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Creating a Child-Friendly World

August 2021



Our **Vision**

To create a child friendly world where all children have access to their rights and become compassionate, responsible citizens and agents of change.

Our **Mission**

To empower children to realize their full potential and become advocates for rights and social justice, through equitable and participative reform.

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Our Initiatives

1

Bal Ashram Rehabilitation Center

A rehabilitation center for children rescued from child labour, child trafficking and exploitation.

2

Bal Mitra Gram

The ground-breaking model creating child-friendly villages based on democratic and participative reform.

3

Banjara Education Centers

Community Based Learning Centers for children from Banjara Communities creating first generation learners.

The month of August brought immense joy for our children. They celebrated the spirit of freedom on the occasion of Independence Day, they danced, made beautiful art and craft on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan and Janamashtami. They also managed to fit in their studies!



Education & Skill Development at Bal Ashram



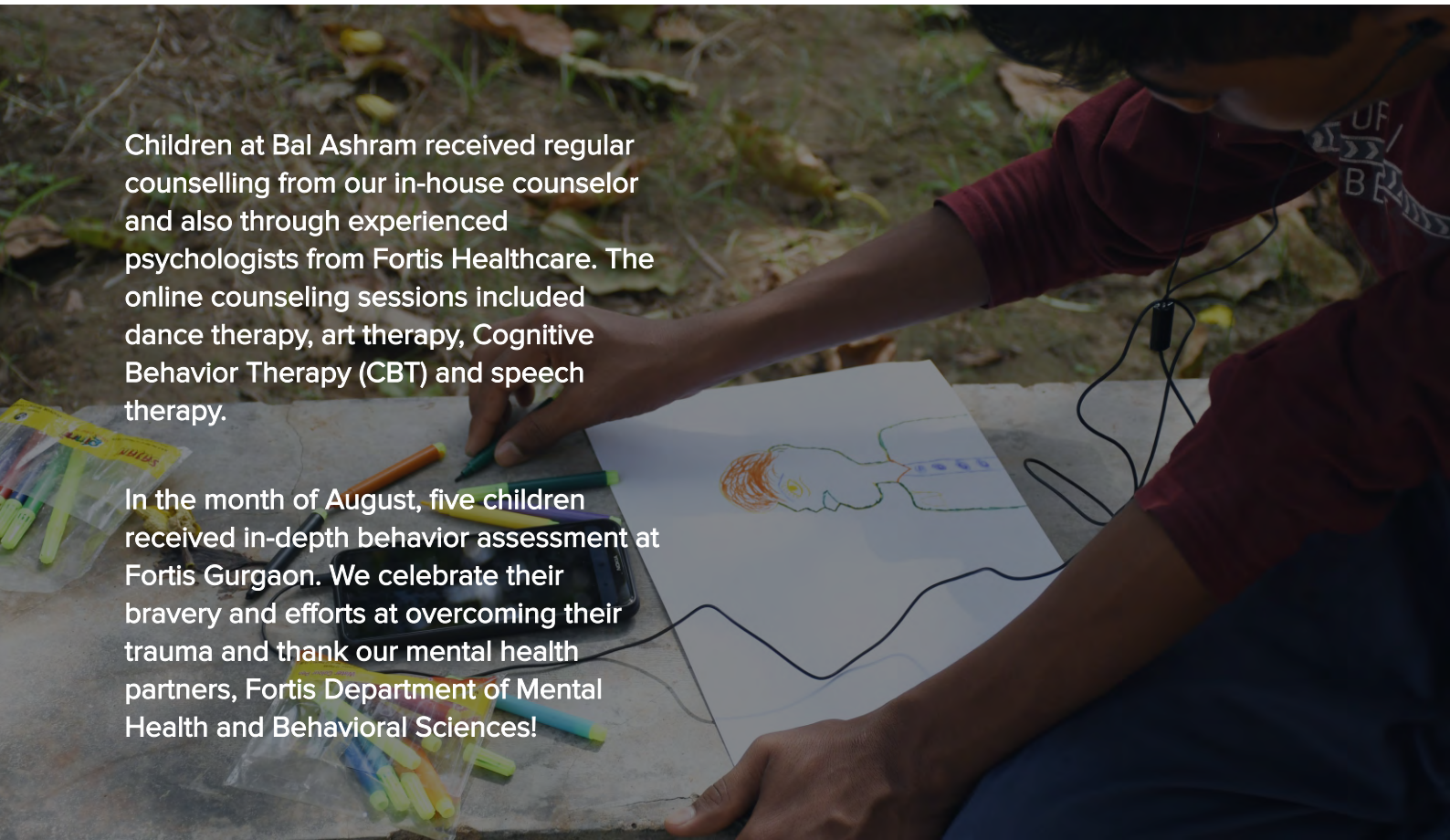
51 Children received **formal education** and 15 children received **non-formal education**. The children continued studying online through smart phones. **3 children passed their X board examinations with 92%, 87% and 79% respectively, while one child passed his XII board examination with 84%.** We are very proud!

This month we launched **Neev - a career counseling program** for children including periodic alumni interactions, exposure to different courses and coaching classes with a focus on employability.



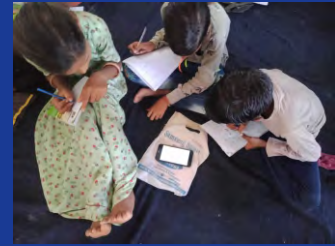
Children at Bal Ashram received regular counselling from our in-house counselor and also through experienced psychologists from Fortis Healthcare. The online counseling sessions included dance therapy, art therapy, Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT) and speech therapy.

In the month of August, five children received in-depth behavior assessment at Fortis Gurgaon. We celebrate their bravery and efforts at overcoming their trauma and thank our mental health partners, Fortis Department of Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences!





265 Nokia mobile phones were distributed in eleven Banjara Education



Centers and 42 villages in Alwar and Jaipur districts to **promote e-learning** for children coupled with **educational tools from Byju's**. The children were excited with the audio-visual method of learning through educational applications!

An **eye camp** was organized by Shroff Eye Hospital and in partnership with Matashree Gomati Devi Jan Sansthan NGO. Eye check-up of 84 children was done in two villages namely Ghadiya Johad and Neemdi.



In month of August, the first ever **sanitary napkins** vending and



manufacturing machine was provided to women from the Banjara Community in the Neemdi village of Rajasthan with the support of our partner Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation. These women are being trained to manufacture and distribute sanitary napkins to women in the nearby villages. This project aims to build livelihood opportunities and will also promote **menstrual health** management in the Banjara Communities.

Building systemic, sustainable change in Communities



- 15 children who have completed their **non-formal education** from our BECs got admission in nearby Government Schools.
- 23 **new enrollments** of children at BECs. **Girls are outnumbering boys by 14%!**

We acknowledge the efforts of our teachers and community social workers who had multiple dialogues with local government bodies to get a **government school reopened** after five years in Bisooni. The school was left non-functional for years and will now be constructed and developed.



- **Non-functional handpump was repaired** in the Bhilwadi Village
- **Water Tank was repaired** with the help of Gram Panchayat in Raipura
- **790 household surveys** were conducted in 10 new BMGs by our social activists
- **151 plants were planted** in the name of Satyarthi Garden at Gujjaron Ka Guwada



The following linkages with government schemes were created:

- 14 households were linked with **Chiranjivi Yojana**
- 3 households were given **gas connections**
- 51 girls from 10 villages were linked with **Sukanya Samridhi Scheme**
- 63 people were connected with government schemes including **old age pension scheme, Palanhar Scheme & Mukhyamantri Chiranjivi Yojana**



We have been organizing regular **vaccination drives against COVID-19** every month in the interiors of Rajasthan. This month the camp was organized in Neemdi village and in 52 BMGs. **750 people were vaccinated in the month of August 2021.**

Life at Bal Ashram

Our resident dog Pari is the apple of everyone's eye at Bal Ashram. The children wanted her to have a dog house and constructed one! Children danced, clapped and **inaugurated Pari's house** by the ritual cracking of a coconut.



On the occasion of **Independence Day** this year, the children celebrated the spirit of freedom. They held a formal parade ceremony, wrote and spoke about **what freedom means** to each of them, sang patriotic songs, danced and celebrated to their heart's content.



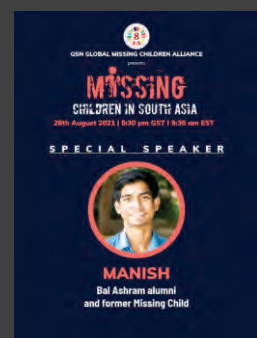
The children celebrated **Krishna Janamashtami** by dressing up as Lord Krishna and decorating earthen pots which they break in ceremony!



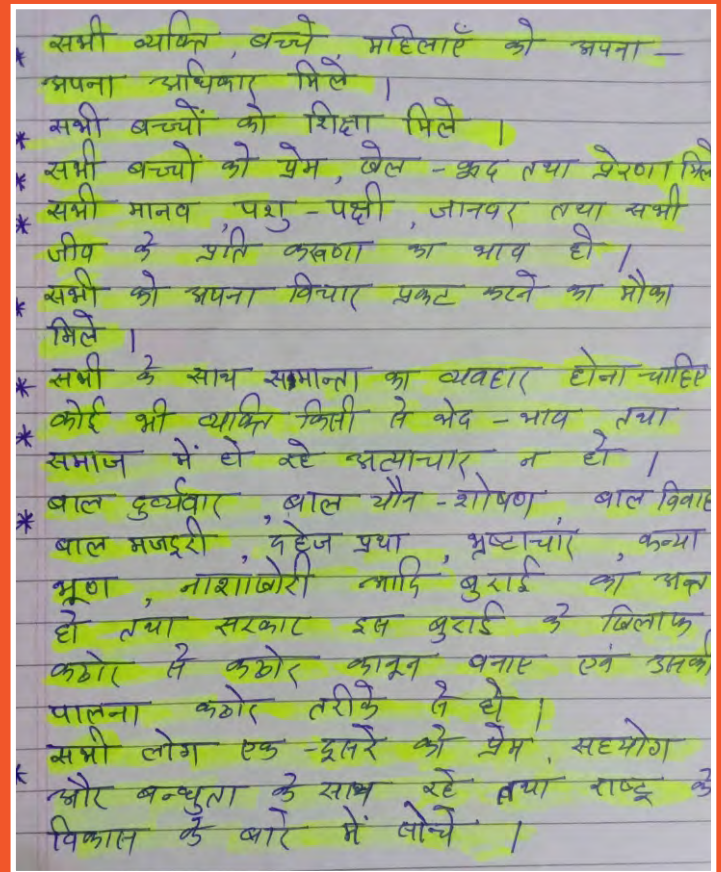
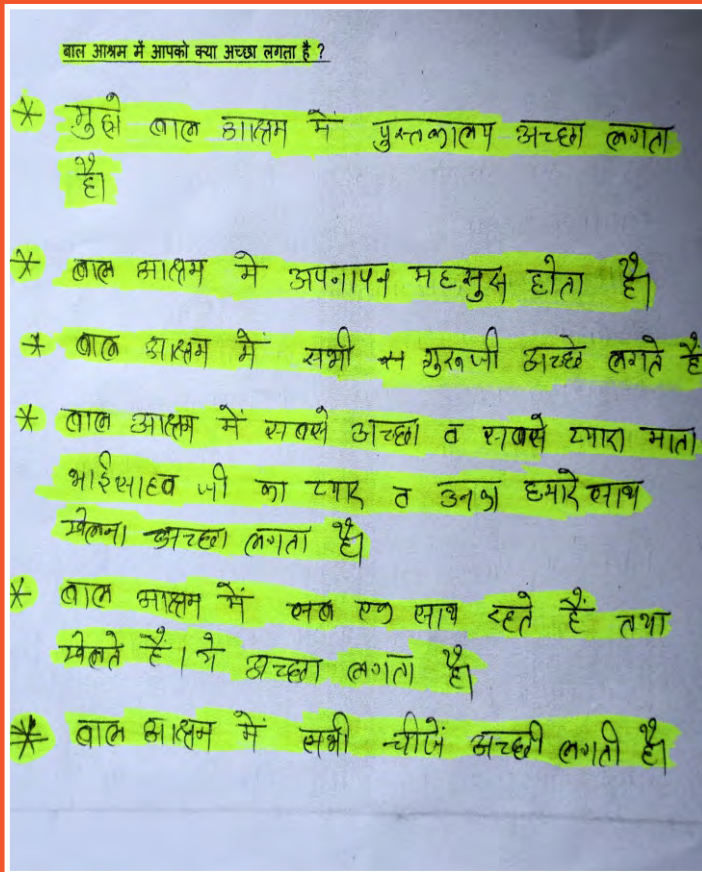
This year **Raksha Bandhan** at Bal Ashram was celebrated as Suraksha Bandhan, the theme 'Suraksha' meant that we as a society protect the rights of all children!



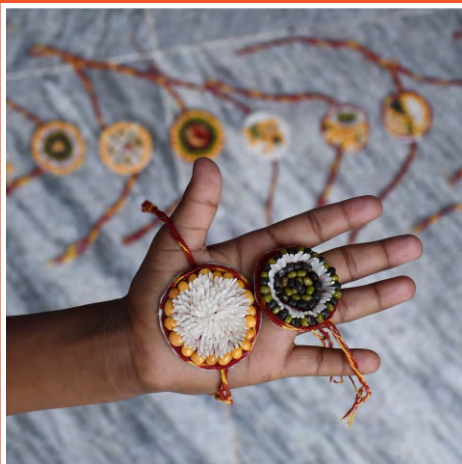
Manish Kumar, alumni of Bal Ashram participated as a **special speaker** in a conference organized by the Global Sustainability Network on Missing Children in South Asia. He shared his personal experience of being a missing child and how he transformed himself post his rehabilitation at Bal Ashram. We're proud of him!



Children's Suggestions for **Bal Ashram**



Children's Corner



Employee of the Month



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EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH
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Thank you for becoming an indelible part of the Bal Ashram family and for your hard work and dedication towards the children!

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I dream for a world which is free of child labour, a world in which every child goes to school. A world in which every child gets his/her rights.

– Kailash Satyarthi



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