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Caring
for those who
Cared for us...

Vision & Mission

Vision

Our vision is to promote and support welfare of those facing challenges of sustaining themselves in inopportune circumstances of an unequal society and imbalanced economy - the slum children, youth, differently abled, aged, infirm and destitute.

Mission

- › To ensure the holistic development of impoverished children by providing them quality education, healthcare and adequate nutrition so as to aid their growth as an individual and resource for the society.
- › To guide, train and develop skills among the youth of the country so that they can secure a job and become self-reliant.
- › To provide medical services to financially backward strata of the society who are unable to afford the treatment for their ailment.
- › To extend monetary support to the deprived children up to the age of 14 years suffering from chronic diseases.
- › To enrich the lives of the aged people with the care and comfort that they deserve.
- › To promote a healthy society by encouraging environment sustainable measures like tree plantations & cleanliness drives across the country.

Chairman's Message

Dear Donors,

I am delighted to introduce the 9th edition of our newsletter "Pehal".

With consistent efforts and hard work, the Foundation has impacted more than 10,000 lives in the last 5 years. It would be unjust to call the journey easy but with devotion, we change lives every day.

My heart swells with pride to announce that we have successfully spread the light of hope beyond the borders of India. Under our initiative "Udaan", we saved the lives of two Iraqi young girls suffering from Congenital Heart Disease. Two years old Staish Azad Khalil and seven-year-old Naveen were living in an internally displaced person's camp in Iraq. "Diya Global", a part of Diya India and "Bring Hope Humanitarian Foundation" joined hands to give them another life. More than 85 young lives diagnosed with Congenital Heart Disease have been saved. Under our Initiative "You Support, We Connect", 8 cases of Hearing Impairment were supported with hearing aids and speech therapy at Asha Speech and Hearing Clinic in Delhi.

"War Against Hunger", is an initiative to fight malnutrition and hunger in the country. We have now adopted 52 families and 2 blind schools who are benefited every month with basic food supplies.

"Proud to Bleed" is another successful campaign that has impacted more than 500 women in the slum of Delhi with awareness sessions and sanitary napkins.

"Parivartan" is a step that we have taken towards protecting the earth under which 200 trees were planted in Noida and various cleanliness drives were conducted in the slums of Delhi.

As a Chairman of the Advisory Board of Diya India, I would like to offer a special note of gratitude to our supporters from India & Dubai, we would not be able to support these children & save their lives without them. We are thankful to them for their continued support and recognize that without their support, our Foundation would not have been able to relish the success it has achieved to date.

I also convey my gratitude to the team of Diya India. Without them, the implementation of projects would not have been possible.

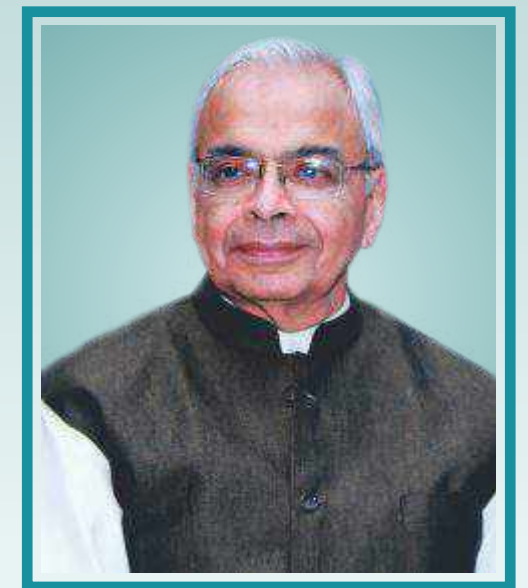
A great thanks to all for holding hands and changing lives together.

God bless you all !!



Padma Shri Dr. S.C. Manchanda

Senior Cardiologist, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi
Chairman, Advisory Board, Diya India Foundation



*It's not how
much we
give but
how much
Love
we put into
Giving*

Plantation Drive



Be a part of the solution, not the pollution

The best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago, the next best time is now. Our young volunteers came forward to take steps to combat climate change. They planted 200 trees in the green belt area near Noida Electronic City Metro station on 17th August 2019 as part of our project "Parivartan" which translates to bringing change. Some of them had never touched the soil before and they were pleased to have this opportunity to participate in the plantation drive. When you plant a tree, you revisit your own roots. We are using resources as if we had two planets, not one. There can be no plan B because there is no planet B.



Young changemakers creating impact in slums

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." - Mahatma Gandhi.

Our volunteers created a huge impact on the lives of the people in the slums of Sanjay Colony, a slum cluster in Delhi. Despite the scorching heat of the summer, they extensively worked on the emerging issues of cleanliness, women's rights and children's rights for a period of 40 days.

Thereafter, three awareness sessions were conducted for women in the slum area to improve their living conditions. The first session emphasised on maintaining menstrual hygiene and use of sanitary napkins instead of rags and ashes. It turned out to be an interactive session on the taboo around menstruation in our society. During the second session, they were introduced to basic rights including dowry, sexual harassment, inter-caste marriage and immoral trafficking to make them independent and fearless. Another session focused on cleanliness and was concluded with the distribution of cleaning agent.



A fancy dress show was organized to provide the children of the slum with a platform to dress as famous personalities and imitating their characters. The idea was to introduce them to eminent personalities like Mahatma Gandhi, Mother Teresa etc. and make them walk confidently in the crowd. Moreover, to create a feeling of competitiveness and readiness for their future, competitions were also conducted such as Drawing competition, Sketch competition and Essay writing competition.



Our young changemakers carried out a cleanliness drive in the slums of Sanjay colony from 17th June to 21st June 2019 as a part of our project "Parivartan". The main objective was to provide the residents of the colony with better surroundings and reduce the spread of waterborne diseases due to water collection and mosquito breeding during monsoon season. The residents not only appreciated their efforts but also participated and understood their duty to keep their streets clean. The drive was graced by the presence of Mr. Vinod Tundelkar and MCD Supervisor Mr. Ram Kishor and Mr. Anil Shetty superintendent of Harkesh Nagar Sanjay Colony police station.



#ProudtoBleed

More than 10 teams of 200 student volunteers are working in various areas of Delhi & NCR with an objective to make every woman feel "Proud to Bleed". Studying in different colleges in Delhi, they came united for a social cause. They have successfully organized multiple live music events in Connaught place, New Delhi to spread awareness about the initiative and raise funds to support the cause.



The funds collected from the event have been used to provide low-cost sanitary napkins to women and young girls in the slum areas of Delhi. More than 500 women have been benefited with distribution of 35000 sanitary napkins. The main focus is to encourage every woman to embrace their womanhood in a healthy way.



These volunteers interacted with more than 1000 women and young girls living in different slum areas and found out that only 1 out of every 8 women is using sanitary pads while the others are still stuck with rags and ashes. These women unanimously took interest in our awareness session and were excited to be benefited from our initiative.

The idea behind this is to break the taboo of talking about menstruation in India and making sanitary napkins not only affordable but also available at the reach of every woman, even in the remote areas of Delhi.



Empowering Women for a Better Tomorrow- Singer India

"There is no tool for development more effective than the Empowerment of Women." - Kofi Annan

With the support of GMCKS SURU and SANGANEE Family, Diya India Foundation and Singer India collaborated to provide vocational training to underprivileged women of our society and for the same, they have installed 11 sewing machines at the Vocational Training Center in Nihal Vihar. Using these machines, young women from the slum area are given formal training of tailoring, stitching and embroidery under our project "Samridhi" which means prosperity.

Apart from the training, they receive a sewing machine from Diya India and are professionally certified after they clear the examination conducted by Singer. After finishing the course, they are competent enough to find themselves jobs and earn their livelihood. However, we support them in their search for employment at various steps. The whole idea behind the initiative is to lead women towards becoming self-reliant and independent individuals.



A polio patient got another chance at LIFE



*"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement.
Nothing can be done without hope and confidence."
- Helen Keller*

Mr. Sarvesh Kumar, a victim of polio was provided with a wheelchair to help him become more independent. Coming from a family of farmers from Raebareli, he always wanted to live in a big city. Sadly he hasn't been able to walk since birth but has the courage to live alone in Vikasnagar, Delhi. No one can understand his ordeals of everyday life but the wheelchair, supported by Diya India made him self-reliant. Today, he has successfully got a job in Uttamnagar in the field of digital marketing and is grateful to Diya India for their support.

War Against Hunger

No one nowhere at no time should go HUNGRY



"There are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread."
~ Mahatma Gandhi.

Every month more than 50 BPL families which cannot afford two square meals a day are benefited with free food supplies in the slums of Nihal Vihar, Delhi under our initiative "War Against Hunger". The Foundation believes that no one deserves to die of malnutrition and is taking relevant steps to combat hunger in the capital. Apart from these families, Diya India is supporting more than 20 inmates of two blind schools and one blind couple in Delhi with monthly ration support.

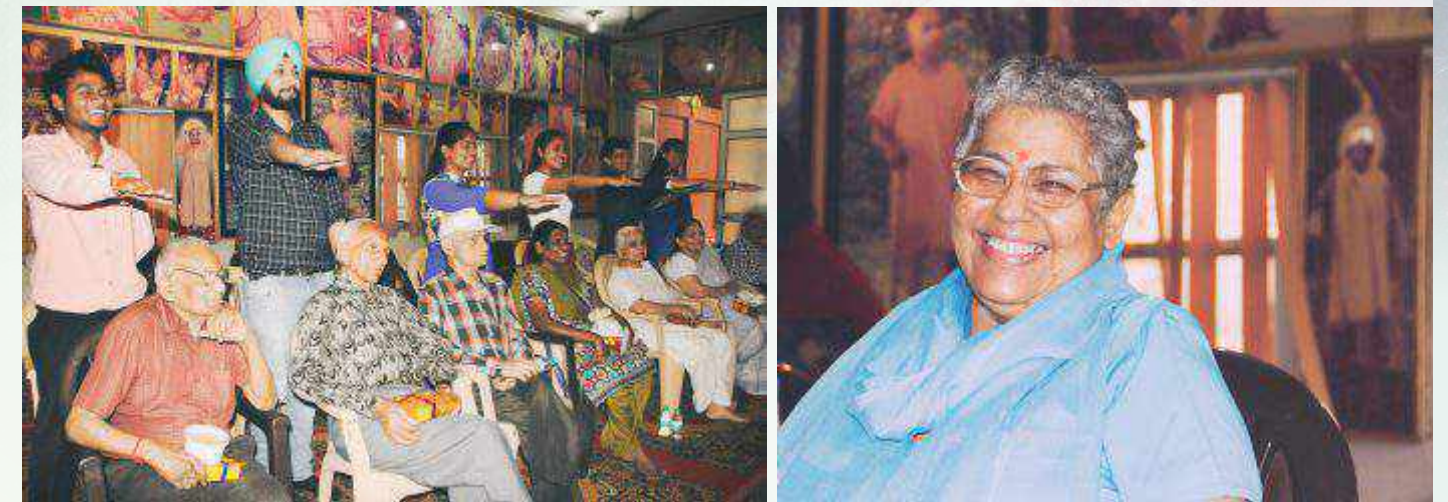


Caring for those who cared for us

An evening with elderly

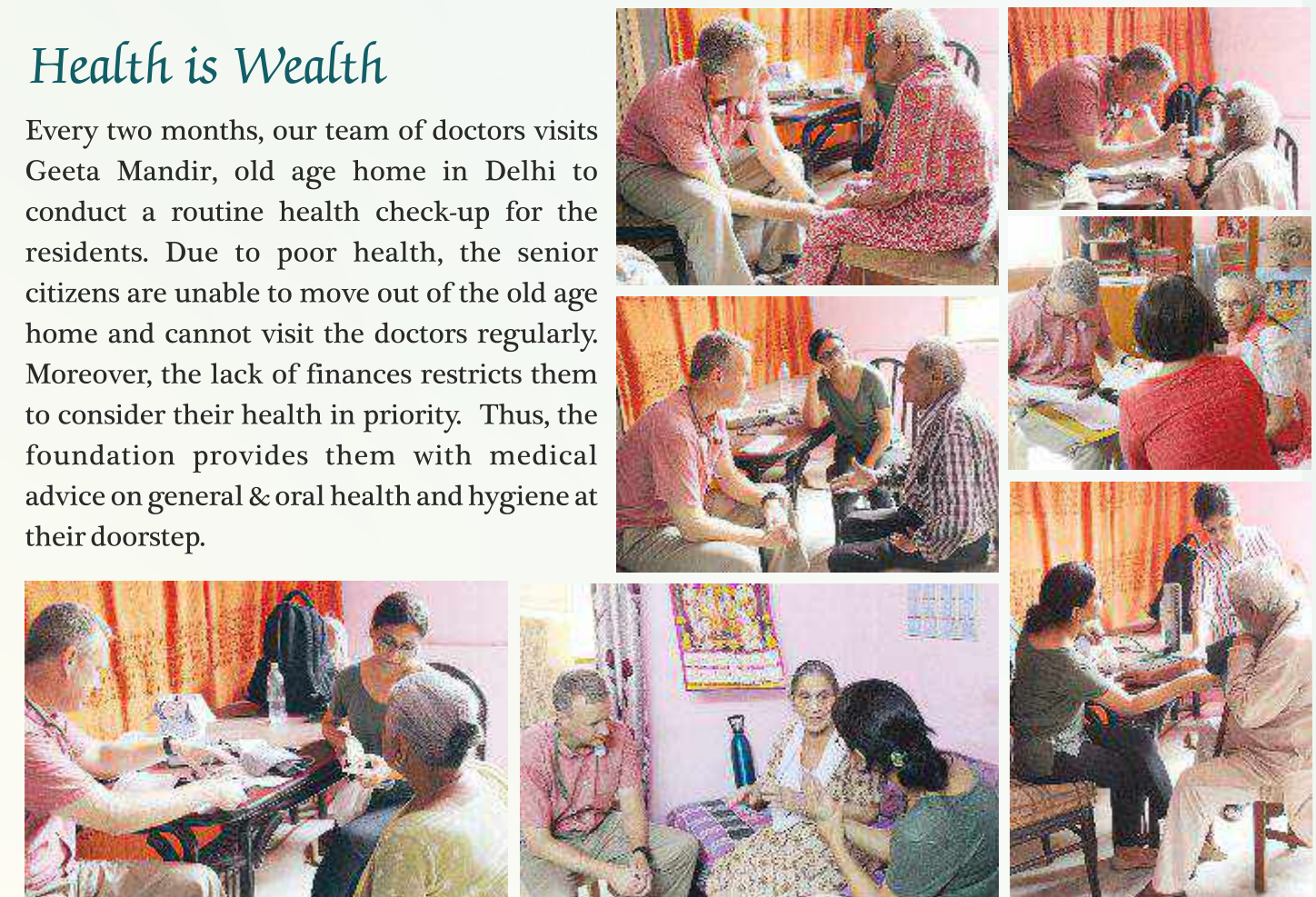
"In youth, we run into difficulties; in old age, difficulties run into us." - Josh Billings.

During old age, people need nothing more than someone to interact with. They have thousands of stories to tell but no one to listen. Left and forgotten by their families, they seek love and hope. An evening of music brought everyone together at Geeta Mandir, old age home in New Rajinder Nagar, Delhi. The team and volunteers of Diya India Foundation sang songs and recited poems to entertain the senior citizens. The inmates of the old age home also participated enthusiastically in singing songs and played musical instruments. The afternoon culminated with refreshments for everyone.



Health is Wealth

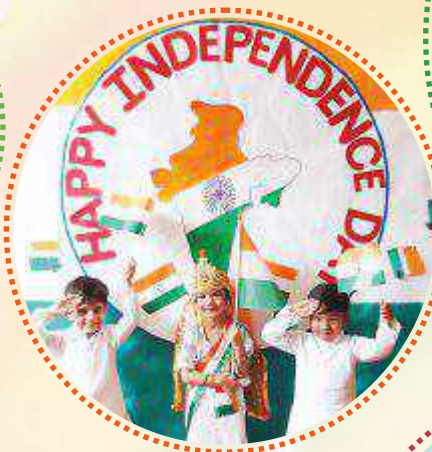
Every two months, our team of doctors visits Geeta Mandir, old age home in Delhi to conduct a routine health check-up for the residents. Due to poor health, the senior citizens are unable to move out of the old age home and cannot visit the doctors regularly. Moreover, the lack of finances restricts them to consider their health in priority. Thus, the foundation provides them with medical advice on general & oral health and hygiene at their doorstep.



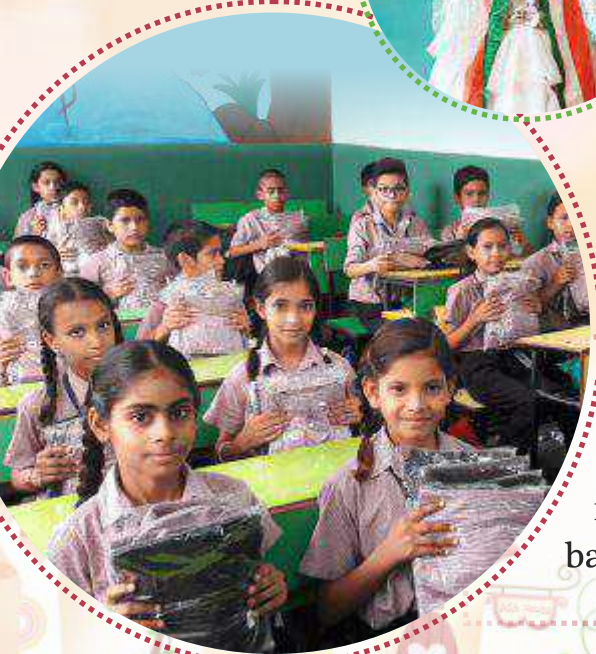
Play, Learn & Grow Together



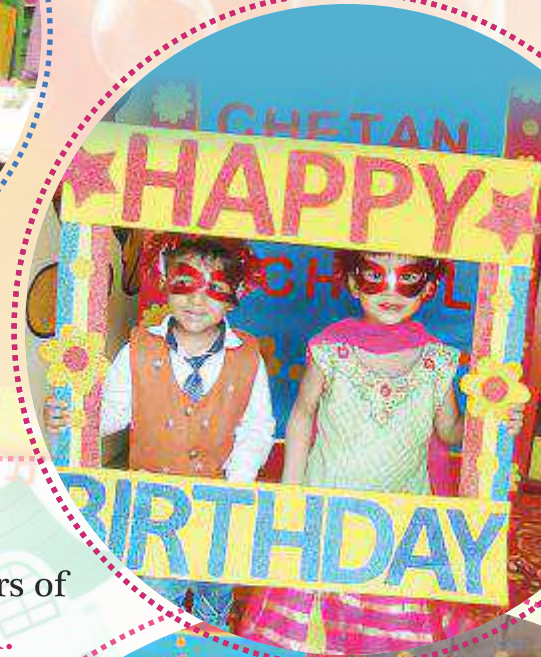
Students paid tribute to the freedom fighters on the occasion of **73rd Independence Day.**



Students of Grade 4 & 5 enthusiastically displayed their innovative Science Projects



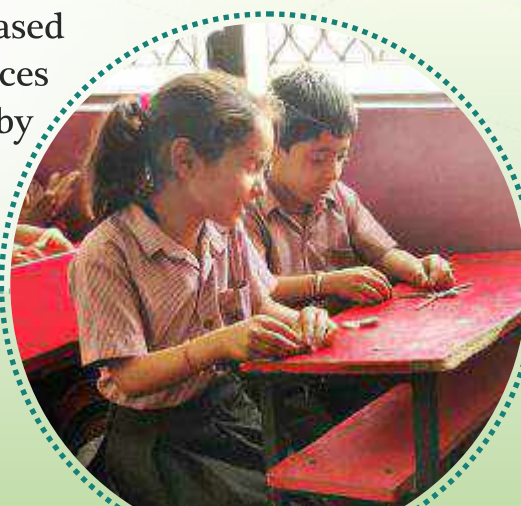
Happy faces of the students after receiving new uniform, bags & shoes.



With great joy, toddlers celebrated Six fruitful years of **Chetan Playway School.**



Students of Grade 1 & 2 proudly showcased the masterpieces they created by moulding clay.



Students decorated the school and celebrated the birth of Lord Krishna on the occasion of **Janmashtami.**



GIFT OF LIFE



Staish Azad Khalil
(2 Years 1 Month)



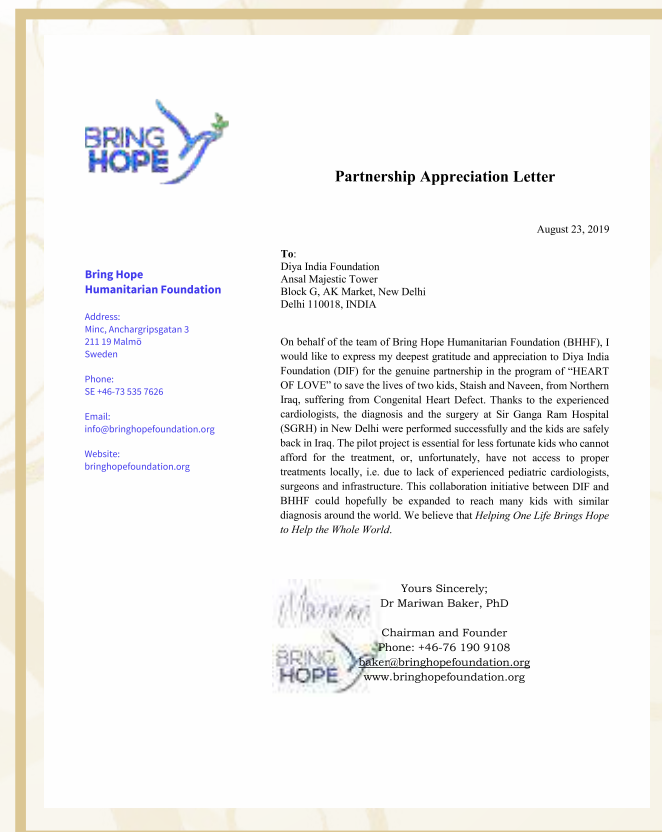
Naveen
(7 years 5 months)

Two Iraqi girls were brought to Delhi after being diagnosed with an advanced stage of cardiac disease in Erbil. Due to lack of medical facilities in Erbil, their parents were losing hope with every passing day to see their child get any better. Both the girls, two years old Staish Azad Khalil and seven-year-old Naveen, were living in extreme conditions in an internally displaced person's camp in Iraq before coming to Delhi and would not have survived long without medical attention. Fortunately, "Diya Global", a part of Diya India in collaboration with "Bring Hope Humanitarian Foundation" contacted Sir Ganga Ram Hospital in Delhi where their condition was evaluated. Staish underwent successful surgery and was deemed to fly back whereas Naveen was found to have a medically manageable problem and once therapy was successfully established, she too was permitted to fly back home. The parents with all their emotions have expressed high gratitude to the organizations for saving the lives of their children.

Appreciations



Appreciation from
Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi



Appreciation from
Bring Hope Foundation, Dubai, UAE

Ready to take the UDAAN



Swastik Pandey
(7 years)



Subhan
(4 year 3 months)



Shalini Pandey
(14 year 6 months)



Humaira
(1 year)



Burhan
(9 Years)



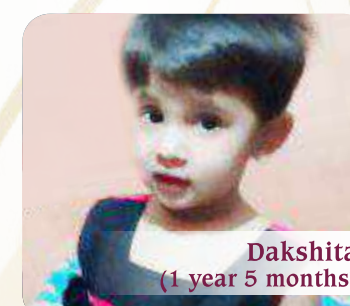
Harsh Kumar
(2 years)



Rumisa Jan
(2 year 5 months)



Shiv Singh
(10 months)



Dakshita
(1 year 5 months)



Rajvi Nag
(2 years 7 Months)



Deepika
(6 years)



Anmol
(7 years)



Purvi Pandey
(1 year 3 months)



Md. Sultan
(9 years 3 months)

दीया इंडिया ने महिलाओं में सैनिटरी पैड बांटे

शालीमार बाग (अग्रिमा सर्मा)।

7 अगस्त, 2019 के दिन शालीमार काग के सलम हल्ला के में इन्द्रप्रस्थ विरवाँवलाल के सीजीन से दीया इंडिया आफिशियल एन.जी.ओ. ने अति अतिममणीय आवाजोन किया। इसका लखन महिलाओं में मलिक धर्म का नयेन को लोडन था। दीया इंडिया के सदस्यों ने उन्हें रियायती दामों पर सैनिटरी पैड प्रदान किया, जिससे उन्हें कपड़े का इस्तेमाल करने से होने वाली बीमारियों से बचाया जा सके। उन्हें प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए घर-घर जाकर जागरूक किया। उनमें साथ वार्तालाप करने पर यह बात चला कि कुछ महिलाएँ अभी भी अपने शरीरों के से काटने का इस्तेमाल



करना आसान समझती हैं। कई को तो इनके बारे में पता ही नहीं था। कुछ इस बारे में बात करने से भी हिचक रहती थीं। आज भी ऐसा लग रहा था कि दिल्ली में भी कई जगह यह सही है। कैम्पिंग के लिए एक जगह चुनी गई जहाँ सब एकत्रित हुए। कैम्पिंग अति व्यवस्थित तरीके से आरम्भ की। शुरू में कम गतिविधियाँ कराई गईं। रात को अपने-अपने कमरे में सोई।

भेज रही थीं। स्कूल जाने वाली लड़कियाँ ज्यादा संख्याक थीं। उन्हें जब उन्हें सैनिकी पैठ दिखायी दी थी पर दिए गए तो महिलाएँ उत्साहित हुईं, परन्तु वे खुलेआम सैनिकी पैठ ले ले जाने पर लाजिलत हो रही थी। उन्हें लगा रहा कि यह काम की चीज है। महिलाएँ अधिक संख्या में बाहर नहीं आई क्योंकि इसके को में सर्वजनिक तौर पर रहने का यह सुमेलन पर वह शिक्षक रही थीं। स्वयंसेवकों ने घर-घर जाकर इस बारे में उनसे बात की। वे स्वयंसेवकों की बात से सहमत हो गईं, परन्तु उनका मानना था कि यदि उन्हें नियमित तौर पर दिखायी तो पर सैनिकी पैठ मिलें तो वे उन्हें दरम्यान अवश्य करेंगी।

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Two Iraqi children get new lease of life

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Two critically ill Iraqi children got new lease of life by doctors in Delhi. The children were brought to Capital with the help of NGOs.

Both the girls, two-year-old Staish Azad Khalil and seven-year-old Naveen Yaseen were critical and were suffering from advanced stage of cardiac disease. Their treating doctors claimed that due to lack of medical facilities in war-torn area of Iraq, these children would not have survived long without medical attention.

About a fortnight ago, doc-

tors of Sir Ganga Ram Hospital (SGRH) were contacted by two NGOs working in war-torn area of Erbil, the capital city of Iraqi Kurdistan.

These NGOs, "Bring Hope Humanitarian Foundation" (BHHF) based in Erbil, Iraq and Diya India Foundation in Delhi, were trying to help two critically ill children who were living in desperate conditions in an internally displaced person's camp at Iraq. The project is aligned with permission from Ministry of Health in Erbil.

*Children were evaluated at SGRH and Staish was found to have a seriously malformed

heart condition where half of her heart was missing congenitally. Due to which there was shortage of oxygen in her body. She was frequently turning blue and had a hard time breathing properly," said Dr Raja Jeshu, Chairman, Pediatric Cardiac Sciences, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital.

Droshji further said, After echocardiography & cardiac catheterization studies, it was ensured that a surgical option could be offered. On 22 July 2019, our team performed the first stage of complex repair of heart. After the surgery Saish now has safe levels of oxygen in the body and normal laboratory

ing. She will come back for second and last stage of surgery after four years. She has been discharged from the hospital on 30 July 2019 and is ready to fly back to Iraq to celebrate the holy festival of Eid with rest of her family."

Naveen was found to have a medically manageable problem and once therapy was successfully established, she also is deemed fit to fly back home. Mother of Saish, Purnan Jawhar Mawlood expressed her heartfelt gratitude on successful treatment in India. "My heart is full of praise for worm hospitality given by Indian people and the doctors," she said.

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