

Dargah Hazrat Inayat Khan Hope Project Newsletter

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Greetings to the world!

Dear friends of the Hope Project, based on your valuable suggestions, we have redesigned our newsletter. The new design will be easier to read on a PC and we hope that it would meet your expectations. We would like to have your feedback regularly to improve upon. Our annual report for the year 2018-19 will be uploaded on our new website www.hopeprojectindia.in in the month of February 2020. Please visit the website for more detailed information.

Greetings to the world!

Thank you all once again for your interest and commitment to the Hope Project. All of us here at the project draw inspiration from your support... and it shows.

We have made a few changes at the co-ed Non Formal School. Instead of concentrating on just school work, we have continued developing and fine-tuning our pedagogical efforts, focusing on shaping well-rounded and confident young people, who are also well educated. And there are comparable efforts being made within the youth forum. Since drug abuse and juvenile delinquency are a rising issue in the population, it is extremely important to keep our young adults in a positive and constructive frame of mind. Continued exchanges and debates amongst themselves, as well as volunteering and interacting with the community have been successful.

In other news, it is wonderful to report that 60 of the Self-Help-Groups have been linked with nationalized banks. The empowerment of women continues to be a real struggle in our country and it is thrilling to see so many women taking charge here, financially and with it, in their lives.

Finally, we would like to express our gratitude for our new partnerships in the medical field. Hazrat Inayat Khan Health Centre has been cooperating with like-minded organizations: a blessing for our beneficiaries. We would like to thank Deen Dayal Hospital for providing female hygiene products and AIDS Health Care Foundation for contraceptive, Sparsh diagnostics for help with x-rays, blood tests and ultrasonics, All India Institute of Medical Sciences for eye examinations, and Prashanti for free mammographs.

Thank you all for making 2019 great! We hope you have fantastic start into 2020!

With the warmest regards, your Hope Project



Stress Management workshop



A student in the role of a teacher on Teacher's day



International expert addressing SHG members



A day out of Creche mothers

Mobile Medical Unit provides help to Kursheed's needs

Khursheed, a 46-year-old man, suffered from severe ulcers on both legs. Since he could not take time off work to see a far away government doctor and he could not afford a private doctor, his illness got so bad that he was shunned from his workplace, a carpentry shop where he worked as a day laborer. At the mercy of unqualified practitioners, Khursheed finally heard about the Hope Project and the Medical Mobile Unit. Within two weeks his treatment at the MMU showed results, after two months he was cured. Back at work and to his old self, Khursheed now knows where to turn in times of need, and is quick to help others find their way to Hope.



Left:
MMU in another low-income habitat area

Right:
Zubair at the reception desk



Zubair returning to Hope

Zubair has known a lot of grief in his young life. He came to Delhi in 2015, uneducated and poor, in desperate need of a job that would financially support his terminally ill mother back in Assam. He found a job in a shop in Nizamuddin, where he heard of Hope's evening classes. Quickly after joining our school classes, he joined in the computer courses and English-speaking classes. He participated in the advanced courses and he excelled. Soon thereafter, he was trained to be a guide on our 'basti-tour'. When his mother passed away, Zubair returned to Assam, filled with grief and despair. His teacher from Hope stayed in touch with him, supporting him emotionally and financially. Able to convince him to return, Zubair found support and solace from his teachers and friends at Hope. It took a long time, but he worked through his grief and came back stronger. He now works as a tour guide on our 'Shan-e-Nizam' basti-walk, speaking English fluently, he teaches in our computer courses, he works the night shift at our reception and he is currently learning our accounting system. It is a joy to him and to us that he has become a part of our Hope family. May he never feel lonely again.

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