women are also learning to fill out forms and applications to avail the benefits of government schemes.



Women writing their names for the first time

COMMUNITY AWARENESS & SENSITIZATION PROGRAMS

Early marriages and chores at home are key reasons for girls dropping out of school. as indicated by the National Family Health Survey-5 (2019-21). To educate and sensitize the communities to break the glass ceiling for children, specifically for girls who often are at the receiving end of orthodoxy and prejudices, we organized tailored community interventions, such as awareness campaigns, rallies and outreach programs. We used several mediums to reach the public through street plays, wall writing, rallies, fliers, and pamphlet distribution to sensitize communities on the ills of child marriage and child labour.



#ShehnayiNahiPadhai
Campaign

2500 people were reached through this campaign in the Banjara communities. The campaign aimed to spread awareness against child marriage and the prevention of school dropouts.

Campaign against Alcohol
Consumption

2200 people were reached through our campaign against alcohol consumption - a prevalent practice and age-old tradition among the Banjara communities, wherein even women and children are encouraged to consume alcohol.



**BAL MITRA GRAM™
(CHILD FRIENDLY VILLAGES)**



A group of children, with a boy in a red shirt in the foreground smiling.

Bal Mitra Gram™ (Child-Friendly Village) is an award-winning transformational model of democratic, participatory reform creating child-friendly villages.

A Child-friendly Village refers to a village where there is equal participation of children at the panchayat level so that their voices, issues, and concerns are heard. The objective of the program is to create a robust mechanism of children's participatory model to eradicate child marriage, child sexual abuse, child labour and trafficking and any form of violence against children. It works towards preventing child exploitation such as child trafficking, child labour and child marriage right at its source along with addressing other cross-cutting issues of education, child sexual abuse, WASH and livelihood.

This year under the Bal Mitra Gram Program, we achieved :

EDUCATION

Our team conducted regular follow-ups with 245 children who were previously dropped out of schools. Post conducting a field assessment, our team on the ground re-enrolled them in schools.

To promote girls' enrolment and reduce the dropout of the girl child, **24 Cycles** were distributed to girls in our 10 BMGs which helped them commute to schools regularly.

Mini Libraries were set up in **10 schools** in our Bal Mitra Gram™ to improve children's reading and learning outcomes. Each school was provided with **242 books**, including books on general knowledge, grammar, stories, etc. Children were overjoyed to see new storybooks and art books in their libraries.



Bal Mitra Library

Abhilash, a 9-year-old from BMG Kaled, shared, "I was awestruck when I saw the library in my school for the first time. I couldn't believe that so many books were kept in one place and were available for us to read for free."

Leadership through Bal Panchayat

Children from our Bal Panchayat participate in Gram Sabha and Gram Panchayat's meetings as children's representatives and to voice their concerns. As active leaders, they submitted over **65 applications** to Gram Panchayat Sarpanch, School Principals, and Local MLAs during the last year to improve the school infrastructure.

The applications demanded separate toilets for girls, accessibility to drinking water, and appointment of teachers in schools. These are the kind of issues that our children take up as they become more active in the Bal Panchayat.

Community Development Initiatives

As the COVID-19 vaccination drives kick-started for adolescents in January, our team geared up to raise awareness for vaccination against COVID-19. The team went door to door, registered the eligible children's names, and with continuous engagement with the local health administration, we successfully got 358 children vaccinated.

7520 Adults were vaccinated against COVID -19.

830 Children were also vaccinated against COVID -19

Additionally, **612** Community meetings were held during the period to discuss strategies

- to prevent school dropouts,
- to prevent child marriages & further form linkages with government schemes.

3 Hand pumps were installed in the 10 BMGs during the reported period so that the community can regularly access clean drinking water.

We are constantly making efforts to facilitate the provision of identification documents and further creating linkages with government schemes for people belonging to marginalized communities.

Following are the highlights of the work done by Bal Mitra Gram during the year 2021-22.

- **1006** people were linked with government benefit schemes, including Mukhyamantri Chiranjivi Yojana, E-Shram Cards, Sukanya Samridhi, PM Jan Awas Yojana, MGNREGA, etc.
- **5150** people participated in Saksham Nari Sashakt Samaj Campaign on International Women's Day
- **12000** Children participated in Matdata Jagrukta Abhiyan organized in collaboration with Block Level Administration
- **2000** Trees were planted in the 10 BMGs

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITY WITH 42 BAL MITRA GRAM'S™

Apart from our regular BMGs, we are also supporting our follow-up BMGs. The following graph reflects the data of linkages with government schemes formed during the year.

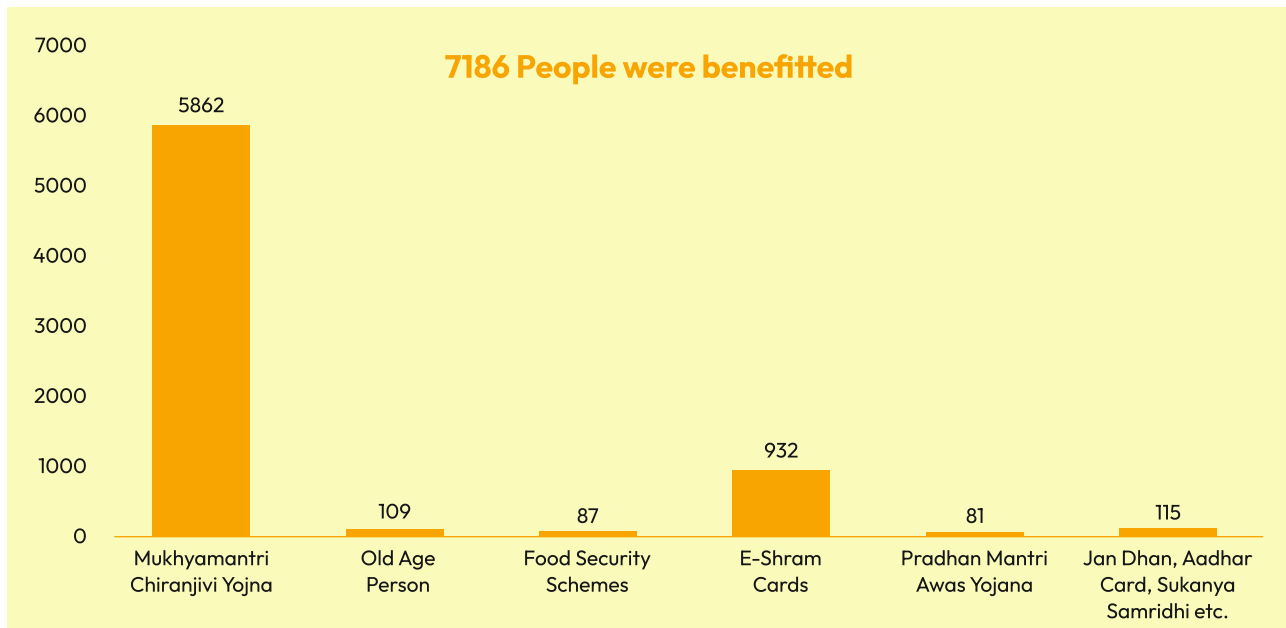


Table 1: Follow up with 42 BGM's™

As reflected in table 1, **5862** people were linked with Mukhyamantri Chiranjivi Yojana. 87 people were connected with government schemes, 932 people received E-Shram Cards, 81 people were linked with Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana & 115 people got benefitted by getting their documents such as Jan Dhan, Aadhar card, Sukanya Samridhi, etc



42 BAL MITRA GRAMS™ DETAILS

Road Repaired in BMG Gopalpura & BMG Salota after long pending requests to the local authorities

A charcoal **road** was constructed for the first time independence in Loj Kanpura village

Handpump installation and Borewell connections was provided in **19 BMGs™**

Slogan writing and wall painting was completed in **15 BMGs™**

129 Bal Panchayat Meetings were held

There were 0 cases of child labour and child marriage in the **42 BMGs™**

26 Handpumps were repaired in 42 BMGs™

167 Yuva Mandal Meetings were held

6180 children participated in Matdata Jagrukta Abhiyan

48,270 people including children were reached through various campaigns

59 women have learnt to write their names for the first time

14000 sanitary napkins were distributed in 6 BMGs™

Toilet construction in BMG™ Jaitpura

School track was leveled for children to ensure the safety of children in BMG™ Gad Basayi

VOICES THAT MATTER!



I was stimulated upon meeting Bhaishab Ji (Shri. Kailash Satyarthi) and Bhabhi Ji (Smt. Sumedha Kailash). They guided me in the ways of bringing a positive change through the Bal Mitra Gram (Child-Friendly Village) model in my village. With continuous motivation and hard work, I have been appointed as the 2nd-grade teacher at the DSSSB, Delhi. I have always been passionate about teaching children and exploring ways of introducing innovative teaching methods in classrooms. As an appointed teacher in DSSSB, I can fulfill my dreams.

Prakash Chand Meena

President, BMG Lalpura, Rajasthan



I was merely 8 years old when I was forced to work in a copper factory. I often got injuries while working for 10-12 hours in abysmal conditions. While staying at the Ashram, I got my ITI certification, after which I applied for various job positions. I am proud to be appointed at the Honda Motor Company, Ltd. in Alwar. This would not have been possible without the support of teachers at Bal Ashram,

Pawan Kumar, Bal Ashram Alumnus



Had I not participated in the Bal Panchayat facilitated by Bal Ashram Trust, I would not have been able to re-enroll 57 out-of-school children back to school. It is because of the constant efforts of my fellow BMG team members who have guided me and helped me thrive with greater power and confidence.

Lalita Duhariya, member of National Bal Panchayat, Rajasthan



Like any other child in my community, I was also helping my parents in cattle-rearing until I met Tara didi. She is the first girl to complete her schooling in our village. I told her that I wanted to be like her. She convinced my parents about my admission to the Banjara Education Centre. I attend the classes regularly. I want to become a teacher.

Leela Banjara, (9) Nimdi Village, Rajasthan.

CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

Celebrating birthdays and festivals of all religions is a crucial aspect of life at Bal Ashram!

Birthday celebrations help develop a sense of belonging and identity among the children and enhance their self-worth. Events like singing and dancing work as therapy and help children build their confidence and self-esteem and further forge meaningful connections with their peers, teachers, and staff.



A historical moment for all of us at Bal Ashram Trust!

We were exhilarated to partner with the Satyarthi Movement to celebrate #SamvidhaanDiwas2022 a historical event in which over 5 crore children across 20 states and 478 districts participated.

We, along with 69785 children & adults from 55 Anganwadi centers and 126 schools from Rajasthan read the Preamble to celebrate & commemorate the adoption of the #Constitution of India. We applaud our team's efforts in facilitating a one-of-a-kind mobilization event, #SamvidhanDiwas2021, held in association with the state government and local administration across Rajasthan.

Significant visits at Bal Ashram- Rehabilitation Centre

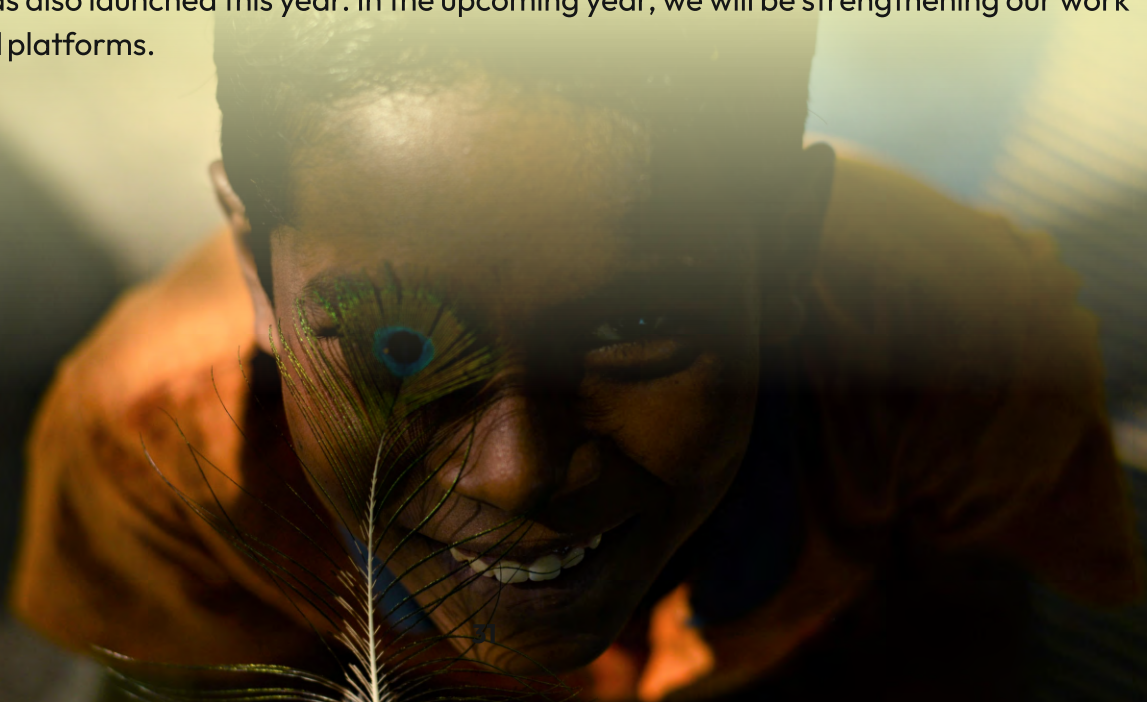
Nothing can be more stimulating than welcoming a determined and passionate government professional like Ms. Sangeeta Beniwal, Chairperson, Rajasthan State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (RSCPCR), for her inspection visit at the Bal Ashram-Rehabilitation Centre. We were privileged to witness her meeting with our co-founders, wherein they discussed new collaborative ideas that can make the state an enabling place for children to thrive and flourish.

WAY FORWARD

No matter how challenging the situations could become, we as a team will continue to work towards ensuring every child is safe, accessible, and educated. Although the year started with a few challenges, gradually we adapted to the new normal and made every possible effort to enable change in the communities.

In the past year, we expanded our partnerships and developed a stronger relationship with our partners and supporters.

We have introduced Reels on our Instagram page. Our new website and a new YouTube channel was also launched this year. In the upcoming year, we will be strengthening our work over digital platforms.



बाल विवाह के खिलाफ लोगों को जागरूक किया गया

लक्ष्मण वर्मा / दिव्यांग जगत

बाल आश्रम द्वारा संचालित बाल मित्र ग्राम चंदपुरा, कालेंड, टोडा, पंचपडी, पलासाना, जैतपुर गुजरान, कोलिया गुरियावास, नौडारा, लोटावास, गुजरौ का गुवाडा में वसंत पंचमी पर बाल विवाह के खिलाफ बाल पंचायत व महिला मण्डल द्वारा आमजन को बाल विवाह के खिलाफ जागरूक किया गया बाल पंचायत द्वारा नुककड़ नाटक कर डोर टू डोर पारिवारिक समर्थक कर आमजन को बाल विवाह के दुष्परिणामों से अवगत कराया गया ग्राम व ग्राम के आसपास ग्रामों में कोई बाल विवाह नहीं हो इसके लिए बाल पंचायत व महिला मण्डल द्वारा बाल विवाह रोकने के लिए निगरानी कमेटी का गठन किया गया जो हमेशा बाल विवाह पर कड़ी नजर बनाए हुए हैं इस अवसर पर बाल सत्पंच सौभाग्य योगी, बाल पंचायत सदस्य जलदीप मीना, गुड्डि दासमा विकास कुमार दासमा नितेश कुमार स्वामी महिला मण्डल अध्यक्ष कैलाशी देवी, वार्ड पंच सोमा देवी दासमा, युवा मण्डल अध्यक्ष लीला राम मीना संचालन सलाहकार सगिति अध्यक्ष कजोई मल मीना रिटायर्ड अधिकारी लखे सहित बाल आश्रम कार्यकर्ता उपस्थित रहे।



बाल आश्रम संस्थापिका सुमेधा कैलाश को महात्मा अवाई से नवाजा जाने पर लोगों ने जताई खुशी

विजयपाल सैनी

शाहपुरा (कानून व्यवस्था)। विराटनगर बाल आश्रम संस्थापिका सुमेधा कैलाश को शुक्रवार को आदित्य बिरला ग्रुप द्वारा दिल्ली में आयोजित कार्यक्रम में महात्मा अवाई से सम्मानित किया गया। इस अवसर पर आयोजित कार्यक्रम में पूर्व राज्यपाल किरण बेदी द्वारा सुमेधा कैलाश को सामाजिक बुराईयों के खिलाफ कार्य करने व बाल मजदूरी, बाल शोषण से छुड़वाए गए बच्चों को समाज की मुख्य धारा से जोड़ने व लोगों को शोषण के खिलाफ जागरूक करने के उद्देश्य को लेकर महात्मा अवाई से सम्मानित किया गया। इस अवसर पर अस्मिता सत्यार्थी, बंजारा बस्ती नीमड़ी से पूजा व बाल आश्रम से कलाम आदि मौजूद रहे। बाल मित्र ग्रामों व बंजारा शिक्षा केंद्रों पर लोगों ने मिठाई बांट कर खुशी जाहिर की। इस अवसर पर गांवों में बाल पंचायत, युवाओं, महिलाओं सहित बाल मित्र ग्राम कमेटी के सदस्यों व बाल मित्र ग्राम कार्यकर्ताओं ने खुशी जताई।



बेटी बचाओ, बेटी पढ़ाओ के तहत

70 बालिकाओं के खाते खुलवा पास बुक सौंपी

थानागाजी 'धूमर' (गोविन्द कुम्भावत)। बाल आश्रम द्वारा संचालित बाल मित्र ग्रामों में

बाल आश्रम संस्थापिका सुमेधा कैलाश एवं थानागाजी उपखंड अधिकारी डा. नवनीत कुमार के निर्देशन में बेटी पढ़ाओ, बेटी बचाओ योजना के अन्तर्गत बाल आश्रम के द्वारा बेटियों के सहयोग हेतु गरीब परिवार की 70 बालिकाओं के सुकन्या समृद्धि योजनान्तर्गत खाते खुलवाए गये जिनकी बैंक पास बुक उपखण्ड अधिकारी के द्वारा बालिकाओं को उनकी माताओं की मौजूदगी में सौंपी गई। उपखंड अधिकारी ने लोगों को अपनी बेटियों को स्कूल भेजने व बाल विवाह नहीं करने के लिए समझाया गया एवं बाल आश्रम कार्यकर्ताओं को बाल मित्र ग्रामों में लोगों को सरकारी योजना की ज्यादा से ज्यादा जानकारी देकर जरूरतमंद लोगों को लाभ दिलाने कार्य करने के लिए कहा।



बच्चों ने सफेद गुब्बारे आकाश में उड़ाकर दिया देश-दुनिया में शांति कायम रखने का संदेश

किशोरी, 12 जनवरी (निसं)। सुरक्षित बचपन दिवस के अवसर पर मंगलवार को कस्बे के समीपवर्ती बंजारा बस्ती रायपुरा, बंदी बाबा की ढाणी, गोपालपुरा में नोबेल शांति पुरस्कार से सम्मानित कैलाश सत्यार्थी का जन्मदिन बच्चों व बस्तीवालों ने मिलकर सामूहिक रूप से हर्षोल्लास के साथ धूमधाम से नाच-गाकर व खेल खेलकर मनाया। इस अवसर पर बस्ती के लोगों को बच्चों के अधिकारों की जानकारी दी गई।

इस अवसर पर बच्चों, युवाओं, बंजारा समुदाय की बाल अधिकारियों के लिए जागृत करना, बाल शोषण को जड़ से खत्म करना एवं नोबेल शांति पुरस्कार विजेता कैलाश सत्यार्थी के बाल मित्र दुनिया बनाने के सपने को साकार करने की दिशा



में किये जा रहे प्रयासों से अवगत करवाया गया। इस अवसर पर समुदाय के लोगों को बच्चों का बचपन सुरक्षित बनाने का संकल्प दिलाया गया। इस दौरान उपस्थित लोगों को बताया कि कैलाश सत्यार्थी के प्रयासों से देश और दुनिया के लाखों बच्चों का जीवन बदला है। इन्होंने बाल मजदूरी तथा शोषण से पीड़ित बच्चों के लिए काम करते हुए पूरी दुनिया

में देश का परचम फहराते हुए दुनिया का सर्वोच्च पुरस्कार प्राप्त किया है। बच्चों के द्वारा शांति का संदेश देते हुए सफेद गुब्बारे हवा में उड़ाकर देश व दुनिया में शांति कायम रखने का आमजन को संदेश दिया गया। वहीं बाल मित्र ग्राम भीकमपुरा, डेरा, नैडोली, पिपलाई में भी युवाओं ने पौधरोपण कर, गायों को फल व हरा चारा खिलाकर सुरक्षित बचपन दिवस मनाया।

आत्मविश्वास व आपसी सहयोग से सफलता मिलती हैं-पायल जागिड़

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थानागाजी - कस्बे के निकटवर्ती बाल मित्र ग्राम हींसला की रहने वाली पायल जागिड़ जो कि अपने गांव की बाल सत्पंच भी रही जिनको बिल एण्ड मल्लिखन गैट्स फाउंडेशन द्वारा रोलवेल वेंचरमेकर अवार्ड से सम्मानित किया गया जो पहली भारतीय महिला थी जो अपना व अपने आसपास के गांवों में बाल विवाह को रोकने के लिए दिया गया था जो आज हमारा राजस्थान सक्षम राजस्थान में राजकुमारी दीया कुमारी के साथ अपने जीवन के अब तक के सफर के बारे में जानकारी में बताया। बाल आश्रम संस्थापिका सुमेधा कैलाश के निर्देशन में पायल द्वारा रहकर बाल विवाह को खत्म करने का कार्य किया जा रहा है पायल जागिड़ को अलवर जिले की बेटी पढ़ाओ बेटी बचाओ अभियान की एम्बेस्डर भी है साथ ही फिन्नी कलाकार शाहिद कपूर द्वारा फिट टू फाईट अवार्ड से भी सम्मानित किया गया। पायल ने बताया कि कोई भी कार्य कठिन नहीं होता है बस अपना आत्म विश्वास व सहयोग होते कार्य सफल हो जाते हैं।



अलवर

अलवर, मंगलवार, 8 मार्च, 2022

खास बदलाव की जुबानी

महिलाओं एवं बालिकाओं के लिए संघर्ष कर अपने संघर्ष के बलबूते पर बदल दी सैकड़ों कि जिंदगी

वार्डर ऑफ प्रिजिड किशोरी

अंतरराष्ट्रीय महिला दिवस 08 मार्च के अवसर पर हम आज एक ऐसी जलियन के बारे में बताने जा रहे हैं जिन्होंने अपने सपने के बलबूते पर सैकड़ों महिलाओं बालिकाओं एवं बच्चों कि जिंदगी बदलने का काम किया है। तथा जिनसे समाज सेवा के लिए नुकुण्य जय दहाल सद्गुण पुरस्कार 2000, नोबेल फिलिप्स बेवरी अवार्ड 2009, अयो अबादी युनैस् अचीवर्स अवार्ड 2014, महात्मा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय पुरस्कार 2021, तथा महात्मा अवार्ड 2021 से सम्मानित किया जा चुका है। हम बात कर रहे हैं बाल आश्रम ट्रस्ट विराटनगर कि संस्थापिका सुमेधा कैलाश कि जिन्होंने न केवल आश्रम ट्रस्ट संचालित कर जनपद में अक्सर जिनके गांवों में बाल मित्र ग्राम कार्यकर्ता एवं



बंजारा शिक्षा केंद्रों के माध्यम से गांवों में शिक्षा से वंचित बच्चों को शिक्षा से जोड़ने खास तौर पर बालिकाओं को शिक्षा, सुरक्षा एवं सहसर्वाचित दिलकर समाज की शिक्षा से वंचित बच्चों को शिक्षा से जोड़ने बाल मित्र ग्रामों में सुमेधा कैलाश के द्वारा

मिलार्ड सेंटर संचालित कर पिछले दशक से अब तक 1600 महिलाएं एवं बालिकाओं को सिलर्स-कढ़ाई एवं ब्यूटीशियन का प्रशिक्षण देकर आजीवनर बनाया है। इन्होंने साथ ही बाल मित्र ग्रामों कि जरूरतमंद बालिकाओं को अपने गांव से दूरी के कारण से पढ़ाई छोड़ने पर जाती थी तथा शिक्षा से वंचित हो जाती थी बाल मित्र ग्रामों एवं बंजारा शिक्षा केंद्रों से मिलने सस्ती में ऐसी 500 बालिकाओं को सार्किल विरलित कर उच्च शिक्षा के लिए प्रोत्साहित किया है।दूसरी के साथ ही 15 बालिकाओं को फ्रीड फेसोशिप से लाभाधिकार कर उनके आगे की पढ़ाई को राह दिखाने का काम किया है। तथा बाल मित्र ग्रामों में बाल पंचायतों का गठन कर 15 गांवों में नेतृत्व समता का विकास कर रास्ट्रीय एवं अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर अपनी पहचान बनाने का मौका मिले है। अक्सर

गोबल गोलकीपर चैम्पमेकर अवार्ड से सम्मानित पायल जागिड़ सहित बाल मित्र ग्रामों से अन्य बाल नेताओं में पायल जागिड़, रास्ट्रीय बाल सत्पंच ललित दुर्गाकि, राज्य बाल सत्पंच मुक्ति, निरजन नाल,तारा बजारा, बलुनू सहित अन्य बाल नेताओं ने नेतृत्व असात एवं अपने बहकन बच्चों में आशाजन ठठने का मौका मिलत है। जो बचने आवा अपने गांव की पंचायत के साथ मिलकर समाज बदलने का काम कर रहे हैं। संस्थापिका सुमेधा कैलाश के द्वारा गांवों में जात पात एवं पंचायत की समाप्ति एवं पंचायत बचने एवं स्वास्थ्य सेवकों से अग्रणी बचने एवं सार्वजनिक परिवहन के साधनों के अभाव से दूरस्थ गांवों में स्वास्थ्य निवारी का अभाव कर लोगों को साथ लेकर चलने का काम किया है।

FINANCIAL REPORT

BAL ASHRAM TRUST
L-6, 3rd Floor, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019

Balance Sheet as on 31st March, 2022
(Consolidated)

Liabilities	Amount (in INR)				
	As on 31st March, 2022	As on 31st March, 2021	Assets	As on 31st March, 2022	As on 31st March, 2021
Corpus Fund (Annexure -A)	41,500.00	41,500.00	Fixed Assets (Annexure -D)	29,231,746.31	27,494,260.59
Capital Fund (Annexure -B)	31,327,156.77	29,582,251.05	Tax Deducted at Sources (Annexure -E)	39,615.00	101,932.00
Programme Balances (Annexure -C)	10,849,110.21	15,890,718.81	Investments in Fixed Deposit	41,902.00	3,040,000.00
			Security Deposits (Annexure -F)	57,196.00	45,196.00
			Advances (Annexure -G)	19,566.00	18,082.00
			Cash & Bank Balances (Annexure -H)	12,827,741.67	14,814,999.27
Total	42,217,766.98	45,514,469.86	Total	42,217,766.98	45,514,469.86

For Bal Ashram Trust

As per our report of even date
For Anil S Gupta & Associates
Firm Registration Number: 004061N
Chartered Accountants

Archana senger
Trustee

Vinay Singh
Trustee

Date : 23rd September, 2022
Place : New Delhi

Anil Kumar Gupta
Partner
(Membership No. 083159)

BAL ASHRAM TRUST
L-6, 3rd Floor, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019
Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March, 2022
(Consolidated)

Expenditure	Amount (in INR)				
	For the year ended 31st March, 2022	For the year ended 31st March, 2021	Income	For the year ended 31st March, 2022	For the year ended 31st March, 2021
Recurring Expenditure (Annexure -C)	2,86,38,773.88	2,47,33,428.97	Grant Received (Annexure -C)	2,87,56,302.28	2,86,58,867.57
Depreciation (Annexure -D)	39,56,971.28	36,55,012.97	Interest Income (Annexure -C)	5,35,320.00	6,88,993.00
Excess of Income over Expenditure	(32,96,702.88)	9,62,888.63	Interest on Income tax refund	7,420.00	3,470.00
Total Expenditure	2,92,99,042.28	2,93,51,330.57	Total Income	2,92,99,042.28	2,93,51,330.57

For Bal Ashram Trust

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BAL ASHRAM TRUST
L-6, 3rd Floor, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019

Receipt & Payment Account for the period 01st April, 2021 To 31st March, 2022
(Consolidated)

Receipts			Payments	Amount (in INR)	
	For the year ended 31st March, 2022	For the year ended 31st March, 2021		For the year ended 31st March, 2022	For the year ended 31st March, 2021
Opening Balance					
Cash & Bank Balances	14,814,999.27	14,919,617.67	Recurring Expenditure (Annexure -C)	28,638,773.88	24,733,428.97
Grant Received (Annexure -C)	28,756,302.28	28,658,867.57	Non Recurring Expenditure (Annexure -C)	5,694,457.00	1,730,708.00
Interest Income (Annexure -C)	535,320.00	688,993.00	Tax deducted at sources (Annexure -E)	15,825.00	23,790.00
Interest on Income tax refund	7,420.00	3,470.00	Investments made	1,902.00	3,040,000.00
TDS adjusted to Capital account	53,761.00	-	Current Liabilities paid	-	40,397.00
FDR matured	3,000,000.00		Advances	14,324.50	
Income Tax Refund	24,381.00	66,120.00		-	-
Advances recovered	840.50	46,255.00	Closing Balance		
			Cash & Bank Balances (Annexure -H)	12,827,741.67	14,814,999.27
Total	47,193,024.05	44,383,323.24	Total	47,193,024.05	44,383,323.24

For Bal Ashram Trust

As per our report of even date
For Anil S Gupta & Associates
Firm Registration Number: 004061N
Chartered Accountants

Archana senger
Trustee

Vinay Singh
Trustee

Date : 23rd September, 2022
Place : New Delhi

Anil Kumar Gupta
Partner
(Membership No. 083159)





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simplicity.
Look at the world
with the
child's eye -
it is very beautiful.**

-Kailash Satyarthi

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