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LOVE .. PEACE .. HAPPINESS .. KINDNESS

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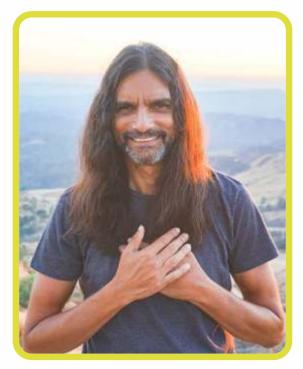
LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Samarpan Family,

I take the liberty of including you in the Samarpan family, for if you are interested enough to read this annual report, then you are already a family member.

Ten years ago in Kishangarh village, New Delhi, our first school was born. From the humble beginnings of just a handful of kids we have grown to almost 800 children. Besides, we have an adult education programme, together with a skills training programme.

In our school in Yamuna Pushta, we partnered with NIIT Foundation to conduct Financial Literacy classes to enable the beneficiaries to manage their finances better.



The list goes on and on....

A fruit tree is only as good as the fruit it bears. The sweetness of the fruit is a result of the water, nutrients and sunshine it receives.

My utmost gratitude to all our volunteers, donors and partners for making the Samarpan tree bear such sweet fruit (beneficiaries).

Love always, Patrick San Francesco, Chairperson, Samarpan Foundation.



Samarpan Foundation is a not-for-profit charitable trust, established in September 2006, in New Delhi. We work to expand globally to provide assistance where there is a humanitarian, ecological, environmental and/ or animal welfare need. We are a community of outward-focused volunteers, guided by the principle of doing what needs to be done to achieve the greatest good for the greatest number.

Vision: Shedding light even in the darkest corners

Mission: Changing the universal consciousness by opening minds and hearts

Philosophy: Love, peace, happiness, kindness, simplicity and clarity

OUR WORK

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EDUCATION

India has one of the highest percentages of urban slum dwellings. The principle reason for this, is the migration of people from the rural areas of the country in search of better economic prospects. The high cost of living in an urban environment puts an incredible strain on the slum dwellers. Consequently, education, proper nutrition, healthcare and hygiene take a 'back seat 'in the daily fight for survival.

Samarpan Foundation sets up informal learning spaces in slum dwellings that serve as an intermediate level to equip the children with the basic learning required for entry into the mainstream educational system. The objective is to assist students who are competent to obtain admission in nearby government schools.

Since most of the children have never attended school, they cannot cope with the formal school curriculum even when enrolled in government schools. Also, they are directly enrolled in age-appropriate classes, making the gap even wider. Hence, the Samarpan schools, aptly named Contact & Bridge Schools, provide a platform for the students thereby creating a point of contact with education and bridging the age gap so that the children can eventually cope with formal school demands.

Currently, there are 12 such centres of education that have been set up with a focus on the growth of the children where they not only learn to read and write but also to broaden their horizons. The Samarpan schools become an interactive tool not just for basic education but also serve as a platform for intervention that goes beyond education, for example, addressing problems like drug abuse and domestic violence in the communities at large. ⁶⁶ Education should train the mind to be innovative, not to conform.







PRESENCE



- Samarpan School and Tuition Centre, Kishangarh
- Samarpan School and Tuition Centre, Shastri Park
- Samarpan School and Tuition Centre, Hathi Basti
- Samarpan Tuition Centre, Yamuna Pushta

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- Samarpan Tuition Centre, Kotla Mubarakpur
- Samarpan School and Tuition Centre, Akshardham
- Samarpan School and Tuition Centre, Motia Khan
- Samarpan School and Tuition Centre, Aya Nagar







- Samarpan Tuition Centre, Chimbel, Goa PUNJAB

- Samarpan Tuition centre, Bapu Dham Colony, Chandigarh



KARNATAKA

- Samarpan Evening Tuition Centre and Pre-school, Bagalur Layout, Bangalore





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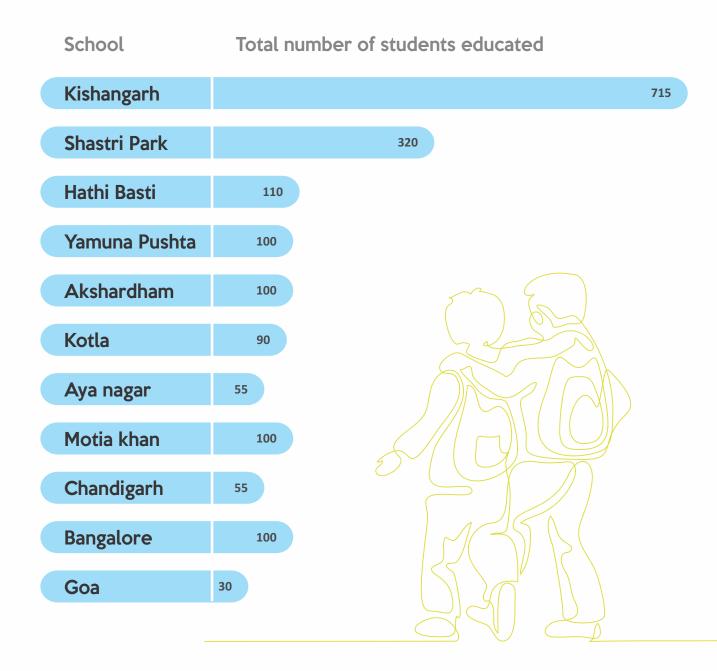
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NUTRITION & DEVELOPMENT

Malnutrition is one of the biggest issues afflicting people in India, with 30 per cent children in the country severely underweight. To counteract the same, we have instituted a nutritional programme.

- a) In all our schools students are provided with a nutritious breakfast and lunch. Whereas, in our tuition centers dinner is provided to the students.
 The impact of our nutritional programme was evident when medical tests showed a marked decline in malnutrition.
- b) We observed that when the breadwinner of the family has been in conflict with the law and consequently incarcerated, the ensuing poverty most often leads to malnutrition.
 Our 'Injustice of justice' project, undertakes to identify

affected families and provide dry rations on a monthly basis.

- c) In the course of our contact with the economically weaker sections of society, we have identified families and individuals who because of their unfortunate situation are unable to earn a livelihood. We provide primary support to these families and individuals till they are financially independent.
- d) We also partner with other organizations to provide secondary support in the form of nutritional, educational and healthcare to institutions and shelters under the jurisdiction of the Government of India.

⁽⁽ A meal though poorly cooked, would be like a feast for the world's hungry. ک





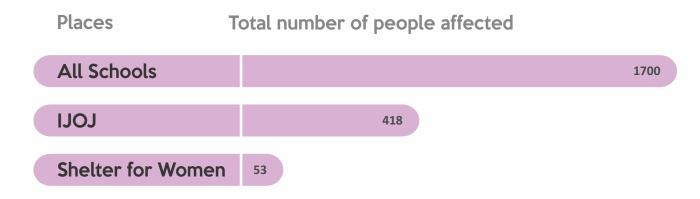




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HEALTHCARE

In the course of our community programmes, it was observed that due to financial constraints and lack of basic awareness, medical care was denied to many.Lack of hygiene due to lack of basic amenities such as potable water was a major contributory factor to the health problem that faced these communities. The Foundation set up free weekly medical clinics in these communities. Cases that required more intensive treatment or surgery were referred to reputable hospitals and the required support was provided by the Foundation.

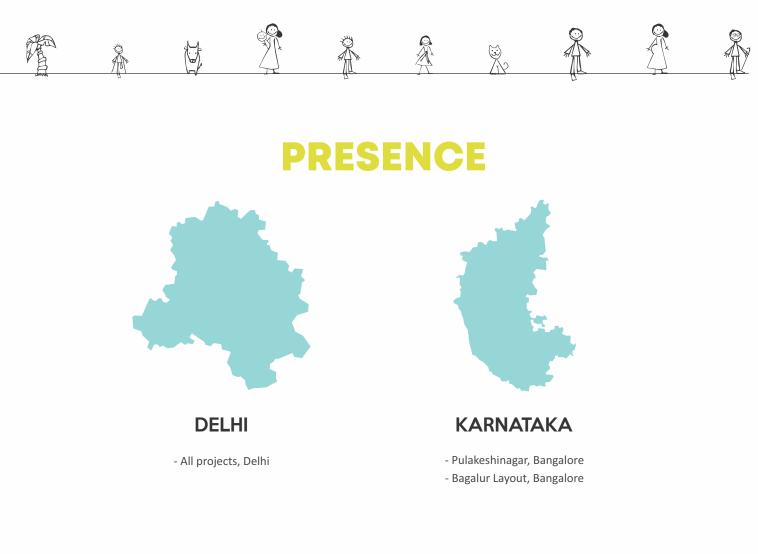
Regular medical clinics are conducted by the Foundation at it's schools . These free clinics are open to the entire community.

⁽⁽ Do not take what is vital for granted. کې













EMPOWERMENT

With the aim to empower communities, Samarpan has established 5 women empowerment centres. During our work, we encountered a resistance towards the progress of women. To change this and to bring about a difference to the lives of women, the Foundation works with them to equip them with skills that will enable them to earn a living and increase their household incomes. The ultimate goal being that the women are eventually empowered to live a dignified life.

During the initial stages of the project, spaces are scouted for to set up training centres for stitching and tailoring. Both the students and trainers are ideally chosen from within the same community to minimize resistance. Certified courses in tailoring and stitching are provided in collaboration with Singer India to these women in their own communities. To facilitate this transition, workshops and awareness camps are held on a regular basis. Once the training period is completed, they are capable of being incorporated in commercial establishments.

⁽⁽ Life is not black or white rather it is what color one chooses it to be. کې







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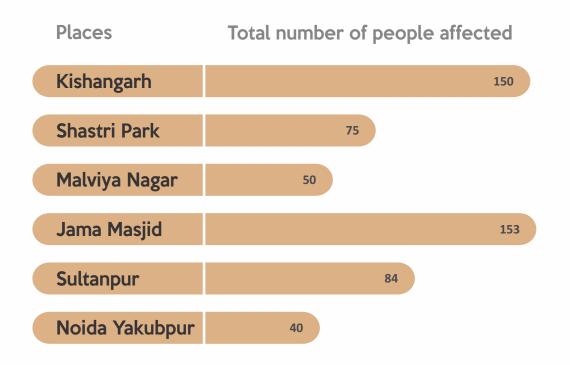
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- Magical Stitches, Kishangarh Village

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- Women's Empowerment, Shastri Park
- ARIA, Malviya Nagar
- Women's Empowerment, Jama Masjid
- Women's Empowerment, Sultanpur
- Women's Empowerment, Noida Yakubpur





HOMES

Samarpan Foundation has in its custody children who come from disadvantaged backgrounds and have suffered severe trauma early in their lives. The aim is to be able to provide to these children a safe and secure environment for their holistic development. The children's education, nutrition, grooming, etc., are all taken care of by the Foundation. Mentor parents are specifically present to provide a vital ingredient, LOVE!! To facilitate overall growth, the following are taken into consideration:

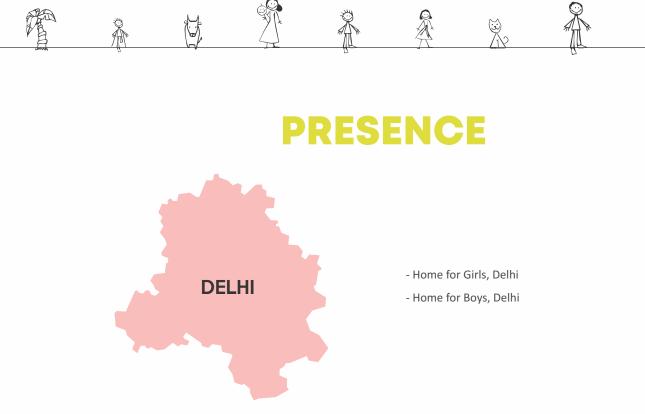
- a) A safe and secure environment that provides care and assurance that many of the children have not previously experienced.
- b) Comprehensive educational support with all children enrolled in premier educational institutions.
- c) Health and nutrition are an utmost priority.
- d) Personality development is an important part of the programme.
- e) Vocational guidance is provided and relevant skills imparted based on interest and aptitude.

⁴⁴ A seed grows into a healthy plant if sowed on good soil, is our home environment "good soil" for our children?



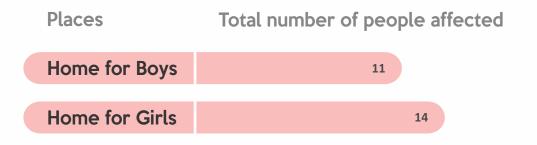






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ANIMAL WELFARE

Most stray animals have a heart-wrenching story; most have had a difficult start in life as they are constantly exposed to the vagaries of weather, become victims of cruelty, and end up with grievous injuries. Many a time, they languish on the streets deprived of food and water for days. To counteract the same, the Foundation has set up a platform to feed strays, and more importantly assist injured, sick and old dogs as well as abandoned cows. The following are taken into consideration to ensure the welfare of animals:

د Caging animals in a zoo demonstrates our fear to visit them in their home.



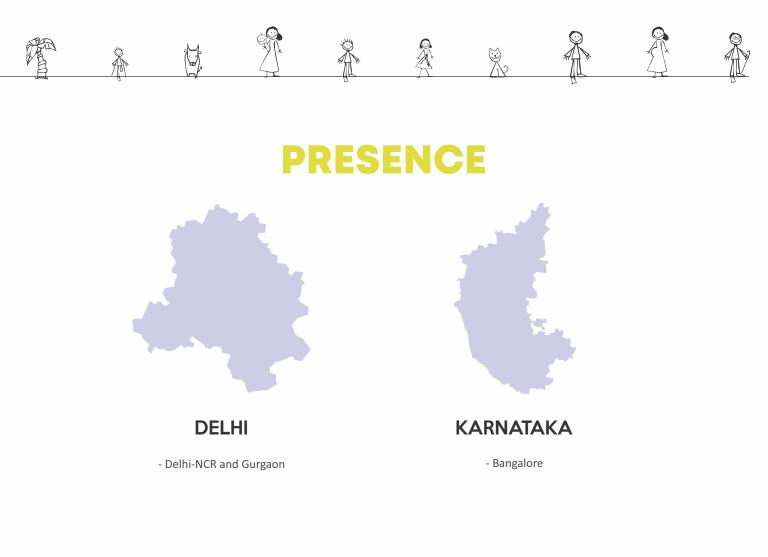


- b) Medical treatment of injured and sick animals.
- c) Sterilization and vaccination of homeless animals.
- d) Feeding of animals.

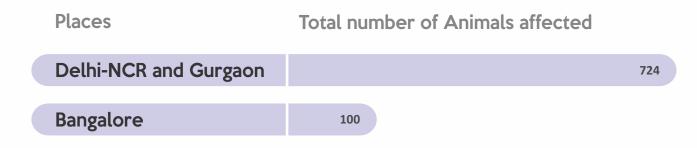












HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR WORK THIS YEAR



This year marked the 10th anniversary of the Samarpan School, Kishangarh, Delhi. The day was full of everything one could wish for – music, dance, acts, food and gifts. Not only was the day special for the students and teachers, it was also extraordinary for the benefactors, volunteers and guests who equally participated in all activities through the day. In the festivities that lasted a whole day, the love and energy shared by all spoke of oneness and joy. What was also special about these celebrations was that every child, even the shy ones, participated in one way or the other. They danced, they ate and they made merry till, being children, they could no more. Sated, happy, and looking forward to the coming year, all joined hands in making yet another year a success!



What may be a given for some of us, may be a luxury for others. Enhancing language, cognitive and motor coordination skills has been an area of focus across our schools this year. While it is across schools, the Samarpan School by Yamuna Pushta, Delhi, decided to do things a little differently than what the children who come as students to our schools are used to. Instead of using blocks and rings, the teachers creatively used activities like drawing shapes on the floor and then jumping into the given shape as it is called out, memorizing the items on a tray, then repeating the items once the tray is removed. Paucity of resources does not need to mean paucity in expansive learning is what our teachers taught each other...and us.



The more you learn, the more you earn. About 93% of our beneficiaries have bank accounts, but not everyone knows how to maximize the benefits of having one.

To this end we conducted Financial Literacy classes for our beneficiaries in the Samarpan School, Yamuna Pushta, Delhi. The NIIT Foundation supported this endeavour of ours to ensure our beneficiaries learnt the nuances of basic financial management. To our glee, our beneficiaries enthusiastically participated in the activities. None of them had attended any such training earlier. The participants found the content very relevant and useful as it introduced them to multiple useful ways of expending and saving their hard earned money. The workshop truly was enriching and a gift for all who were a part of it.



Coming from varied backgrounds and areas, all the families from the Injustice of Justice project, gather once in a month to receive rations and other support. To make these families experience the true essence of celebration and togetherness, we celebrated an annual fair that comprised a puppet show, pottery and other fun games.

Not just the children, but even the mothers and grand parents came forward and participated in the games, dance and fun. Forgetting their miseries and uncomfortable situations, they all indulged themselves in various activities. The day made everyone experience the joy and happiness of belonging. It was a great way to bring the families and volunteers together and create a sense of security.



Freedom of spirit, an essential and integral component for all our students, was on full display on Independence Day. With this year's theme, 'A World without Borders', our students went full steam ahead and created a large mural incorporating flags of countries of the world. Some schools held a Mandala painting competition, some children enthralled others with an impressive beat box performance, and teachers in our Bangalore school sang along to John Lennon's 'Imagine'. While these would be considered average activities in most schools, learning of a World Without Borders where discrimination didn't exist, where everyone lived together as one was an eye opener for most of our students. Our students had a great time and so did we.



We know we're on the right track when children from our schools volunteered, without any prompting by us, to support our endeavors on the Injustice of Justice project, Delhi. They offered their time and efforts to support ration distribution and even counseling kids younger than them on how to improve and enhance their lives. As a token of our appreciation, we took these young volunteers for an outing, a movie of their choice, and lunch. The best part is that the incentive for them to support the project is not the annual excursion, but the everyday smiles that they spread by being who they are – "giving", in every possible manner.



An empowered woman is an empowered family. We invited Manzil Mystics to conduct an awareness session across our Empowerment Centers on 'Why should women work?'

The session touched topics on how to gain respect in the family, earn to support the family, improve living standards, time management and to create a balance between home based work and professional work. Most important of all, it helped the women to gain independence. The women from our centres walked away feeling a sense of purpose and confident about how to manage their lives in a whole new way!



October always has an event very close to our hearts. Each year in October, we are gifted with the smiles and gleeful laughter of between 500-600 orphans from across Goa, as they celebrate Patrick's birthday with us. It is not just a day of fun, games and other activities but also of laughter, music, dance, Mr. Clown and lots of gifts. The build up to the birthday has volunteers congregate from across the country and the world to ensure the children have a great time, and that they look forward to the next year. The clapping of tiny hands, warm hugs of happy children and ecstatic smiles on their faces as these little children depart to their everyday lives are reason enough for us at Samarpan Foundation to keep repeating this year after year.



We, at Samarpan Foundation Bangalore, support the visually, mentally and auditorily impaired children at the Rural Development for Special Needs Children, Kadri, and in Andhra Pradesh in ways that cater to the growth of the children in a comfortable environment. Another institution we joined hands with is Therakeyz and co-sponsored the School on Wheels project. The Bajaj Avengers Club Bikers collaborated with us to take children of all ages, with delayed development for varied reasons, on an exhilarating bike ride on the scenic route from Bangalore to Kolar. Not only did the children enjoy a great breakfast along this beautiful landscape, they also got to experience something that they never even dreamt of. It made them realize that they were valued, loved and taken care of.



Healthcare is a critical area of focus for us. Our children come from families where hygiene is the last thing on parents' minds. We joined hands with "Vitamin Angels" to treat intestinal worms, one of the biggest problem areas due to the children putting in anything they could rummage from anywhere into their stomachs before they came to us.

We also coupled forces with #BillionHeartsBeating to set up medical camps across all our centres to identify and rectify nutritional deficiencies and put the children on a nutrition fast-track. Constant monitoring has led to an impressive improvement in the children's health.



JANUARY

Where would any child love to be at the start of the year??? OH!MAX INDOOR WONDERLAND!!! The children of Samarpan Schools had an amazing time with the different rides and adventures like Sea Ball, Mirror Maze, Jungles of Amazon, Treasure of TUT, The Unsinkable Titanic, The Chocolate Factory, and what seemed like the most beautiful Replica of Taj! The wonderful day marked enthusiasm & excitement for all the kids from Samarpan Schools. Post the fun-filled activities, lunch was served and the day ended with an energetic dance session. The children and staff of Samarpan Foundation thank Omaxe Connaught Place and their volunteers as they turned this day into one of the best ones!

FEBRUARY

Celebrating life is an important part of what we do to ensure our students lead wholesome lives and are able to do things they once weren't even allowed to dream of. If we don't have occasions to celebrate, we create them!

One such event we celebrate is the Annual Sports Day in February each year.. Our Kishangarh school, Delhi, has two houses, Red and Blue, like any other school. The difference is that in Kishangarh Samarpan School, there are no winners and losers, the emphasis is on team spirit and sportsmanship, living our motto of "Cooperation above Competition". Our visitors on Sports Day this year saw the students being Masters of Ceremony as well as commentators for the entire event, with utmost confidence. These are the same students, who, till a few years ago would be a part of every game with a sole motive to win it. Today, they have learnt to be a part of the game and enjoy it irrespective of victory or failure.





MARCH

Our children are taught to lead holistic lives - including caring for our planet and the environment. In collaboration with 'tree doctor' Dr. Vijay Nishant from Bangalore, Vriksha Ganga Abhiyan AWGP and Confident Canopus, the students from the Bagalur layout tuition centre in Bangalore came forward to plant 1000 saplings. The experience not only brought a smile to their faces, but also empowered them to take little steps to bring about a much needed change. They learnt to use organic manure and treated sewage water. Some students later shared the insight this event gave them and how it helped them build their own awareness of what must they do, not just for the people around, but also for the environment.

OUR STORIES

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Incest and sexual abuse are a horrific reality for a lot of children, who in the absence of proper guidance begin to believe the trauma they are going through is something they deserve. We consider it a breakthrough when we are able to rescue such a child from the clutches of their perpetrators. One of our girl children is a poster-child for having mustered enough courage to speak up against her father who was continually abusing her sexually. As she built her confidence thanks to the mentor father and mentor mother, at Samarpan Foundation, she withstood not just resistance from her own mother and brother to bringing a complaint against her father, but also threats to her life for bringing dishonour to her family. Confident of the support from Samarpan Foundation, and in her desire to be an inspiration to other children stuck in the same plight, she forged ahead with her complaint.

This young, once shy and now gutsy girl overcame her guilt, built her confidence, rebuilt her faith in family and relationships thanks to the mentor father and mother, topped her XII boards, all due to the love she experienced at the Samarpan Foundation home.

Today she has spoken at many forums and is a case often quoted as a success story by the Child Welfare Committee.



At Samarpan Foundation, through our Injustice of Justice project, we work with the desperate families who have lost their primary breadwinner and support them with counselling, nutrition, medication and educational support among other things. One such family is that of Aslai and Krishna. Krishna has nurtured his passion for music and singing for a long time. With a little support, a little love and a little encouragement from us, Krishna got an opportunity to perform at an annual kids charity program organized by India Vision Foundation. His mother Aslai could not have been more proud to see her son being cheered and applauded by hundreds of people. So moving was their story, that Aslai was chosen to participate in a Women's Day event in Bengaluru that had been organised for destitute women!

They had the rare opportunity of travelling by air and were made to stay in great comfort for the duration of the event. The opportunity, the privilege, the respect and dignity with which they were treated is once-in-a-lifetime for both Aslai and Krishna. Coming from a dark background, with minimal resources to sustain and with zero confidence to raise a child, Aslai truly has set an example for us all to reach out to our dreams, come what may.

Emphasizing on scholastic aptitude, holistic education is the bedrock at any Samarpan Foundation school. Forty children from the Samarpan Tuition Centre, Kishangarh, Delhi, appeared for their Class 10 CBSE (Central Board of Secondary Education) examinations in March 2018 and 90 per cent of them passed with flying colours. They have certainly come a long way from not being able to write a single word until a few years ago!

Eleven students appeared for their Class 12 CBSE examinations and each one of them cleared the exams. All of them have subsequently enrolled for degree courses at the University of Delhi or through the Open School of Learning. Several students are attending short-term skills training courses as well, and working towards a better life.

Sharon, 27, is another example of taking what life offers and turning it into an opportunity. Widowed at 26, and living with her husband's parents, brother, his family and her own children, Sharon came to the Samarpan Foundation Women's empowerment centre listless, worried and ready to give up on life. She met other women in similar or sometimes even worse situations than her. Because she faced resistance from her family to join the Stitching Course, Sharon ensured she completed all her familial responsibilities before she came for class, thereby creating a balance for herself and her family. Slowly, with the support of the course and learned the skill of stitching, Sharon started dreaming of opening her own boutique as a business and has even saved up enough money to buy herself a sewing machine! Today, she is one of our star students; eager to learn new techniques, new designs, keeps track of the latest fashions and is ever trying out new things of her own accord.

'Never Give up' - It's a very common thought which is easier said than done. For Sanjeev, one of our totally dedicated workers, however, this is a given. Sanjeev has been associated with us from past few years.

A few months ago, a lady in distress managed to reach one of our centres. Grieving with having just lost her husband, dealing with the additional burden of financial constraints and struggling with the pension office to receive her husband's pension, she came to us with great hope after being abandoned by her entire family.

Despite this not being a part of our areas of work, listening to her, we requested Sanjeev to assist her in pension procedures. He followed up with the officers daily, dealt with the hindrances and finally after struggling for months, even when everyone gave up, Sanjeev, without giving up, got the lady her pending amount and had her pension facilitated. Her relief post this success knew no bounds and she found a new family, Sanjeev being like her son who held her in the toughest time she encountered.

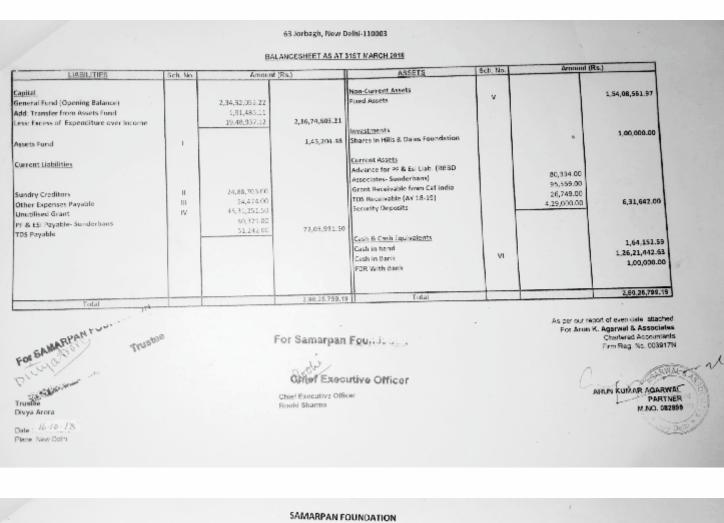
A true example of doing what needs to be done!



OUR PARTNERS



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INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2018

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Working together towards a better tomorrow

Please feel free to join us in our endeavors to bring about change!

Contact us at volunteer@samarpanfoundation.org and let us know how you'd like to get involved.

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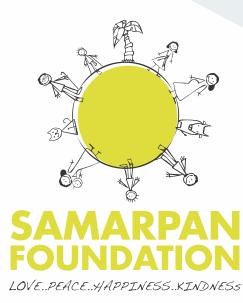
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⁽⁽ Thank you for your generosity! ⁾⁾



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