



The Arpana Temple

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Newsletter

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Arpana Day

Param Pujya Ma's birthday celebrations go Online



Arpana family and friends from all over the world connected through the online platform, Zoom, to join in the Gita Reading Sessions in the Arpana Mandir from 24-26th August 2020.

An interactive audio visual presentation on Ma's life and teachings, interspersed with recordings from her discourses, from the various dance dramas and functions over the years, resonated with many hearts, transporting viewers back to those treasured moments spent with Beloved Ma.

It was an occasion of joy... and thanksgiving for Param Pujya Ma's Presence in our lives, and her love in our hearts that binds us all together as one family.

Fragrance of a Beautiful Soul

Dr. Mrs. Susan Gaind, wife of Dr. Raghunandan Gaind, Chairman Arpana UK, passed away on 19th August 2020, bravely battling the cancer she had been afflicted with for the past couple of years.

She was a silent but immensely strong and steady support for Arpana as she stood by her dynamic husband, Dr. Gaind, contributing to his heartfelt efforts to support Arpana's Medical and other Social Welfare endeavours.

We at Arpana owe an immense debt of gratitude to this wonderful couple, whose heart throbbed for those who are needy and underserved.

On behalf of the countless beneficiaries of their magnanimous generosity, we offer our heartfelt homage.



Delhi Programs

Education at Arpana Center

Arpana's Center in Gautampuri, Molar Bund, New Delhi, provides Tuition Support Classes, Nursery classes and Vocational Training to underprivileged children, along with opportunities to participate in cultural activities of Music, Dance and Drama.

CBSE results for Class 12, 2020, was declared on 13th July 2020. All 38 students from Arpana passed successfully, with 36 getting first division.

In Humanities, Vijay Laxmi stood first with 92.4%. In Science, Akash secured 94.8% in aggregate and in Political Science, Lakshika scored 90%.

Felicitations and certificates were given to Class 12 students on 27th July for their excellent results in CBSE examination. The ESSEL Foundation, through its Chairman, Mrs. Reva Nayyar, awarded Rs.5000 each to the top three meritorious students.



Vijay Laxmi, Humanities topper, lives in Gautampuri with her family of 7. Her father is a tea vendor. She attended Arpana's classes from age 3, forming a strong foundation. She received a monthly scholarship of Rs.500 (for books and stationery) from Arpana from Class 8 onwards. With her teachers' guidance and assistance, she has truly excelled. Now she wants to join Delhi University and aspires to be a teacher.

Vijay Laxmi being felicitated for her achievement

Education at Arpana continues in times of COVID-19

Arpana teachers have been taking regular classes for primary and middle school through WhatsApp. Senior students have Zoom online classes.

For now, students will be assessed online using MS Forms multiple choice questions. For upcoming internal exams, children will be tested online.

Deeply grateful for education support to Aviva plc, UK, Essel Foundation, New Delhi, Technip India, Caring Hand for Children, USA, and Arpana Canada.

Rural Empowerment

Haryana Village Activities – during the Time of COVID-19

In Rural Haryana, Self Help Group meetings have resumed, carefully following social distancing norms. Regular WhatsApp messages are being sent by Arpana staff to the group members, reinforcing the social distancing norms and precautions to be taken while attending the meetings.

All women at the meetings:

1. wear masks
2. sit in circles 6 feet apart
3. wash their hands, upon entering and while leaving, with the sanitizer and handwash facilities provided.



Celebrating Arpana Day:

As always, rural women are joyously looking forward to celebrating Param Pujya Ma's Birthday on 26th August. Due to COVID-19, they will not gather in Arpana Ashram but will celebrate in all 100 villages independently.

Arpana Hospital

a Haven of Hope for Those in Need



Ram Niwas is a daily wage worker from village Ballha, Karnal who lives alone as there is no one in his family. After he had experienced blurred vision for two months, his neighbour recommended he come to Arpana Hospital.

Ram Niwas came to the hospital on July 25, and the ophthalmologist advised surgery for cataract in his left eye. But he refused surgery due to financial problems. It was then explained to him that many poor patients are treated free at Arpana Hospital and he would not be charged for the surgery. After his successful operation, Ram Niwas was very grateful to Arpana for his eyesight and for his excellent care.

Arpana sends deep gratitude for Hospital support to the Tides Foundation, USA, B.N. Bhandari Public Charitable Trust, (New Delhi) and Arpana Canada

Himachal

Activities Carefully Begun after COVID-19 Restraints



♦ **OPD Clinic** at Arpana Medical Centre, Bakrota, has been held daily during the lockdown.

♦ **The Gajnoi Centre** resumed its rural development activities on 1st July.

♦ **Farmers Groups** have started holding field meetings in small numbers following the social distancing norms.

♦ **Tailoring and Craft Classes** started in 4 remote Jat kari village centers which opened last March but closed during lockdown. 67 enthusiastic women and girls are learning to stitch ladies suits and baby clothes as well as to knit sweaters, socks, mufflers, in the 45-day training.

We at Arpana are very grateful for invaluable support for Empowering Women from Tides Foundation (USA), Safera Foundation (UK), Arpana Canada, B.N. Bhandari Public Charitable Trust (New Delhi) and Mr. Ravindra Bahl (New Delhi)

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