



## Bindass Bol Our World, Our Story

“Home is a place where you grow up wanting to leave, and grow old wanting to get back to”

Alumni meet - Boys



Alumni meet - Girls



The BI- Annual Alumni meet was organized this quarter. It was heartening to see so many of our older kids coming together recollecting old times and sharing stories about their life journeys with their peers. There was much bonhomie and joyous chatter all around.

We are proud to say that they bond like siblings and help each other out in distressing times. It gives us great joy to see them doing well in their careers & leading full lives.

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## Heartfelt stories

### Shivalak's Story:

Hailing from a low-income family in Madhepura (Bihar), Shivalak had to start working at the tender age of five. Initially, he was working in a fruit shop in Allahabad and was subjected to physical abuse, so he decided to run away. He boarded a train to Delhi with a dream of meeting up with his uncle. Once in the city, the harsh reality of the megapolis hit him hard and he wandered around lost.



The dejected little boy started to live in the vicinity of the New Delhi Railway Station, rag picking, odd jobs at various tea stalls, and fights with other boys became a part of his daily routine. Until one day, the Railway Police caught him pickpocketing. He met the SBT team at the GRP Contact point on New Delhi Railway station. "I didn't want any other life, but the thought of free food and television at GRP was too enticing!" says Shivalak with a mischievous twinkle in his eye. Soon he picked up the lost threads of education and was admitted into school in Class V.

In school, he had his first chance to try Karate. "It was like love at first sight!" beams Shivalak. True to his ambition; he has been able to compete at the national and international forums and Asian games.

He completed his schooling and did his under graduation in Political science, then worked as a service person at a five-star hotel till he completed his training and Master's degree in Physical education. He got a job as a Karate teacher in a school. Now a happily married man, Shivalak teaches in 25 schools and five clubs and strives to impart the values he learnt at SBT to other underprivileged children.

#### Rishav's Story:

Rishav lived in the narrow lanes of Prayagraj, U.P. Son of a tea stall owner, Rishav found himself lost at the Naini railway station when he was in the 1st grade while traveling with his sister on their way back from school. Confused and lost, Rishav jumped onto a train and reached Assam, he was rescued by the Child Helpline and he continued to stay there for a few years. In his quest to find his home, he kept running away from the shelter homes he was put in. He finally reached one of SBT's children home in Ghaziabad.



Parallely, his family too had kept up the efforts for the past 8 years, to find their son. During his stay at the Ghaziabad home, all his legal, financial, educational, and emotional needs were taken care of. He adapted well developed strong bonds with the children and staff.

Initially, a Non-Formal Education teacher (NFE) spent a few days with him teaching him the fundamentals. Soon, he was enrolled in a formal school in grade 7, where his other skills were honed through recreational activities. Rishav, unlike most children, was very expressive and quickly got attached to the people in his surroundings.

But the longing for home never faded. He was only able to recall "Modinagar" whenever he was asked about his home. With this little nugget of information, the CWO (Child Welfare Officer) along with other officials went around inquiring in a few districts of U.P. where they encountered that a family had been looking for their son for 8 years. After a due diligence Rishav was reunited with his family and his search for home came to an end.

## Know our staff



As a compassionate social worker **Mr. A. K. Tiwari** joined SBT in 1997 and, since then, has been the backbone of the organisation. His previous experience with social work and drug abuse gave him the expertise in this field and a deeper understanding of the children.

*"I started out as a social worker at a contact point and later joined one of the children's homes"* he shares.

Mr. A.K. Tiwari is the man behind the concept of Apna Ghar- an open shelter run by SBT and home for hundreds of kids who are in need of care and protection. He created an emotional and physical space for the children at the shelter home.

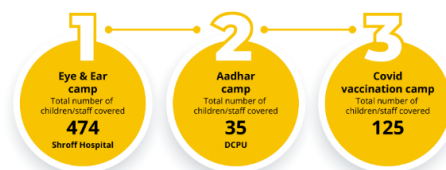
*"Despite facing several problems, I was dedicated to the goal of providing a home to the needy".*

Later he was appointed as a member of the Executive Council at Salaam Baalak Trust. As a member, he advocated the idea and values of SBT and worked for the lobbying of Integrated Child Protection Scheme for under privileged children, which is the biggest protection umbrella for children. He worked tirelessly to get government funding for Child Helplines & SBT children's homes.

Advocacy for the JJ Act, child labour compensation, issues of children in street situation were raised at several forums under his leadership. Most notable of all was providing legal identity to those who were till then a faceless part of society. Approximately 45000 people on the streets of Delhi NCR, who had no home, shelter, or identity, were registered for AADHAR under one of the projects. This card gives these underprivileged people to enroll for government welfare schemes and move towards a more dignified existence.

Mr. A.K. Tiwari has completed 25 years in Salaam Baalak Trust, and the organization is extremely fortunate to have him lead it. We are hugely grateful for his contribution to the Trust and to society.

## Camps



## Courses & Recognitions

The Class 12<sup>th</sup> results are out and we can't be happier sharing how well our kids have performed. Now all set to face the world, these children have been taking career counselling sessions, attempted few entrance exams and carving their way towards a brighter future.

#### Class 12th (Stream - Humanities)

Child name	% age	Course
Sabrina	86%	IHM, Gwalior
Karuna	84%	BBA

Nargis	80.2%	BA, Sociology
Serena	80%	IHM, Bhopal
Armaan	79%	BA LLB
Barkha	77.8%	BA, Psychology
Teena	74%	IITM, Noida
Laxmi	71%	BBA Travel and Tourism, Noida
Aarti	65.5%	BA Programme
Vaishnavi	61%	BA Programme
Nandini	58.2%	BA Programme
Sakshi	49.8%	BA Programme

**Our children are winning at sports too!**

Aasra home for boys	Dmrc home for boys	Kishalaya contact point	Udaanhome for girls	Kick boxing
4	2	3	1	Gold
3	1	2	3	Silver
2	1	1	2	Bronze



**Annual Trip**

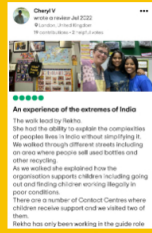


After 2 years of wait, 324 children across our centres finally travelled out of Delhi NCR for the annual trip. The holiday to Sattal in Uttarakhand reignited the spark within them and broke the monotony and stress that everyone suffered due to the pandemic. 3 groups consisting of 100 people each, travelled for 5 days. In the lap of nature while mornings were filled with outdoor activities like trekking, boating, walking in tea & apple gardens evenings got their charm by dance, theatre, cooking and art competitions. Indeed it is the best times of the year where children thoroughly enjoyed every moment and shared their experience through art after coming back.



The Salaam Baalak Trust City Walk is an English guided tour of almost 2 hours conducted by the children who were former beneficiaries of Salaam Baalak Trust and have been fully trained as local guides and who want to improve their communication skills. The tour is an amalgamation of culture, history and stories of our children. The walk takes you through the streets of inner city of Paharganj and the area around New Delhi railway station. Salaam City Walk gets the children's stories heard, gives people a view of their world through their eyes. Every year around 9000 people participate in the Walk and support many young lives through their support.

Cheryl V reviewed our work on tripadvisor



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## Street Children World Cup 2023



Salaam Baalak Trust is excited to be participating in Street Child World Cup 2023 which is being organised by Street Child United in partnership with Save the children.

The event would be held in Delhi and Chennai. There would 8 children participating ( 4 girls and 4 boys between the age of 14-17 years ).22 teams from different countries are participating such as Bangladesh, England, Hungary, Mexico, Nepal , South Africa.

The focus of each team would be to raise awareness about a pressing issue related to street children and be involved in proactive advocacy for the same.

The tentative time of the tournament is October to November 2023. Our children are excited and training hard everyday with the hope to bring the focus on the invisibles i.e. Street Children.

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