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Bindaas Bol Our world, Our Story



All Smiles: Looks like the Pandemic is over & we can go back to School!

Since 1988, Salaam Baalak Trust has been engaged with street and working children in Delhi- NCR. The Trust has 7 residential homes, 9 contact points and 3 Childline phone numbers, through which we reach out to approximately 10,000 children every year. Through our programs we provide education, food, medical, psychological and holistic development services to the children in need of care and protection. Our vision is to provide a safe and secure space where every child can blossom to his/her full potential.

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Heart-felt Stories

01. Sajda Pathan from the streets of Delhi to the Silver screen



10-year-old Sajda from a jhuggi (slum) near Hanuman mandir in Central Delhi's Connaught Place came in contact with an SBT outreach worker. She was living with her sister and brother-in-law. Her everyday routine was to beg for a few rupees from the devotees who came to the temple and wander around the temple complex.

The social worker motivated the sister to allow Sajda to come regularly to our Yamuna Bazaar centre where she was enrolled in non-formal education [NFE] classes and also got involved in cultural activities.

A French production crew was casting for their film, The Braid, and happened upon Sajda and found her perfect for the lead role. After appropriate permissions Sajda was off shooting in Varanasi & Mysore. Her talent and composure made us proud as she adapted to her new role with aplomb. The Braid (La Tresse) is directed by Laetitia Colombani and features Sajda as the lead actress, along with Mia Maelzer. The production house is now offering to sponsor her studies till she comes of age.

Sajda is a perfect example of how given an opportunity most children can shine and reach unimaginable heights.

02. Samiksha working towards a future in Medicine



Ten-year-old Samiksha lived with her family but unfortunately her mother passed away & everyday became a struggle. Her father, addicted to alcohol, had little care for Samiksha and her siblings. The eldest was married off and Samiksha along with another elder sister found their way to our girl child shelter Udaan, she was enrolled in school from there.

Samiksha's hard work combined with 3.5 years of an empathetic teacher's efforts bore sweet fruit. She cracked the entrance exams to a premier educational institute, The Lawrence school, Sanawar and studies there in class 5 now. Samiksha aspires to pursue a career in medical sciences and we are so excited for her dreams to come true.

03. Divya coming out of her shell



In 2017 Divya came to SBT after she was abandoned by her parents at the tender age of 7. She was too young to even understand the situation fully. However, she does recall little details about her mother and how loving she was. Once with us, she was enrolled into St. Crispin's school. She often wonders what could have gone wrong that a loving mother suddenly left her. She is quite shy and introverted but highly compassionate.

She was at Aarushi girls home for over 6 years and now is studying in one of India's premier private school. Looking at her grasping power and tremendous potential, the Trust worked to have her enrolled her in Lawrence School, Sanawar in the 5th standard.

It's entirely a different environment for her but she seem to have adjusted well and made quite a few friends.

Volunteer Story

Understanding a different reality



â□□As a student of social work in Switzerland, I chose **Salaam Balaak Trust** to do my final internship before graduation. I worked essentially with girls from the Udaan Rose shelter home but also with the young adults (former street kids) guiding the Salaam City Walk, in these two months inside this beautiful organization, I felt comfortable helping the children in English, French or computer classes.

I discovered and learned a lot from my colleagues, but above all from the girls themselves. It is important for me to be able to speak with them and to discuss about their lives and their future. They were also very curious about me and my culture, and it was really enriching to share our own experiences. I learned some basic words and sentences in Hindi, and it helped me to communicate with those who canâ□□t speak English. We also used some pictures and gestures to understand each other. Little by little, I feel that the relationship grew, and I am grateful for this.

I am very happy to be part of an organization working for street children, an issue that we donâ□□t have in Switzerland and that should not exist anywhere.

Thank you for having me here in SBT!â□□

Demierre Margot

Medical & Vaccination Camp



Children on the streets live in unsanitary conditions and are prone to various infections and diseases. Regular medical check-ups of the children are done at the full care residential centres and contact points. Individual health cards are maintained for each child. Whenever required, pathological tests are conducted as per the recommendation of the doctors.

A glimpse of medical workshops held during the quarter.

Medical Check-up Camp	08
Vaccination Camp	03
Dental Camp	01
Medical Workshop	02

Work to Wellness



Through structured interventions, group discussions & interactions our Mental Health team design workshops for children as well as staff.

For the quarter the workshops that were designed and conducted are

Topic	Participants	Venue
Substance Abuse awareness and prevention session	Police personals of Ground Railway Police	New Delhi Railway Station
Post Traumatic Disorder (PTSD) in Children	Counsellors	Arushi Children Home for Girls, Gurgaon
Two-days Career related Workshop, an initiative by STC (Save The Children)	Children above 16 years of age from different centres of SBT (DMRC, Apna Ghar, Aasra, ODRS and Mansarover Park, Udaan)	DMRC Children home for boys
A Career related Session by GMR	Children between the age of 16 to 18 years	DMRC Children home for boys
Career Counselling Workshop	All Counsellors, VT in-charge and Education in-charge	DMRC Children home for boys
Zero tolerance session with Co-ordinators at children first	Co-ordinators	Children-First Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service, Safdarjung Enclave
Communication style and Leadership	Staff members of Central Delhi Childline	DMRC Children home for boys

Staff Appreciation



Dr Mishra joined Salaam Baalak Trust as a Social worker in 1997. Salaam Baalak Trust (SBT) is forever grateful to him for his contribution, expertise and zeal with which he works. He has recently completed his silver jubilee working at SBT. In his own words
“From the beginning of my career, I wanted to support community through my direct intervention, therefore I chose social work. I joined SBT on 3rd February 1997. I got such an excellent platform for serving children in need of care and protection. I achieved all the wishes of my life and my ambition while serving here. According to me committed and dedication work for the welfare of distress children gives satisfaction of worship of God”.

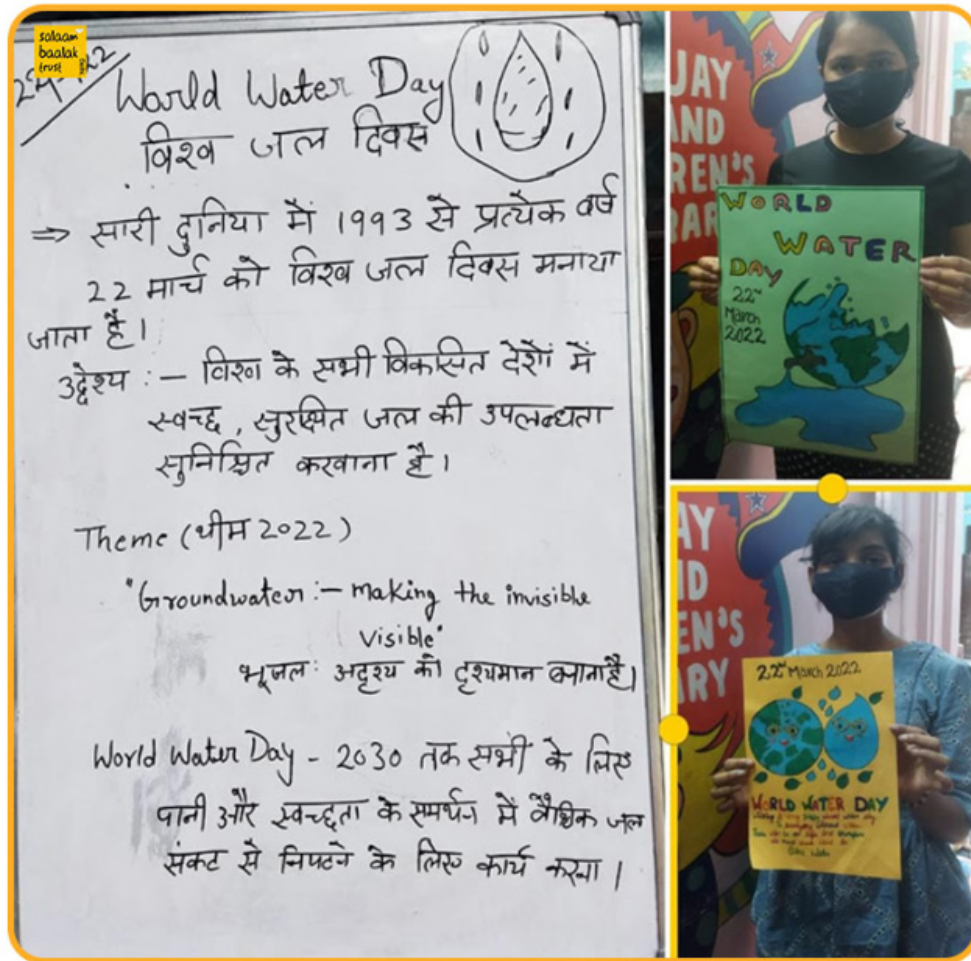
Celebrations

01. National Girl Child Day



To save a girl is to save generations. Children homes celebrated National Girl Child Day through poster making and later pasted these at nearby schools to raise awareness about the rights of children.

02. World Water Day



It's time to care before the water is rare, with this motto world water day was celebrated by children of Salaam Baalak Trust with full enthusiasm through Poster making Competition.

03. Karate Kids



Monu, Prem and Goutam participated in Delhi Karate championships and won 3 bronze medals.

04. World Dance Day



On occasion of World Dance Day children from Kishalaya & DMRC Children home for boys delivered a power packed performance at Meghdoot 1, Ravindra Bhawan, Delhi.

Rescues by Childline

Childline 1098 is a telephone helpline for children in distress. It is India's first 24-hour, toll free, phone outreach service for children. Being a lifeline for millions of children across India, 1098 not only responds to the emergency needs of children but also connects them to relevant services for their long-term care and rehabilitation. Following were the interventions made by our 3 Childline in Central district, New Delhi district & Old Delhi Railway station.

Intervention	No. of children
Begging rescue	038
Child labour	006
Drug addict	005
Abuse & violence	001
Runaways	114
Education related	008
Family dispute	036
Going to another location	038
Job/Livelihood related	059
Love affair/ Teenage issues	017
Missing on the way during visit with family/ relatives/friends	048

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