



# Dargah Hazrat Inayat Khan Hope Project Newsletter

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## Severe damage at Hope on 28 June

In the wee hours of Friday morning, 28 June, large parts of Delhi were hit by an enormous rainfall leading to heavy flush floods in Nizamuddin Basti and other parts of the city. Within a span of 30 minutes the entire basement of the Hope Project, housing the major part of the vocational training units of Hope, the finance office and the library, was flooded up to the ceiling and into the ground floor of the building. Fortunately because of the early morning (about 5 am) no children or staff were present in this part of the building. No one got hurt. The few employees who had started their duty at that time rushed down trying to retrieve important files with Hopes Data - without success, as it was too dangerous. Help came too late for the equipment including all computers in the computer cabinet, all machines in the textile workshop, all equipment of the beauty care, all books of the library, and furniture.

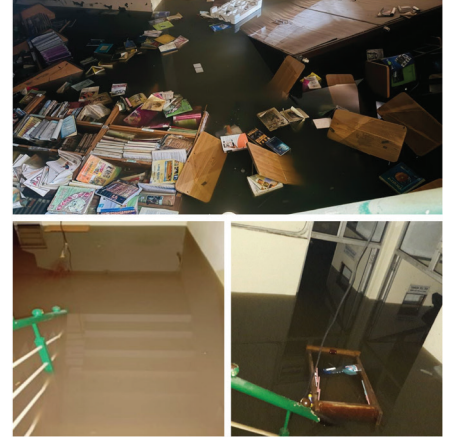


Photo: Severe damage

The first careful estimate of loss including fixing of the damages to the building is estimated at about 40,000 US Dollars. While at the moment the first shock has turned into action pumping the water out, cleaning the basement and assessing how to fix things, first experts are brought in to check the ground walls and to guide us on the next steps. We hope to resume the training facilities as soon as possible so that our students don't suffer the gap in their educational process. But we decided to prolong the school holidays for another week. All help is urgently needed.

## What happened in the past 6 months?

Our dedicated team, passionate volunteers, and generous supporters have worked tirelessly to make a meaningful difference. Your belief in our vision has been the driving force behind our endeavours as we navigate the intricate landscape of social impact. Thank you for your trust in our shared pursuit of meaningful change.

After months of hard work and dedication, our team has updated the platform that better reflects our mission, values and the incredible work we do together. The updated website will have access to up-to-date information about our projects, success stories and the ways one can get involved.

We continued to nurture the youngest minds of the community in our creche and pre-primary school. Speech is no longer a barrier. Kids in Creche can now understand both Hindi and English. And although most of the kids in Pre-Primary are first generation learners, their parents already have a greater respect for the benefits of schooling.

Our English language course is so successful that an average of 24 attendees visit each class, and the originally planned short-term course has been extended to a year. The volunteer teacher has successfully expanded the curriculum.



Photo: English language course; before damage of computer lab

The Hope Project organised its Annual Exhibition in the month of January. The students, teachers, trainees and staff from all our programs participated with their innovative ideas; crafts, models, charts were displayed. The exhibition was inaugurated by Dr. Philipp Ackermann, German Ambassador to India. The environmental models were wonderfully creative, highlighting the importance of protecting our planet. The charts and presentations on the languages were useful for enhancing knowledge and skills not only among the children & young people but also the adults. (Cont.)

## What happened in the past 6 months? (cont.)

The visitors included the parents, community members, and members of similar institutions who appreciated the efforts and impressive creativity.

Fourteen students from the German Embassy School and Hope's Non-Formal School recently embarked on a unique cultural exchange program. The selected teachers and students visited our Kids in Nature site at Swaimadhopur, Rajasthan. They were engaged in planning activities, planting trees and even making 3D-models that encourages environmental awareness.

We continue to motivate our young adults towards higher education. Over the last six months, eight students have written the Common University Entrance Test for admission in undergraduate courses. The Hope Project provided academic & financial support to all the students. We believe this will pave their way to achieving socio-economic stability in the long run.

## Sufiyan; Career through Hope

Sufiyan had always dreamt of a better life for himself and his family of five, and his aspirations came with many challenges. This is his story.

During lockdown, Sufiyan joined the Youth Forum, that had taken it upon themselves to promote awareness and knowledge about the pandemic and the necessary precautions. When social contact became safer again, Sufiyan immediately joined our computer classes, immersing himself in the world of computer sciences. He learned the basics such as efficient typing and went on to study MS Office, quickly moving on to Advanced Excel classes and mastered its intricacies.

As Sufiyan honed his Excel skills, he also received mentoring and guidance from Hope. Leveraging his new expertise in Excel, he set his eyes on a career in the finance industry. He began applying for positions at accounting firms across the city. Finally, his persistence paid off when he aced the interview at one of the prestigious accounting firms and secured the job as trainee earning a stipend of INR 5000. With his hard work and dedication, he not only transformed his own life but also became an inspiration for others in the community. Today, Sufiyan is thriving in his role at the accounting firm and has been promoted to a salaried employee. Currently he earns Rs. 20,000 a month. Simultaneously, he is pursuing graduation at Delhi University and can pay his college fee with the money earned. His story reminds that with grit, determination and right opportunities, anything is possible.



Photo: Sufiyan

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