

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we reach the midpoint of 2025, I am filled with gratitude and pride reflecting on the resilience, growth and unity that have defined our journey over the past year. Your unwavering support has been the cornerstone of our achievements, and I am delighted to share some of the significant milestones we've reached together.

### Resilience amidst Adversity: Flash Flood Recovery

In June 2024, our community faced a formidable challenge when devastating flash floods inundated our facilities, causing extensive damage to the basement area functioned as Noor-un-Nisa Inayat Khan Library, computer lab, vocational training rooms, and finance office. The outpouring of support from our donors across Europe and America was nothing short of miraculous. Their generosity enabled us to not only restore but also enhance these spaces. The affected areas were meticulously cleaned, repaired, and freshly painted, symbolizing a new beginning. The space is currently being utilized for Pre-Entry and Entry Level Classes, Beauty Culture, Cutting & Tailoring as well as Zardozi Classes.

After the recovery, the library has transformed into a vibrant learning hub. It now hosts English language classes and coaching sessions for undergraduate students. Recognizing the need for a dedicated classroom-based library, we've formed a committee to curate a diverse collection of books, aiming to foster a love for reading and continuous learning among our students. The flood's aftermath saw the complete overhaul of our computer lab. Thanks to the generosity of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in New Delhi (India), we equipped a big classroom of Hope Non-Formal School with new computers and resources. This revitalized space now serves as a hub for digital literacy, opening doors to new opportunities and skills development. 50 community youth are currently enrolled in computer classes and 15 young adults pursued a 3-month Advanced Excel Course in April. This is in addition to 124 students of Hope Non-formal school.



Photo: The newly equipped PC Pool

### Nurturing Nature: Progress in 'Kids in Nature' Initiative



Our 'Kids in Nature' program continues to flourish. Significant strides have been made, including the construction of 20 accommodation huts, a caretaker's residence, water facilities, and sanitation units. The boundary wall is currently under construction, and with the proactive support of the district administration, we are resolving longstanding disputes, paving the way for a serene and secure environment for our children to connect with nature. In March, a vibrant exchange took place as Ms. Farozina, our dedicated coordinator of the Hope Non-Formal School, accompanied by two teachers and four students from the German Embassy School, joined four of our students at the 'Kids in Nature' site. Together, they transformed doors into canvases of colorful pictures, showcasing their artistic talents and fostering cross-cultural friendships through various engaging activities.

Photo: Colorful paintings at the KIN Project

## Honoring Legacy: Urs of Hazrat Inayat Khan

On February 5th, we commemorated the Urs of Hazrat Inayat Khan with heartfelt devotion. Our children performed soulful renditions that resonated with attendees, earning widespread appreciation and reinforcing the spiritual foundation upon which The Hope Project stands. Notably, some of our alumni joined the celebration, sharing their transformative journeys and the profound impact The Hope Project has had on their lives. A group of students also performed a skit depicting the journey and positive influence of The Hope Project on its beneficiaries, leaving the audience deeply moved.

## Sahil: Blossomed into a Jolly, Caring and Responsible Child

Sahil Ansari, a bright 13-year-old, has shown remarkable progress despite the challenges life has thrown his way. Sahil lost his father, an electrician, to a tragic electric shock a few years ago. His mother remarried and lives in Kolkata with Sahil's younger sister, while Sahil resides with his maternal grandparents in Sarai Kale Khan, New Delhi.

The family's circumstances are modest—his grandmother works as a domestic help, and his grandfather is a gardener. They previously lived in the slums near Sunder Nursery, but the demolition of the area forced them to relocate to Sarai Kale Khan. The upheaval disrupted Sahil's education for several days, but thanks to the persistence of his class teacher, he rejoined school and continued his journey of learning.

Sahil's educational journey began at the MCD school in Katra, where he completed the 5th standard. However, when he joined Hope Non-Formal School on January 2, 2023, he tested at the entry-level equivalent of the 2nd standard due to his weak academic foundation. Through the dedicated efforts of the teachers at Hope, Sahil underwent a transformation. With personalized attention and guidance, he not only improved academically but also cultivated good manners and habits. His persistence and the supportive environment paid off—he was promoted to the 3rd standard in September 2024.

Sahil has blossomed into a jolly, caring, and responsible child. Despite the economic hardships his family faces and the burden of household chores he helps manage, Sahil has remained regular and committed to his studies. His grandparents, who bear all his expenses, take pride in his determination to succeed.

Hope Non-Formal School continues to support Sahil's academic needs, with plans underway to register him for the Open Basic Education (OBE) program under NIOS. The school is committed to helping him become independent, achieve his potential, and eventually support his family.



Photo: Sahil in the classroom (left)

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As we look ahead, our mission remains steadfast: to uplift, educate, and empower. Each achievement is a testament to the collective effort of our dedicated staff, volunteers, donors, and the indomitable spirit of our community members.

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