



EARLY CHILDHOOD TO LIVELIHOOD

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24



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PRESIDENT DESK

Dear Friends, Supporters, and Well-Wishers,

The year 2023-24 has been transformative for Aarohan, with impactful initiatives in education, livelihood, women's empowerment, and transgender rights, strengthening our commitment to marginalized communities.

Our women's empowerment efforts continue to flourish, with women and girls from Sakipur gaining vocational skills and achieving financial independence. We are also proud of the inauguration of our Skill Training Centre for Transgender individuals, supported by NISD, marking a major step toward social inclusion and economic empowerment for the transgender community.

In Greater Noida, six of our students secured top positions in the Class X and XII board exams, showcasing the success of our educational programs. Additionally, our collaboration with the Solar Energy Corporation of India brought sustainable energy solutions to two government schools in Jharkhand, while our environmental awareness programs celebrated World Environment Day across all centers.

This year also saw sixty children successfully complete a six-month computer training program, equipping them with vital digital skills. In Araku Valley, our continued efforts are making a tangible difference, providing brighter futures for the tribal community.

We are thrilled that Ms. Dipika Thakur, Aarohan's esteemed board member, was honoured with the "Rashtriya Manav Gaurav Award - 2023," a testament to our commitment to equality and inclusion.

Alongside these initiatives, Aarohan's regular programs continue to drive positive change. These programs not only provide immediate skills and education but also empower individuals and families, laying the foundation for long-term, sustainable development and social inclusion within their communities. As we look ahead, we remain focused on expanding our educational programs, vocational training, and livelihood initiatives to reach more individuals and communities. Our work with transgender rights and marginalized children, including those from the tribal communities of Araku Valley, continues to strengthen our mission.

These accomplishments are only possible because of your unwavering support. Every contribution propels our work forward, and we deeply appreciate your commitment to helping us build a more just, inclusive, and empowered society.

On behalf of the entire Aarohan team, I extend my heartfelt gratitude. Together, we are making a lasting difference.

Rani Patel

Aarohan

Founder & President

IT'S US WHO HAVE TO LEARN
FROM THEM AND NOT THE OTHER
WAY AROUND

MRS. RANI PATEL,
FOUNDER PRESIDENT



ABOUT AAROHAN

Aarohan is dedicated to empower marginalized communities by providing quality education, skill development, and sustainable livelihood opportunities. Our vision is to create an inclusive society where every individual, regardless of background, can live with dignity and realize their full potential.



VISION

For every child to have the opportunity to exercise her/his right to education, health and nutrition and for every adult to access a livelihood with dignity.

MISSION

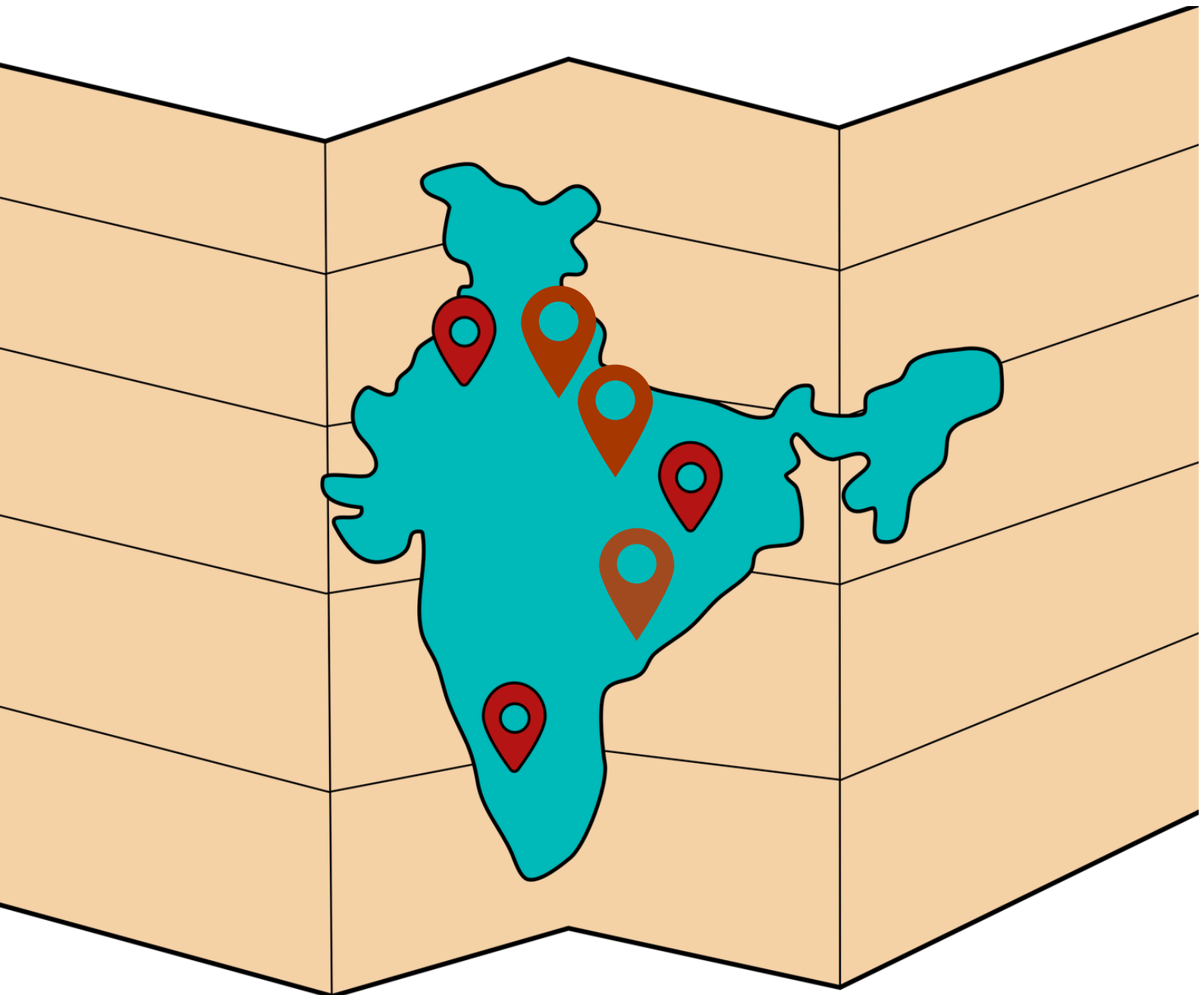
To provide comprehensive and holistic support through education, health care, skill training and other programs for the welfare of children, women, transgender and other community members of the society aligning with Sustainable Development Goals.



VALUES

Commitment, Collaboration,
Respect, Non-Discriminatory
Transparency, Inclusivity,
Integrity, Humility, and Equity.

OUR PRESENCE



THEORY OF CHANGE



LONG-TERM GOAL/IMPACT

Aarohan's mission is to create a more inclusive and equitable society by empowering underprivileged children, women, and marginalized communities—such as transgender individuals, tribal populations, ragpickers, and other underserved groups. Our ultimate goal is to break the cycle of poverty and exclusion, fostering self-reliance and resilience within these communities.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Despite India's progress, millions of marginalized individuals still lack access to basic rights, such as quality education, vocational training, and nutritious meals, keeping them trapped in poverty. Social and economic discrimination further exacerbates these inequalities, leaving women, transgender individuals, and youth from disadvantaged backgrounds with limited opportunities for empowerment and independence.

TARGET POPULATION

Underprivileged children

Women and transgender individuals

Tribal populations, ragpickers, and other marginalized communities

KEY INPUTS AND RESOURCES

Financial Resources: Donors, grants, corporate partnerships, and fundraising activities.

Human Resources: Dedicated staff, volunteers, community leaders, and educators.

Partnerships: Collaborations with government bodies, NGOs, corporates, and educational institutions.

Educational Resources: Curriculum development materials, learning tools, and technology.

Monitoring & Evaluation Tools: Systems for tracking progress and measuring impact.

CORE ACTIVITIES

Develop a Strong Curriculum Facilitate Experiential Learning Implement Monitoring & Evaluation Framework Build Partnerships with Stakeholders Build Capacity Within Communities Conduct Advocacy and Awareness Campaigns

OUTPUT (Direct deliverables from program activities)

Number of children enrolled in structured programs Number of teachers, community leaders, and volunteers trained Number of nutritious meals provided to children Number of Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) reports produced Number of partnerships formed with key stakeholders

OUTCOMES (Immediate results of program activities)

Improved academic performance among students Enhanced skills development through vocational and life skills training Increased student engagement and participation Positive learning experiences facilitated by creative and interactive teaching methods Improved nutrition and health through regular nutritious meals provided to children Increased community awareness of gender equality and rights of marginalized groups

OUTCOMES (Long-term, sustainable impacts)

Empowered individuals Reduced educational inequalities Increased social mobility Sustainable community development

ASSUMPTIONS

A holistic approach combining education, livelihood, and advocacy is essential to breaking barriers and promoting inclusivity. A strong curriculum, experiential learning, and robust Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) systems are vital for sustainable child development. Skill-building alongside education helps create self-reliance, which is key to overcoming poverty. Partnerships and advocacy are critical for the program's long-term success and impact.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

1 No poverty



2 Zero hunger



3 Good health and well-being



4 Quality education



5 Gender equality



6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



16 Peace, justice and strong institutions



17 Partnerships for the goals



SDG

Sustainable Development Goals

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES





AAROHAN harnesses the power of sports to help young individuals overcome challenges, build confidence, and pave the way for a brighter future.

Working area

Early Childhood Education

Aarohan adopts a holistic approach to early childhood development, ensuring that children aged 2.5 to 5 are thoroughly prepared for school. This initiative is powered by a collaborative network of mothers, guardians, educators, schoolteachers, and community volunteers, all working together to nurture growth in six critical areas: physical, cognitive, motor, socio-emotional, social, and language development. Our educators have crafted a curriculum that is both age-appropriate and gender-neutral, aligning with the principles outlined in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.



Project Pathway: Empowering Students for a Stronger Future

In 2023-24, Aarohan enrolled 118 students, providing academic support to prevent dropouts, especially in Mathematics and Science.

Project Pathway assists Grades VI-VIII students from government schools with homework help, subject coaching, and structured learning, focusing on Science and Mathematics.

Currently, 78 students benefit, gaining confidence, improving performance, and preparing for secondary education. Aarohan remains committed to bridging learning gaps and empowering students.

PASS : Primary Academic Support System

Enrolling children in school alone doesn't ensure quality education. Many struggle due to unsupportive environments and lack of child-centric teaching. To address this, Aarohan launched PROJECT PASS, helping marginalized primary school students in government schools achieve grade-level learning benchmarks. Aarohan has successfully enrolled 138 students, providing them with the necessary support to integrate into mainstream education and achieve academic success.



Project Shikhar : Empowering Students for a Stronger Future

Classes IX and X are crucial as students prepare for the Xth Board Examination, after which they choose specialized streams—Science, Commerce, or Humanities. These students represent hope for both Aarohan and their families. To ensure their success, Aarohan provides daily revision classes in Mathematics and Science, addressing subject-specific challenges and preparing them for practical exams.

Over the year, 48 students benefited from this support, strengthening their academic foundation and achieving their goals, paving the way for a brighter future.



Aarohan's Nutrition Program

2 ZERO HUNGER



Aarohan's Nutrition Program ensures nursery to 8th-grade students receive a balanced diet to support their growth and learning. Throughout the year, 480 students have benefited daily from nutritious meals, improving their health and academic focus.

This initiative is implemented where needed and operates across India, including Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Noida, Delhi, and Jharkhand. By addressing malnutrition and promoting healthy eating habits, Aarohan continues to enhance student well-being and educational outcomes.



Implemented by
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**A STEP TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE
ENERGY AND EDUCATION**

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*Fostering sensitivity and undertaking sensitization efforts, we can work towards a more equitable and sustainable approach to forest and water conservation, one that recognizes and values the contributions of tribal communities.
Sensitizing communities, giving them scope,
To embrace sustainable solar energy's glow,
Preserving water, letting nature flow.*

Vocational Training

Aarohan's Vocational Training Program:

Aarohan empowers youth and women with practical skills for sustainable livelihoods. The program offers training in computers, tailoring, beauty & wellness, and handicrafts, aligned with market needs.

Along with technical skills, participants receive soft skills training, financial literacy, and career counseling to enhance employability.

By bridging the gap between education and employment, Aarohan helps individuals achieve self-reliance and financial independence.



Employment of Aarohan Students

Aarohan is committed to providing job opportunities to youth by equipping them with essential skills over the years. Aarohan has successfully conducted a job fair to facilitate student placements, where 38 students secured jobs in various companies, paving the way for a brighter and more self-reliant future.



Aarohan with Manual Scavenger and Ragpicker Communities



Over the last three years, Team Aarohan has been actively working in Gurugram and Greater Noida, supporting children from manual scavenger and ragpicker communities through education and awareness programs. We have successfully educated 150 girls, equipping them with essential life skills, confidence, and opportunities for a brighter future.

Beyond education, our efforts focus on raising health awareness among parents, conducting regular sessions on hygiene, nutrition, and overall well-being. By addressing both education and health, we aim to create a sustainable impact that uplifts entire families.

Our work in these regions continues to transform lives, ensuring that young girls receive the opportunities they deserve to break free from social and economic barriers. With dedication and community engagement, Aarohan remains committed to empowering marginalized youth and fostering long-term positive change in Gurugram and Greater Noida.



Aarohan with tribes (Araku Valley)

Araku Valley is the North-Eastern part of Vishakhapatnam district of Andhra Pradesh. A picturesque region known for its tribal communities facing various challenges. The Araku Valley Region also falls under the Fifth Schedule of the Indian Constitution.

There are 3,564 tribal hamlets, most of which are primitive vulnerable tribal groups (PVTGs). These hamlets have lack of access to education, nutrition, healthcare, and market facilities affecting the lives of Tribal Children and Women.

Illiteracy, ignorance, lack of healthcare facilities, insufficient awareness & lack of organized effort and its complex geographical and demographical area to be the root cause of the major problems. Unemployment is one of the burning issue among trial youth of the community therein hamlets. AAROHAN through its 'Project Aatamnirbhar' has been working since April 2023 with the children, women and the community at large through the four main key interventions in the field of Education & Nutrition, Health, Livelihood Training & Opportunities and Market Linkages.



Education & Nutrition

Ideal Happy Schools set up to ensure exposure to education with care & protection through Nutritional Support, Health Services and Life Skill Program.



Health

To reduce vulnerabilities of the children, adolescents and women through improved access to health services and session-based learning on Menstrual Hygiene, Hygiene, and Nutrition.



Livelihood

To alleviate poverty, create employment and income generating opportunities through micro enterprise and livelihood development for tribal women.



Market Linkage

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Aarohan with tribes (Jharkhand)

Aarohan has initiated focused interventions in the tribal regions of Nawagarh (Sarijka) is a Village in Latehar Block in Latehar District of Jharkhand. These areas are home to communities that remain deprived due to limited access to education, healthcare, and sustainable livelihoods. The tribal population continues to face severe social and economic exclusion, rooted in illiteracy and lack of awareness.

Our key initiatives in Jharkhand include promoting education for tribal children, empowering women, developing villages and hamlets, and preserving indigenous culture and traditional art forms that are fading away. By working closely with the community, we aim to build self-reliance and restore cultural identity.

Through an integrated and participatory approach, Aarohan is committed to bringing dignity, opportunity, and sustainable development to these underserved tribal communities—ensuring they are not left behind in the process of growth and inclusion.





Aawaz Aapki: Empowering Voices for Change

Every tree we save, every sapling we plant, strengthens our community. Together, we can ensure a healthy future for Jharkhand."

"let us work together, to keep our forests strong, so that our culture and our way of life will also remain strong."

Mrs. Patel raised her voice to sensitise the tribes of Jharkhand -Nuagarh to protect their forest and environment



Aarohan with Transgender

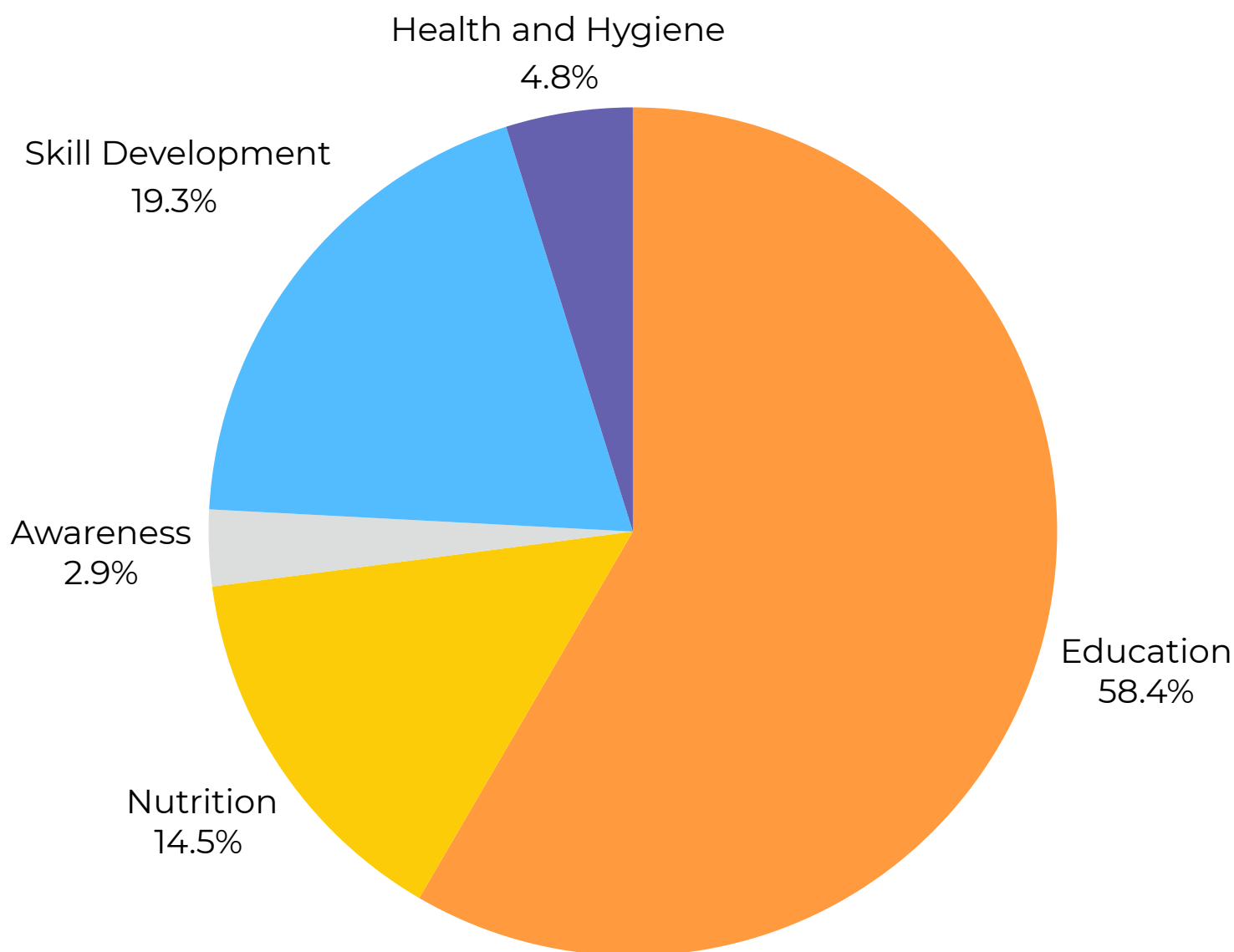


Aarohan empowering the transgender community through education, vocational training, and placement opportunities. This year, six individuals successfully launched startups in computer services, beauty & wellness, and garment making.

With training in digital skills, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship, Aarohan promotes economic independence and social inclusion, helping transgender individuals build a self-reliant future.



Aarohan's Reach



COMPLIANCE REPORT

Registration Number: S-54236 dated 24th November 2005

Registered Address: B-127, Basement, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-110017

CSR Registration Number: CSROOOO4308

NITI Aayog Darpan Portal Number: DL/2017/0167066

FCRA Registration Number: 231661033

Exemption Certificate: Aarohan is registered u/s 12A & exempted under section 80G

PAN Details: AAAAAA7573K

Major Objectives of the Society

- To strive for development in EDUCATION AND HEALTH of women and children, with special emphasis on weaker sections of scheduled castes, and Scheduled Tribes.
- To work for poor and bright students studying in schools belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes of the society by providing them with academic assistance and helping them in career building.
- To work on health and nutrition issues, improve sanitation, build health and environmental awareness, assist in vaccination programs, provide childcare support, and generate awareness on population issues.
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Jatin Bansal
MK Mohapatra & CO
1/6680, Rohtas Nagar East,
Shahdra, Delhi-110032

OUR BANK

- IDBI Bank, Malviya Nagar
- Bank of Baroda, Malviya Nagar
- State Bank of India, Connaught Place

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Balance Sheet as at 31.03.2024

Liabilities	Amount	Assets	Amount
Capital Fund		Fixed Assets	558,965.00
Corpus	70,653.00		
Add: Reserve & Surplus	<u>2,797,690.00</u>	Current Assets	
	2,868,343.00	Receivables (Projects)	1,149,177.00
Current Liabilities		Project Advance and imprest	814,375.00
Expenses Payable (Projects)	254,504.00	Cash & Bank Balance	3,048,883.00
Specific Funds		Fixed Deposits with Bank of Baroda	5,026,215.00
FCRA Funds		Tds Refund due	17,815.00
College Du Leman	760,185.00		
Avery Denison	369,603.00		
Charity Aid Foundation	3,882,545.00		
Haella Foundation	93,230.00		
Benevity	<u>116,600.00</u>		
	5,222,163.00		
Domestic Funds			
Tenneco	2,207,820.00		
Kiran Singh Early Childcare Centre	<u>62,600.00</u>		
	2,270,420.00		
Total	10,615,430.00	Total	10,615,430.00

As per our report of even date attached

FOR MK MOHAPATRA & CO
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
FRN: 330172E



Jatin Bansal
Partner
Membership No. 562306
Place: Delhi
Dated: 29 September, 2024
UDIN: 24562306BKAISL2088

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Balance Sheet

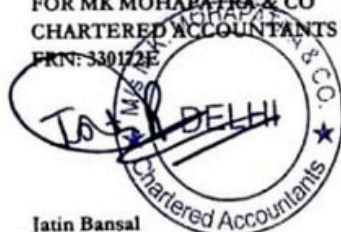
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Receipt & Payment Accounts for the Period 01.04.2023 to 31.03.24

Receipts	Amount	Payments	Amount
To Opening Balance	3,912,704.00		
Grants & Donations (Foreign Funds)		Grants & Donations (Foreign Funds)	
College Du Leman	973,200.00	College Du Leman	318,048.00
Benevity	818,600.00	Avery Denison	1,128,984.00
Charity Aid Foundation	6,400,260.00	Charity Aid Foundation	3,848,333.00
Project Path Edu. (SVP)	300,000.00	Project Path Edu. (SVP)	300,716.00
Haella Foundation	356,480.00	Haella Foundation	263,250.00
Bright Fund	312,580.00	Benevity	702,000.00
Others	75,585.00	Bright Fund	312,580.00
	9,236,705.00	Others	114,175.00
			6,988,086.00
Grants & Donations (Local Funds)		Grants & Donations (Local Funds)	
Aid et Action	955,578.00	Enlight 2.0 (Aid et Action)	1,209,292.00
Solar Energy Corporation	2,430,000.00	Solar Energy Corporation	2,430,000.00
Fluor Daniel	379,000.00	Fluor Daniel	379,000.00
NDTV	1,536,533.00	Project Poshan (Nutrition Prog NDTV)	1,537,917.00
Grant NISD	319,830.00	NISD	399,788.00
Project Kama Reality Ltd	1,305,000.00	Project Education (Kama reality Ltd)	1,307,630.00
IRCTC Ltd.	380,052.00	Kiran Singh Early Childcare Centre	287,400.00
Bharat FIH	2,587,990.00	Aatamnirbhar Jeevan (Bharat FIH)	1,996,140.00
SIVN YRC	408,400.00	Project Path Edu. (SVP)	592,903.00
Tenneco	2,588,220.00	SP Virmani Nutrition Program	163,660.00
Grant from SVP	592,500.00	Kribco Early Child care	102,476.00
Kiran Singh Early Childcare Centre	350,000.00	Vocational Training Program	93,756.00
S.P. Virmani Foundation	160,000.00	Delhi State AIDS Control Society (NACO)	3,415,306.00
Delhi State AIDS Control Society (NACO)	3,396,374.00	SIVN YRC	470,000.00
Kribco (Early Child care)	100,000.00	Skill Training Program (Tenneco)	380,400.00
Donation others	769,953.00	Expenses payable Last Year	482,335.00
	18,259,430.00	Bank Charges	14,651.00
Interest on Saving Accounts	137,808.00	To Fixed Deposits with Bank of Baroda	5,000,000.00
Interest on Fixed Deposits	151,933.00	To Administrative Expenses	313,942.00
		To Project Advance and imprest	814,375.00
		To Other Activities	270,640.00
		Balance in Hand	3,048,883.00
Total	31,698,580.00	Total	31,698,580.00

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Receipt & Payment

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Income & Expenditure Account for the Period 01.04.2023 to 31.03.2024

Particulars	Amount	Particulars	Amount
Grants & Donations (Foreign Funds)		Grants & Donations (Foreign Funds)	
College Du Leman	318,048.00	College Du Leman	213,015.00
Avery Denison	1,128,984.00	Benevity	702,000.00
Charity Aid Foundation	3,848,333.00	Charity Aid Foundation America	2,525,215.00
Hacella Foundation	263,250.00	Hacella Foundation	263,250.00
Benevity	702,000.00	Other Donations (ICRA)	75,585.00
Bright fund	312,580.00	Grant from SVP	300,000.00
Project Path Edu. (SVP)	300,716.00	Bright Fund Foundation	312,580.00
Others	114,175.00		4,391,645.00
	6,988,086.00	Add : Last Year Receivables	2,595,725.00
			6,987,370.00
Project Expenses Local Funds		Grants & Donations (Local Funds)	
Enlight 2.0 (Aid et Action)	1,316,363.00	Aid et Action	1,080,324.00
Solar Energy Corporation	2,430,000.00	Solar Energy Corporation	2,430,000.00
Fluor Daniel	379,000.00	Fluor Daniel	379,000.00
Project Poshan (Nutrition Prog NDTV)	1,537,917.00	NDTV	1,536,533.00
Skill Training Program (Tenneco)	380,400.00	Tenneco	380,400.00
Project Education (Kama Reality Ltd)	1,307,630.00	Kama Reality Ltd	1,305,000.00
Skill Training Program (NISID)	399,788.00	NISID	319,830.00
Aatamnirbhar Jeevan (Bharat FIH)	1,996,140.00	Bharat FIH	1,996,140.00
SJVN YRC	470,000.00	SJVN YRC	408,400.00
		Delhi State AIDS Control Society (NACO)	3,396,374.00
Project Path Edu. (SVP)	592,903.00	Grant from SVP	592,500.00
Delhi State AIDS Control Society (NACO)	3,370,658.00	Kiran Singh Early Childcare Centre	287,400.00
Kiran Singh Early Childcare Centre	287,400.00	Virmani Foundation	160,000.00
SP Virmani Nutrition Program	163,660.00	Kribco (Early Child care)	100,000.00
Kribco Early Child care	102,476.00	Other Donations/ Grants	769,953.00
Vocational Training Program	93,756.00		15,141,854.00
Bank Charges	14,651.00	Add : Last Year Receivables	372,760.00
To Administrative Expenses	313,942.00	Interest on Saving Accounts	15,514,614.00
To Other Activities	270,640.00	Interest on Fixed Desposits	137,808.00
To Excess of Income over the Expenditure	402,530.00		178,148.00
Total	22,817,940.00	Total	22,817,940.00

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Income & Expenditure

GOVERNANCE

Details of Board and Executive Members as on 31st March 2024

S. No	Name	Sex	Position on Body	Occupation	Areas of Competency
1	Ms. Rani Patel	F	Founder President	Social Worker	Human Rights, Policy Making, Operational, and Strategic Fundraising Management
2	Ms. Rekha Khandelwal	F	Vice President	Social Worker	Child Rights
3	Mr. Vishwajeet Ghoshal	M	Secretary	Social Worker	Child Rights
4	Ms. Esha Guha	F	Joint Secretary	Advertising	Strategic Marketing, Advertisement Creation
5	Mr. Shashi Sahai	M	Treasurer	Photo Journalist	Journalism, Film Making
6	Prof. Mukesh Ranjan	M	Member	Teaching	Child & Human Rights
7	Dr. Rajesh Verma	M	Member	Archaeologist	Archaeology & Policy Making
8	Prof. Baran Farooqui	F	Member	Teaching	Child & Human Rights

GOVERNANCE

The governance structure of Aarohan NGO embodies transparency, accountability, and strategic oversight to ensure the effective realization of our mission. In the past year, our esteemed body of members and advisors convened twice to deliberate on crucial matters pertaining to our organization's operations and impact.

A significant milestone achieved during this period was the meticulous audit and subsequent approval of the accounts for the previous fiscal year, 2022-23. This process exemplifies our unwavering commitment to financial integrity and adherence to regulatory standards.

Moreover, the Governing Body members and consultants diligently scrutinized both the programmatic and financial aspects of our initiatives. Their invaluable insights and guidance have played a pivotal role in enhancing the efficiency and efficacy of our projects.

We are immensely grateful for the steadfast support rendered by our donors and well-wishers, whose contributions underpin our endeavors towards positive societal change. Their generosity and trust empower us to continue our mission with renewed vigor and dedication.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

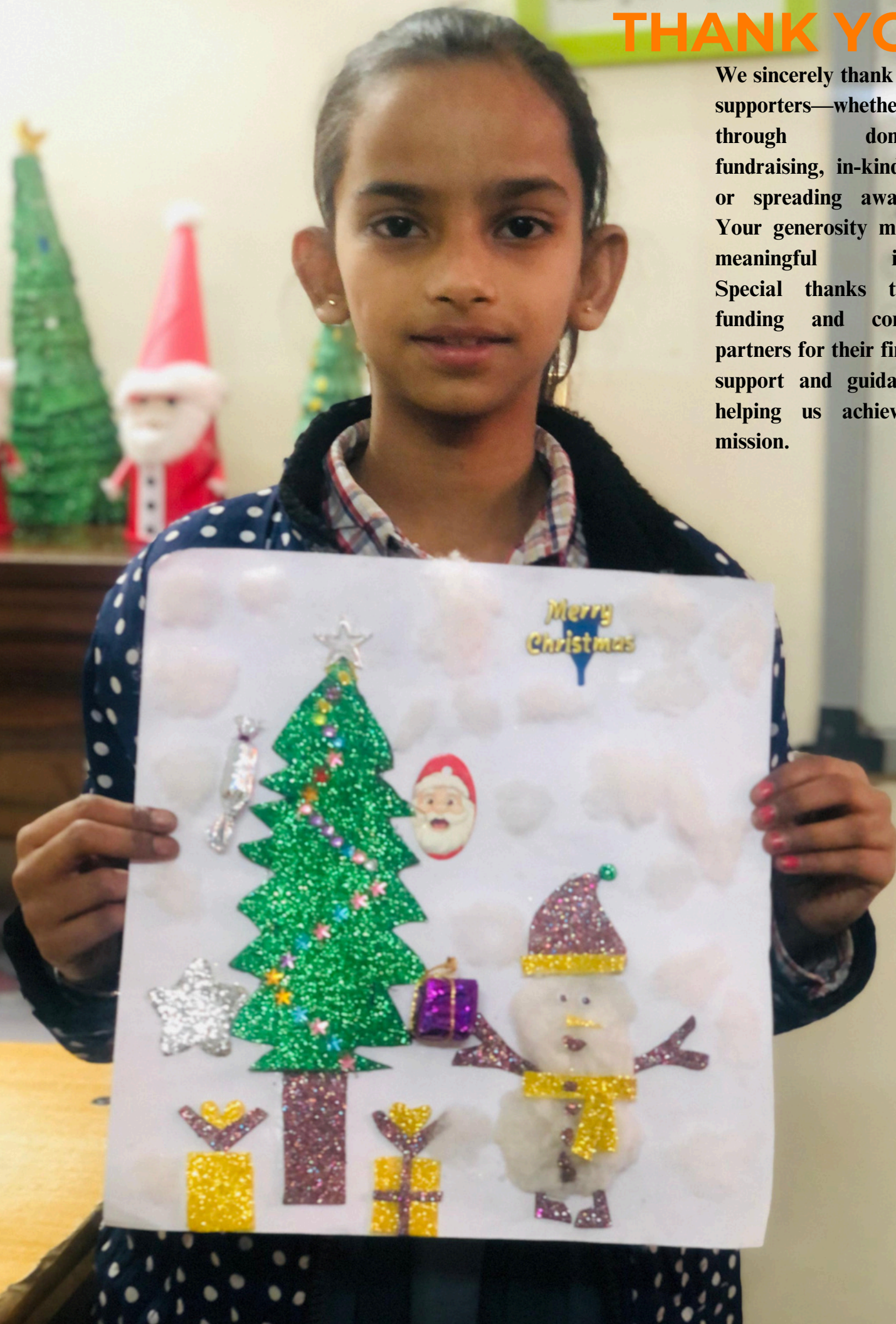
No sitting fees have ever been paid to the Governing Body members for Attending the Governing Body Meeting. No International Travel availed by any Governing Body member in context Of Aarohan affairs.

POLICIES

- **Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy**
- **Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at Work Policy (POSH)**
- **Anti-Bribery and Anti Corruption Policy**
- **Whistle Blower Policy**
- **Intellectual and Data Protection Policy**
- **Conflict of Interest Policy**
- **Procurement Policy**
- **Diversity and inclusive Policy**
- **Grievance Policy**
- **Equal Employment Opportunity Policy**
- **Recruitment & Selection Policy**
- **Probation Period Policy**
- **Drug and Alcohol Free Policy**

THANK YOU!

We sincerely thank all our supporters—whether through donations, fundraising, in-kind gifts, or spreading awareness. Your generosity makes a meaningful impact. Special thanks to our funding and corporate partners for their financial support and guidance in helping us achieve our mission.



OUR PARTNERS



MEDIA CLIPS

City	AQI	Category
Vizag	50	Fair
Vijayawada	46	Fair
Tirupati	43	Fair

RAMJAN TIMINGS

City	Prayer Time	Prayer Time
Vijayawada	6:29 pm	4:28 am
Vizag	6:16 pm	4:22 am

Vizag logs 22% rise in electricity consumption

Times News Network

Visakhapatnam: Visakhapatnam city consumed about 6,700 million units (MU) of electricity in the 2018-19 financial year. This further increased to 8,164 MU in the 2021-22 fiscal.

The increase in the consumption in these three years translates to 22%, which is said to be the highest for any region in the state.

According to officials, the ever-increasing industrialisation and urbanisation in the region is contributing to the growing energy demand. As many as 10 gas-insulated substations have been constructed in the city during this time for supplying

electricity to industries in Visakhapatnam.

APEEDCL CMD I Prudhvi Tej, who assumed the office on Tuesday, reviewed the progress of APEEDCL projects.

"Vizag is one of the best destinations for further investment. Power sector will play a major role in attracting investments. The increasing demand is a tell-tale sign of the spurt in economic activity in Visakhapatnam. Many industries and IT companies may foray into the city in the future. Considering these factors, the APEEDCL should have a special action plan to provide quality power supply at world class standards", said Prudhvi Tej.

He told the officials that sustained efforts shall have to be made to make APEEDCL the best Discom in the country and one of the best utility in the world.

"As electricity is the prime driver for state's development, which helps to improve the living standards of people, utmost priority shall be given to supply 24x7 quality and cost-effective power. This is one of the most important objectives of the state government for stimulating economic growth on a fast track in the state," said Prudhvi Tej.

The new APEEDCL CMD asked the officials to focus on reducing distribution transformer failures, repair costs, operational and maintenance expenditure, and theft of power.

"Substation automation, usage of artificial intelligence for preventive maintenance activity, and optimum utilisation of manpower will make the company future ready," said Prudhvi Tej.

Smart classes launched in Araku, Ananthagiri

Times News Network

Visakhapatnam: With the gradually increasing internet coverage, the tribal areas of north coastal Andhra Pradesh are now getting digital classrooms. Two digital classrooms were launched in Araku and Ananthagiri mandals. While inaugurating the smart classes, ASR district assistant collector Anantash Srivastava appreciated the Aarohan project for the initiative.

According to officials, the digital classroom initiative was taken up by Aarohan, a nodal NGO working closely with 12 small local grassroot organisations. The inauguration is in line with its yearlong work in the primitive tribal region spanning over 120 villages of Araku and Ananthagiri mandals. The key milestones achieved include establishment and refurbishment of three early child education centres in Balingada, Jakarvala in Ananthagiri and Gundivala of Araku mandal) and the establishment of two digital classrooms for computer training of youth. It conducted training sessions for government school teachers, health camps, etc.

According to officials, the initiatives were made possible with the support of the donors, Foxconn and IOTC, with continuous guidance and support from government partners like National Human Rights Commission, and others.

With onset of holidays, travel turns costly affair

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Vijayawada: It is summer holidays and getting a bus or train ticket has become an expensive affair. The state government has declared summer holidays for schools from April 29. Parents are busy making reservations for bus and train tickets to reach holiday destinations across the country.

Non-AC bus fare from Vijayawada to Hyderabad usually ranges between ₹450 to ₹600. But many small and medium transport operators have stopped taking online bookings and selling them offline at ₹500 at booking counters. For the same route, AC sleeper buses will cost now ₹2,000.

"Sankranti, Dasara and summer vacation are peak seasons for travel and bus operators. They are increasing bus fare taking advantage of huge demand. APSRTC should run more services to facilitate affordable travel to passengers," said K Ramu, a private teacher.

Meanwhile, 22 passenger special trains will be operated between Sambalpur-Cuttack between April 19 to June 28. These special trains will stop at Parvatipuram, Bobbili, Vizianagaram, Kotavalasa, Duvvada, Anakapalli, Samalkot, Rajahmundry, Nidadavolu, Balmavaram Jn, Kalkituru, Gudivala, Vijayawada, Tenali, Chirala, Ongole, Nellore and Gudur stations in both directions.

గొందివలస 200 మందికి వైద్య సేవలు

శిబిరంలో వైద్య సేవల కోసం క్యూలో ఉన్న గొందివలస

ఆరకులయ, మార్చి 14: చినలబుడు పంచాయతీ శివారు గొందివలస గ్రామంలో మంగళవారం ప్రత్యేక వైద్య శిబిరం నిర్వహించారు. గన్నెల పీహెచ్ఎస్ వైద్యాధికారి కమల కుమారి శిబిరానికి వచ్చిన 200 మందికి వైద్య సేవలు అందించి, అవసరమైన మందులను ఉచితంగా పంపిణీ చేశారు. జీహెచ్బీడీఎస్ సంస్థ డైరెక్టర్ బాకా నరసింగరావు ఆధ్వర్యంలో మాలివలస,మాలసింగారం, మంజుగూడ, పకనకూడి, దుమ్మగుడ్డి, తుడం గ్రామాల నుంచి ఆనారోగ్యంతో ఉన్న వారందరినీ ప్రత్యేకంగా ఆలోచన ఏర్పాటుచేసి శిబిరానికి తీసుకు వచ్చారు. కార్యక్రమంలో పీహెచ్ఎస్ వైద్య సిబ్బంది, సంస్థ ప్రతినిధులు పాల్గొన్నారు.

NGO Aarohan installs solar panels at a tribal school in Jharkhand to provide sustainable energy supply

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