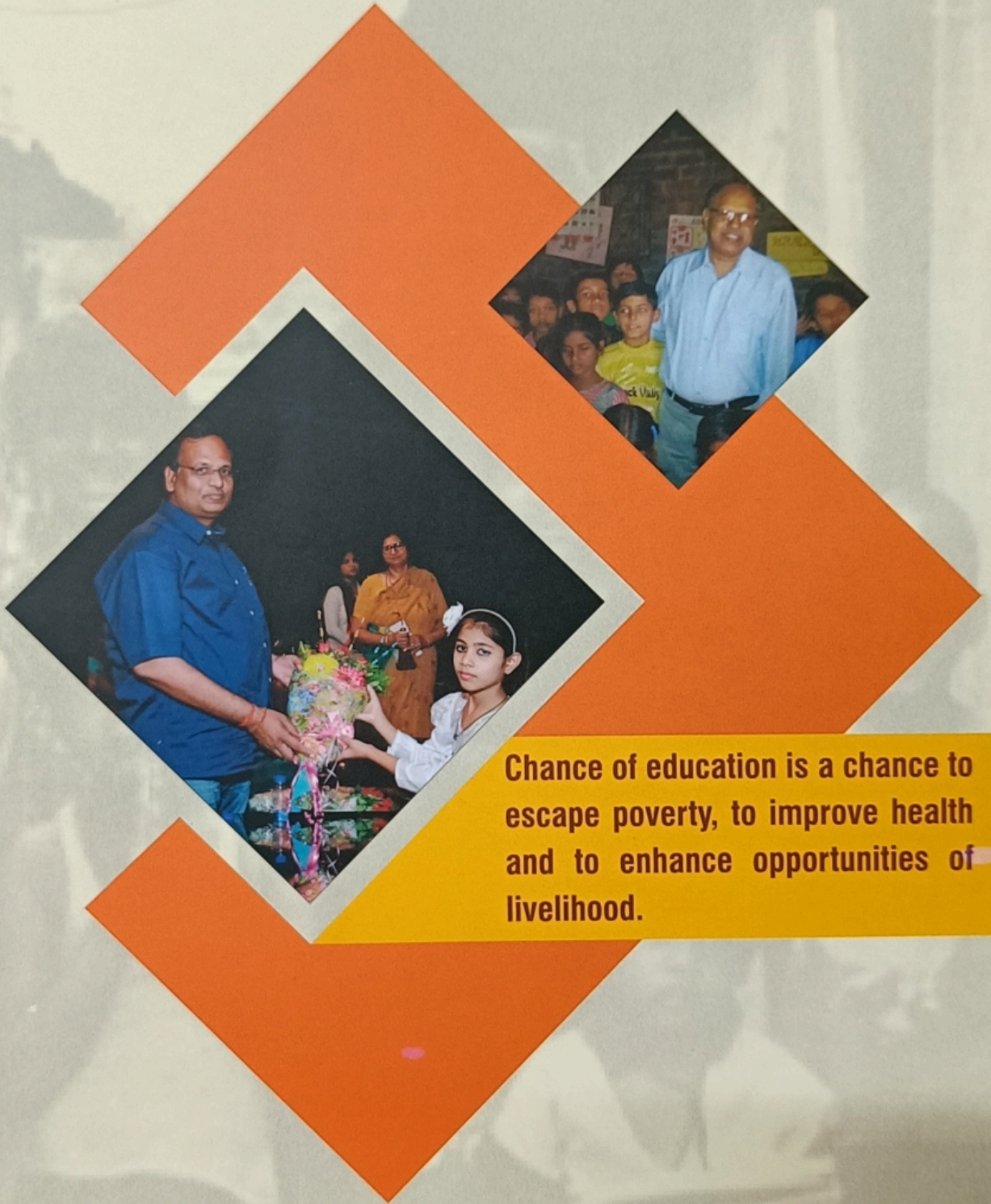




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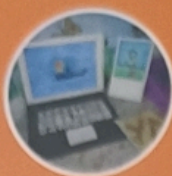


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SARAL GYAN



Dr Ravi Gupta, a successful Radiologist with significant contribution to the Medical sector embarked upon bringing sustainable changes in the lives of children, youth and women of underprivileged section of the society through Quality Education. He is of the firm belief that:

"the chance of an education is a chance to escape poverty, to improve health and to enhance opportunities for livelihood. Education can transform lives and thus societies. It is a powerful vehicle to bring socio economic development of the nation."

Thus Saral Gyan -a project in Education under the auspices of NAV FOUNDATION (**Registered U/s 12AA r.w.s and exempted u/s 80 G of I.T. Act 1961**) was started on August 16,2008 for the underprivileged children of slums in Rohini.

VISION

To provide the deprived, under privileged children atleast the opportunity to get educated through quality primary education or its equivalent.

VALUES

- Commitment to provide all services by observing Equality, fairness and confidentiality.
 - Inclusion and Diversity: No discrimination on the basis of caste, religion, gender, age etc.
 - Commitment to treat all beneficiaries with care and respect.
 - Creating a conducive environment for working and learning for the teachers and the students respectively.
- The term Quality Education means educating the beneficiaries of an acceptable level of reading, writing and arithmetic. The philosophy of the project is embedded in its name Saral Gyan. Learning is imparted as a simple, easy & joyful experience for the beneficiaries. It is at the door step of the children that Saral Gyan operates.

JOURNEY OF SARAL GYAN

The journey started with opening of a non formal school in a hut for the small and young children of murty makers residing in a cluster of huts in Sector 24, Rohini. They belong to the nomadic tribe of Rajasthan and no one of these families had ever gone to a school. The infants and the small children are looked after by the young girls of the family whereas the young children after attaining the age of 7 years are made to sell the idols. it was a formidable task to convince the leader of the community and other members about the benefits of education. The emphasis was on making the children learn 3 R's , personal hygiene, nutrition and health. The number of children grew up from a meager 5 to 60 in a span of 6 months. The Regular classes were scheduled from 9:00am to 5:00 pm for various groups of children depending upon their availability.

We don't let any child easily drop out and instead try to address the academic needs of the child, this practice not only drew more children of the cluster but also children of neighbouring localities who were going to the regular Municipal schools. The swelling number of students compelled expansion into two branches of non-formal school one each in Sector 23 and Sector 25 Rohini.



The students are a heterogenous mix of regular school going children and children not been to any school. They are in the age groups of 2.5-16 years and represent varied levels of knowledge. In order to address multiplicity of needs and expectations of beneficiaries, Saral Gyan initiatives now include:



1. Pre School Education (2.6 Yrs – 5 years)
All children in the age group of 2.6 to 5 years are taught elementary Hindi English Arithmetic, and are prepared to take admission in regular schools.
2. Non Formal Education (12-22 years non school going)
Children are encouraged to learn the 3 R's.
3. School Ke Baad School (6-18 years)

It was observed that children of class six onwards going to regular schools were deficient in their learning of subjects like basics of Arithmetic, Science, English, Hindi etc. The deficiency may lead to their dropping out of school due to poor performance or no learning. For such students Saral Gyan conducts regular classes and teach them the basics of the subjects from the level of class 3 onwards. This effort has been extremely successful and the students have shown marked improvement in retaining their interest in education



Quality Education is our prime objective therefore, great emphasis is laid on holistic development of these students by imparting academic education through fulfilled and joyful learning experiences. Helping them develop good value system, interpersonal skills is equally stressed so that they are able to appreciate to acquire habits, skills and attitude which characterize an individual who is socially accepted and adjusted.

Self defence taekwondo training by a professional is imparted to all students.

Every year the school organizes Annual Day, Sports Day and Annual picnic, Festival of all religions, National festivals are celebrated with gusto. These events provide students opportunity to show case their talent and learn the importance of Punctuality, Discipline, working together in teams etc.

A culture of transparency, mutual trust, open communication are encouraged.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Since its inception in 2008, more than ~~1200~~ underprivileged children have directly benefited from SARAL GYAN. The students of pre- nursery are encouraged to take admission in regular schools.



We have been able to check the rate of school drop outs by our School ke baad school initiative. These students have shown marked performance in their examination. They have taken up difficult subjects like Science, commerce stream in their higher classes.

More than 13 students have excelled well in the competitive examination for selection into Navodaya Vidyalaya and Prathibha Vidyalaya.

Pratibha School :- Anshika, Abhinav, Ankit, Monika, Shobha, Maryam, Ayush, Nityanand, Deepak & Ravi Shankar.

Saral Gyan has been able to promote girl child education. Approximately 50 % students are girls.

Saral Gyan has engaged team of 12 educated and dedicated women of the locality as teachers and helped them become self reliant – a step towards



women empowerment. The teachers are encouraged to be up to date on effective as facilitators of learning through short duration co

The culture of reading has been promoted among students through newspaper reading.

Two former students Deepak & Manoj have taken admission in professional courses.

Two students Ravi Shankar & Deepak have started earning on their own by opening a small eatery.

The sheer dedication of team Saral Gyan and the academic performance of the students has shattered many myths and impressions of people rather it has created the trust that Saral Gyan is purely a non-political, non-commercial venture working only for their upliftment.





SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Education/ learning is of no use, if it does not improve the quality of life by enhancing the earning power of individuals. Realization of the above led to starting the Skill Development Programmes in the year 2013. Computer Literacy programme for students, Cutting and Tailoring Course of six month for women, Mehndi application. Arte facts for Diwali by Trained professionals are running very successfully. Many trained women in Tailoring and Mehndi Application have got regular engagement and are making decent earning.

WAY FORWARD

Keeping in mind the limitations imposed by the realities of our systems we aim to supplement and work in synergy with existing Government and other initiatives in providing education to the under privileged.

We plan to scale up our model of non-formal education to other slums of Rohini and adjoining areas

Getting accreditation for our skill program is our priority

Prepare children for competitive exams for higher studies

NAV FOUNDATION is a not-for-profit Trust, registered on January 23, 2008 by Mrs Nishi M Khurana with mission

- To harness the potential of children, youth, women and persons specially belonging to weaker section of the society, persons with special abilities through education and skill development towards the goal of self reliance and socio economic development of the society.
- To provide shelter for persons with special needs, old age, medical problems, poverty, etc.
- To utilise the available resources for the upliftment of the deprived section of the society (children, women, youth) by working in synergy with the govt. and other agencies.

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