

Hope Project Newsletter

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Addressing Challenges, Making Steady Progress

With your invaluable contributions, we are able to sustain our needs-based programmes that aim to transform the lives of underprivileged children, men, women, and young adults. Your unending support and generosity continue to inspire us. Thank you!

Despite the unexpected heavy rains this season, we are happy to share that our ongoing activities remained unhindered. With timely action and preventive measures, we were able to block seepage and water flow, ensuring that services continued smoothly.

The Hope Project continues to face pressing challenges linked to rural-urban migration, rising poverty, and the growing demand for higher education and non-formal education.

Despite these difficulties, we have made consistent progress in engaging beneficiaries in essential programmes and activities, ensuring that no child or adult is left behind.

New Mobile Medical Van



We are pleased to announce that The Hope Project has procured a new Mobile Medical Van to continue providing timely medical help to the community.

Our previous van had reached the end of its operational life permissible as per government guidelines. The new van will allow us to extend healthcare support efficiently to those who need it most.

Photo: New Mobile Medical Van

Empowering Girls & Boys Through Aaghaz Theatre Trust

We are proud to share our collaboration established with Aaghaz Theatre Trust. The Trust is imparting training of theatre skills to 22 of our girls from Hope Non-Formal School. They have already performed community shows on leadership, sexual abuse, and gender equality and are currently attending workshops to develop street plays on early marriage and menstrual hygiene. This platform helps them build confidence and

strengthen communication skills that can transform community mindsets. Aaghaz also educates these girls on the Constitution of India, specifically their rights and duties as citizens—enhancing their learning beyond textbooks.

Also, 21 boys from the Evening Education Program are learning expression, voice modulation, physical exercises, and legal awareness. They are currently preparing for a play focused on bribery, strengthening their understanding of law, rights, duties, and social responsibility.



Photo: Aaghaz Theatre Trust

Outreach to Migrant & Homeless Families



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Following a joint meeting of all teachers and social workers, teams visited project communities across Nizamuddin and nearby areas. 20 homeless or newly migrant families were identified living in open parks. Many of their children were out of school; 15 children are now in the process of enrolling in Hope's education programmes. Women working as ragpickers are being motivated to connect with Hope for support and guidance.

Additionally, a door-to-door health survey of 1,808 families has

been completed to identify: children in need of immunization and pregnant women requiring registration at government health centres or hospitals for pre and post-natal care and institutional delivery.

Anium's Journey to Hope

Anjum, a 18-year-old girl from Shahdara, Delhi, faced multiple challenges growing up in a financially constrained family. Her father, a labourer, battled severe health issues, while her mother was bedridden and her younger brother attended school. Most of the family's income was consumed by medical and educational expenses. The turning point came in her trajectory when she came to know about The Hope Project. Hailing from Shahdara, she met Ms. Umera, a sewing instructor at Welcome Colony centre, who enrolled her in a six-month tailoring course without any fee run by The Hope Project. Embracing the opportunity, Anjum excelled



in her training and soon started stitching clothes for her neighbourhood, earning between Rupees 4,000 to 5,500 per month. With a sewing machine gifted by her aunt, Anjum skillfully balanced her tailoring work with household responsibilities. Proud of her newfound independence, she even managed to save a small amount for future needs. Today, Anjum feels a deep sense of fulfillment and contributes to the well-being of her family.

Mohammad Shafi, the Budding Data Analyst



Photo: Mohammad Shafi

I'm Mohammad Shafi, and if someone had told me a few years ago that I'd find my first job doing something I truly enjoy, I might have doubted it inside. My story begins during the pandemic. I had just cleared my high school exams when everything moved online. Like many students, I suddenly had a lot of free time, and somewhere inside me, a thought began to grow—Why not use this time to learn something new?

My mother who has been an active member of Self-Help Group guided me to enroll in computer skills. The name itself felt promising. I wasted no time and enrolled. At Hope, I started with MS Office, but it was Excel that really drew me in. It was like discovering a new language, one that made perfect

sense to my commerce-oriented mind.

Soon after completing the course, I felt the urge to go deeper, especially into something aligned with my academic background. I had already enrolled in a Bachelor's in Commerce, and alongside it, I took up a Tally course at another institute. Learning Tally opened doors into the world of practical accounting, giving life to the theory I studied in class.

As my B.Com journey progressed, I began another chapter—I enrolled in a Diploma Course in Data Analytics, a field that blends commerce, logic, and technology in powerful ways. Today, I've completed my B.Com and continue to pursue Data Analytics with great enthusiasm. After finishing my Tally course, I came to know about a vacancy for a Tally Operator at The Hope Project, within their Self Help Group Program. It felt surreal—coming full circle, being offered a chance to work at the very place where my journey had started.

I applied, interviewed, and was selected. Today, I work as a Tally Operator, earning a monthly salary of Rupees 7,000. For some, this might seem small—but for me, it's a symbol of growth, learning, and self-worth.

Hope gave me more than just skills: vision, confidence, and the courage to believe in what I could become. From a school student with curiosity, to a commerce graduate and a budding data analyst—I'm still learning.

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