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Founder's Message

As I reflect on the journey of the Shaagird Foundation, I am filled with immense pride, happiness, and gratitude. The year 2023-2024 faced countless ups and downs; we erred, and we learned, but above all, we transformed a throng of lives, the innocent lives.

In the previous year, the Shaagird Foundation flourished, reached higher pedestals, and warmed many hearts. Our institutional projects took a quantum leap, incorporated various workshops, activities, and visits, and made our students future-ready. Taking into account our targeted audience, we traveled across the nation-state and heard riot-ridden, demolition-stricken, and mob-lynched-marked lives of children and their families. We braved the horrors of communal violence in Bahraich and Sambhal, Uttar Pradesh crossed, the paths of Mandla, Madhya Pradesh and scrutinized the trauma of children. We helped them restart their education, brushed their trauma gently, and stitched back their happiness. While uplifting their lives, we realized the importance of the overall well-being. To adhere to our goal: every child matters, we collaborated with medical professionals and conducted free healthcare workshops and camps in marginalized areas.

In the arena of the Sunrise Public School, we conducted Annual Day, Republic Day, Sports Day, Educational visits, Picnics, and more. Activities like these make studies interesting, not a burden on children, helping them to boost their confidence and expand their horizon of knowledge. Moreover, our Learning Center students at Kalan Mahal faced a sudden disruption in the infrastructure. We revamped the Learning Center and installed coolers and other facilities, making it a happy dwelling for them. In the month of Ramadan, we arranged for Iftar, Suhoor, and ration kits for orphans and poor children. To make them feel loved, we distributed Eid gifts to them, adding colors and a touch of festivities to their lives.

To emphasize the concerns about the rights of our children, we participated in human rights advocacy in Malaysia, Kuwait, Bangalore, and Chennai. We highlighted the importance of educating children, especially those who have faced dehumanizing actions. We partnered with key people, leaders, and organizations for our Smile School project, and with their assistance we booked a plot of 3 acre land for the same.

The year 2024-2025 also witnessed an upward ratcheting on our sponsorship dashboard, leading more children to chart their potential. Meanwhile, our Hifz programs delivered 22 new hafiz.

As we head forward towards 2025, a fresh wave of dedication and determination is sweeping over our commitment. We are optimistic about extricating more underprivileged children and enrolling them in our institutions, making an attempt to create a world of erudite people. Moreover, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our team, donors, and partners for being with us and helping us create a world we envisioned.

With love and gratitude,
Aasif Mujtaba,
Founder & Director, Shaagird Foundation

"No gift is better than the gift of education and no accomplishment is greater than providing this gift to someone"

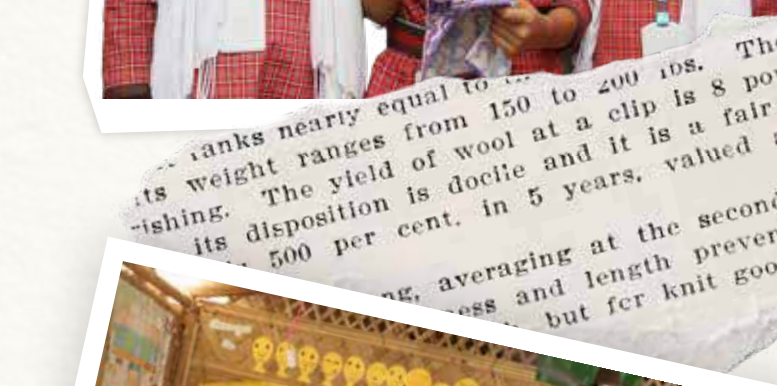
– Aasif Mujtaba

Who we are?

We are a team of educators and working professionals committed to educating child survivors of demolitions, communal violence, mob lynching, and hate crimes. These children have experienced unimaginable trauma at a very young age, and we believe that education is the first step towards helping them rebuild their lives. Our goal is to pull them away from an environment of fear and hatred and guide them toward a future of hope, peace, and opportunity.

We understand that these children need more than just books and classrooms. They need care, compassion, and consistent emotional support. That's why we focus equally on their mental and emotional well-being alongside their academic development. Each child is given individual attention, and we work closely with counselors and educators to create a safe and nurturing environment.

Our team works tirelessly to make their lives better. We believe that every child, regardless of what they've been through, has the right to dream, to learn, and to live a life full of dignity. Through our efforts, we aim to break the cycle of trauma and give them the tools they need to grow into thoughtful, empowered, and compassionate individuals.



What we do?

Shaagird is a platform, working towards making education accessible for all by connecting mentors from all across the world to children from impoverished & low-income families through a unique mentorship model.

Our vision is to create a platform where every child, regardless of their background or circumstances, has the opportunity to receive a quality education and reach their full potential. Shaagird makes it easy to share some of our 'privileges' and uplift the less privileged ones.

Under Shaagird, we have prepared a large database of the following kids -

- Kids orphaned in the communal violence & mob lynching
- Kids of survivors of communal violence & mob lynching
- Learning Center kids enrolled in the Hifz Programs
- Other economically backward children.

If you want to make any contribution in bringing a change in the lives of these poor kids by sponsoring their education (the sponsoring amount varies with the geographical location of the child as the cost of education is different in cities, towns, and villages), we kindly request you to sign up for the mentorship program. Every mentor may adopt kids (as many as they want) for sponsoring their education. After due approval and after the payment of the sponsoring amount (monthly, quarterly, yearly, etc.), a unique login ID and Password are provided to each mentor to log in to Shaagird's official website www.shaagird.org so that the mentors are able to check up on the educational progress of their sponsored kids. Additionally, if a mentor wants to communicate with the family of the adopted kid, it is arranged too, as the kids stay with their families. Under Shaagird, a mentor can Sponsor the education of a child with as little as Rs 500 per month.

Strategy

Our strategy is simple yet profound. We believe in creating a smooth and consistent educational journey for every child. To make this possible, we connect students with dedicated mentors who guide them through their learning process. Each mentor has access to the academic and emotional progress of the child, allowing them to provide personalized support, encouragement, and timely interventions. This close monitoring ensures that no child is left behind.

We recognize that children from underprivileged communities, especially those affected by communal violence, face significant barriers to quality education. Poverty, trauma, and social exclusion often stand in their way.

To address these challenges, we have embarked on a transformative journey; one that not only focuses on academics but also on healing, resilience, and empowerment. Through our model of mentorship and care, we aim to build trust, restore hope, and nurture every child's potential, and give them a bright future.

The main focus of Shaagird is on the children who have survived demolition, communal violence, riots, and other hate crimes; orphans who have lost their parents to mob lynching and hate crimes; and underprivileged children.

Our Mission

1

Empowering Through Knowledge:

We offer educational resources that foster understanding, empathy, and the critical thinking skills needed to tackle social injustices and build a more just world.

2

Building Resilience:

Education equips individuals to overcome obstacles and build the resilience needed to thrive in challenging times.

3

Creating Positive Change:

By empowering individuals, we empower communities. Education is the foundation for positive change, both personally and collectively.

Our Vision

We envision a world where every child has access to quality education. At Shaagird, our vision is simple: every child, everywhere deserves quality education. We believe education is a fundamental right, the key that unlocks a world of opportunity, regardless of background.

Fueling Social Progress:

Education empowers individuals to become active agents for social justice and a more equitable world.

Empowering Growth:

It's a springboard for personal development, fostering critical thinking and the confidence to create positive change.

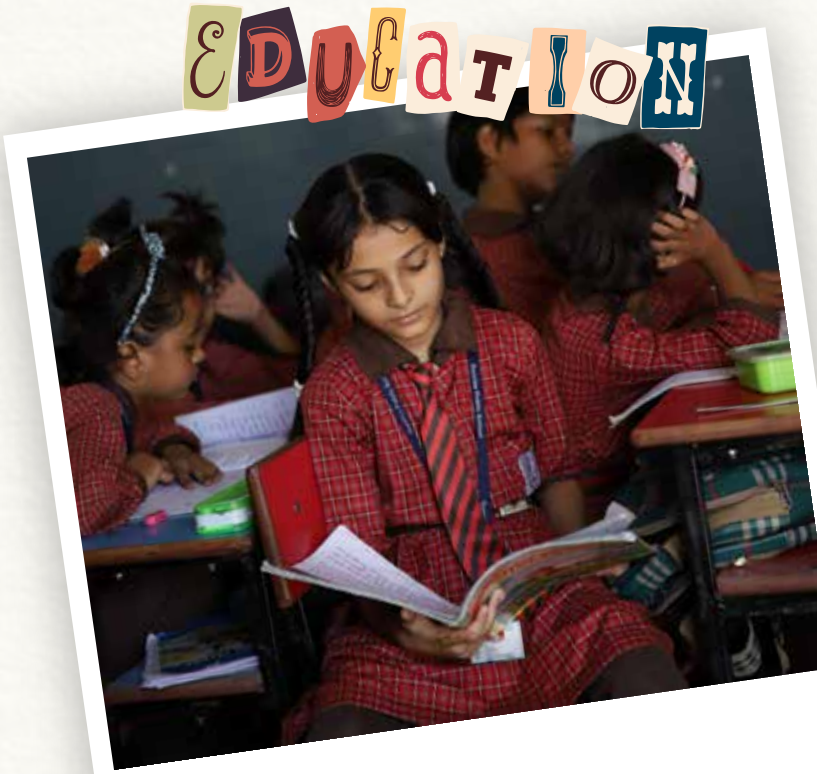
Education for Us Is More Than Knowledge:

Driving Global Change:

By nurturing potential in every child, education becomes a powerful force for positive societal transformation.

Our Approach

At Shaagird, we're dedicated to giving every child a fair shot at education, regardless of their background. We focus on uplifting children from marginalized communities in India, ensuring socio-political circumstances don't hinder their potential.



Bridging the Gap:

We target children impacted by communal violence or those from underprivileged communities.

Shaagird Education Centers:

We offer a nurturing environment with qualified instructors and a curriculum designed to empower them.

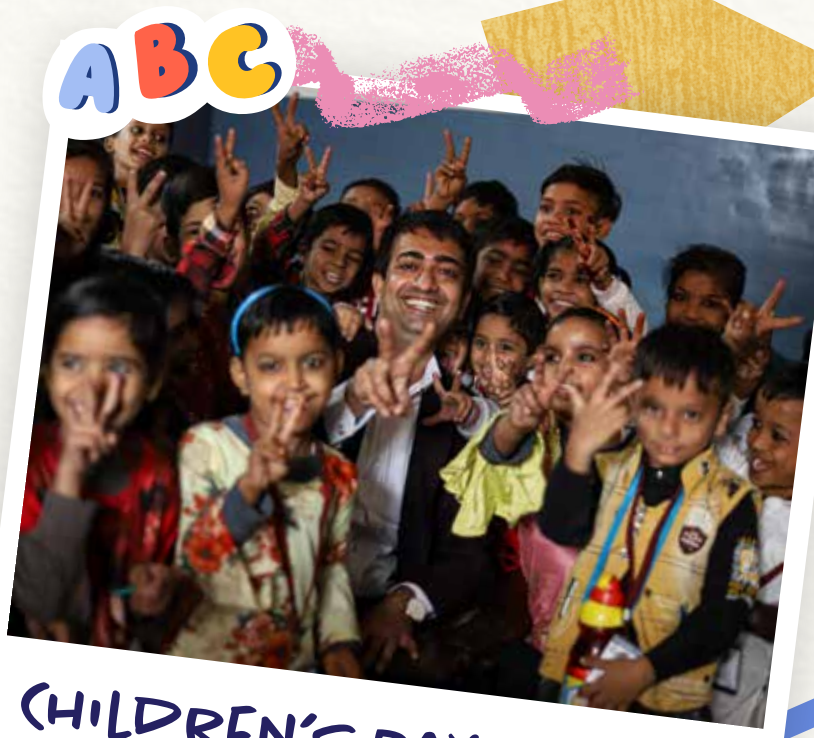
Community Partnerships:

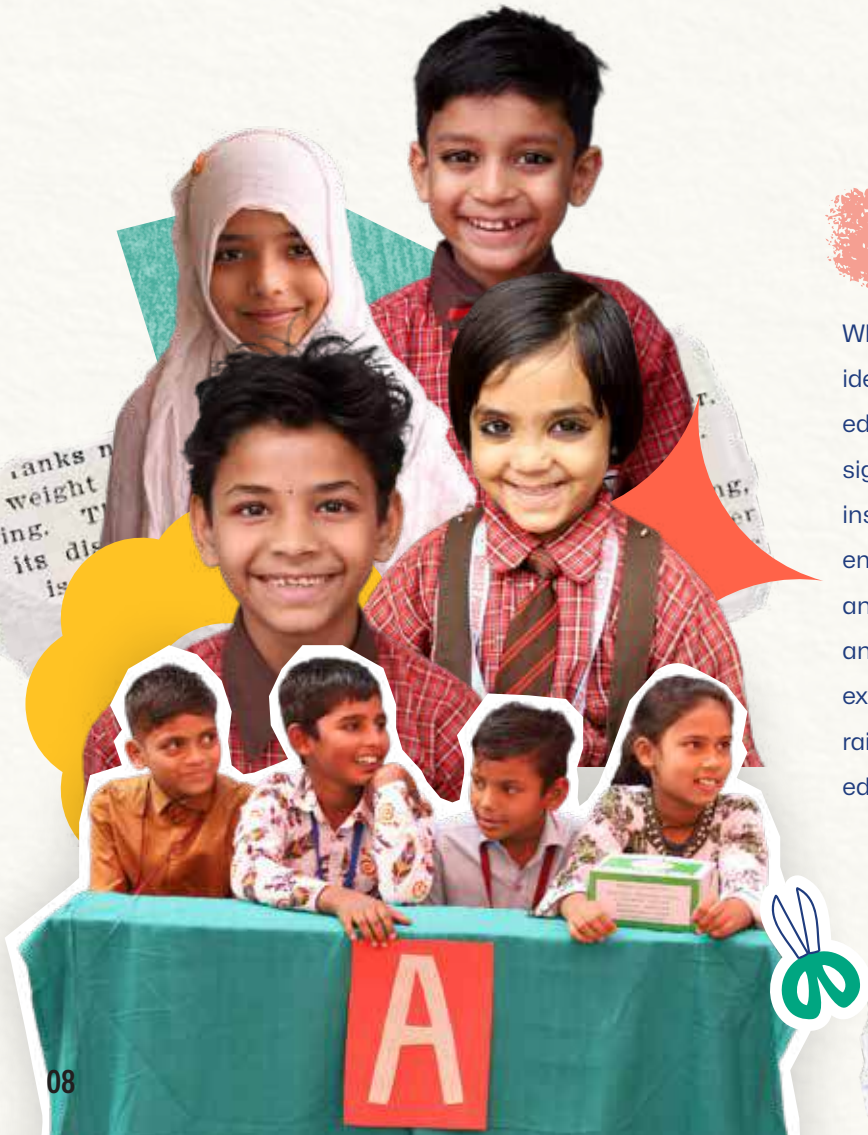
We collaborate with nearby learning facilities to expand our reach and resources.

What Shaagird Aims to Achieve?

Access to Quality Education

One major goal of our organization is to ensure that children from systematically marginalized sections of Indian society have access to quality education. This goal focuses on bridging the educational gap and providing equal opportunities for these children to thrive academically. By establishing education centers or partnering with learning facilities, we aim to create a nurturing and caring environment where these children can receive free education up to the primary level.





Gender Inclusivity

While working on the ground, Shaagird's team has identified the critical importance of focusing on girls' education. Our primary goal is to ensure a significantly higher representation of girls in all our institutions. At Shaagird, we firmly believe in empowering girls to become who they aspire to be and pursue their passions freely. We strive to create an environment where girls are encouraged to explore their full potential. Our efforts also involve raising awareness about the significance of girls' education and the immense potential they hold.

Continuation of Education

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Empower Marginalized Communities

Work towards empowering marginalized communities by involving parents and community members in educational initiatives and fostering their active participation. Ultimately, aim to break the cycle of marginalization by providing children with the tools and opportunities they need to overcome socio-political barriers and realize their full potential. Through our efforts, we envision a future where children can overcome barriers, transform their lives, and contribute positively to their communities and society as a whole.

How Shaagird Works?

Step 1

Select Profile

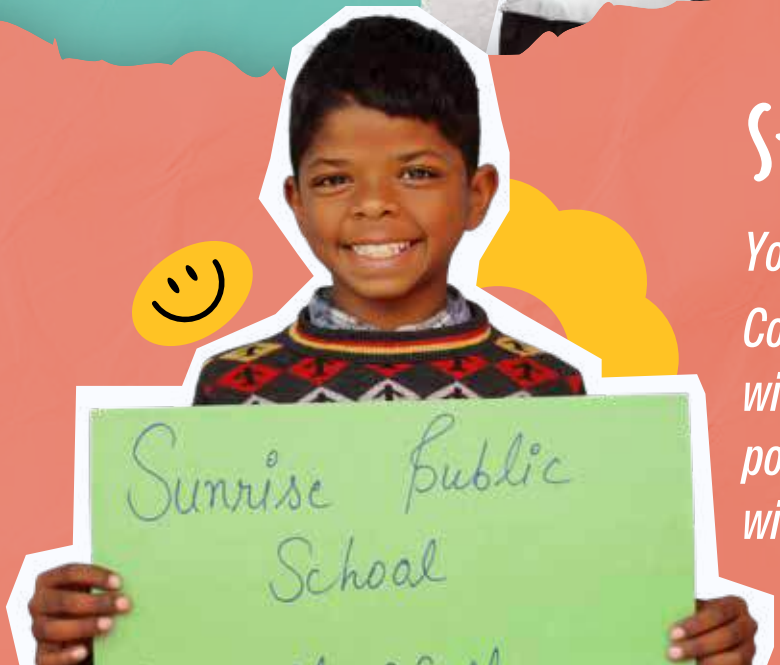
Step 2

View Expenditure

Here you can check the monthly expenditure on the education of the child.

Step 3

Fill Mentor Form & Pay for sponsorship



Step 4

You Restored A Smile

Congratulations! Your support will create a lasting and positive impact on a child that will transform their lives for the

Why Children

While the law promises education to all children, reality does not. Children around the world are forced to confront the devastating impact of wars, conflict, violence, and the heart-wrenching experience of being uprooted from their homes.

At Shaagird, we recognize the urgency and importance of addressing the educational needs of children affected by such circumstances. Our organization is driven by the belief that every child deserves access to quality education, regardless of the challenges they face.

In each instance, numerous children are left destitute, often, without an education. Their lives get dramatically upended and their educational pathways so disrupted, as many never fully recover from the loss of their loved ones, their homes, and the reigning chaos.

Through our efforts, we aim to restore a sense of stability and optimism in the lives of these children. We believe that education is not just about academic knowledge but also about providing a sense of belonging, purpose, and a brighter future.

Why Education for Violence Affected Children?

With riots, demolitions, mob lynching, and hate crimes in every nook and cranny of the country, those who suffer the most are the innocent child survivors, bringing their happiness and childhood to an abrupt, disturbing, chilling, and gory pause.

The loss they witness is both overwhelming and irrecoverable, but their burdens can be shared and reduced. These children, whose lives have been shattered and who had the misfortune of witnessing the death of their parents, family members, kin, friends, and neighbors, often fell prey to trauma and apprehension. In these times of grief and agony, they draw away from education. Thereupon, educating them becomes a major onus, which many refuse to embrace. However, it supports them for healing, resilience, and social cohesion. Without access to education, these children may grow up internalizing trauma, resentment, and fear, which can perpetuate cycles of violence or alienation.

At the Shaagird Foundation, we believe every child deserves quality education; we make them feel the value of acceptance and pluralism and train them to handle different situations. We welcome the child survivors of selective demolition, targeted riots, and hate crimes. We welcome the orphans who have lost their parents to mob lynching and communal violence. We open the doors of happiness for them through knowledge, skills, and education. To fulfill this mission, we have incorporated various institutions, collaborated with numerous projects, and partnered with established schools that share the same mission and vision.

In our attempt to educate these children, we have closely examined their lives, fears, and trauma. We have scrutinized their struggles and have made every step possible to make Shaagird a happy dwelling for them.

Integrity and Accountability

At Shaagird Foundation, we are committed to complete transparency. Every rupee donated goes directly into the educational programs of the children. To further buttress the transparency, we provide the mentor with the password of the dashboard of the sponsored student. The mentor can check up on the progress of the students through accessing the report cards.

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We prioritize keeping our donors informed about the difference their contributions make. To ensure transparency, we consistently share the Shaagirdnaama; stories of change, provide photos, and send updates on the progress of our educational institutions and how donations are being used. We believe in maintaining an open line of communication, allowing our supporters to witness the positive change they are creating. By keeping donors engaged and informed, we build trust and encourage continued support for those in need.

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Timeline of Shaagird

1 Year

Following the Delhi pogrom in 2020, Shaagird recognized the impact of such violence on children and their education during their survey work in north-east Delhi. It all began with a small initiative known as the Smile Class, which aimed to provide these children with some respite amidst their despair.

During the violence, all the belongings of these families, including their children's books and stationary, were burnt to ashes. In an effort to provide them with a place of relief, the Smile Class was established in Mustafabad, near the base camp. However, this initiative could not be fully realized at the time due to the country-wide lockdown imposed as a result of COVID-19.

2020

2021

2 Year

Since most of the families lost their homes and livelihood in the violence of February 2020 they started to take their children out of schools because of financial constraints. They bore the double burnt of Delhi the pogrom and the ill-planned lockdown which destroyed their livelihoods.

Shaagird then came to provide aid to these families and sponsored the education of these children. It opened Sunrise Public School in Ghaziabad. The year also marked the incorporation of Learning Center Miftahul Quran, where children are provided knowledge of English, Hindi, math, computers, and science along with their spiritual education.

3 Year

Shaagird Foundation's Learning Center programs continue to flourish. 120 children were enrolled in Hifz programs across the branches, receiving a strong foundation in Islamic scripture. An additional 320 children participate in the learning programs, focusing on core academic subjects.In the third year of our working, we incorporated more Learning Centers; Fatima Al Firhi, Talimul Quran, and Imaam ul Bukhari. Established in 2020 for children affected by the Delhi riots, Sunrise Public School in Loni Ghaziabad continued to provide a safe and nurturing learning environment.

2022

2023

4 Year

The fourth year marks the continuation of all our educational initiative with a significant surge in students enrollment. More activities and workshops were incorporated to boost the confidence of the children. Our educational institutions were revamped and reconstructed.Additionally we provided education to 20 kids from Khargone, Madhya Pradesh.

5 Year

2024

We travelled to riot-ridden areas like Bahraich, Sambhal, and Mandala; heard devastating stories; extricated them from the peril; and enrolled them in our educational institutions. We also assisted the orphans of Junaid, who was mob lynched by cow vigilantes, to complete their education.

We conducted Annual Day, Sports Day, Independence Day, Republic Day, educational visits, and picnics for our students at Sunrise Public School. We arranged Iftar, Suhoor, ration kits, and Eidis for our orphans and poor children. We participated in human rights advocacy in Malaysia, Kuwait, Bangalore, and Chennai.

Our Learning Partners

Sunrise Public School

Sunrise Public School is a relief school based in Loni, Ghaziabad. It was primarily set up for the survivors of 2020 Northeast Delhi Riots kids, and currently serves as a nurturing place for survivors' kids, orphans, and other underprivileged children, offering psychosocial support and quality education to over 450 children up to 8th grade. Dedicated teachers employ innovative methods to foster a love for learning, and personalized attention to meet individual kids' needs while tailoring instructions.

The curriculum includes a range of subjects including mathematics, science, languages, social sciences, and arts. It also encompasses the development of essential life skills, instilling values of empathy, integrity, and respect in each child.

The school ensures that no child faces barriers to education due to financial constraints by providing uniforms, books, and stationary.

Smart India School

Smart India School is a partner school under Shaagird dedicated to providing quality education to communal violence survivors in Khargone, Madhya Pradesh. Recognizing the losses suffered by these families, including their homes and livelihoods, the Shaagird Foundation covers all educational expenses for these children. With highly trained faculty, the school ensures that these young souls receive the same educational opportunities as any other child, while actively working towards reducing the negative effects of violence, trauma, pain, and distress caused by the violence they endured.

With the help of a nurturing environment, Shaagird strives to empower these children to develop self-efficacy, take a proactive stance towards their life and career, and live a life free from the trauma, pain, and distress and distress caused by the violence they have experienced.

Learning Center Talimul Quran

Nestled amidst bamboo camps in Nuh, Haryana, Learning Center Taleem-ul-Quran serves as a sanctuary for 97 refugee children, offering solace and hope. In its nurturing environment, young minds find respite from the daily hardships of camp life. The dedicated teachers, entrusted with the task of imparting the beauty and depth of the Quran, guide the students on their transformative educational journey. In the Learning Center Taleem-ul-Quran, the joyous sounds of laughter and eager voices intertwine as students recite their lessons and engage in chatters with their mates.

Kulsum Sayani Learning Center

Kulsum Sayani Learning Centre ensures quality learning to about a hundred refugee teenage girls, who face barriers to education during their crucial developmental stage. Recognizing the importance of education for these refugee girl-children, the center provides them a safe environment, with a quality bespoke curriculum delivered in their own language from trained, and trusted teachers.The engaging lessons offered at the center not only foster a love for learning but also among them the social skills, and practical life abilities.Moreover, our teaching methodology actively involves parents and the community, fostering a collaborative approach that strengthens the impact of learning.

Learning Center Imam ul Bukhari

Learning Center Imam-ul-Bukhari is a home for 45 young refugee kids. Nestled amidst a tranquil setting, it provides solace and education to those who have been displaced by adversity. The Learning Center fosters a compassionate environment, providing not only Quranic teachings but also formal education besides support and understanding. Dedicated teachers impart knowledge, while promoting cultural exchange and fostering mutual respect among the locals and the community members. These bright young minds after receiving an education aim to pursue a brighter future, filled with hope and possibilities.

Fatima Sheikh Learning Center

Fatima Sheikh Learning Centre provides quality education to 70 refugee children in the primary and pre-primary age groups. Through colorful learning resources, the center offers engaging visual and tactile stimuli through colorful learning resources, utilizing an innovative play-based approach to ensure that early years education is accessible to all children, regardless of financial, linguistic, cultural, ethnic, or geographical barriers. Located near their homes, the center eliminates the requirement of uniform and lunch expenses. Bite-sized lessons are taught in the children's own language, actively involving parents and fostering a strong sense of community. Trained teachers create a safe and nurturing environment for the children's holistic development.

Learning Center Kala Mahal

In Mehrauli at Delhi, a 700 years old Learning Center Akhoondji was razed to the ground along with the historic mosque. It rendered 20 students completely homeless. The Shaagird Foundation shifted 20 kids to a nearby Learning Center called Kalan Mahal. This new Learning Center will provide lodging & food along with a quality education (including Science, English, Maths, Hindi, Computers etc) in collaboration with Shaagird.

Smile School

With immense gratitude, we present before you our new initiative, The Smile School in Mewat. Over the years, we have been able to sustain our efforts through our own resources and the kindness of compassionate individuals like you. However, inspired by the guidance of our well-wishers and elders, we are now embarking on a transformative journey—one that will shape the future of countless children and their communities.

We are in the process of establishing a school that will not only focus on academics but will also address the evolving needs of children, nurturing their character and preparing them for life ' s challenges. Our vision is to empower these children to become leaders who will positively impact society and bring about meaningful change. We request you, our supporters, to read this document to get a clear picture of the vision behind this project and to help us continue to spread smiles, hope, and positive change

What isThe Smile School?

The Smile School aims to provide free education to children who have survived communal violence, targeted demolitions, other hate crimes and who have lost their parent/parents to mob lynching and dehumanized actions. Moreover, Smile School will offer Hifz education alongside its academic curriculum, balancing both worldly and spiritual learnings.

Our Vision

Our vision is clear: to provide quality education that not only empowers students academically but also nurtures their overall development. The Smile School will be more than just a place of learning; it will be a place where every child is valued, respected, and given equal opportunities to thrive

Events

Sunrise Public School organizes the Education Tour for the Students

Happiness snowballed as the queue for the educational tour was made at Sunrise Public School on Monday, 03 February, 2025. The tour organized by Sunrise Public School with the assistance of the Shaagird Foundation was marked with an array of educational programs, intellectual stimulation, cultural enlightenment, and more

The tour commenced with a visit to the World Book Fair, 2025, at the Bharat Mandapam, Delhi. With the heart of a reader, students from diverse grades picked up the masterpieces of their favorite writers and explored the world of words.

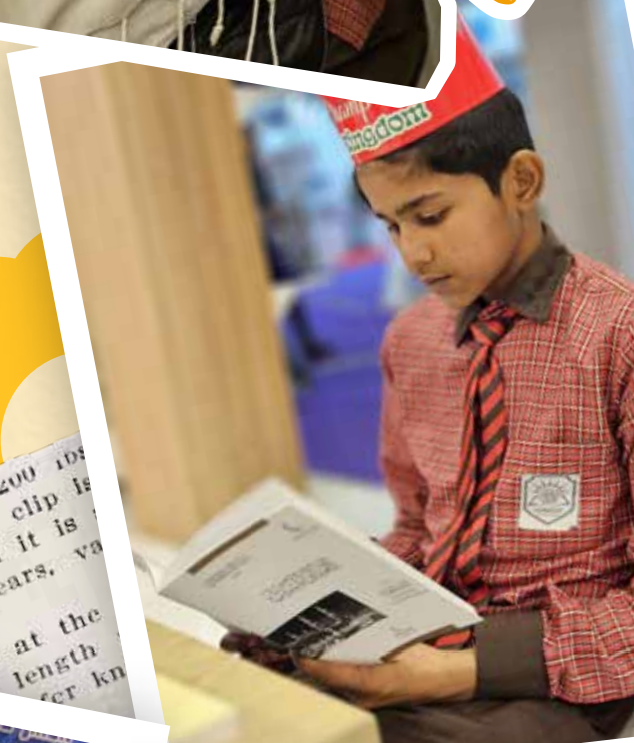
The book fair, commemorating India's advert as a democratic republic with the theme 'Republic@75, piqued the curiosity among the students to learn about democracy and Republic Day.

On moving further, the students interacted with the members of the Muslim Council of Elders. Highlighting the importance of peace and harmony, the interaction acted as a catalyst for students' knowledge and love for the country.

After exploring the world of words, the students paid their visits towards India Gate. On the way towards the destination, a learning session was conducted to mark the sacrifices of the freedom fighters.
Symbolic of India's nationhood, sacrifice, valor, and freedom, the India Gate instilled a sense of patriotism among the students. Abuzz was created in the garden of India Gate when delicious food was laid. Sharing their lunch, the students blanched into happiness and bliss.

Furthermore, a group of students demonstrated their interest in playing cricket. Aspiring Dhoni and Kohli, uncharted their love for bowling and fielding. On the other hand, a few students were seen playing blindfold.

Sitting on the lush carpet of green grass, a few other students were seen reading the books purchased at the world book fair.
As the sun went down on the horizon, the educators and coordinators of Sunrise Public School decided to take the students back to the school. "What a fun day it was," said a few students, expressing their happiness and satisfaction.

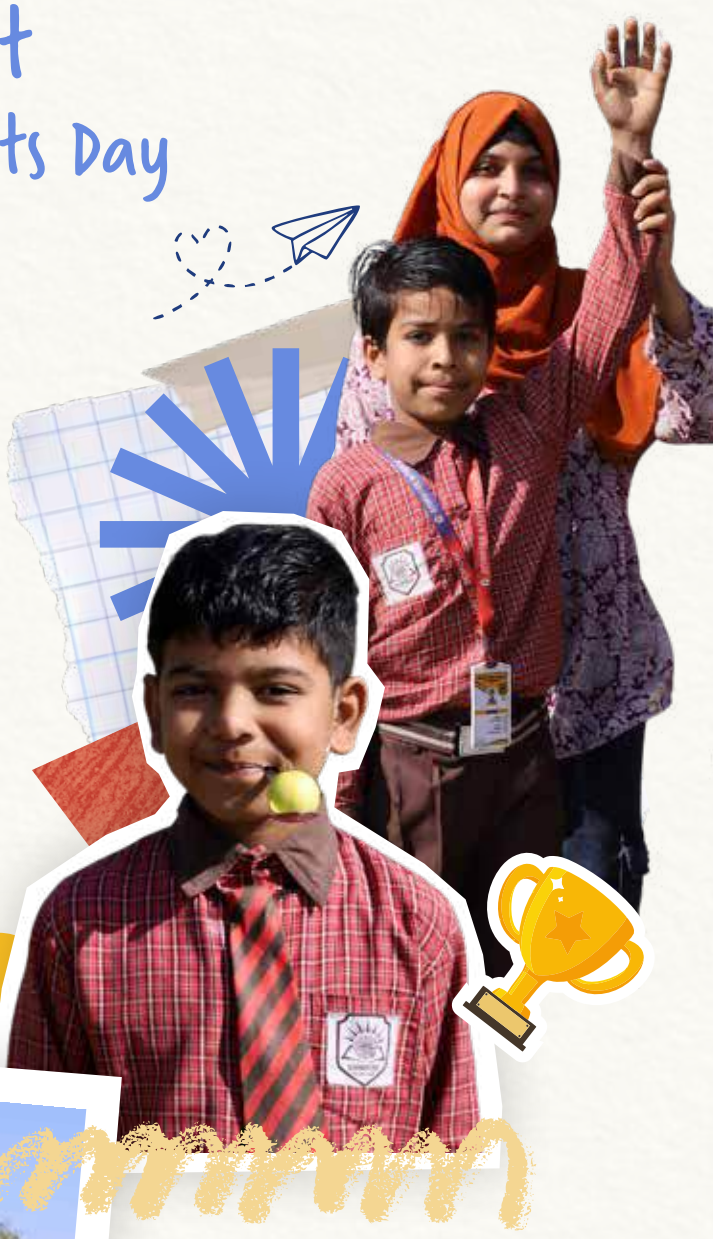


Laughter, Excitement, and Sportsmanship Shine at Sunrise Public School's Sports Day

The students of Sunrise Public School were filled with enthusiasm, excitement, and frolicsome on February 12 as the school celebrated its Sports Day. The event commenced with the lemon and spoon race conducted by the students of grade one under the supervision of Ms. Amreen and Ms. Neha.

Twenty students dedicated to winning the race stood on the start line with excitement palpable on their faces. At the sound of the whistle, they all set off, each balancing a spoon in their mouth with a lemon on top. Ahaan was the first to reach the finish line, closely followed by Ifran.

"I loved taking part in it. I am happy I came first; I am excited to receive the award now," said Ahaan.



Laughter engulfed the ground when a student suddenly announced that he had forgotten to start the race, despite being one of the participants.

The next event was the relay race, under the supervision of Ms. Zara and Ms. Oorusa. The race featured two teams, seated on the ground and poised for the competition. As the race was about to begin, the audience erupted in enthusiastic cheers, rallying in support of the participants. Bilal, Faizan, and Amaan won the positions.

Frolicsome increased as the ground was set for the balloon race by grade two. The ground echoed with laughter as most participants' balloons burst simultaneously. However, three pairs–Salman and Uzair. Ahad and Shahid, and Asad and Sufiyan–successfully reached the finish line with their balloons intact.

The moment of laughter was also witnessed when the 100m race took place, and the students emerged victorious within minutes. Bilal won the first position, followed by Faizan and Amaan.

The tug of war competition became the moment of the sports day as a large number of students participated in it. The competitive spirit intensified when the teachers spontaneously joined in, grabbing the rope to take part. Though unplanned, their participation added to the excitement and joy of the event. Meanwhile, the kho kho game was no less fun. Students played their hearts out during the game.

An impromptu game, In and Out, was introduced by Mr. Aasif Mujtaba, Founder & Director of the Shaagird Foundation. A large circle was drawn on the ground, attracting enthusiastic participation from numerous students.

The event concluded with lunch and tons of laughter. Each student shared the lunch with others, creating a sense of love and warmth among them. "The event was full of fun and happiness. All the students had a great day. I am happy that our hard work has paid off well," says Ms. Gulnaz, the coordinator of the Sports Day.

Resilience and Talent Shine at Sunrise Public School's 5th Annual Function

The 5th annual function of Sunrise Public School was a memorable event filled with appreciation, celebration, enthusiasm, and resilience. Held on February 23rd, 2024, at Red Cherry Hall, Rashid Ali Gate, Loni, the function was attended by around 500 people. The chief guest for the evening was Aziz Akhtar, Former Principal of Gems School, Dubai.

The program began with a soulful Nasheed, "Allah-hu- Allah-hu-Allah..." performed by student Husnain. Following this, Khushi, a student who lost her father during the Delhi riots of 2020 and has since become a symbol of strength at the school, presented a bouquet to the chief guest. Her journey of resilience deeply inspired everyone present. Aziz Akhtar was further honored in a shawl garland ceremony by Aasif Mujtaba, Founder and Director of the Shaagird Foundation.

The audience was then mesmerized by a graceful Sufi dance performed by students dressed in white with red caps and sparkling pom-poms. The charming nursery children captured hearts with their cheerful rendition of "Clap Your Hands," while another vibrant performance, "Suno Bacho Uthao Basta," showcased energetic students in green outfits.

Highlighting the impact of social media, a thought-provoking skit depicted the negative consequences of a mother's addiction to social platforms on her child, delivering a strong message that resonated deeply. The lively dance "Bam Bam Bole Masti Mein Tu Dol Re" added to the festive spirit, with flawless moves from the students.

The school also celebrated academic excellence by awarding trophies to outstanding students. A powerful dance on women empowerment was led by Khushi, reflecting the school's commitment to nurturing strength in its students.

The event's climax was a poignant play about the 2020 Delhi riots, with survivor Zubair portraying the struggles faced by victims. Another moving performance by Sadiq, whose mother endured years-long injustice after the Muzaffarnagar riots, showcased remarkable courage.

The function concluded with Mr. Aasif Mujtaba inviting the chief guest, teachers, and staff to express their mutual respect and appreciation, marking a heartfelt end to a truly inspiring evening.

A Competition of Art and Colors at Sunrise Public School

At Sunrise Public School, we believe in maintaining a balance between education and extracurricular activities, understanding that both are essential for a child's overall development. Our goal is to nurture creativity alongside academic knowledge, creating an environment where students can explore their talents and passions beyond the classroom.

One of the ways we encourage creativity is through a variety of art competitions, designed to add color and excitement to our students' school life. These events bring an atmosphere of joy, laughter, and love, allowing students to express themselves freely.

On October 18th, 2024, the school organized an art competition that saw 100% participation from the students. The event was filled with energy and enthusiasm, and it was inspiring to see how each student showcased their artistic abilities.

The competition acted as a valuable experience for everyone and helped students discover their hidden talents and interests. Some participants stood out as exemplary painters, demonstrating exceptional skills and creativity. Competitions like these not only offer a fun break from academics but also allow students to gain confidence in their abilities, stitching the way for personal growth and self-expression. Through such events, we continue to encourage our students to explore their potential in a variety of fields.

Workshops Beyond the Classroom: Nurturing Holistic Growth at Sunrise Public School

At Sunrise Public School, we believe in the overall development of the students. Our education is not just restricted to books and texts; it goes beyond that. We organize timely workshops for our students to make them learn beyond books. Subjects like science, math, computer and english are made easy with various impactful sessions during the workshop. These workshops act like a comprehensive guide to the overall development of the personality of the students, give them confidence, and broaden their horizon of knowledge.

Hifz Completion Ceremony at Learning Center Miftahul Quran

In the previous financial year, the Learning Center Miftaul Quran saw a remarkable increase in the number of students who completed the Hifz of the Quran. On February 14, 2025, a special ceremony was held to honor the four students who finished their Hifz. The event was attended by several students dressed in Islamic attire. Additionally, the ceremony included an induction class for the new students joining the Learning Center.

To celebrate the achievements of the students who completed their Hifz, they were presented with a certificate of accomplishment, a Janamaz (prayer mat), a Quran, and a token of appreciation. The smiles on their faces was all we needed. Meanwhile, to inspire and motivate the new joiners, a motivational speech was delivered, followed by an Islamic quiz and a comprehensive guide to help them in their journey

Empowering Dreams: KMCC Sponsors 12 Children Through Shaagird Foundation

Shaagird Foundation is pleased to announce its partnership with KMCC, Bahrain to sponsor 12 students from the former organisation who belong to the family with devastated history of Mob lynching, communal violence, and hate crime crimes. The sponsorship for a year, highlights the commitment of both the organisations in creating a world where every child gets quality education, irrespective of their backgrounds and atrocities that life has put forth.

Shagird Foundation has faith that this partnership will bring change in society and give the children a chance to chase their dreams. As per the discussion between both the organisations, KMMCC has unanimously selected 12 students given on next Page.

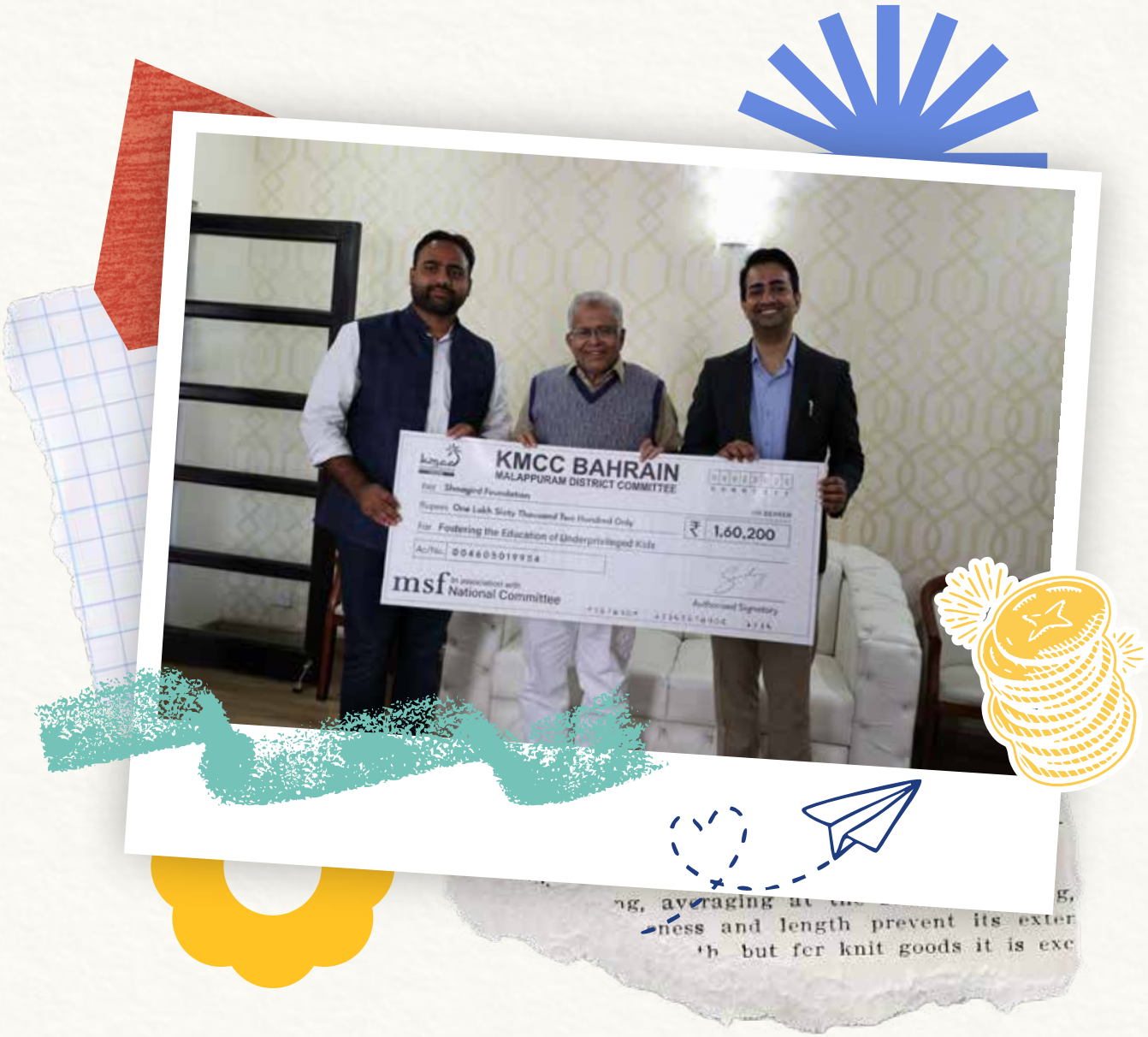
To make this partnership more memorable, KMCC and Shaagird Foundation requested Mr. E. T. Mohammed Basheer, member of lok sabha, to conclude the cheque exchange ceremony.

The ceremony took place at the residence of Mr. ET. Baheer. Handing over the cheque to Aasif Mujtaba, Founder & Director, Shaagird Foundation, he praised the work of Shaagird Foundation labelling it **"commendable"** and **"outstanding"**

He further talked about the importance of incorporating organisations like Shaagird Foundation and establishing a world of erudite people. At Shaagird Foundation, we fight for a world where education isn't a privilege but a birthright. We act as changemakers, paving the way for marginalized children in India, removing the barriers that exclude them from classrooms and opportunity.

We believe every child holds the potential to create a meaningful change in society, a potential that burgeons with the power of knowledge. Our mission is to rekindle that spark within, empowering children impacted by dehumanization acts, communal violence, and those from underprivileged communities. We work tirelessly to transform the distant dream of quality education into a vibrant reality.

By providing access to education, we empower these young minds to become the torchbearers of their own lives and the future leaders of our nation. We opine that together, we can build a more inclusive, equitable society, one bright mind at a time. To learn more about the Foundation's uplifting stories and their work visit the website.



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The Shaagird Foundation Launches Neighborhood Health Initiative

On September 27, the Shaagird Foundation, in partnership with the Miles2Smile and TPR, organized a free medical camp at a slum near Kalindi Kunj. The event was part of the Foundation's "Neighbourhood Health Initiative," aimed at improving health and hygiene awareness in the community. The camp quickly drew the attention of the slum residents, who gathered eagerly when they learned about the free medical services on offer.

Aasif Mujtaba, Founder of the Shaagrid Foundation, and Daniyal Ashraf, Founder of TPR, launched the camp with motivating speeches. Daniyal emphasized the importance of self-care, while Mujtaba praised the women for managing their families despite many challenges. He also highlighted the camp's focus on children's health, offering support where financial constraints might prevent regular doctor visits.

Following a session on education and health awareness by Mohammad Haris from the Shaagird Foundation, residents received medical consultations from Dr. Salma. The camp also featured a refreshment van, which was a big hit among the children. The next day, the Shaagird revisited the slum to distribute mosquito nets, repellents, and other medicines. They also promised to address issues such as water shortages in the future.

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Hope and Healing in Ghatmika: Shaagird Foundation's Medical Camp Offers Free Care

Shaagird Foundation organized a free medical camp in Ghatmika, Rajasthan, on February8, 2025, offering vital healthcare services to over 200 residents. Supervised by Dr. Salma and supported by two medical professionals, the camp focused on screening, treatment, and health awareness. The initiative aimed to bring quality medical support to a region still reeling from the aftermath of communal violence.

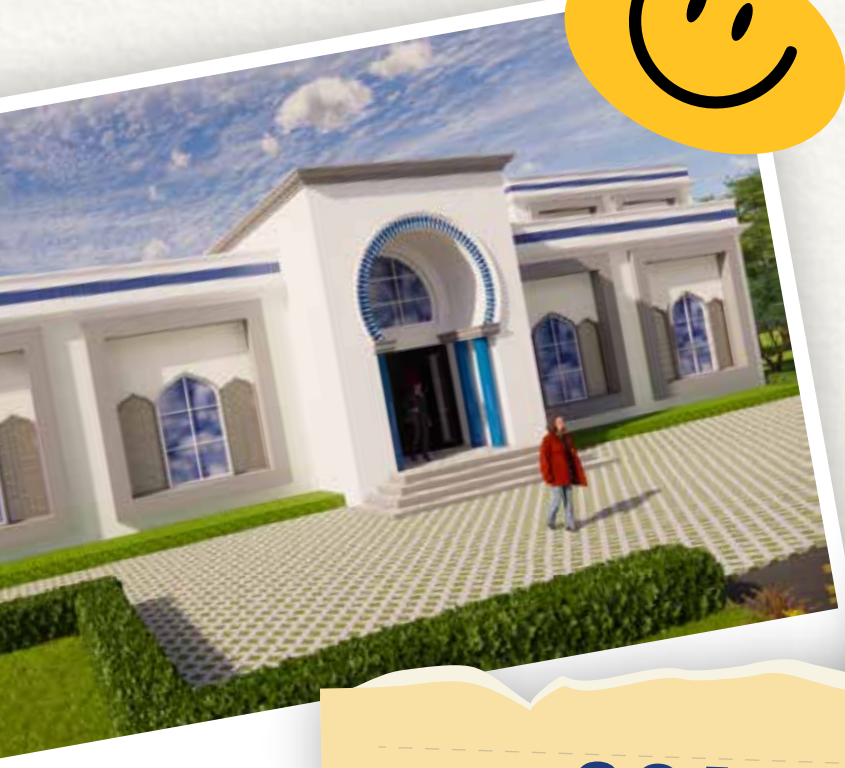
The camp began with a speech by Aasif Mujtaba, Founder and Director of the Shaagird Foundation. He spoke about the importance of accessible healthcare and how such camps are meant not just to treat ailments but to empower people to take charge of their health. "Our goal is to raise awareness and improve lives regardless of background," he said.

Dr. Salma, speaking to the crowd, stressed the need for healing both physical and societal wounds. "I have come not just as a doctor, but as a fellow human being. Like untreated wounds on the body, the wounds of our society must also be addressed," she shared.

Residents formed long queues as the camp progressed, with many women and children in attendance. Skin allergies, anemia, and leucorrhea were the most common health issues reported.

Sajida, widow of Junaid who was lynched by cow vigilantes, expressed gratitude for both the medical camp and the education of her children supported by the Shaagird Foundation.

The camp concluded with Mujtaba thanking the medical staff and volunteers for their tireless efforts. "Their dedication and compassion are the soul of this initiative," he remarked. The Shaagird Foundation continues to stand by communities like Ghatmika, promoting dignity, healing, and hope through consistent care and support.



GOAL POST 2025

- [ ] Establish The Smile School
- [ ] Enroll more children in Sunrise Public School
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- [ ] Conduct more educational and awareness workshops

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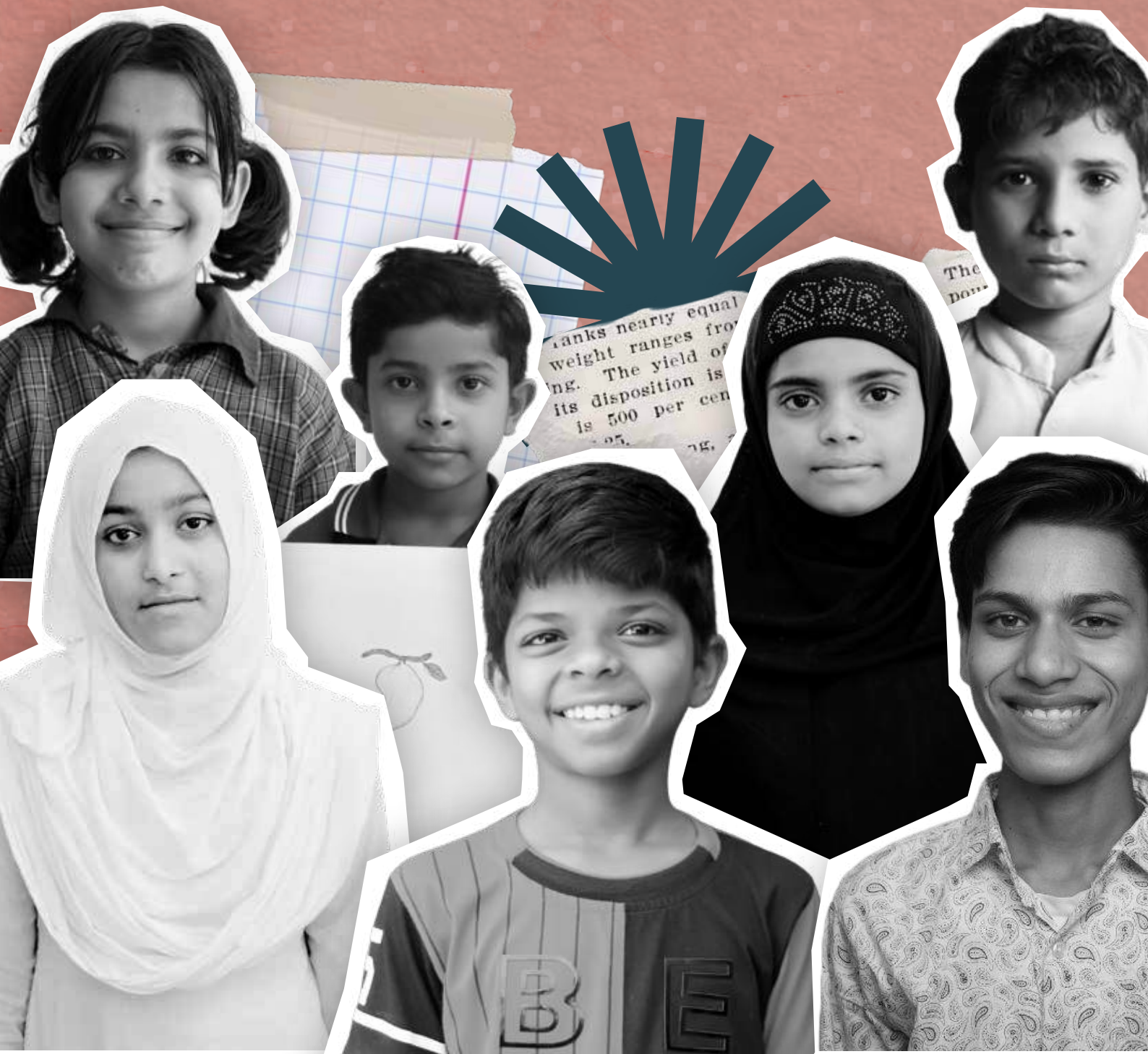


01. A Spark in the Dark - Arshad's Story of Resilience and Education

Fourteen-year-old Arshad shares a story of pain, hope, and transformation. At ten, his life changed forever when his father, Jamaluddin–a bakery seller and sole breadwinner–was brutally lynched during the 2020 Delhi Pogrom. The loss shattered Arshad's world. Grief weighed heavily on his young shoulders.

But amid darkness, the Shaagird Foundation stepped in, sponsoring his education and enrolling him in Sunrise Public School.

There, Arshad found purpose. He now recites poems, solves math problems, explores science, and paints vibrant skies. School visits spark his curiosity and joy.

Once lost in sorrow, Arshad now radiates sincerity and dedication. At home, he teaches his younger brothers, Ayaan and Armaan, offering support and love. With a kind heart and determined spirit, he dreams of becoming a doctor–to heal and help others. At Sunrise Public School, Arshad walks the path of hope, growth, and unbridled happiness.

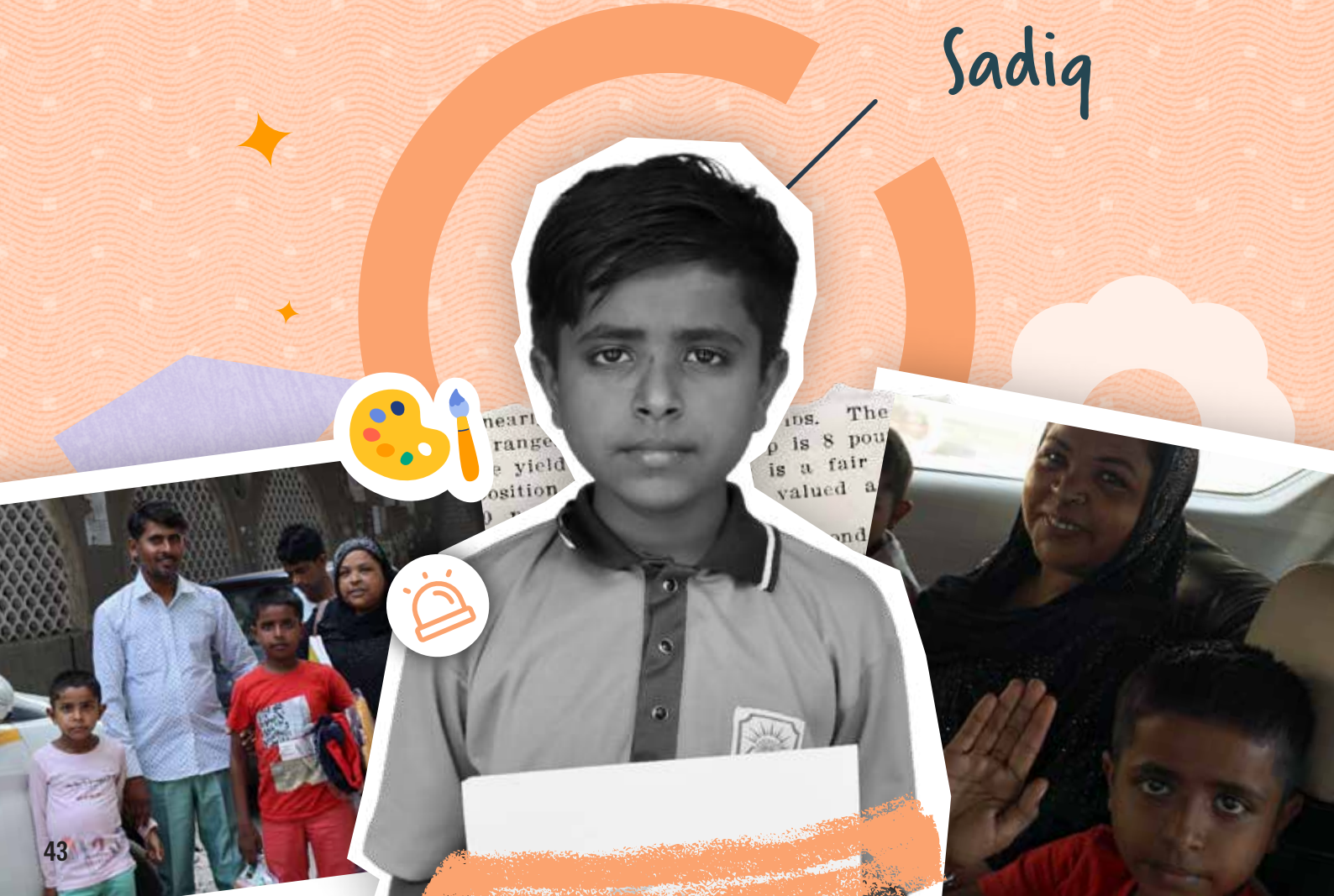
02. Sadiq's Tale of Talents Amidst Adversity

Eleven-year-old Sadiq carries more stories than his age, with eyes that have seen dehumanisation beyond understanding. His life has been shaped by his mother Aisha's* struggle–a gang rape survivor of the 2013 Muzaffarnagar riots. These traumas left Sadiq withdrawn and underconfident.

Everything changed when the Shaagird Foundation intervened, enrolling him in Sunrise Public School. There, Sadiq discovered vibrant sides of life. Now in Grade 6, he stuns everyone with his artistic talent and determination.

Known for his mesmerising drawings, he's a regular in art competitions. He excels in English, Hindi, Math, Science, and Computers.

A focused learner, Sadiq often studies beyond school hours. At home, he completes homework with sincerity and revises diligently. He finds comfort in his mother's embrace, makes her laugh, and helps with household chores. Sadiq is on a heartfelt journey–to protect his mother and chase his dreams.



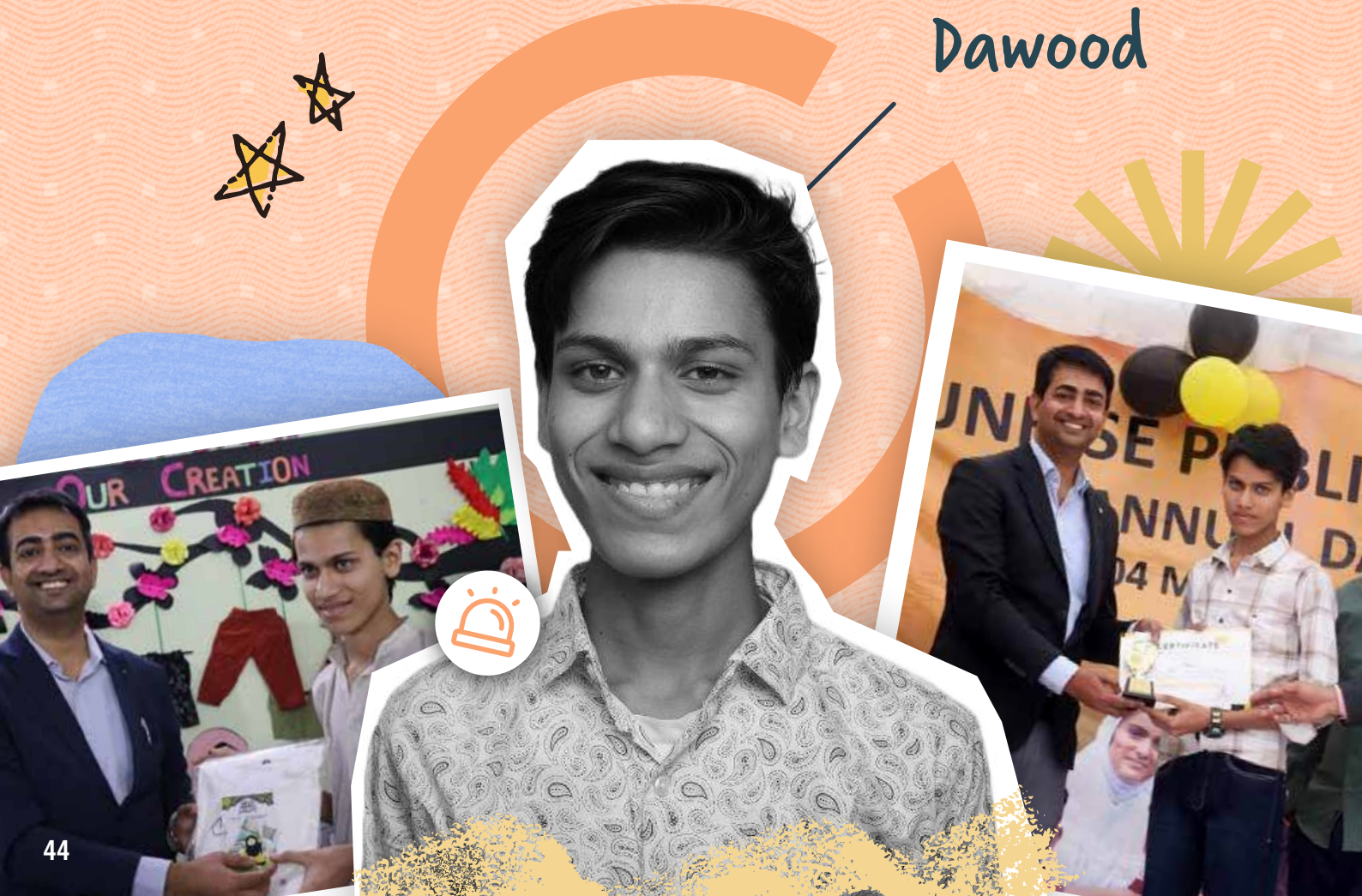
03. The Transformation story of Dawood

Dawood, a bright and enthusiastic boy, once had a deep love for studies until the Delhi Pogrom 2020 disrupted his life. From his terrace, he and his family watched flames engulf their neighborhood, leaving his dreams in ashes. His father's attempt to enroll him in a government school failed due to missed deadlines, deepening Dawood's despair.

Hope returned when the Shaagird Foundation intervened, enrolling him in Sunrise Public School There, Dawood rediscovered joy in learning, finding a best friend in his books.

Under the guidance of his teachers, he explored science and creativity, often seen writing stories under schoolyard trees.

Dawood cleared his high school exams and continues studying with Shaagird's support. His brother Zubair also studies at Sunrise, while sister Sarah is set to join. Their mother, Warisha, empowered through 'Sabaat', is learning English and Urdu. She's proud to witness her children flourish.



04. Khushi's Light after Darkness

Khushi's story is one of deep sorrow and powerful healing. At just eight years old, she lost her father, Firoz, who was brutally killed during the Delhi Pogrom 2020. The trauma silenced her–she stopped speaking, withdrew from life, and found solace only at her window.

Everything changed when her mother discovered a yellow tent of hope–The Shaagird Foundation. That day, Khushi was enrolled in Sunrise Public School, with her education fully sponsored.

Now, Khushi is rediscovering life. She studies English, Science, Math, and Computers, plays with friends, and smiles again. Her brothers, Faiz and Rehaan, also study at Sunrise and have completed Grade 8.

Their mother runs a Dupatta Stitching Unit with 15 employees, supported by the Shaagird Foundation. The caring teachers at Sunrise nurture Khushi's growth and confidence.

Khushi has found her 'Khushi' once more–and Shaagird Foundation prays her happiness never fades.

Khushi

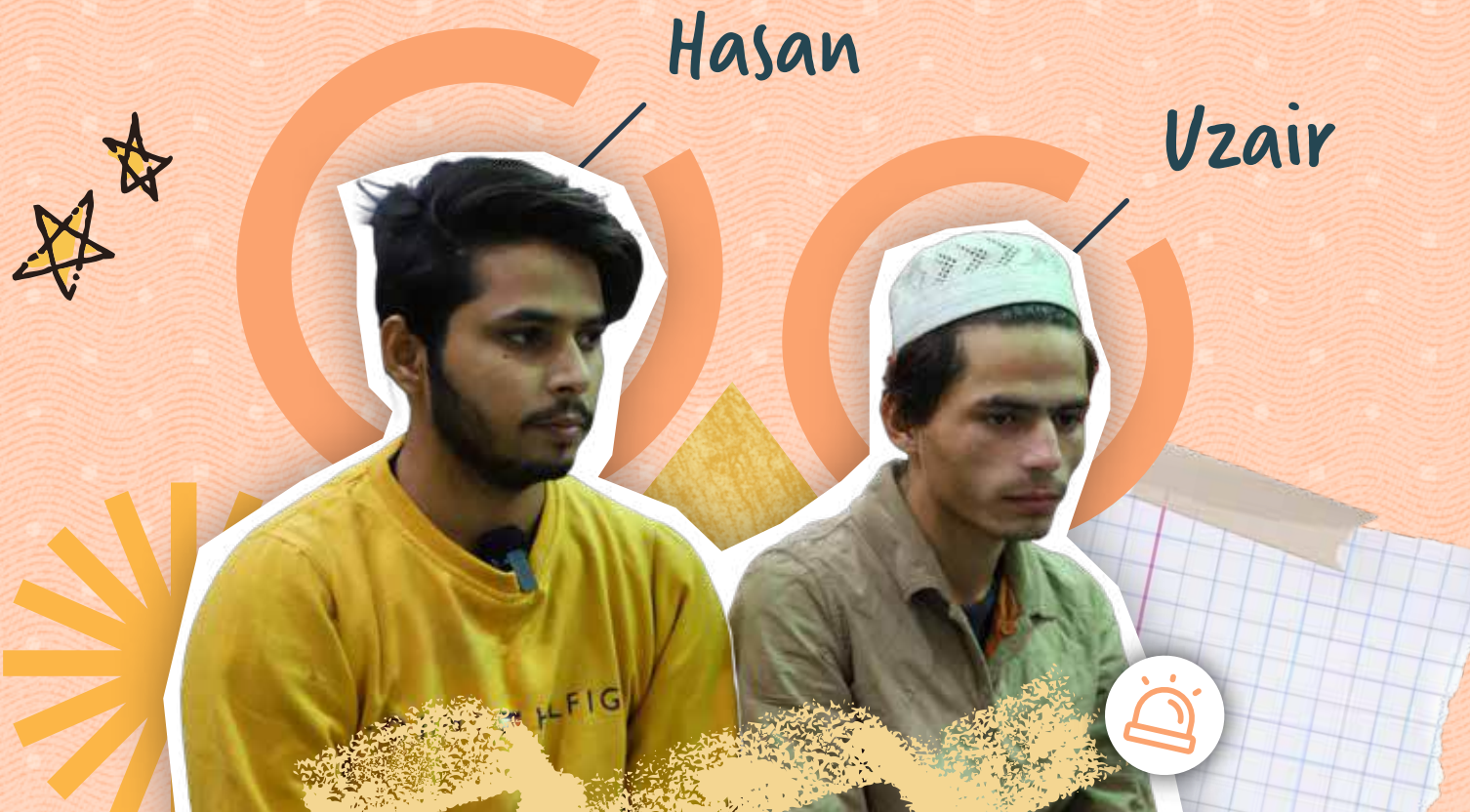
05. The story of Uzair & Hasan, The story of Change

On the morning of November 24, 2024, Adnan, Hassan, and Uzair cheerfully bid farewell to their father, Romaan, unaware it would be their last. That evening, tragedy struck–the family learned Romaan had been killed in the violence following a court-ordered survey of Shahi Jama Masjid in Sambhal, Uttar Pradesh.

Romaan, the family's sole breadwinner, was one of five victims. His sudden loss left the family devastated and financially unstable. Uzair, who dreams of becoming a doctor, and Hassan, then in grade 8, feared they'd have to abandon their education.

In response to their challenging circumstances, the Shaagird Foundation stepped in with full support, taking complete responsibility for Uzair and Hassan's education. Uzair is now thriving in grade 11, while Hassan continues his journey in grade 8–both boys are pursuing their dreams with hope, dignity, and determination.

At Shaagird, we firmly believe that every child, regardless of their background, deserves a future filled with opportunities. Our commitment to Uzair and Hassan reflects our broader mission: to empower young lives through education, mentorship, and care. We proudly stand beside them as they build a brighter, more promising tomorrow.



06. Kaif's story from Ashes to Ambition

The silence in Ghatmeeka was haunting when we first visited. A week earlier, Nasir (25) and Junaid (35) were brutally murdered–burned alive by cow vigilantes. Junaid's son, Kaif, was left shattered, his eyes hollow with grief. "They burned my father alive," he said, as tears traced the pain on his young face.

Kaif's sister, unable to bear the trauma, passed away soon after. Their mother, Sajida, was left with nothing–her husband gone, her daughter buried, and her sons' education in jeopardy.

Learning of their situation, Shaagird Foundation intervened, enrolling Kaif and his brother Arbaz in Meer Public School, Rajasthan.

Now in third grade, Kaif is slowly reclaiming joy. He reads English fluently and dreams of becoming a police officer to fight hate crimes. With support from Shaagird, Sajida also runs a small cosmetic shop from home, proudly sharing stories of her progress. Amid sorrow, hope has begun to bloom again.

07. The story of Rubina : A smile amid Struggles

Seven-year-old Rubina Akhtar carries a radiant smile that brings warmth and hope to everyone around her. She lives in the Settlement camp in Nuh with her two younger siblings, Abu Bakar Siddiq (5) and Sumaiya Akhtar (3). Their lives took a difficult turn when their father, Abu Taher, lost both his home and shop in a devastating fire, leaving the family to struggle for survival over the past decade.

In response, the Shaagird Foundation stepped in to rebuild their lives by constructing a Smile Home and a Smile Shop. Rubina's mother now manages the shop while actively nurturing her children's education and dreams.

One day, we witnessed a powerful moment–Rubina's mother, despite her hardships, teaching her daughter a Quranic lesson while simultaneously managing their small roadside shop. It was a moving display of resilience, love, and unwavering devotion to both faith and family.

Inspired by such strength, we took a step further to empower the community by establishing a dedicated learning centre at the camp. This centre offers a nurturing space where children like Rubina can access quality education, moral guidance, and emotional support. With continued encouragement and resources, we envision Rubina and many others blossoming into confident, knowledgeable, and joyful individuals.

08. Obaid ur Rehman's Sparkle of Hopes

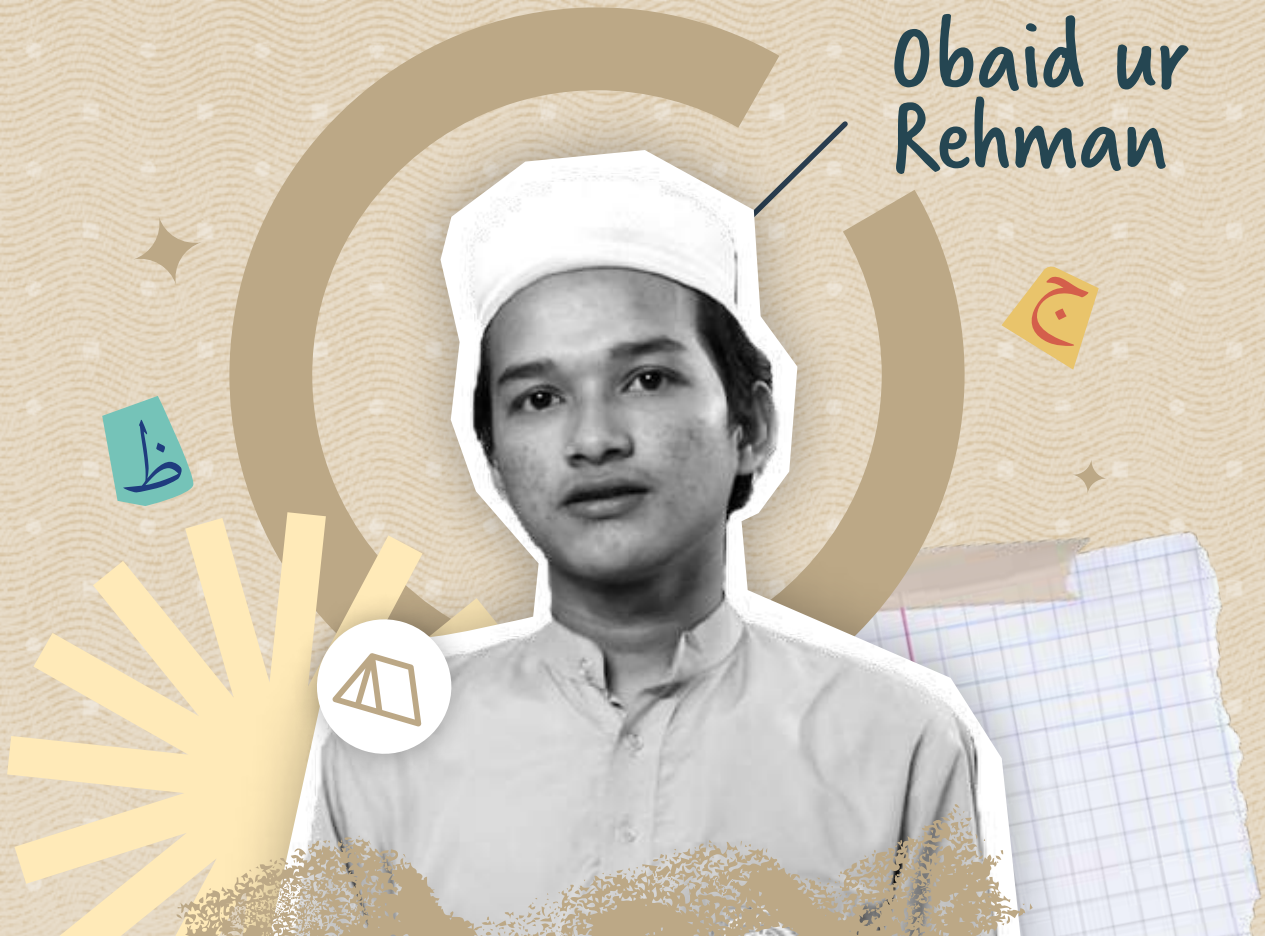
Ten-year-old Obaid-ur-Rahman lives with his two brothers, one of whom, Ubaid, has already memorized the Quran at a young age. Their father, a fruit vendor, struggled to provide for the family and couldn't afford formal education for his sons, despite their eagerness to learn.

Everything changed when he discovered Shaagird Foundation's Hafiz Sponsorship Program through a trainee. Seeing it as a lifeline, he enrolled Obaid in Shaagird's Learning Center. What followed was more than Quranic education–Obaid received shelter, meals, clothing, emotional care, and a chance to grow in a nurturing environment.

Today, Obaid has memorized the Quran while continuing his primary education. Known for his intelligence and dedication, he aspires to support his father and care for his family with dignity.

"The Hafiz Sponsorship Program became a beacon of hope in my life,"

Obaid shares gratefully. His story is one of resilience, gratitude, and a brighter future built on faith and education.



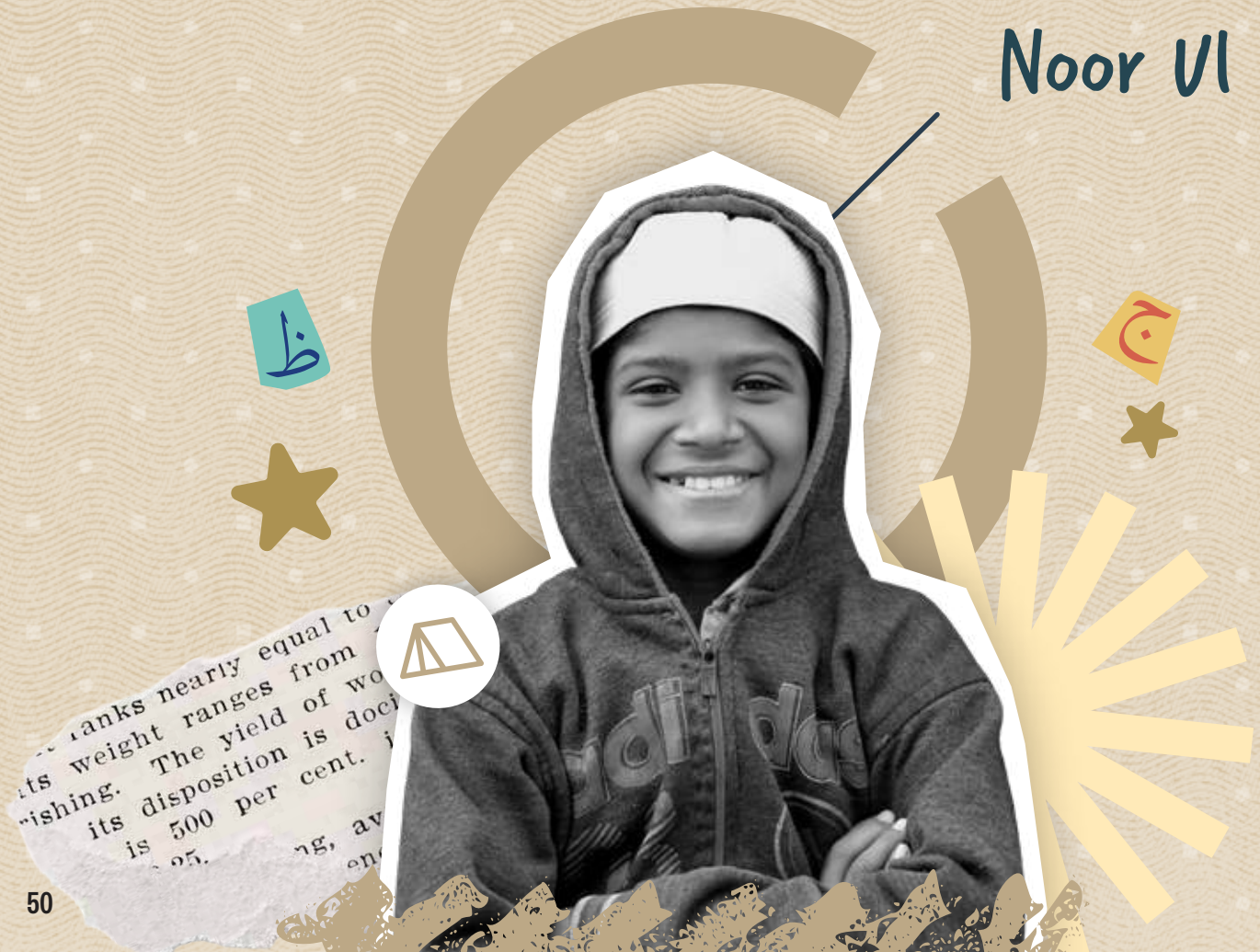
09. Rescued, Restored, Rising : Noor Ul's Path to a Brighter Future

Children without parents are among the most vulnerable in the world. Muhammad Noorul-Islam was just a toddler when he lost both parents during the 2017 Rohingya genocide. Rescued by his uncle, he was brought to safety with his elder brother and two sisters–but they were homeless and destitute, relying on others for survival.

A year ago, the Shaagird Foundation discovered their heartbreaking condition. The children were severely malnourished, and immediate intervention was needed.

Today, Muhammad Noorul-Islam stands as a symbol of resilience. He excels in Quranic studies at Learning Center Imam-ul-Bukhari and also attends the Kulsum Sayani Learning Center, where he learns Hindi, English, and Math, and participates in competitions and games.

From a neglected child to a self-driven learner, Nurul now lives with dignity–without begging or stealing. His transformation inspires us.



10. Asad's Life from Shaagird Lenses

In the lanes of Loni lives seven-year-old Asad, whose eyes hold stories beyond his years. His mother, Aisha*, a rape survivor, bravely fought for justice for over a decade. Watching her courage, Asad found his best friend and inspiration in her.

Determined to care for his mother, Asad dreams of becoming a doctor to "treat her whenever she is ill," he shared with the Shaagird Foundation. He studies at Sunrise Public School, supported by Shaagird, which offers free education to children affected by tragedies like the Delhi Pogrom 2020.

Asad studies diligently, consistently topping his class. To comfort his mother and erase her painful past, he spends time with her, painting and learning together. Their bond grows stronger during moments like sharing biryani, where Asad lovingly massages her tiny hands.

Bright and hopeful, Asad thanks Aasif Bhai and Sunrise Public School for helping him pursue his dreams. Shaagird Foundation wishes him success as a future doctor.

**Name changed for privacy.*

11. Mohammad Nabi : A Living Example that talent needs a Chance

One of the greatest gifts we can offer children is quality education–especially meaningful Islamic education. Yet, many boys miss out on this opportunity.

Mohammad Nabi's story reflects this struggle. Losing his father at age three, he and his siblings were left with their widowed mother after fleeing Myanmar. For years, they depended on aid for survival. Nabi recalls,

"My mother's health deteriorated as she emotionally collapsed, and no one could care for us"

Despite hardships, Mohammad Nabi grew into an intelligent, eager boy. At nine, he received a Hafiz sponsorship from Shaagird Foundation. Alongside his primary education, he began memorizing the Quran, quickly catching up and excelling in class.

Now, Nabi aspires to become an Alim–a full-time Islamic scholar. His sponsorship covers his fees, clothing, books, stationery, and basic healthcare. His confidence and hope have been beautifully restored.

12. With dreams in her Heart, Zainab aims for the Stars

As the sun rose gently over Mehrauli one July morning, the Shaagird Fioundation set out to meet Zainab, a determined 10-year-old Aalimah student at Learning Center Noor ul Islam.

Born into a humble family, her father drives an auto-rickshaw, earning just enough to survive. Despite this, Zainab dreams big–she is passionate about completing the Alimah course to deepen her faith and share her knowledge with others.

Unlike other children, Zainab worries about her Learning Center fees, which her family struggles to

When the Shaagird Foundation met her outside her dormitory, her bright spirit shone through the hardship.

Learning Center Noor ul Islam, with a 700-year history, nurtures 30 girls and 20 boys, offering both and modern education like English and computer studies.

Moved by her story, the Shaagird Foundation sponsored Zainab's fees, lifting the financial burden and helping her pursue her dreams confidently and with hope for the future.

13. Rising Strong : Ayaan's Journey from Grief to Justice

In the quiet corners of the city, many untold stories of struggle and hope find their way to Shaagird Foundation and Sunrise Public School. One such story is of 13-year-old Ayaan, whose life changed after losing his father, Jamal Uddin, in the Delhi Pogrom of 2020. His father's tragic death ignited Ayaan's dream of becoming a police officer to fight injustice.

At Sunrise Public School, an initiative by Shaagird Foundation, Ayaan found a place to heal and grow.

Despite life's hardships, he excels in his studies, especially in Science and Math, and helps his siblings with their homework. Beyond academics, he actively participates in extracurricular activities, developing skills and confidence.

With the support of his favorite teacher, Ms. Farah, Ayaan nurtures his dreams and determination. The Shaagird Foundation proudly supports him as he strides toward a hopeful and promising future.

14. From Struggles to Smiles : Arbaaz's Story of Change

Arbaz, 12, son of Junaid, carries the heavy scars of a brutal past. His father was lynched on February 15, 2023, by self-proclaimed cow vigilantes near the Haryana-Rajasthan border—an act of hate that left Arbaz emotionally shattered. "Happiness has stopped," he whispered to Shaagird Foundation, haunted by the memories of his father's death.

Arbaz's mother, Sajida, now struggles alone with five children, burdened by grief and poverty. Their 15-year-old daughter fell ill and passed away from heartbreak in May 2024. Despite financial hardships, Sajida dreams of educating her sons, Arbaz and Kaif.

Moved by their plight, Shaagird Foundation enrolled Arbaz and his brother Kaif in Meer Public School, a boarding school in Rajasthan. Arbaz, once withdrawn and isolated, now thrives in grade 4, enjoying interactive learning and making friends. He dreams of becoming a doctor.

To support Sajida, Shaagird Foundation, with Miles2Smile, helped establish a cosmetic shop at their home, providing a source of income and hope. With renewed support, Arbaz's shattered dreams are being rebuilt—his future once again full of light and promise.

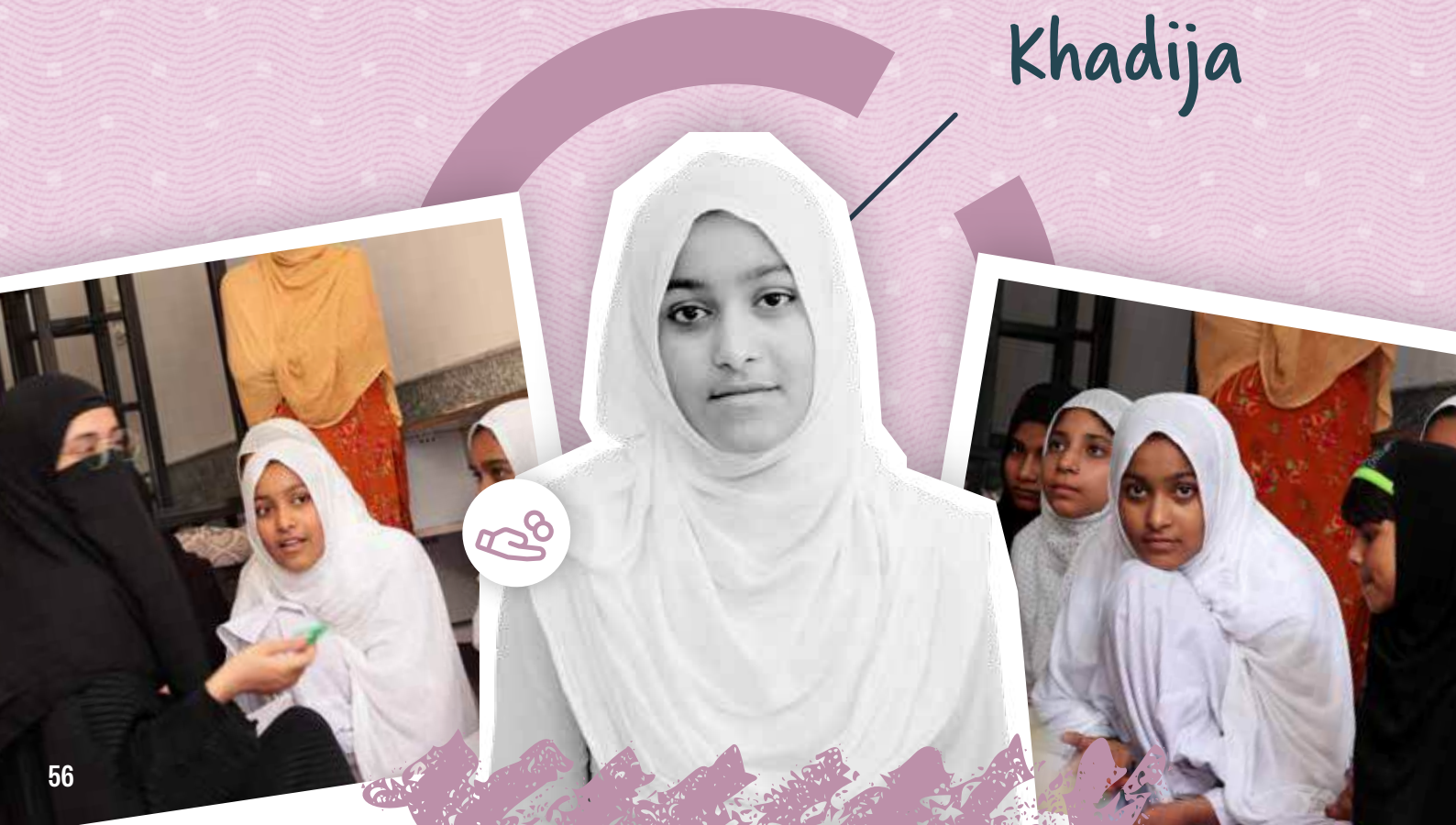
15. In the face of adversity Khadija chose Hope

Khadija adores her Learning Center and is deeply committed to completing her Alimah course. Yet, the constant worry about fees often keeps her up at night. Recognizing her passion and potential, the Shaagird Foundation, stepped in to support her. They covered her tuition fees, giving her the peace of mind to focus entirely on her studies.

Now, Khadija continues her Aalimah journey with renewed hope. In addition to education, her Learning Center provides a well-rounded curriculum that includes English, Hindi, mathematics, computer studies, and other foundational subjects–equipping her for a brighter future.

But Khadija is not alone in her struggle. At the Kalan Mahal Learning Center, 30 other bright and determined girls face similar challenges, each carrying dreams that reach beyond their circumstances. These young students strive to seek worldly knowledge, but financial constraints often stand in their way.

The Shaagird Foundation is committed to changing that. Our goal is to sponsor the education of all these girls, empowering them to rise above hardship and follow their ambitions. By supporting their journey, we are nurturing future representatives of the deen–strong, educated women who will lead with faith, wisdom, and purpose.



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The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), unanimously adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, consist of 17 interconnected objectives to be accomplished by 2030. These goals aim to alleviate poverty, safeguard the environment, and promote global peace and prosperity. At Shaagird Foundation, we are steadfast in our conviction that achieving these goals is paramount in fostering a better, more sustainable, and inclusive life for everyone.

04. Quality Education

With the Shaagird project, we are actively contributing to the UN's objective of providing high-quality education to all. We have implemented educational programs for children from marginalized groups, including riot survivors, Learning Center students, and others. Quality education extends beyond academics and traditional school settings. It encompasses the social, cultural, and physical environment that shapes children's growth and learning. Through 'Shaagird,' we focus on creating stimulating learning environments beyond traditional methods. We incorporate activities like drawing, painting, role-playing, and other co-curricular engagements to unleash learners' creative potential.

05. Gender Equality

Shaagird Foundation is committed to eradicating gender inequality through various educational and awareness programs. In the past years, we have successfully provided vocational training to a large number of children from families affected by violence. Additionally, we focus on including a larger number of girls in our educational programs to improve their employment opportunities and contribute to eliminating gender disparity.

8. Decent Work and Economic Growth

Poverty eradication is only possible through stable and well-paid jobs. Shaagird Foundation educate children and make them future ready for decent work opportunities. Through education, we prevent children from falling into forced labor, thus contributing to its eradication. Shaagird Foundation is on a mission to provide productive employment and decent work for all, including young people.

10. Reduced Inequalities

Shaagird Foundation understands that a peaceful world requires equality, encompassing not only wealth but also social protections, equal opportunities, and access to health and education for all. In the past years, we have dedicatedly worked towards increasing income outcomes for the underprivileged through various interventions to reduce the income gap. We ensure access to education at lower costs for marginalized children and empower women from underserved communities to become self-reliant. Shaagird Foundation is committed to making societies more inclusive for all and pledges to continu working fervently to close the access gap for the underprivilege

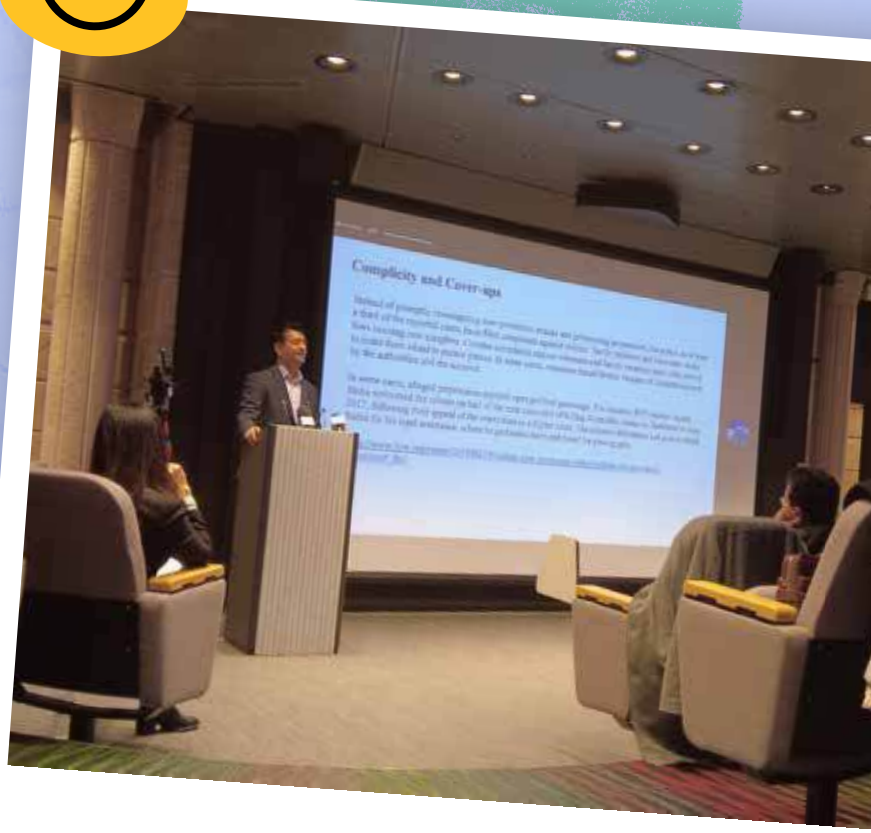
17. Partnerships for the Goals

Shaagird Foundation believes that people are best positioned to transform their own lives, so we prepare our beneficiaries to be active partners in the process of change rather than passive recipients. We introduce the concept of partnership among communities through physical activities and diverse play among peers with different abilities. As partners, we ensure that resources are effectively mobilized and monitored to derive maximum benefit from our collaborative efforts.

Human Rights Advocacy

As part of its continued commitment to human rights advocacy and the holistic upliftment of marginalized children, the Shaagird Foundation broadened its work and reached Malaysia, Bangalore, Chennai, and Kuwait. Across these diverse regions, the foundation engaged with key stakeholders and officials to demonstrate the concrete significance of its initiatives and explore synergistic avenues for collaboration that can broaden the scale and deepen the purpose of its mission.

In Kuwait, our engagements were defined by thoughtful and strategic dialogue with organizations such as FEMA and the Empower Women Foundation (EWF). We talked about the need to develop the educational institution for child survivors of demolition, communal violence, and riots; orphans who lost their parents to mob lynching and other hate crimes. We shared our mission to create a world where every child deserves quality education.



During our visit to Malaysia, the Shaagird Foundation had the honor of participating in a week-long leadership workshop organized by the UMR Institute in collaboration with the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, Indiana University. This advocacy provided a platform for emerging and established leaders in the nonprofit sector to engage in critical learning, reflection, and dialogue around strategic leadership, sustainable development, and community-driven change. We learned about leadership and shared our mission to incorporate our Smile School.

We also emphasized the need to support students from severely impoverished backgrounds, offering them not only education but also the care, stability, and emotional healing necessary to rebuild their lives.

During our outreach in Bangalore, the Shaagird Foundation interacted with representatives from ten diverse organizations working across education, child welfare, and community development. These meetings became a significant platform to communicate the scope and impact of our educational initiatives.

At Chennai, we were awarded the esteemed National Life Empowerment Award 2025 in recognition of our commitment to social justice and humanitarian causes. The award honors individuals and organizations that have contributed significantly to the

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What is Shaagird?

Shaagird is a not for profit registered organisation. It aims to provide education to the most marginalised children in our society through sponsorship by collaborating with different schools and Learning Centers. Shagird works on the principle dream of 'Kulsum Sayani' an inspirational pioneer worker in the field of literacy in India who gave the famous slogan "each one teach one".The vision is to have a million mentors over the years so that a million kids would reap the benefits of education and skill development.

Why we conceal photos and don't use real names of children on our website who are in need of sponsorship?

At Shaagird, we prioritize the safety and privacy of all our users, especially children. In adherence to The Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, 2022, and our commitment to maintaining the confidentiality of sensitive information, we have taken significant measures to safeguard the privacy of children on our website.

To ensure the safety and confidentiality of the children featured on our website, we have taken significant measures. We have obscured and changed the names of all the children in the photos displayed on our platform. This precautionary step has been taken to prevent the disclosure of any identifying information, adhering to the principles of privacy and data protection. Shaagird is fully compliant with The Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, 2022, which sets strict guidelines for handling personal data, particularly regarding minors. Our policies and practices are designed to safeguard the confidentiality and security of children's information at all times.

How does the organisation work?

The organization reaches out to children affected by communal violence, orphans, Rohingya Refugees, children doing Hifz, and others belonging to the marginalized sections. We aim to partner with schools, Learning Centers, organizations, and individuals who are willing to sponsor the education of these children. All monetary support given goes completely towards the child's education and all records are shared by the sponsor to maintain transparency and accountability.

FAQS?

Q *Is sponsorship really beneficial for the children?*

Yes. Through Child Sponsorship, you are not only contributing towards the betterment of the child but towards the community and nation as a whole. By sponsoring a child's education you are investing in their education, health, and overall development. In our experience, investing in children, their families, and their communities have proved to be the best way to impact sustained progress in the life of a child. As a child sponsor, you can see for yourself the lasting change that you are helping create in the child's life and the impact your support has in their community.

Q *How does your sponsored child benefit?*

Through your support, the child's future education is sustained. They will now be able to live a healthy, protected, and empowered life. This sponsorship gives a chance to these children to have a happy and normal childhood.

Q *How long can you sponsor a child?*

We have various plans for sponsoring a child ranging from monthly to yearly. You can sponsor a child's education for a month or for however years you wish to depending upon the plan you choose.

Q *Do only Muslims receive education through Shaagird and other aids?*

We believe that education is the basic right of every individual and it must be accessible to everyone without any hindrance. Shaagird aims to remove these hindrances which make education inaccessible to the most downtrodden sessions of society. According to the Sacchar Committee report, education amongst Muslims was found to be the lowest due to a lack of access and opportunities. Thereby, naturally many beneficiaries of this program end up belonging to the Muslim community. In the current political and social scenario, the conditions of Muslims have worsened and therefore they require much greater support from the organisation.

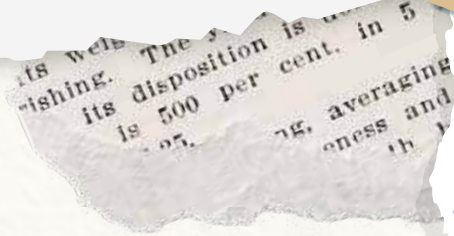
FAQS?

Q *What if I cannot continue my sponsorship payments? What will happen to the child?*

Shaagird will ensure that the funding commitment to the project continues even if you are unable to continue your sponsorship. Our organization works diligently to secure sponsors for all the children in need, and we will make every effort to find a suitable replacement sponsor for your child.

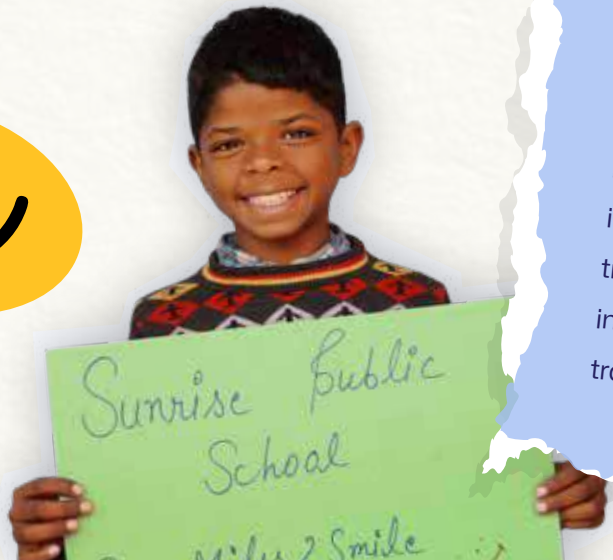
Q *Can I visit the child I sponsor in person?*

While we understand the desire to meet your sponsored child in person, we have certain guidelines and policies in place to protect the well-being and privacy of the children. Depending on the specific program and location, in-person visits may or may not be possible. We recommend reaching out to our team to inquire about visitation options for your sponsored child.



Q *How can I be sure my payment online is safe?*

We will not divulge personal information to any other organisation or individual other than that necessary to transact, fulfill and or account for online donations that you have authorized. We will never share, trade or sell any donor personal information (such as email addresses, phone numbers, mailing addresses etc.) with any third party unless the donor has explicitly given us the permission to do so. Exceptions to these are limited to sharing personal information to cooperate with law enforcement officials and transmitting personal information, such as credit card information, to online authorizers as required to process a transaction.



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Q *Can I adopt my sponsored child?*

No. Shaagird is an education-providing platform that works by curating a community of sponsors. It does not deal with adoption in any way

Q *Is there an age limit to sponsor a child?*

We aim to sponsor the education of a child. We therefore encourage all our sponsors to try and give the children their best and help them achieve their complete education.

Q *Am I the only sponsor for the child I sponsor through Shaagird?*

Yes, Shaagird assigns only one sponsor per sponsored child. When you choose to sponsor a child through our organization, you become their exclusive sponsor, providing them with the necessary support and resources they need.

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