

# bachpan ki udaan

Creating a Child-Friendly World

March 2022

## 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 Shout-Out to all the Women we work with!

This International Women's Day, we organized a campaign **#SakshamNariSashaktSamaaj** to sensitize women to reclaim their rights of equal opportunity to participate in decision-making and attain quality education. Over 5000 people participated in our different Mahila Mandal (Women Group) meetings during the 5-day event.

Here are a few glimpses of the campaign!



## Let's spread the color of Joy!

After 2 years of the pandemic, this Holi, we all geared up to celebrate the festival of colors with full enthusiasm. We were honour to celebrate Holi with H.E. Mr. Andre Aranha Correa Do Lago, the Brazilian Ambassador, and our co-founders & Nobel Peace Laureate, Mr. Kailash Satyarthi and Ms. Sumedha Kailash.

It was heartening to see everyone dancing and enjoying the festival with children.

Here are some fun moments to remember!

## Save Water, Save Lives!

On World Water Day, our children from Bal Panchayat and their peers decided to walk the extra mile. They participated in rallies to educate and raise awareness on water conservation among communities across several villages of Rajasthan.

[Click here to find out more about our campaign!](#)



## Education & Skill Development

89 Children rehabilitated at Bal Ashram

60 Children received Formal Education

12 Children received Non-Formal Education

17 Children received Vocational Skill Training



## A Moment of Pride

After years of hard work & determination, we breathed a sigh of relief as the team successfully reunited 2 of our children with their families. Akash (13 years) & Shehzad (12 years) met their parents last month after 3 and 1.5 years, respectively.

After seeing them hugging and laughing with each other, the feeling of accomplishment was priceless for all of us.

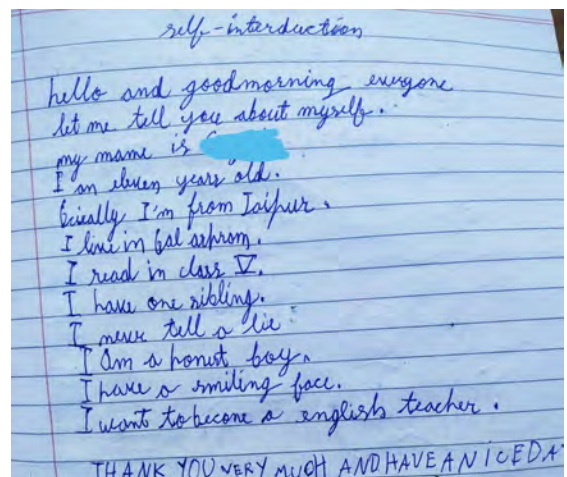


Shehzad said, "I want to complete my schooling and become an entrepreneur to support the dreams of my family and younger siblings."

## Children's Corner



Children learning to write about themselves in English



Children learning digital tools at Bal Ashram



# New Partnerships Forged!

## Teacher's Training with UNESCO MGIEP



We are exhilarated to partner with UNESCO MGIEP, who are training our 50 teachers at Bal Ashram Trust. The training will equip our teachers with knowledge and practice around the significance of Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) and the digital pedagogies curriculum. After completing the course hours and assessments, the first cohort of teachers would be ready as Master Trainers who would further train 5000 teachers through a cascade model.

## Our Association with Adobe India



We are elated to be associated with @AdobeIndia for their Project Smile Week 2022. Our co-founder Nobel Peace Laureate Mr. Kailash Satyarthi was invited as the keynote speaker at the event. He shared his words of wisdom with the @AdobeIndia team and with all the participants. 100 plus children participated in the event and Tara Banjara, the young crusader of child rights from Banjara (nomadic) communities of Rajasthan, interacted with Mr. Satyarthi on the significance of youth's participation in raising awareness on child rights and empowerment.

**[Click here to see the full story!](#)**

# Building Systemic, Sustainable Change in Communities

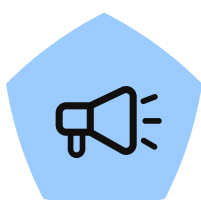
## Special Recognition to Payal Jangid

Payal Jangid, our young leader from Bal Mitra Gram, won a special award on the 31st Kavyitri Sammlen 2022, organized by Rajasthani Academy.

The event was organized to honour the contribution of renowned women poets, celebrities, musicians, artists, and young social activists from Rajasthan. Payal Jangid was the youngest award recipient at the event.



## Our Reach



**4659**

People were sensitized on child rights, women's rights and water conservation



**345**

Families received Free Ration Kits in the Banjara Communities



**79**

Linked with government schemes



**262**

People received free medication at our Health Camps



**204**

Children received their 1st dose of vaccination against COVID-19



**34**

Women from the Banjara Communities learned to write their names



**We are committed to our goal of fulfilling the dreams of children from Nomadic Communities of Rajasthan. Do you wish to support us?**

**Donate Now**

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## Our #DigitalFootprints of the Month!

Let's peep into what we have been up to on our social media platforms over the past month.



Here's a sneak peek of some fun moments captured during the Holi celebrations at Bal Ashram.



[Click here to see the post](#)

Still from the #SakshamNariSashaktSamaajCampaign, women from nomadic communities learn to write their names.

As a result, they have become more confident & independent.

[Click here to read her full story!](#)



[Click here to play the Reels](#)



### Our Best Performing REEL

We are building stairways of opportunities for young #girls from Banjara (nomadic) communities for whom education is still a distant #dream!

Keep following us for more exciting updates!



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# Voices That Matter!



I feel empowered when I attend meetings or make decisions for my community at the village-level gram panchayat. Honestly, being a women leader is not easy, but constant guidance from the team of Bal Ashram Trust has been instrumental.

**Shared by- Geeta Devi Banjara, the first woman Gram Sarpanch from Raipura Banjara Community, Rajasthan**

I was merely 8 years old when I was forced to work in a copper factory. I would often get injured while working for 10-12 hours in abysmal conditions. While staying at the Ashram, I got my ITI certification, after which I applied for various job posts. Currently, I am proud to be appointed at the Honda Motor Company, Ltd. in Alwar. None of this would have been possible without my great teachers from Bal Ashram.

**Shared by- Pawan, Bal Ashram Alumni**



I was stimulated upon meeting Bhaisahab Ji and Bhabhi Ji. They guided me in the ways of bringing a positive change through the Bal Mitra Gram (Child-Friendly Village) model in my village. Also, after constant efforts and trials recently, I have been appointed as the 2nd-grade teacher at the DSSSB, Delhi. My aim is to provide education and ensure all children from my village are in school with a 0% dropout rate.

**Shared by Prakash Chand Meena  
President, BMG Lalpura, Rajasthan**

## Best Performer of the Month

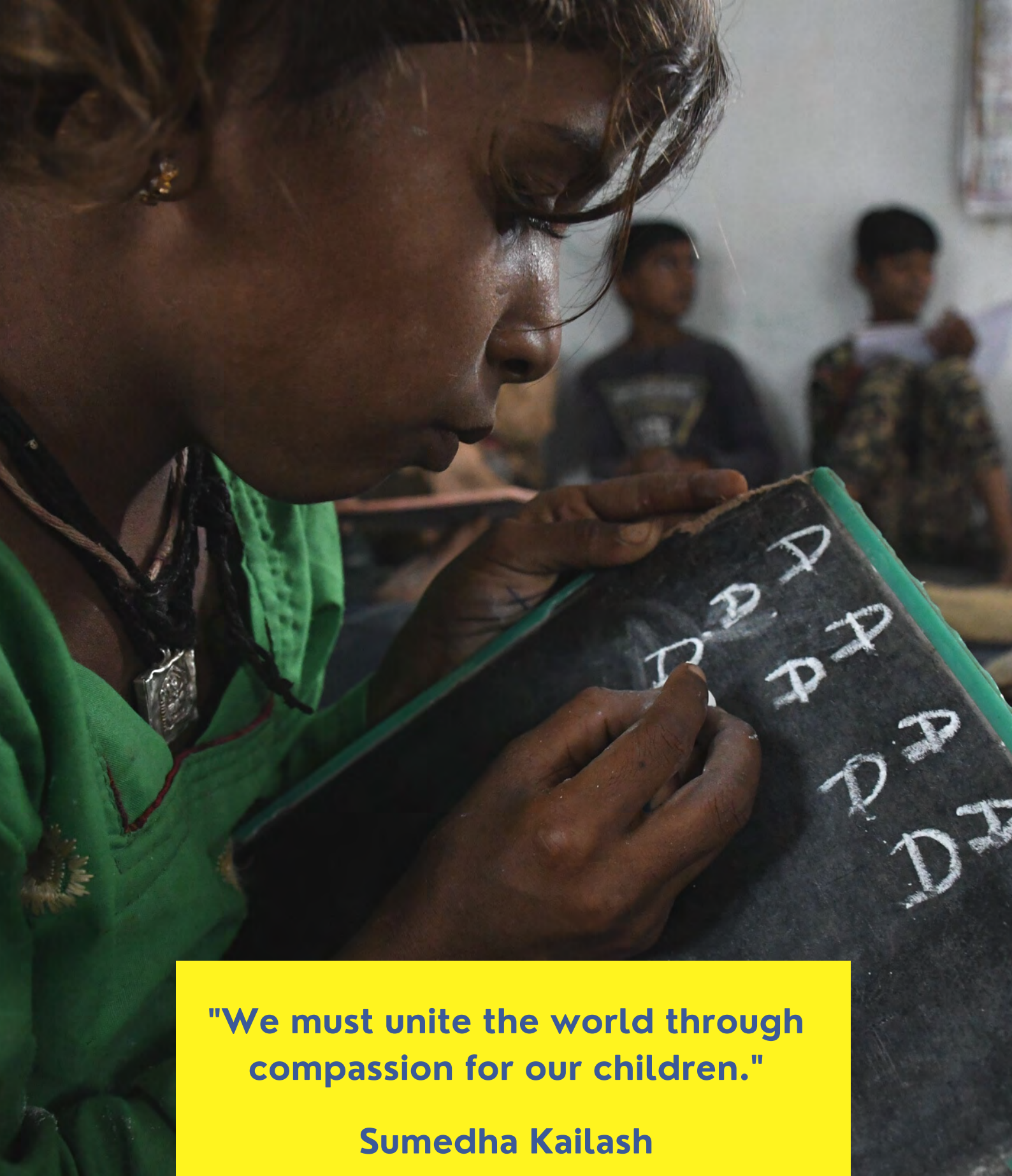
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**We thank you for your hard work  
and commitment towards the  
betterment of children at Bal  
Ashram!**



**Ashok Kumar, Teacher  
Bal Ashram Trust**





**"We must unite the world through  
compassion for our children."**

**Sumedha Kailash**

