

WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM

SALAAM BAALAK TRUST

October- December, 2023

As we bid farewell to 2023, Salaam Baalak Trust embraced the new year with renewed vigour and optimism. Our New Year's celebrations were filled with hope, as we joyfully reflected upon our achievements and set our sights on new milestones. The Trust remains committed to its mission of empowering street and working children, ensuring that every child receives the gift of education and opportunity



Building Dreams, Inspiring Futures: Foundation Day Celebration

Salaam Baalak Trust completed 36 years of a long and fruitful journey this year. The event was marked by honouring our roots, reflecting upon our journey, and celebrating the impact we have made in the lives of countless children over the years. We will continue to strive to create more meaning in the lives of underprivileged children.



Expressive Canvas: A Spotlight on Arts, Theatre, and Sports

A HEART-WARMING TALE: "PREMIYON KI WAPSI"



Children, Staff, Executive Council & Trustees of Salaam Baalak Trust Cordially invite you to

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हंसो की वापसी

(The Return of The Swans)

A Bollywood Musical Production, Based On Harishankar Parsai's Story

Design & Directed by: **Pankaj Gupta**

Choreographed by: **Avinash Kumar**

Written by: **Sameer Anshwal & Team SBT**

Duration **1Hr**

7th, 8th & 9th November, 2023 Daily - 6:30 PM
LTG Auditorium Copernicus Marg, Mandi House, New Delhi, 110001

18th November, 2023 at 6:30PM
Hindi Bhawan, I A114, Block A, Lohia Nagar, Ghaziabad, UP 201001

Founded on the legacy of Mira Nair's 'Salaam Bombay,' the Salaam Baalak Trust (SBT) began its journey in the 1980s as the Theatre Action Group (TAG). Recognizing the need for deeper engagement with street children, TAG launched 'Nukkad,' using drama as a therapeutic tool. The inaugural play "Jivan Ki Gaadi," directed by Barry John, premiered in 1990, offering a poignant glimpse into street children's lives. Since then, SBT has leveraged performing arts to empower and heal, providing street-connected children with a platform to voice their experiences. Inspired by Harishankar Parsai's poignant story, "Premiyon Ki Wapsi," our Annual Play unravelled the enchanting, exuberant love story of Prem and Prema. Their love, pure and profound, blossomed amidst societal pressures, and was to be tested by the shadows of dowry and caste. Their journey led them to make a fateful decision, transporting them to a realm where narrow boundaries faded and freedom reigned supreme. The play captivated audiences across Delhi, Ghaziabad, and Gurgaon, drawing over 1100 attendees from diverse backgrounds. The performance received widespread acclaim for its excellence."

Street Child Cricket World Cup

TEAM-LION



The SBT cricket team were invited to participate in the street child cricket world cup held in Chennai , India. Street Child United, a UK based organisation brought together 19 teams from 14 nations, using cricket as a platform to advocate for the rights of street children. Beyond the sport, participants engaged in advocacy sessions, cultural exchanges, and art workshops. The journey, supported by Vistara Airlines, began with the Salaam Baalak Trust Team's maiden flight from Delhi to Bombay, followed by an exhilarating train ride to Chennai. The Street Child World Cup brought together teams representing various countries, all united by a shared experience of overcoming adversity and pursuing their dreams against all odds. For our young participants from Salaam Baalak Trust, this was an opportunity of a lifetime - a chance to showcase their skills, share camaraderie, and their indomitable spirit on a global stage.



A MAGICAL TRANSFORMATION WITH ARTREACH



The journey began with playful chalk scribbles on the floor, a canvas of imagination that soon transformed into a bustling fairground filled with enchanting attractions. What started as mere doodles evolved into a radiant merry-go-round, exhilarating water slides, majestic dragon rides, and whimsical beings that seemed to have descended from a realm of fantasy to visit our fair.



VOLUNTEER STORY

Empowering Young Minds: A Journey in Mental Health with Salaam Baalak Trust

As a student of Counselling Psychology, my association and contribution to Salaam Baalak Trust lies predominantly in the field of mental health and allied domains. I have had the good fortune and still do in my ongoing work with the young boys of the DMRC shelter home in areas of facilitating their emotional, functional and academic spheres of their lives and holistic wellbeing. Even though I started my volunteering at SBT as a part of my coursework, what stands out in my prior and ongoing work with these children is their insight and curiosity for development, growth and their own wellbeing. As a trainee counsellor, apart from receiving guided supervision and support from the mental health coordinator of Salaam Baalak Trust, I am fortunate

and grateful to be directly learning, understanding and experiencing the way these young minds are being shaped. Despite their turbulent backgrounds, it's interesting and humbling to witness their ways of thinking, feeling and understanding themselves and the world around them. I am grateful for being accepted into the family of Salaam Baalak Trust and for being given a space to collaboratively work with the administration and the children for a collective welfare.



Puran's story of resilience

Puran Bahadur, a former DMRC resident, has transformed from a football enthusiast into a national-level player through sheer dedication. Achieving an impressive 73.6% in his 12th exams and excelling in the LPUNEST, he's currently advancing his skills with a Bachelor's in Physical Education. Beyond personal growth, Puran harbors ambitions to guide and mentor upcoming football talents, aspiring to be a revered coach. His journey is a testament to the remarkable outcomes that passion and perseverance can yield.

Success Stories

From Boxing to the Bakery: Jyoti's Inspiring Journey

Jyoti joined the Trust in 2010 when she was 6 years old. Soon she developed an interest in Boxing, Kickboxing and Karate. She was a strong competitor and won National level awards in Kick Boxing along with attaining an Orange Belt in Karate. She has always been a multi-tasker and gives 100% to everything she does. During her grades 11 and 12, she was also enrolled in a Diploma course in Culinary Catering. After graduating from high school, she joined 'Institute of Hotel Management (IHM), Jaipur to pursue her dream of becoming a chef.

Currently, Jyoti has won much appreciation for her Bakery skills in college. And despite the challenges, she has dealt with them head-on and scored good marks in her semester 1 exams.

Jyoti has also earned 2 certificates for Nukaad Natak and Rallies on the importance of hygiene. Both these events were proudly attended by almost 100 people.

Currently, Jyoti is studying hard and learning practical skills for becoming a Chef.



Staff story- A testament of dedication and commitment

Santosh Gupta, a dedicated alumnus of Salaam Baalak Trust (SBT) completed 25 years of service with SBT. Joining in 1998, Santosh has been instrumental in various roles, most notably as the coordinator of the Kishalaya contact point near Hanuman Mandir at Connaught Place. His deep-rooted connection with the Connaught Place and Bangla Sahib communities, coupled with his adept networking skills, has significantly impacted the lives of street-connected children. Santosh's unwavering commitment exemplifies the spirit of service that defines SBT, inspiring us all in our mission to empower every child.

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