



## A few days in cooler climes



The summer break provided a wonderful **opportunity for 270 children** from 7 of our Children's Homes to embark on a memorable 5-day trip to Manali. Divided into 3 groups, each **group consisted 90 children who were accompanied by team members.**

During their stay amidst the serene beauty of nature, the mornings were dedicated to outdoor activities. Children enthusiastically participated in activities like **trekking, sight-seeing, and leisurely walks.** Dance performances, theatre acts, cooking competitions, and art contests became the highlights of the evenings.



The journey allowed them to revel in every moment.. Upon returning, the children eagerly shared their experiences and perceptions through art, a medium that allowed them to convey their **feelings, memories, and newfound inspirations.**

## Relief Work



*Pic credit: Outlook, Location: Yamuna Bazaar*



In response to the floods caused by the **overflowing Yamuna River in Delhi**, a **concerted effort was launched to provide aid and support to the affected communities**, particularly the poor families residing in the nearby areas. The floods had left families displaced and struggling to meet their basic needs, including access to food and clean water.



Location: Kashmeri Gate, Shastri Park, Seelampur

During a **3 day food distribution drive**, **250 meals along with 30 ration kits consisting 15 days ration for a family** were distributed.

## Glitter and Rainbows

Arif- BA Programme (Hansraj College, Delhi University)



At the tender age of 6, Arif's life took a turn when his grandfather recognized the significance of education and enrolled him in an NGO. Through the efforts of the NGO, **Arif gained admission to a MCD primary school in Class 1, marking the beginning of his formal education.**

As he progressed to Class 5, his **transfer to Salaam Baalak Trust** introduced him to a new world of opportunities. Enrolled in a secondary school, he started participating in sports activities at school as well as inhouse. He continued to shine academically while nurturing his passion for football. His **hard work and dedication paid off and he represented his school in the inter-school football matches across various states**, including **Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana.**

Arif achieved good results in his Class 12 board exam and a noteworthy **rank in the CUET (Central University of Entrance Test) exam** too. This achievement paved the way to secure admission into B.A. Programme at the prestigious Hansraj College of Delhi University.

As Arif embarks on this new chapter of his life, we extend our warmest wishes for his future endeavors. We believe that he will continue to shine brightly in all his future pursuits.

Here is the **list of our children who have passed class 12th with flying colors** and are all set to embark on a new chapter of their lives by getting admission into following universities:

Name of the beneficiary	Course	College/University
Kashish	BA (Journalism Mass & Communication)	Jagran Lakecity University
Jyoti	BSc (Hospitality & Hotel Administration)	IHM, Jaipur
Seeta	Adv. Diploma in Office Management	YWCA, Delhi
Puran	BSc in Health & Physical Education	Lovely Professional University, Chandigarh
Arif	B.A. Programme	Hansraj College, Delhi University
Shyam	-	Result awaited
Sheetal	-	Result awaited
Priyanka	B.A. (Hons.) Hindi	Kalindi College, Delhi University

Every star shines a little differently

Ravi



Ravi's journey from a young boy found alone at a railway station to **becoming a successful fitness trainer and martial artist is a story of right support and commitment to personal development.**

At the age of 11, Ravi's life took an **unexpected turn when he was brought to the DMRC Children home for boys by the Childline team.** His early memories were shrouded in uncertainty, as he had no recollection of his parents and only knew that he had been left by a relative after arriving in Delhi from Nepal.

Despite this challenging start, **Ravi displayed obedience and a calm demeanour, recognizing his potential,** he was enrolled in a formal school and as he progressed through his schooling, the Children's Home team identified his interest and parallelly enrolled him in kickboxing classes.

**Turning 18 marked a new chapter in Ravi's life.** He transitioned into a career as a fitness trainer, drawing upon his love for physical fitness to help others achieve their health goals. Additionally, **Ravi's participation in cross-training and kickboxing tournaments underscores his continuous quest for self-improvement and growth.** He continued to pursue his education, completing his graduation through distance education. His journey highlights how a young boy who once faced uncertainty and adversity can transform his life through right support.

## Pooja



Pooja's early life was marked by instability, as she and her younger sister found themselves residing in an illegally operating children's home, with no knowledge of the whereabouts of their parents. When legal authorities intervened and closed down the home, **Pooja and her sister were faced with a new beginning.** The **Child Welfare Committee played a crucial role in ensuring their safety and well-being and sent them to Salaam Baalak Trust in 2017.** This transition to a new environment, one that was unfamiliar to Pooja, presented its own set of challenges.

Despite the uncertainties she faced, she adjusted well with other girls and participated in day to day activities. She not only adjusted to her new school but also completed it with good marks. Later, she was enrolled in an open degree program, allowing her to continue her higher education as she was keen to start a job.

**Pooja's determination and resilience led her to a role as a credit counsellor at a fin-tech company.**

This position demanded a blend of financial expertise, effective communication, and empathetic understanding, skills – **she fit the role well and showcases the valuable lessons she learned while residing at Salaam Baalak Trust.**

In the past 5 years of her professional journey, her growth and expertise has been consistent. **Pooja's professional journey showcases her commitment to personal development and continuous learning.**

Pooja's journey reflects the transformative impact of **resilience, education, and the opportunities** that can arise from a supportive environment.

## Staff story

Moinuddin Mandal





### **Moinuddin Mandal's 25 years journey at Salaam Baalak Trust began in 1998**

when he joined as a team member at Childline. "In the early years, I was involved in filling medical forms for the children who sought assistance at Childline. My **skills and hands-on approach caught the attention of the organization, leading to a transfer to Aasra Children's Home for boys in the year 2000.**" In this new role, he assumed the responsibilities of a medical social worker, tending to the medical needs of the children under his care. Simultaneously, he began **managing the medical needs of other centers** within the organization as well as his capabilities and commitment became more **evident.**

He was **officially entrusted with the role of heading the medical department of the organization.** As the Medical Coordinator, he took charge of introducing and organizing health camps, keeping track of vaccinations, coordinating surgeries with doctors from across India, and promptly responding to emergency situations that required immediate medical attention.

**"One of the most challenging phases in my journey came during the COVID-19 pandemic, during this time I worked tirelessly to manage critical aspects of the pandemic response which included ensuring smooth vaccination processes, arranging for essential medical supplies like oxygen cylinders and hospital beds, and providing support to both, the children and the community at large."** He recalls.

Moinuddin's contributions reflect not only his professional competence but also his deep compassion for those in need. Throughout his journey, Moinuddin has exhibited a **strong commitment to the well-being and health of the children and communities.** His dedication to introducing improvements, his proactive approach to medical challenges, and his leadership during critical times have made a lasting impact on the organization and the lives it touches.

## Events

### 1. Sapno ki Udaan- Photographic Fundraiser



Saina Munjal, an intern at SBT, mounted a remarkable photographic fundraising exhibition titled "**Sapnon ki Udaan**" at the prestigious Vadehra Art Gallery. The event, curated by award-winning photographer and alumna of SBT Vicky Roy, aimed to shed light on the aspirations and resilience of underprivileged children nurtured within shelter homes, while also highlighting the stark vulnerability faced by street children.

### 2. State Level Consultation





**Salaam Baalak Trust organized a consultation meeting at the Delhi-NCR level. It was attended by the UP SCPCR chairperson and state Minister Dr Devendra Sharma, Dr K.C. Virmani, Chairperson, Noida, Mr Bhadra Das, Chairperson, Ghaziabad.** Ms Minnie George, Chairperson CWC- 3 and Mr Varun Pathak, Chairperson, CWC- 9, representatives from DCPU, SJPU and other civil societies. The discussion was on restoration and its follow up work.

### 3. Volunteering event by Drum circle



Delhi Drum Circle team showcased their musical skills by visiting and playing music for the children of DMRC home. What made the day truly special was the **active participation of the children themselves.**

The interaction between the Delhi Drum Circle team and the children served as an opportunity for the children to engage with **positive role models and learn from their experiences.**

The event highlighted the power of music to bring people together, break down barriers, and create meaningful connections.

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### 4. Celebrations time



The **University of York conferred an honorary degree of Doctor on our founder-trustee Mr. Sanjoy Roy.** It honored his dedication to social responsibility and empowering vulnerable communities. With **over 130,000 children benefiting** from educational, training, and residential services, his efforts have brought about meaningful change in the lives of countless individuals.

His role in **fostering cultural appreciation, promoting education, and driving social change reinforces** the notion that his attributes transcend accolades. His legacy will undoubtedly continue to inspire generations to come.

### 5. Norway ambassador's visit



His Excellency, **Mr Hans Jacob Frydenlund, the Ambassador of Norway,** participated in the **Salaam Citywalk programme** where our alumna who have been fully trained as local guides shared their stories and give people a view of their world through their eyes.

During the visit, the **Ambassador spent quality time with the children** and shared stories.

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