



## Quarterly Newsletter (January-March 2023)

### 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.



### Our youth leaders made us beam with pride in Azerbaijan

"At the 10th Global Baku Forum in Azerbaijan, Kinsu Kumar-a former child labourer who is now working as a full time Project Officer at Bal Ashram Trust along with Lalita Duhariya a youth leader from our Child-Friendly Villages program, respectively delivered powerful speeches.

The speeches delivered by our youth leaders had a powerful impact on the audience. They spoke about their personal journeys and the struggles they faced in fighting against millennia-old practices like child labour and caste discrimination, which had once been major obstacles to achieving their dreams. [Read More!](#)

### Our Impact

**389**

**Children continued**

Education at our Banjara Education Centres

**448**

**People were linked**

with government welfare schemes

**5876**

**People participated**

in Surakshit Bachpan Diwas campaign and pledged to end Child Labour

**89**

**Children received**

Rehabilitation and Care at Bal Ashram

**64**

**Women learnt**

to write their names for the first time

**20**

**Girls received**

Skill Training

## 301 children received valuable coaching for their board exams

We want to applaud the efforts of our compassionate Yuva-Mandal group and the volunteers from our Bal Mitra Gram™ (Child-Friendly Villages) who walked an extra mile to provide free coaching to children appearing for their board exams this year. Their commitment and dedication to making a positive impact in the lives of these children is truly commendable.



Snapshot of Yuva-Mandal Volunteers taking extra classes

## Every drop counts! Celebration of the World Water Day

On the occasion of World Water Day, we organized rallies led by women and children to create awareness about water conservation and sustainable water management practices in our BMGs.

Over 2000 people participated in the rallies. By distributing pamphlets and educating people in each village, these children are inspiring others to take action and be more mindful of their actions to prevent water usage.



## Economic benefit through government schemes

One of our significant objectives of strengthening communities is through creating linkages with the government welfare and social security schemes. We have been successful in providing about 5,56,862 INR to the people from our nomadic communities and Bal Mitra Gram™ through linkages.

By linking communities, we are constantly striving towards promoting access to resources, financial stability, education, and employment opportunities that are essential to reduce poverty and inequality.



## Social Media Column: Highlighted Stories #HumansofBalAshramTrust



Rescued from a copper factory & rehabilitated at #BalAshram, Pawan was determined to hone his skills in technical repairing. He is currently working at the Honda Motor Co. [Watch him share his story here!](#)



Komal, a trainer from our skill training centre shared about her journey of learning skills that helped her become financially independent. By sharing her knowledge and experience, she is now helping other girls in making informed decisions and choices. [Click Here!](#)



We shared the story of Sunil Banjara (16) a child from nomadic communities on our social media platforms, who stopped his own marriage.

Child leaders like Sunil who are actively engaged in promoting education and empowerment within their communities have become powerful catalysts of change.

## Strand of Hope!

Bal Ashram's Alumni Success Corner



Ashoka University recently featured a story on Shubham Rathore-Alumnus, Bal Ashram Trust.

Rescued from a tea-stall Shubham Rathore has been working as the Deputy Manager-Centre for Entrepreneurship at the Ashoka University.



Sachin always had a knack for performing arts: recently he won a 2nd Prize in dance competition held in his university.

Sachin who is now pursuing an integrated BBA-MBA course from Sanskriti University was rescued from a utensils factory in a raid operation led by BBA.

# Events and More!



## A journey towards creating positive change

We were delighted to partner with Global Sustainability Network (GSN) for their second edition of Impact Journey 2023. The three-day event was packed with a wide range of diverse experience including, interaction with Bal Ashram's alumni who are now pursuing their dream courses and careers. The Delegates also visited our Banjara Education Centre where they learnt about our work within the nomadic communities. The Impact Journey culminated with a thought-provoking session on human rights and compassion, followed by Rajasthani dance.

**[Know more about GSN here!](#)**



*Human Chain, slogan writing, painting competition –All of this happened during the #SurakshitBachpanDiwas campaign held in honor of our co-founder Shri Kailash Satyarthi's birthday.*

We celebrated Surakshit Bachpan Diwas on 11th January 2023. As many as **5876** people participated from our **104 BMGs and 13 Banjara Education Centres**. Witnessing the massive turnout of people from our communities was an enriching experience for all of us. Additionally, our student volunteers from Sweden also participated in the campaign by sharing photos of themselves with slogans using the hashtag #EndChildLabour. The celebrations continued for an entire week with great pomp and zeal from 10th January to 16th January.



**Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much!**



We were thrilled to welcome a famous American Actor Max Carver who was last seen in the iconic Hollywood movie 'Batman'. We thank him for his love and valuable comments for our work in the nomadic communities. **[Click here to know more!](#)**







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