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## ANNUAL REPORT



# Founder's Note

Sunaayy Human Welfare Foundation is dedicated to advancing societal well-being by championing the cause of quality education and empowering women within communities, steering them towards a life of self-reliance and economic independence. Since its modest beginnings in 2009 with just six children, Sunaayy has played a pivotal role in facilitating the successful transition of over 10,000 children to formal schools, setting them on a path of personal development. I take great pride in our commitment to broadening our impact through innovative approaches that enable us to reach remote villages across multiple states in India. Our efforts have not only touched the lives of thousands in India but have also expanded globally, with Sunaayy now operating as a registered nonprofit organization in the United States. Our journey is characterized by a relentless pursuit of positive change, and we remain steadfast in our mission to make a lasting difference in the lives of individuals and communities, both locally and internationally.



Inspired by the legacy of my respected father, who instilled in me the belief that "service before self" is paramount, I initiated my journey as a social change maker. Throughout this extended period, our generous donors and volunteers have wholeheartedly contributed to our cause, demonstrating deep faith in the responsible utilization of their offerings. Their unwavering confidence in my dedication and skills has been pivotal in my growth and the acquisition of core competencies. This support has enabled me to develop innovative strategies that play a crucial role in bridging the learning gap among children from underserved communities and enhancing the capacity of women at the community level.

This year has been marked by a series of remarkable achievements for Sunaayy Foundation, showcasing its resilience and commitment to its mission. One notable accomplishment has been the successful reopening of centers that had to temporarily close due to lockdowns. Overcoming challenges posed by external circumstances, Sunaayy Foundation worked tirelessly to ensure that its educational and support centers were once again able to serve the community. Another significant milestone includes the expansion of Sunaayy Foundation's team. The organization has successfully generated new teachers and community leaders for its village community centers, enriching the pool of dedicated individuals working towards the betterment of underprivileged children. Through capacity-building training programs, these educators are equipped with the skills and knowledge necessary to make a lasting impact on the lives of the children they serve.

Sunaayy Foundation has also forged impactful collaborations during this transformative year. By partnering with Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives, the foundation has been able to provide essential amenities to children, ensuring they have access to basic necessities for a better quality of life. This collaborative effort underscores the importance of combining resources from both public and private sectors to address the diverse needs of the community. In a move towards geographical expansion and inclusivity, Sunaayy Foundation proudly joined forces with the Asharika Foundation. This partnership extends the foundation's programs to the hills of West Bengal, reaching out to communities that may have otherwise been overlooked. By broadening

its reach, Sunaayy Foundation is amplifying its positive impact on the lives of children in remote areas, ensuring that education and support are accessible to all.

As the year unfolds, Sunaayy Foundation continues to demonstrate its dedication to overcoming obstacles and creating meaningful change in the lives of disadvantaged children. Each achievement serves as a testament to the organization's unwavering commitment to its mission of providing a brighter future for those in need. As we move forward, I remain committed to upholding the values of integrity, transparency, and effectiveness, ensuring that Sunaayy Foundation continues to make a meaningful impact in the lives of those we serve. I am profoundly grateful for the collective efforts of our team and the enduring support of our donors and volunteers, as together we work towards creating positive and sustainable change.



# Introduction:

## ABOUT US

For the past 14 years, the Sunaayy Foundation has dedicated its efforts to cultivating a world where empowered, creative, and vibrant children thrive, their rights upheld and respected within a society founded on dignity, justice, and equality for everyone. Sunaayy Foundation is committed to fostering comprehensive growth among youth, children, and women in these regions, employing a range of diverse intervention methods. Presently, Sunaayy Foundation has extended its impact across New Delhi, Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal, employing innovative strategies that have facilitated the provision of the following services:

## Multifaceted Approach of Sunaayy Foundation:

**EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE:** Creating learning centers, ensuring access to quality education, offering remedial classes, and reducing dropouts by integrating children into formal schools.

Enhancing Digital Literacy: Bridging learning gaps through online teaching, and improving digital literacy among educators.

**NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT:** Providing regular hot meals to improve children's health, serving nearly 200,000 meals, and addressing nutritional needs.

**SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:** Recruiting teachers from the community, providing training in English and digital literacy, and imparting leadership and counseling skills.

Promoting Livelihood: Recruiting predominantly women teachers, promoting gender equality, and organizing workshops on women and children's rights.






















**WOMEN EMPOWERMENT:** Offering equal opportunities for women to earn, fostering confidence, and creating community leaders who establish learning centers.

**COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP:** Recruiting teachers from the localities to foster responsibility and attachment, and establishing collaborative teaching and learning environments.

**INNOVATIVE AWARENESS STRATEGIES:** Conducting online training in English, enhancing beneficiaries' skills, and fostering discussions on child and women's rights, environmental issues, and gender equality.

## Achievement of Sunaayy Foundation Against Sustainable Developmental Goals :

### COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP:

<div>01 NO POVERTY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sunaayy's interventions have lifted families above the poverty line, contributing to a 25% increase in annual income.</li><li>• Indirectly supports Human Development Index by providing education, health services, and holistic development.</li></ul>	<div>05 GENDER EQUALITY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Empowered women economically, enabling informed choices and breaking gender stereotypes.</li><li>• Fostering community leaders who establish learning centers, ensuring uninterrupted education for all children.</li></ul>
<div>02 ZERO HUNGER</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provided nearly 200,000 meals, addressing undernourishment among children and maintaining food security during the pandemic.</li></ul>	<div>08 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provided economic independence to women through teaching opportunities, regardless of background.</li><li>• Supported staff during the pandemic, ensuring stable income sources.</li></ul>
<div>03 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Distributed food, water, and provided basic healthcare, reducing health budgets for families.</li><li>• Addressed stunting and wasting among children through nutritional support.</li></ul>	<div>10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enabled marginalized women to contribute effectively to education, generating stable incomes.</li><li>• Promotes inclusivity regardless of religion, gender, or economic background, fostering an equitable environment.</li></ul>
<div>04 QUALITY EDUCATION</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Facilitated education for 665 children through 12 centers, employing a cost-friendly and replicable "Dual Teacher Model".</li><li>• Ensured education continuity during the pandemic via digital platforms.</li></ul>	<div><div><div>01 NO POVERTY</div><div></div></div><div><div>02 ZERO HUNGER</div><div></div></div><div><div>03 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING</div><div></div></div><div><div>04 QUALITY EDUCATION</div><div></div></div><div><div>05 GENDER EQUALITY</div><div></div></div><div><div>16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</div><div></div></div><div><div>06 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION</div><div></div></div><div><div>07 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY</div><div></div></div><div><div>08 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH</div><div></div></div><div><div>09 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE</div><div></div></div><div><div>10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES</div><div></div></div><div><div>17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS</div><div></div></div><div><div>11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES</div><div></div></div><div><div>12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION</div><div></div></div><div><div>13 CLIMATE ACTION</div><div></div></div><div><div>14 LIFE BELOW WATER</div><div></div></div><div><div>15 LIFE ON LAND</div><div></div></div></div>	



## Journey throughout the year:

### **AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON REDUCING PLASTIC USE AT MANDIR AND DAIRY CENTRE, NEW DELHI:**

Besides formal education, a child also requires basic life skill education to endure in the world. Sunaayy Foundation visualizes a child who will be able to utilize his or her full potential and relevant knowledge to combat against all odds and to inspire others to lead a productive life. The accelerating rate of environmental pollution have triggered Sunaayy Foundation to organize an awareness programme on reducing use of plastic by “Beat the Plastic Use” which is considered to be major cause behind pollution on 3rd , April, 2023 . The children were made aware about the adverse effect of plastic use on our environment through several diagram, charts and funny pictures. The students from Mandir and Dairy Centre participated in the programme. They were encouraged to adapt alternative sources like cloth bags instead of plastic and were motivated to inspire their community on reducing plastic use.



### **QUIZ AT MANDIR CENTRE:**

Learning through fun filled activities and games are considered to be always productive for children. Sunaayy Foundation believes in holistic development of children. To promote this belief a quiz competition was organized with students studying at level V at Mandir Centre on 14th April, 2023. The main aim of the quiz competition was to inculcate knowledge on English grammar among the children. They learnt to construct English sentences. The children thoroughly enjoyed the competition.



## THE JAGRITI PROGRAM AT SUNAAYY FOUNDATION:

The Jagriti Program aspires to create a world where every woman has access to comprehensive education on menstrual health, biology, and sexual & reproductive health. The Jagriti Program has had 3 sessions with Sunaayy Foundation. The First session was held on the 25th of March 2023. The session was with the teachers of Sunaayy Foundation as they are the most important facilitators who can inculcate ideas about menstrual hygiene among the children. The second session was held with both boys and girls. It was found that young boys are more open while conversing about menstruation and they also have relevant knowledge. But the girls were very hesitant at the beginning and were reluctant to speak about their experience or problems.

The third session was conducted with the girls on 5th May. The girls are found to be very artistically inclined, so the representative from Jagriti Foundation planned to make the session more innovative and productive by incorporating art. Therefore she arranged for 20 sanitary napkins along with paints, colour pencils and huge chart papers. She encouraged the girls draw and paint whatever they could think of. She was amazed when they created so many brilliant artworks with these elements. Although in beginning the girls were found little skeptical due to the stigma associated with menstruation which has been inculcated among them since childhood. Initially some girls were found to be hesitant to touch the pads, but later along with their friends they created beautiful art work.



This creative session has proved to be very instrumental to eradicate the taboos associated with menstruation and to inculcate the concept of menstruation as normal physiological occurrence which marks the onset of puberty among girls.

## INNOVATIVE SESSIONS WITH CHILDREN:

Creative and innovative sessions have always been proved to be instrumental in boosting the learning capacity of the children rather than mundane lectures. With a vast and enriched experience in the field of education Sunaayy Foundation has always adapted alternative approaches to teach the children, with no exposure to formal learning. To make learning more interesting these children were being engaged in drawing different designs and items on square cardboard. This activity can be regarded as useful from two aspects. On one hand the children obtained hands on experience of art and craft and on the other they learnt different concepts by visualizing them which is more instrumental in mitigating their learning gap.

Sunaayy Foundation has adapted a unique strategy to provide a conducive environment for learning for very young children who are yet to start their formal schooling. To ensure uninterrupted education for elder children, they are allowed to bring their younger siblings with them. All these children are enrolled in level 0 and the teachers try to get them accustomed with a school like environment which can be considered as a preparation for

future schooling. With this aim the teachers become engaged with the children in different fun activities. Similar activity was observed in Dairy centre (21st June, 2023), when the children were provided dolls and the teachers enthusiastically participated in recreational activities along with them. These activities have made the children learn to perform in groups while cooperating with others.

Throughout the year Sunaayy Foundation also initiated different innovative activities to explore the hidden talents of the children from disadvantaged section of the society. Since childhood is not only about food and education, a child also need some extracurricular and recreational activities for complete maturity and magnificent childhood, in Sunaayy Foundation children are engaged in regular drawing classes and On the 7th of December, the children were given a chance to showcase their acquired knowledge and skills by creating enchanting artwork on paper.

Another area for concern of Sunaayy Foundation is safe environment. In contemporary era, proper waste management has been considered as major thrust area to reduce environmental pollution. To inculcate awareness regarding recycling of waste the senior students were encouraged to prepare dustbin using waste materials in the centers. The children were also made aware about implication of dumping waste in proper place and use of dustbin.





**YOGA ACTIVITY:** Apart from imparting education the physical health of the children are also taken care of. On 6th July a Yoga session was organized with the students in Dairy centre to enhance their physical well being. With the instructor the children performed different asanas and seemed enjoyed the session as it was a break for them from their regular routine of learning session.

**SESSION ON ART AND CRAFT:** Session on art and craft: A unique activity of photo frame making from card board and waste chart papers had been introduced among the children. Through this specific activity, on one hand the children experienced an exciting session on craft making and on the other hand they were also made aware about the importance of recycling process of waste. The children were found to be inundated with enthusiasm during the session as they have learnt to prepare a photo frame with trivial materials which are easily available.

**ITS MOVIE TIME:** On November 6th, in collaboration with Round Table India, approximately 150 children from Sunaayy Foundation were treated to an extraordinary experience: watching Shah Rukh Khan's movie "Jawan" at PVR Cinopolis. Round Table India orchestrated an initiative spanning 38 cities and 51 cinemas to spread joy among 10,000 children. This incredible effort allowed the kids to enjoy the movie in the comfort of a multiplex, eliciting smiles and creating enduring memories. Amidst the big screen magic, the children savored popcorn and cold drinks, adding to the delight of seeing their favorite hero in action.

It's not just a new experience for the children; it also offers them a refreshing breath of fresh air, energizing them to tackle their daily struggles. This initiative serves as a means for the children to overcome their daily challenges and any feelings of inferiority stemming from their circumstances. The radiant faces of the children spoke volumes, expressing their heartfelt gratitude for this generous and benevolent gesture that gifted them a wonderful evening.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:** Another delightful aspect of childhood is the celebration of birthday parties. Recognizing that many children supported by the Sunaayy Foundation face daily struggles for survival and miss out on various joys of childhood, our compassionate donors, volunteers, and dedicated staff members join hands to make a difference. They strive to fulfill the wishes of these innocent children by organizing their birthday celebrations with these children, ensuring that each child experiences the joy and happiness that comes with these celebrations. In the month of December also Centre Coordinator Lalita Ekka celebrated her birthday with the children of Mandir centre. She enjoyed her cake cutting ceremony and distributed samosa, chocolate to ignite the light of happiness among the children.





On another similar occasion, Ms. Ayesha generously celebrated her birthday with the children and staff members of Sunaayy Foundation, accompanied by her parents. In her quest to spread joy, she decided to share happiness in the form of delicious cakes and snacks with the children. Going beyond mere culinary delights, Ms. Ayesha also displayed a compassionate gesture by addressing the needs of the children during the chilly winter in Delhi.

**FOOD AND STATIONARY DISTRIBUTION THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:** Sunaayy Foundation has adapted a phenomenal strategy to ensure their access to basic education through their study centers. Besides catering their educational need, Sunaayy Foundation also has taken care of fulfilling additional requirements to mitigate their agony to some extent. Besides education, access to nutritious food is considered to be another basic right of the children. Sunaayy Foundation also believes that education without nutrition will hamper the holistic development of the children. Therefore the organization takes initiative to distribute nutritious food to the children. As an obvious consequence Sunaayy Foundation frequently arranges scrumptious and nutritional meals and distributions of stationeries like school bag, pencil box, copies, sweater, schoks blankets etc for its students with the help of generous contribution from different patrons who thrives with same passion to promote welfare of these children.



## Detailed Activities of Village Centers:

### CREATIVE SESSIONS

The focus of the day at the village center was on drawing, with the theme centered on the importance of saving water. Students poured their creativity onto paper, expressing their thoughts and ideas through art. Among them, some particularly imaginative students crafted intricate drawings depicting Radha and Krishna, showcasing their talent and interpretation of the theme. Through their artwork, they not only highlighted the significance of water conservation but also celebrated the timeless themes of love and devotion. The drawing day served not only as a platform for artistic expression but also as a reminder of the responsibility we all share in protecting our precious resources for future generations.



### VISIT FROM URBAN CENTRE

Ms. Puja Kumari from Delhi centre embarked on a visit to the Bihar Centre, spanning Darbhanga and Muzaffarpur. These centers, established in 2021 under her guidance, stand as beacons of hope and opportunity for the rural communities they serve. With unwavering dedication, She strives to uplift these villages through education, firmly believing in the transformative power of knowledge. During her visit, she conducted training sessions for the center teachers, imparting invaluable insights into effective teaching methods and educational activities. From teaching techniques to organizing engaging activities such as poetry recitals, exercises, and quizzes, Ms. Puja Kumari equipped the teachers with the tools to foster holistic learning experiences. As a token of appreciation and encouragement, she also distributed Kurkure snacks among the children, further brightening their day and reinforcing the bond between the centers and their dedicated mentor. Through her tireless efforts and guidance, the Bihar centers continue to progress towards their shared vision of educational excellence and community development.



### SESSIONS ON ALPHABET WRITING:

Teachers in village centers played a crucial role in guiding students through the process of learning and writing letters, especially when students have limited or no prior knowledge of letter writing. With patience and expertise, teachers patiently introduced students to the fundamentals of letter formation, starting from the basics such as learning to hold a pencil correctly and forming simple strokes. Through a series of structured lessons and hands-on activities, teachers demonstrated the proper techniques for writing each letter of the alphabet, emphasizing consistency and neatness.



## Engagement of Volunteers and Dedicated Supporters through Visits

### **VISIT OF VOLUNTEERS FROM USA AT MANDIR CENTRE, NEW DELHI:**

Volunteers from USA visited the Mandir Centre and spent some wonderful time with the children. The children greeted them with a warm smile and shared their experience with them. The volunteers also had a conversation with volunteers who are working with children since inception of the centre. The volunteers from USA were quite content after meeting the children and watching them learning well. They also distributed some gifts and were overwhelmed after receiving greetings cards designed by those children for whom day to day survival is challenge.



**TRUSTEE'S VISIT TO CENTRE:** On 26th June, 2023, honorable trustee member Ms Swagata Bhattacharya visited Dairy Centre in Vasant Kunj and participated in the activities of centre. She along with her daughter joined hand with teachers to distribute food among the children. The children shared their valuable experience and achievement while attending regular classes at the centre. They also conveyed their contentment towards the opportunity they have received to continue education in spite of having challenges for daily survival. The children were overwhelmed by receiving chocolates as a token of love from Ms Swagata Bhattachariya.



### **MISS TEEN USA VISITS SUNAAYY FOUNDATION:**

On 4th July, 2023, Miss USA (Teen), 2022 Faron Medhi came for a friendly visit to the Mandir Centre of Sunaayy Foundation and spent some quality time with children. She was involved in productive conversation with both children and teachers. Miss USA (Teen) shared her life story of dedication, discipline and passion to achieve her goal in life. She also encouraged the children to apply dedication, discipline and passion in their studies, to fulfill their aim in life of having a prosperous and bright future. At the end of this astonishing interaction she also distributed some food items among the children, which amplified their happiness. Miss USA (Teen) was an amazing human being, who connected with children effortlessly with her humility and grace. It was a unique experience for the children as they were found to be really content to meet a celebrity, who has inspired them with her own life story.





**VISIT FROM RAMKRISHNA MISSION:** On 11th July, the children of Dairy centre acquired an exclusive experience when Swami Sarvalokananda from Delhi Ramkrishna Mission spent a day with the children and teachers. His charismatic presence and inspirational conversation have encouraged both children and teachers to bear their respective responsibility with full dedication and enthusiasm. During the session he also distributed biscuits and other snacks among the children. Swamiji's conversant and motivational interaction with team Sunaayy, has acted as a stimulant for continuing the legacy of promoting holistic welfare of marginalized section of the society specifically of underserved children.



**VISITS OF VOLUNTEER FROM USA:** The Sunaayy Foundation has consistently been fortunate to receive abundant support from a dedicated network of volunteers. One notable instance exemplifies this ongoing commitment, as Ms. Ananya and her family from the USA visited the Dairy Centre, dedicating their time to create meaningful experiences for the children under the foundation's care. Engaging in a variety of enjoyable activities, they not only shared laughter and joy but also extended their generosity by distributing delicious and nourishing food among the children.

Ms. Ananya and her family's involvement in these activities underscore their unwavering support for the Sunaayy Foundation's mission to foster a conducive environment for the holistic development of children. Through their active participation and continued generosity, they contribute significantly to the foundation's endeavors, making a positive impact on the lives of the children they interact with. This act of kindness and commitment reflects the spirit of community and shared responsibility that defines the Sunaayy Foundation's strong network of volunteers.



**A VISIT FROM WELL WISHERS:** Sayan Chakrabarty, who has always extended his helping hands to attain organization's mission embarked on a comprehensive visit to both the Dairy Centre and the Mandir Centre, extending his presence to the office as well. Beginning his rounds, he first graced the Dairy Centre, where he met with everyone and engaged in discussions. Following this, his visit to the Mandir Centre was marked by a warm reception from the children, who presented him beautiful greeting cards and eagerly shared their experiences and learnings from the center. After the insightful interactions at both centers, Sayan Sir made his way to the office, where he was joined by Nishant Sir. Together, they enjoyed a communal lunch, fostering a sense of unity and camaraderie among everyone present. Such visits not only strengthen the bond between the members and the beneficiaries but also provide an opportunity for shared moments of joy and connection.





**AN INTERACTION WITH GUESTS:** On February 19th, 2024, Sunaayy Foundation had the privilege of hosting esteemed guests from the USA. These guests, who were personally invited by the supporters Mr. Pushpender and Ms. Anshu, graced the centers with their presence. As a gesture of warm hospitality, the guests were welcomed with traditional puja thalis and garlands. Their visit was marked by moments of joy as they interacted with the students and distributed chips and Frooti, delighting everyone present. Their appreciation for Foundation's work was evident, further motivating the team to continue the efforts towards education and empowerment. During their visit, they had the opportunity to explore both centers and witness firsthand the impact of the initiatives. Additionally, they shared meal together, fostering bonds of friendship and collaboration. One particularly touching moment occurred when they met Rani, a blind student, reflecting the inclusive spirit of the organization. Overall, their visit was a testament to the universal value of education and the power of humanitarian endeavors to bridge cultural divides.



## Celebrating Diversity: Nurturing Cultural Heritage among Children

Festivals hold a significant place in our society and culture. They serve as more than just a break from the routine of everyday life. Celebrating various festivals not only offers a respite from the monotony but also connects us to our deep-rooted cultural heritage through their religious and historical significance. These occasions act as a bridge, linking the present generation with the traditions and stories of the past, fostering a sense of community and shared identity.

**INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION:** India celebrates its Independence Day on August 15th, marking the nation's freedom from British rule in 1947. This day is honored with flag hoisting, cultural programs and patriotic fervor across the country. As Sunaayy Foundation prioritize all over development of the child and aspires to endow children from disadvantaged section of the individual with educational assistance within a school like environment, so celebration of Independence Day was organized both in urban and rural center. Post flag hoisting, vibrant cultural programs unfolded, enriched by the active participation of children showcasing diverse songs and dances. The festivities concluded with the distribution of sweets, bringing joy to both urban and rural centers.



**RAKSHA BANDHAN CELEBRATION :** Festivals stand as vital threads woven into our societal fabric, offering a gateway for people to escape the monotony of daily life. Beyond mere celebrations, these

occasions serve as bridges, connecting us to our profound cultural heritage through their religious and historical significance. A child's holistic development involves not just formal education but also an understanding of their country's cultural roots and history, fostering a well-rounded sense of identity and humanity.

To inculcate cultural significance of Raksha Bandhan in our society, Sunaayy Foundation strategize to celebrate it with the children. The children prepared rakhis and made drawings of rakhis on colored sheet and drawing books. The children wholeheartedly embrace these innovative activities, gaining a deeper understanding of the various facets of Raksha Bandhan.



**TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATION:** Teachers are considered to be the most respectful person after parents and in the arena of education teachers play a versatile role for strengthening the foundation of the future of their students. Besides making the students acquainted with formal curriculum, the teachers are their guide, patrons, motivators and life skill educator. They are that shelter where students can reside whenever they face any struggle or problem. So one of the prime duties of the students is to convey sincere respect towards them. With that emotion in mind, students from different centres of Sunaayy Foundation celebrated Teacher's Day at 5th September, through diverse activities like cake cutting, laddu and chocolate distribution etc. The senior students decided to provide a day off to the teachers as on that very day they taught the junior students. This celebration contributed to strengthen the bond between the teachers and students.



**JANMASTHAMAI CELEBRATION:** Festivals are considered as an integral part of our society and culture. On one hand celebration of different festivals can be considered as a gateway for common people to overcome the boredom of mundane life. Beside that the religious essence and historical background associated with each festival act as a bridge between us and our rich cultural heritage. Apart from formal education a child also needs to know about cultural and historical background of his or her country to ensure holistic development as a human being.

Sunaayy Human Welfare Foundation, aspiring to provide educational assistance to underprivileged children of migrant laborers located at different slums of Delhi has also taken initiative to make these children aware about our culture and heritage through celebrating Janmashthami in the learning centers. Apart of disseminating knowledge, this exceptional endeavor has also made the children delighted and happy as most



of them are deprived of this bliss of life. Students were dressed like Radha and Krishna . They were engaged in several different musical activities and the programme was ended with distribution of bread pakora.

**CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION:** In India, a secular country with a diverse population practicing various religions, people coexist peacefully and celebrate their festivals with equal joy and emotion. This inclusive spirit is evident in the festivities organized by the Sunaayy Foundation, where Christmas is embraced with enthusiasm. During this special occasion, children express their delight by dressing up as Santa Claus and participating in the joyous tradition of cutting Christmas cakes.

Moreover, the children engage in crafting special socks, which they eagerly hang beside their beds, anticipating gifts from Santa Claus. This celebration not only allows the children to revel in the spirit of Christmas but also serves as an educational experience, offering them insights into the significance of this special festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ. Through such inclusive initiatives, organizations like the Sunaayy Foundation contribute to fostering unity and understanding among individuals of diverse backgrounds in the spirit of communal celebration.

**REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION IN BOTH URBAN AND RURAL CENTRE:** Republic Day celebrations at Mandir Centre and Dairy Centre in Delhi were brimming with joy and enthusiasm, with children actively participating in various activities. They expressed their excitement through vibrant dance performances and heartfelt renditions of patriotic songs and poems. Adorning their cheeks with drawings of the Indian flag, they proudly displayed their patriotic spirit. The festive atmosphere was further enhanced by the sweet gesture of jalebi distribution across all Delhi centers, whether online or offline, fostering a sense of unity and pride among the young learners.

One generous donor, Kanta Madam, added an extra touch of kindness by distributing Frooti and chocolates, showcasing her compassionate heart and making the celebration even more memorable for the children. Meanwhile, the village centers of Sunaayy Foundation also embraced the spirit of Republic Day, extending the festivities to online video conferencing where participants from different villages came together to commemorate the occasion. Dedicated volunteers and colleagues, including Mishty Madam and Sayan Sir, joined in to appreciate the unique celebration, enhancing the communal spirit. Laddu and jalebi distribution across all village centers symbolized the sweetness of unity and cultural diversity, making the Republic Day celebration truly memorable.





**CELEBRATION OF SWARASATI PUJA:** Recognized as the goddess of education and creativity, Devi Swarasati holds significant importance for Sunaayy Foundation, marking the Swarasati Puja as a cornerstone event. This celebration not only honors the goddess but also instills in students the value of education and aspiration for a prosperous future. At the Dairy Centre, a beautiful Saraswati Puja ceremony was orchestrated, guiding students in devotion through drawings, while at the Mandir Centre, essential items were distributed, adding joy to the occasion. Our esteemed donor graced the event, enhancing the celebration with generous contributions. Celebrations extended beyond our centers to the community, fostering unity and cultural harmony among participants.

**HOLI CELEBRATION:** During Holi celebrations at the Mandir and Dairy Centres, donors spread joy by distributing gujiya, chips, and chocolates to children. Kanta Saluja Ma'am, a beloved donor, personally handed out sandwiches, chocolates, and Frooti at the Dairy Centre. Online classes marked the occasion with pancake, custard, and Frooti distribution, ensuring the spirit of celebration prevails. On March 23rd, 2024, Holi celebrations brought joy to village centers in Darbhanga, Muzaffarpur, Hardoi, and Jharkhand. Essential supplies like copies and pencils were distributed in Darbhanga, while laddus added sweetness to the festivities. Puja Kumari led celebrations in Darbhanga and Muzaffarpur, spreading happiness among students. In Jharkhand, Kiran Ji's laddu distribution highlighted her support for the community. These celebrations fostered unity and joy, nurturing a sense of belonging among all involved.





## Numerous noteworthy achievements have been reached over the course of the year.

Annual Day Celebration at Bihar centre: The most remarkable event that took place in the month of April was the Annual Day Celebration at Bihar centre. In order to cater the educational needs of the children, Sunaayy Foundation, with active involvement of Ms. Puja Kumari launched their first Teaching and Learning Development center in Kachuya, during April, 2021. Ms Puja Kumari, originally from Bihar started her journey as a teacher in one of the centers located in the slums of Vasant Kunj, South Delhi. Initially she was not very confident, but after spending some time, she was able to grasp the essence of the project and able to acquire teaching skill. During this period Puja received trainings on teaching methodology, content development, handling children which contributed to enhance her capability as a teacher. On the other hand she also participated in different capacity building workshop on leadership, team building, time management etc. After realizing importance of education and while working with Sunaayy Foundation, Ms Puja Kumari has got inspired to help these ill-fated children from her own community and decided to open a learning centre in her own village.

In initial phase of this project, it seemed difficult to motivate villagers to send their children in the centers as they were skeptical about the safety of their children. Ms Puja along with other teachers, who are being selected from the village, conducted a door to door visit and convinced the parents to send their children. After initial obstacles, many children from Kachuya and neighboring village started attending the centers.

### ACTIVITIES:

After overcoming preliminary challenges the center has completed two years successfully in the month of April, 2023 with more than 60 students. To celebrate this successful journey, a programme was organized in the center on 13th April, 2023.

The preparation for the programme started with informing the students about the grand celebration and motivating them to participate in it. The children were quite excited as they have never attended such celebration in their lifetime. The center was wonderfully decorated. Nearly 70 children along with their parents participated in the celebration. The teachers, Founder Director Richa Prasant and Puja Kumari were also present on behalf of Sunaayy Foundation. Representatives from local Panchayat were also present in the programme. The celebration proceeded through several activities like,

- Distribution of food and beverages among the children. Specific food items and cold drinks were distributed to which the children don't have regular access.
- Distribution of stationeries among the children.
- A scrumptious and hot meal of Puri, Sabzi and Halwa served to the children.
- Presentation of dance and Bhojpuri song by enthusiastic children.
- Feedback Session with children and parents.



The children were found to be tremendously happy and content as they have experienced such grand celebration for the first time. The children shared that they learn well in the centre and have regained interest in their studies. The parents were also reported to be satisfied with the whole system as their children's access to basic

education has been ensured in such adverse circumstances. They were also found to be obliged to Sunaayy Foundation and team of teachers as they can now share their concern about children's future with some reliable persons. In a crisp note it can be stated that on one hand this initiative has ensured the access of the children to basic education through parallel support system and have also put an effort to transform the mind set of village people toward necessity of educating their children.



### **EMPOWERING EDUCATION: CELEBRATING MILESTONES AT THE HARDOI CENTER**

On June 23, 2023, the Hardoi Center celebrated its Annual Function in Uttar Pradesh, marking two years since its establishment on May 21, 2021. This event was a significant milestone in the center's journey to provide education and empowerment to the local community despite initial challenges.

When the center opened, teachers from Sunaayy Foundation and the director from Delhi faced numerous obstacles due to local governance issues. The village head (Pradhan) initially obstructed efforts to educate children, and many parents preferred their children to work in agricultural fields rather than attend school. Although an anganwadi existed in the village, it lacked a teacher, leaving children without formal education.

Mrs. Ranu Mishra, a dedicated teacher from the village, joined Sunaayy Foundation and recognized the crucial role of education. She took the initiative to establish the center, overcoming initial resistance and gradually convincing parents of the benefits of schooling. Today, the center proudly enrolls 70-80 students who are excelling academically.

To celebrate its achievements, the center's teachers prepared students for the Annual Day function with traditional Bhojpuri dances, singing performances, and other engaging activities. The event was attended by the director of Sunaayy Foundation, who joined in serving a hot meal of Puji, sabzi, halwa, and cold drinks to the children. Additionally, all 80 children received stationary supplies and school bags, bringing immense joy to both children and parents.

This Annual Function marked a turning point in the community's view of education, with parents now actively supporting their children's schooling for a brighter future. The event not only celebrated academic achievements but also underscored the transformative power of education in empowering the local community of Hardoi.

### **THE COLLABORATION WITH INDRAPRASTHA GAS LIMITED**

Sunaayy Human Welfare Foundation in collaboration with Indraprastha Gas Limited has launched a project titled "Expanding scope of education through Dual Teacher Model among children of migrant labors in Vasant Kunj, South Delhi."

This project aims to minimize the discrimination created due to digital movement in the field of education during pandemic. This specific project intends to cater educational needs of 75 children through Dual Teacher Model where one learning development centre will be established equipped with digital facilitation in Masoodpur Dairy in Vasant Kunj, South Delhi. Children will have access to both physical and online classes. Teachers from nearby

locality will conduct physical classes and after physical session learners would have access to live learning platform through which they will be connected with experienced teachers from distance places. The project also intends to contribute towards capacity building of local women who will be appointed and trained as teacher.

### **OBJECTIVES:**

- To enhance quality of learning among the under-privileged children who are mainly first generation learners (Aged 6 to 16 years).
- To enhance holistic development among children and young adults from selected slums.

### **EXPECTED GOAL AND OUTREACH:**

- Educate at-least 75 under privileged children of migrant labors.
- Cater special educational need of these children to enhance learning outcome level through classroom intervention.
- Provide a digital learning platform to children and young adults.
- Enrolment of children in mainstream education.

### **UNIQUENESS OF THE PROJECT:**

- Through this project Sunaayy Foundation aims to provide educational assistance to 75 children belonging to under privileged section of the society through both physical and online session.
- All these beneficiaries belongs to parents who work as daily labour and are compelled to spend long hours at work. As a consequence the children are held responsible for regular household chores and they have younger siblings to look after. Their education got disrupted .They are unable to attend schools regularly due to lack of time and burden of responsibility.
- Apart of that as their parents are out of the home for a longer period of time, they are unable to have a stringent monitoring on their wards regarding attending the schools regularly.
- In such situation the classes conducted by Sunaayy Foundation are scheduled as per the children's convenience. And they are also allowed to bring their younger sibling along with them. This opportunity provides them a chance to continue their education after fulfilling all household responsibilities
- Previously the classes were held in the pavements within community which promotes the volunteering concept of Sunaayy Foundation along with bearing minimum administration cost.
- But in this project with support from IGL, a classroom has been arranged for the children. This arrangement has a huge impact on the children and also community. The children are found to be overwhelmed to get a classroom of their own which generates a feeling of belongingness among them.
- The parents are also content as they have a feeling that they are sending their children to a school like other parent. Previously they feel guilty for not able to ensuring access to basic education for their children.
- The journey from pavement to a well built classroom has facilitated them to feel that their children's life have been upgraded and something better has happened to them.

### **INAUGURATION EVENT:**

On 16/05/23, the Sunaayy Foundation held its highly anticipated inauguration event of the project "Expanding scope of education through Dual Teacher Model among children of migrant labors in Vasant Kunj, South Delhi" with collaboration The event was organized to create an enchanting experience for the children who were the center of attention and for radiating joy and hope among the attendees.



**THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROJECT:** Journey from pavement to classroom: Previously the classes were held in the pavements within community which promotes the volunteering concept of Sunaayy Foundation along with bearing minimum administration cost. But in this project with support from IGL, a classroom has been arranged for the children. The classroom is fully equipped with digital set up for conducting digital classes. This arrangement has a huge impact on the children and also community. The children are found to be overwhelmed to get a classroom of their own which generates a feeling of belongingness among them. The parents are also content as they have a feeling that they are sending their children to a school like other parent. Previously they feel guilty for not able to ensuring access to basic education for their children. The journey from pavement to a well built classroom has facilitated them to feel that their children's life have been upgraded and something better has happened to them.



**ONLINE CLASSES:** The Covid-19 pandemic has manifested different darker sides of lives and most adverse effect has been witnessed on education system. Introduction of digital education and online classes have dislocated many students specially those who belongs to underprivileged section of the society from mainstream education. This unintended and abrupt change in mode of education has made entire learning process unapproachable for a section of children due to lack of smart phones and internet facilities. But in the era following the pandemic digital education has become the need of hour. Even the New Education Policy, 2020 emphasizes on developing digital infrastructure to cater the e-education needs of both in school and higher education to complement conventional class room education system.



The USP of this project is Dual Teachers Mode where experts from different location conduct classes on different subject through Zoom meeting. The classes on Spoken English and other subjects conducted by experts from remote place has provided the beneficiaries access to an unexplored area of knowledge, wisdom and skills required for their future .The teachers associated in this process are considered to be expert in child pedagogy and have experience of teaching children in esteemed educational institutions .They have used their experience and plethora of knowledge while designing the syllabus for the children. Apart of having sound knowledge about the content of teaching they are also well equipped in dealing with behavioral issues of children while conducting digital classes. The specialized expertise have enabled the children to augment their performance leading towards mitigating the learning gap created due to hostile circumstances within which these children resides .

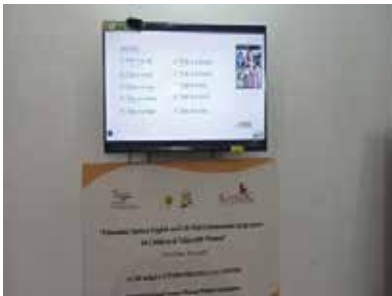
Apart from facilitating them to learn a new language which will enable them to bridge the gap with outer world , these sessions are also designed to instill awareness among the beneficiaries about diverse issues relevant in contemporary era such as gender based violence , environmental conservation , gender equality etc which contributes in capacity building of community.

**CONTINUATION OF CLASSES DURING SUMMER BREAK:** Uninterrupted education can be considered as the need of the hour. Disruption in education process may accelerate the leaning gap especially among the children who are not associated with mainstream formal education. The main aim of the project is to provide a conducive environment for providing educational assistance to the beneficiaries. These children have to experience regular struggle for their mere existence and constantly combat hostile circumstances. In such situation Sunaayy Foundation have been successful in continuing their remedial classes even during the scorching



summer due to the new classroom set up. The city schools have announced summer break early this year due to extreme weather condition. As the classes are being conducted in a covered room instead of pavement, the children have been able to continue their classes in the summer vacation also.

**COMPUTER CLASSES:** Introduction of computer class is also another milestone achieved through this project. Students now can avail the opportunity of learning computers from Monday to Friday in the learning centers. One teacher has been appointed for conducting classes. Teachers and coordinators are also getting trained to enhance their digital literacy. The hands on knowledge on computers will help them to run online classes using digital set up more efficiently.



### SIGNIFICANT FACETS:

- Incessant educational assistance for 75 underserved children through physical and online classes.
- A well equipped classroom of their own.
- A sense of belongingness towards the classroom boosts their interest towards studies.
- Introduction of online classes with experts from remote place has added a new dimension to the service delivery is specially meant for them.
- A content community comprehending the importance of education.
- Satisfied and happy parents encouraging the children to attend the classes regularly.
- Involvement in educational process has acted as a protective shield for the children from diverse malpractices like addiction, gambling etc.

## Sunaayy Foundation marks its 14th Year:

Sunaayy Foundation has covered a long way to provide educational assistance to underserved children and the expedition was initiated with classes in pavement. The trajectory is not always smooth, but Sunaayy Foundation has all along followed its mission towards creating a world with happy, healthy and creative children whose rights are protected and honored in a society that is built on respect for dignity, justice and equity for all. With inspiration and blessings from its greatest patron Padmashri Sri P K Sen, Sunaayy Foundation has reached in its 14th year.

Padmashri Sri P K Sen was a symbol of excellence, and generosity. His dedication to the betterment of society extended beyond his passion for the wildlife and environment. He was deeply involved in Sunaayy's day to day operations, growth plans, and impact delivery.



He was a deeply compassionate and forthright guide and mentor to us all. Sunaayy Foundation honors his memory by carrying forward his values of integrity, excellence, and compassion on his birth anniversary which also marks the 14th year of Sunaayy Foundation. His brilliance and kindness will forever remain etched in the hearts and will always remain as strong pillar of inspiration for Sunaayy Foundation.

To observe this pious moment team Sunaayy has planned to fulfill the heart of the children, around whom every activity evolves with enormous happiness and contentment with some splendid surprises. Ms Pallavi Chakrabarty, a kind donor, has expanded her helping hand and decided to convey admiration to her deceased mother on her birth anniversary in a unique way. She arranged a magic show and puppet show, distributed some scrumptious party meal for the children. The thrilled faces of children during the magic show can be best birthday gift for Sunaayy Foundation.

Ms Pallavi Chakrabarty, who has been with Sunaayy for last 10 years, was inundated while sharing her experience of celebrating the annual day of Sunaayy Foundation. She spoke about her exceptional experience with a handful of awesome Sunaayy Kids and was found to be delighted after receiving a piece of art as a token of thanks from them. She promised to be always with Sunaayy Foundation and contribute towards well being of these children in every possible way Sunaayy Foundation on its 14th birthday takes an oath to ensure uninterrupted education for those children who have immense hope with the organization with its enormous passion, dedication and high spirit.

### **‘PAPER MACHE’ – AN ECO FRIENDLY ALTERNATIVE LIVELIHOOD OPTIONS:**

Young women’s skills development is one of the most urgent and effective means to drive progress on gender equality and inclusive economic growth which will lead to ultimate destination of women empowerment. As Sunaayy Foundation has embraced the noble mission of women empowerment, it has



explored its path through skill development of indigenous women who belongs to under privileged community. The experience of pandemic has encouraged Sunaayy Foundation to encompass the need of the hour and to explore scopes of alternative livelihood through augmenting capacity in different areas like teaching pedagogy, grassroots leadership, office administration and basic accounting, inventory management, basic first aid and nursing, communication and producing unique artifact etc for those women. In order to make this exceptional idea instrumental, besides promoting local women as teachers and community leaders , arrangements have been made to unveil a new world of paper craft known as Paper Mache .

Paper Mache which means “Chewed up paper “ in French is considered as popular craft for creating three-dimensional objects, such as sculpture, from pulped or pasted paper and binders such as glue or plaster. The teachers in Sunaayy Foundation have participated recently in learning of this unique craft. Ms. Richa Prasant, the founder director of Sunaayy Foundation has cropped up the idea of making striking craft items through Paper Mache technique. The team of teachers has found it appealing and become involved in accumulating information about this unique art form.

After a thorough research Ms Lalita Ekka and Ms Aarti Chaurasia have taken the lead and guided the entire team towards an all new endeavor. With proper guidance and enthusiasm, they started the process and crafted stunning coasters. Beautiful designs known as Alpanas have been engraved filled with vibrant colors. A small effort has been made to restore the lost art known as alpanas which is believed to spread auspicious vibes in the surroundings.

The outcome of this endeavor has manifold consequence. Working as a team has enhanced the bond between the teachers as co workers and this connections can be manifested through their beautiful creations which has been well appreciated by the receivers in Switzerland as Ms Richa Prasant has gifted these items to the well-wishers of Sunaayy Foundation during her recent visit . These coasters can be considered as an artistic and exclusive token of recognizing the love and support of the benevolent donors of Sunaayy Foundation.

This creative session has excavated latent artistic expertise of teachers which was remained unexplored. The team has also grasped a new skill and all ready to continue with it as they have planned to make the children acquainted with this new form of art. The entire endeavor also becomes instrumental in boosting confidence among those teachers by creating an optimistic milieu of encouragement and inspiration.

Through this venture Sunaayy Foundation has also contributed towards milestones of Sustainable Development Goals like climate action or decent work and economic growth. . Through paper mache, biodegradable coasters are generated by recycling papers and using indigenous materials like fenugreek, oil etc. Sunaayy Foundation also foresees a new prospect of unconventional source of revenue embedded in this unique art form for the community women.

## Empowering Women through Block Printing: Sunaayy Foundation's Artistic Initiative

Teachers at Sunaayy Foundation are actively involved in block printing, a skill that serves as a means of empowerment for them. They learn this art collaboratively, sharing knowledge and techniques among themselves. They create beautiful traditional patterns using various colors, designs, and borders on cotton fabrics. Their dedication results in the creation of beautifully block-printed items like dupattas and table runners, which they proudly present to special visitors who appreciate their artistry. This initiative not only enhances their skills but also





serves as an additional source of activity and creativity. Block printing is a traditional and intricate art form that dates back centuries, celebrated for its beauty and craftsmanship. This technique involves using carved wooden or metal blocks to create patterns on fabric. Each block is meticulously designed with intricate motifs, borders, and designs that are then dipped in dye and stamped onto cloth by hand.

The current members, new women joining Sunaayy Foundation are also learning this valuable skill. Mastering block printing opens doors to potential career opportunities for these women, empowering them to achieve economic independence and self-reliance. While Sunaayy Foundation's primary focus is on educating children, it equally prioritizes women's empowerment. Enabling women to stand on their own is vital for their personal and professional development.

Through initiatives such as block printing, Sunaayy Foundation creates an environment where women can cultivate not just artistic skills but also economic empowerment. This holistic approach enriches their lives, enabling them to actively contribute to their families and communities. The Sunaayy Foundation stands as a testament to the transformative power of education and skill development, imbuing women with the essential tools to flourish independently and to make profound contributions to society.

### **THE HOSPITALITY LEARNING PROGRAMME AT KOLKATA**

The Hospitality program started on 21 June 2022 with 7 women, under the banner of Sunaayy Human Welfare Foundation (SHWF). The holistic program has encompassed three days a week of hands-on kitchen training where women learned the basics of baking and cooking.

**HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT APPROACH:** At the program onset, the main objective was working in teams and building trust, introduction to kitchen equipment and reading recipes. In the first month, the women were introduced to the kitchen equipment, units of measurement, new food items, and how to read a recipe with photos in English and Bengali (based on language proficiency). They learned their way around the kitchen and how to use professional grade equipment for cooking.

After being comfortable with the kitchen and a few recipes the women were encouraged to prepare recipes on their own in pairs, where one read out the recipe and the other executed. Their confidence and skills enhanced tenfold as they began to have more hands-on experience and executing recipes on their own.

The women honed skills on specific recipes with the goal of serving small group of people for sit down meal.





The women were required to speak with guests, present the food, and explain what was served. They also fielded questions from the guests and shared about their experiences in the program. The women planned, executed and served 100 people for the Learning Centre's inauguration ceremony. Midway assessment activity using skills through 3-day baking adventure was carried out. The women went on a three-day baking adventure which incorporated skills from kitchen, math, computers, and English.

The project activities also includes honing skills and finessing recipes with adaptations to recipes they are familiar with and creating full plates of food as a cohesive meal. The women also went on a one-day navigational city adventure. They had to use Google maps to reach a designated point, observe and use landmarks to get acquainted with the city, use online payment at a food stall, manage ordering food for the group and navigate back. This was a step outside of comfort zones for some.

As part of the kitchen training programme, the women also have experienced short life skills sessions on various aspects of life. For example, they have acquired relevant knowledge on stress management. They also learnt several aspects of teamwork and building trust within a team and how to value all people contributing to the outcome. The women are delighted to have such a wonderful experience as they can reside in a safe place for sharing share their agony and suffering and they have become successful in building some trustworthy relationships. As part of the kitchen program, the women have also learnt and are still practicing composting with kitchen wastes.

Through this exceptional endeavor the women are reported to learn new things and are able to boost their confidence after overcoming fear and vacillation. The journey has begun with "I can't" and now it has become "I 'will try".



## Championing Education:

### **SUNAAYY FOUNDATION'S TRIUMPH AT REX KARAMVEER CHAKRA AWARD CEREMONY**

Sunaayy Foundation takes immense pride to announce that Founder Director Ms. Richa Prasant along with her community leaders and teammates have bagged prestigious Rex Kramer Chakra award in a ceremony held on November 26th and 27th in New Delhi as a esteemed recognition of organization's tireless work towards societal betterment. This award ceremony served as an exceptional platform where insightful discussions on the approaches undertaken to bring about significant transformations in the lives of thousands in underserved communities enriched our collective knowledge. The exchange of ideas about activities, methodologies, and impact further empowered the young leaders who were honored with this prestigious award, recognizing their tireless efforts toward societal betterment. As recognition fuels encouragement, the radiant expressions on each participant's face spoke volumes about their inner contentment and satisfaction. At the karma veer award



podium, their words resonated with authenticity, free from fear or the weight of the judgment as much as the crowd cheered for their grit.

These young women or champions of change have been appointed as teachers or centre coordinators who contribute sincerely to change the lives of thousands of children through education and knowledge. Sunaayy has not only enabled them to fight against all odds to achieve a designation in society, but have also instilled the passion to contribute towards society. A significant portion of the global population still grapples with the basic necessities of life and the fundamental right to live with dignity and equal rights. These women and their stories reflect the harsh reality of living in a world filled with complexities, where inclusivity and diversity remain privileges.

During this joyous and proud moment, Ms. Richa Prasant, the Founding Director of Richa Prasant, delivered an impassioned oration filled with profound contentment. She stated "I extend my deepest gratitude to the organizers and committee behind this award for deeming our efforts worthy of recognition. This award not only acknowledges Sunaayy and its young leaders' contributions to the world but also cultivates an environment conducive to more sincere endeavors in disseminating quality education and ensuring a brighter future for many more children from disadvantaged sections of society. With spirits soaring, numerous other young women will be inspired to wield their magic wands and transform the lives of children."



### JHARKHAND CENTRE'S VISIT

Lalita Ekka, a dedicated member of Sunaayy since 2019, has always harbored a deep desire to uplift her village. Despite initial doubts, her exposure to Sunaayy's work fueled her optimism and commitment to making a difference. The annual function at the Jharkhand center marked a significant milestone, with Lalita orchestrating a memorable picnic for children and teachers. The event featured traditional performances and heartfelt speeches, highlighting the transformative power of education. Lalita's efforts didn't stop there; she ensured that the entire village, including parents, joined in the festivities, fostering a sense of community unity and pride. Her dedication and compassion have not only brought joy to the village but also inspired a new generation to strive for excellence and contribute to their community's well-being.







# Conclusion

Navigating the grassroots landscape within a nonprofit organization is undoubtedly challenging. Initiatives often commence with a noble mission aimed at addressing a specific issue. However, as organizations delve deeper into their work, they confront the reality that their mission extends beyond resolving a singular challenge. Nonprofits grapple with the realization that communities face a complex web of interconnected issues. For instance, tackling school dropout rates necessitates addressing broader concerns such as poverty, nutrition, and livelihoods. Despite the efficacy of this approach, some donor organizations express skepticism, perceiving it as lacking focus and the work appearing scattered. However, effecting meaningful social change requires flexibility, adaptability, and a willingness to embrace the evolving needs of communities. Social change is not akin to a simple puzzle with neatly compartmentalized pieces; rather, it resembles a complex, interconnected web of challenges.

The Sunaayy Human Welfare Foundation operates in a similar context, initiating change by addressing interconnected challenges. The organization is dedicated to disseminating education to children, meeting their diverse needs, and empowering women within the community by providing access to sustainable livelihood options.

This year can be recognized as a time of significant learning, achievements, and acknowledgment of the hard work by the Sunaayy Human Welfare Foundation. In recognizing that social change requires a comprehensive approach, Sunaayy Foundation has embraced over a thousand children. The foundation focuses on disseminating education, ensuring nutrition, and offering holistic development opportunities to underprivileged children from various disadvantaged sections of society. Simultaneously, it strives towards the capacity building of women, acknowledging the importance of empowering them for broader community upliftment.



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