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Creating a Child-Friendly World

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## 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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# A HISTORIC MOVEMENT FOR ALL OF US AT BAL ASHRAM TRUST!

Bal Ashram Trust along with 69785 children & adults from 55 Anganwadi centres & 126 schools read the Preamble to celebrate & commemorate the adoption of the #Constitution of India. We partnered with our sister organisations from the Satyarthi Movement and over 5 crore children across 20 states and 478 districts participated in the celebration of #SamvidhanDiwas2021.

We applaud our team's efforts for facilitating a one-of-a-kind mass mobilization event #SamvidhanDiwas2021 held in association with the State government and local administration across Rajasthan. To know more: [click here](#)





# BMG: The epitome of girl power

Our girls from 10 BMGs have outnumbered boys in the Bal Panchayat elections, where they received 66% of the total votes. Bal Panchayat (Children's Council) is an elected body of children's leaders representing their villages. It functions as a legitimate institution recognized by the Gram Panchayat (Village Council) that aims to work towards building child-friendly villages.

We can't wait to see these girls showcasing their leadership skills and further bringing a constructive change in their communities by addressing key challenges around child marriage, child labour etc.



## Cheers to the new beginning for children from Banjara Communities

While the nomadic communities continue to struggle to send their children to schools in villages of Alwar and Jaipur districts-Rajasthan, the Bal Ashram Trust team opened up a new Banjara Education Centre in Badri Baba ki dhani village for enrolling more children from these communities. "I love wearing the school uniform and new shoes, I love my pencil and eraser, even the tasty food at the centre," shared by Chhaya, one of the girls from the new Banjara Education Centre.

"We never imagine that someone from our family can actually go to school and even read something"- shared by a mother. Such responses by the children and families keeps our team motivated and committed towards our work.



**69** children received rehabilitation and care at Bal Ashram



**52** children received Formal Education while 6 children received Non-Formal education;



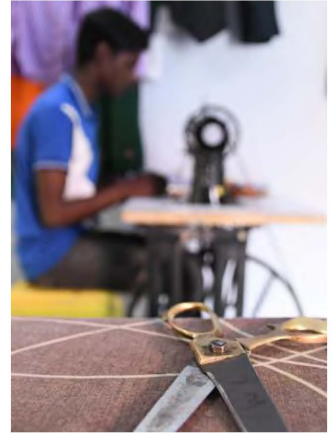
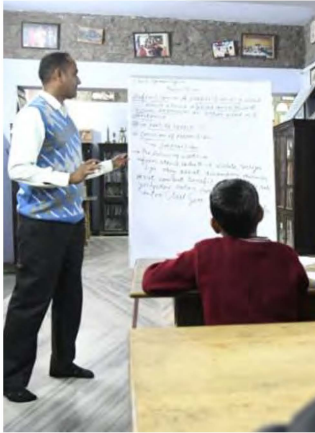
**6** children were supported by Bal Ashram as part of our Aftercare Facility



**11** children from Bal Ashram received skill training in Stitching & Tailoring, Carpentry and Electrical Units.



## Education and Skill Development of Children at Bal Ashram



### Scratch-Coding Classes at Bal Ashram

The pandemic has changed the education system completely; therefore the teachers have adopted online & creative methods of teaching at Bal Ashram. To make sure that Bal Ashram children are not left behind in the growing digital world, we introduced a 'Scratch Coding Language' to them. Children from grade 7 to 9 are learning scratch which is a programming language targeted primarily for children as an educational tool for programming.

Children are currently enjoying being part of the online community where they are learning to create interactive media such as stories, games, and animation. The classes have helped them think creatively and critically. Children are attending their classes with utmost attention and interest.

**'I love the characters and animations that our teacher shows in the coding classes'. 'I am happy to learn something new through our coding classes', shared by children from Bal Ashram.**



### 4 Children received a merit certificate from Chief Minister, Rajasthan and District Collector, Jaipur

From the profound darkness of slavery to the radiant light of achievements, children from Bal Ashram have walked a long way. They have been performing exceptionally well in both academics as well as in sports. It was a surreal experience for our teachers to see Bal Ashram children being honoured by Mr. Ashok Gehlot and Mr. Atar Singh Nehra for their excellent performance in grades X and XII in the State board 2021 academic exams. **[Click here to know more](#)**



# Building Systemic, Sustainable Change in the Communities



As the clock strikes 9 every morning, we hear the sweet voices of our children reciting either alphabets or rhymes in our Banjara Education Centres. With the temperature going lower to about 2 degrees everyday, it is a pleasant sight for us to watch children from Banjara Communities carrying school books and bags to reach their classes. We are proud to say that 55% of our total class are girls.

We were also successful in enrolling 2 new children after highlighting the importance of education to the parents during our home visits. We love seeing these children totally engrossed in classroom activities or while playing outside on their campus!



Mahila Mandal groups and Yuva Mandal are significant pillars of our BMG model. The two groups play a holistic role in the overall community and village development. This month, we conducted meetings with 313 community members to chart-out and strategize long-term solutions. The aim was to enable communities to mobilize an action plan for fighting against social, economic, and political challenges. The BMG team also held meetings with 3165 more people.



The second phase of our campaign #ShehnayiNahiPadhayi was successful in reaching out to more than 15000 people in 63 villages of Rajasthan. We have taken a pledge to stop child marriage and make Rajasthan child marriage free, no matter how long and arduous the journey.



# Community Development and Linkages with Government Schemes

**Health camps with the support of community PHCs were organized in 3 BMGs** in which 355 people were informed about the various seasonal and vector-borne diseases and where doctors gave required medicines. 13 patients who needed urgent attention were referred to Alwar hospital for further treatment.

In line with our continuous efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the communities, along with the local government hospitals and Anganwadi centres 573 people in 10 BMGs and 41 people in Banjara Communities who were eligible for the second dose were vaccinated.



## Ration distribution in Banjara Communities

We would like to celebrate the strength of our on-ground team who reached out to more 400

Banjara nomadic families in Rajasthan and provided each of them with dry ration kits & essential commodities. [Click here to read more](#)



## Linkages

Every number counts! 31 Banjara community members for the first time got their names listed under the voter list of their village, with the aim to ensure they have both voting and decision making rights. 7 Aadhar cards were made and 2 bank accounts were opened with the support of local administration.

Considering the need for government support to senior citizens in the Banjara communities, we helped 2 senior citizens in opening up senior citizens' pension accounts.

## Life at Bal Ashram

The last month calls for a real celebration!

During the Children's Day week event organized by the Rajasthan State Commission of Protection of Child Rights

(RSCPCR) our children from Bal Ashram won the 1st prize in a Football tournament and also secured first, second and third positions in painting, carrom and chess respectively. 26 children together won 12 trophies, medals, and participation certificates.



## Diwali Celebration

Diwali this year has been really a special one for all of us at Bal Ashram Trust. Our team across all our 3 programs lit diyas and made rangolis with a pledge to protect children and preserve their rights. Also #shoutoutloud as our team in the 50 BMGs and 11 Banjara communities celebrated diwali with chanting our child rights slogans and promoting our agenda of #GreenDiwali #SafeDiwali.





# Children's Corner



## Best Performer of the Month



**KANHAIYA LAL SAO**

**BEST PERFORMER OF THE  
MONTH**

**NOVEMBER 2021**

Thank you for your enormous  
contribution to Bal Ashram through  
your creativity, passion and huge  
talent!

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**“Nothing is more  
energizing than  
seeing children  
happy and smiling”**

**Sumedha Kailash**

Founder, Bal Ashram Trust

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