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ABOUT AAROHAN

AAROHAN, which means climbing up, is an NGO working in the area of education. It helps underprivileged children of the society to climb up the social ladder and become confident, self-reliant and responsible citizens. Our vision and mission can be summed up as '**literacy for all**'.

We at Aarohan work with children who have never been to school or are school dropouts. We deal with the children who come from the lowest economic strata of our society. Our aim is to bring about overall development of these children which we intend to achieve by providing them quality education. We bring these children to our Centre, prepare them for appropriate classes and help them get admission in government schools. To sustain and to help them complete their schooling successfully, we provide them with academic support after school hours under our different projects.

In addition to providing quality education, we also take care of other needs of the children like food, clothing, stationery etc. Keeping in view that extra-curricular activities are an essential ingredient for overall development of a child, we give the children training in dance, art and craft. With a view to enhancing their employability in the future, we also give them training in computers, crafts and photography and teach them spoken English.

Since 2005, Aarohan has brought over 2200 neglected slum and street children under its wings. Aarohan's various path-breaking projects and programs have ensured that this count never dwindles. Our projects are formulated with the aim of breaking the vicious cycle of illiteracy.

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Vicious Cycle of Illiteracy



AAROHAN'S VISION AND MISSION

Vision

To secure the rights of the children, women and other community members through education

Mission

- To provide quality education to the underprivileged children, and making them aware of their rights and privileges.
- To provide holistic support to the children till they become self reliant.

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- To put government infrastructure to optimal use and follow the state-sponsored education
- To bring about community empowerment through education.

AAROHAN's PROJECTS

Nursery - This is our "Flagship"; project which is being run in the slum of Jagdamba Camp in Sheikh Sarai through which we address educational needs of the children between 3-5 years of age.

ASHA - This project focuses on the children who have never been to school or are school drop outs. Under this project children are being prepared for entrance exams to get admission in schools. On an average we help more than 100 children every year to get admission in schools.

Through our projects like **Pass Pathways, Ambassador of Hope and Shikhar**, we provide after school academic support to the children to ensure that they remain in the mainstream of education and do not drop out of school. We also arrange for sponsorships for the children and provide career counseling services to them so that they are able to make informed decisions about their future.

Vocational Training and Extracurricular activities

Our vocational training classes in English speaking, computers, classical and free style dance soft skills and photography which helps them to gainful earning.

Teach the Mother

The aim of the project was to empower the illiterate mothers of our children through functional educational to become independent and cope up with their day-to-day problems. The main components of this project were mother and child care, health and hygiene, awareness about their rights, addressing adolescence issues, and developing vocational skills like tailoring. This program achieved remarkable success with 100 per cent attendance. However, lack of funds

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forced Aarohan to discontinue the project. If we will get this opportunity, we would like to provide educational training on financial literacy to these mothers.

For addressing women related issues and women empowerment we have created a page on facebook named as "Maitry".

Health

Our beneficiaries reside in slum areas in the most unhygienic living conditions and, as a result, suffer from chronic ailments. Given the circumstances, it becomes important for us to partner with the government, businesses and other organizations to improve the performance and reliability of the health system in these slum dwellings.

Environment

Through this project, we impart environmental education and training to students and teachers through environmental awareness programs and camps, trips to wild life sanctuaries and tree plantation drives to encourage afforestation. During the year, special camps were organized to impart studies on certain endangered species of wildlife and habitat which balances our environment.

Centre outside Delhi

We strongly believe in 'literacy for all' and keeping this mission and vision in mind, we decided to replicate our New Delhi model in Baripada (Odisha). We started an education centre in Baripada with the purpose of providing education to the most marginalized sections of society in order to enable them to break free from the vicious cycle of poverty and deprivation. We have also started a computer learning centre here with the aim of providing vocational training to the children so that the opportunities available to them in the future widen. Nearly 150 children are direct beneficiaries of the work done by Aarohan at this centre.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Aarohan has received **Nayi Soch** award by **Star Plus** in April 2013.
- Aarohan has received **THE NURTURER** award towards **CHILD WELFARE** by **Arise India Pvt Ltd.**
- Successful completion of the **10th** batch of **Basic Computer course** and **3rd** batch of **Advance computer centre.**

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- **Our work** is highlighted through an article published in **Humaneity Magazine** (an offshoot of Humanity Foundation run by well-known philanthropist Mark Philpott) based in **Singapore** in the Feb2012 issue
- Aarohan's work has been recognized in the **International Conference on "Relevance of Policy Reform on Development: Challenges before Emerging Economies"** held on 24th February 2011 at Jamia Milia Islamia University, New Delhi and the same was published in a book titled "MacMillan Advanced Research Series".
- Aarohan has been presented with the **Best Extension Learning Centre award** by **India Habitat Centre** in April 2012.
- **Class X students** scored more than **90 per cent** in Mathematics and Sciences and 100 per cent in Social Sciences
- Aarohan is providing after school academic support to **over 450 children**, out of which 75% were dropouts earlier. They have been tutored and prepared to take entrance examinations and re-join school.
- Aarohan opened an education centre in **Baripada in Mayurbhanj** District of Odisha where approximately **150 children** are receiving the benefit of our work.
- Aarohan is becoming self-reliant in so far as **Asha project** is concerned in that its **Class 10 ;pass** outs have started teaching the younger students.
- Shashi Sahai, one of the members of Aarohan who is also a renowned photo-journalist, organized an exhibition of his photographs at ITC Sheraton Rajputana (as part of their CSR) and Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur, to sensitize people and generate awareness about education of underprivileged children. It was well appreciated by one and all including the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan Mr Ashok Gehlot and Minister of Tourism and Culture Mrs Bina Kak.