



# Arpana

Newsletter

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# Arpana Ashram

Showers of Blessings... continue to pour down on Arpana...

Sadhana Day commemorated the beginning of Param Pujya Ma's intense spiritual study on 9th March, 1958. It was after five years of observing her in day to day life that Dr. J.K. Mehta, who she revered as her 'guru', proclaimed her as 'Bhagwan'!



Ram Naumi was celebrated on 10<sup>th</sup> April with great joy. In the morning discourse, devotees were enthralled by Param Pujya Ma's elucidations of Lord Ram's divine injunctions.

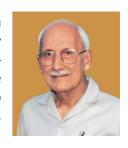


Later, Arpana's mandir was enriched by glimpses of Ma's life, narrated by Ms. Vishnu Mehta, and enhanced by the singing of Ma's bhajans by Shri Krishan Arora and the Urvashi Academy singers.

**Samadhi Diwas** on 16<sup>th</sup> April, brought anew the remembrance of the day in 2008 when Ma entered Mahasamadhi. Her Legacy of Urvashi is a Treasure for us and for all mankind and her life illumines our hearts forever.



In commemorating Pujya Chhote Ma on 10<sup>th</sup> May and Pujya Papaji on 22<sup>nd</sup> May – when they left their mortal frame – we express our gratitude to these teachers and saints who helped us to imbibe Urvashi into our hearts and lives.



# **Arpana Hospital**

3 Multi-Specialty Medical Camps were held at Arpana Hospital with Specialists from Delhi, Karnal & Arpana Hospital. Specialties included Neurology, Hematology, Surgery, Otolaryngology, Newborn Paediatrics, etc.

All of Arpana's well qualified doctors and staff also served.

<u>In Memory of Dr. J.K. Mehta</u>, a Medical Camp was held at Arpana Hospital on 6<sup>th</sup> March. 500 patients were seen.

Arpana Hospital hosted a Medical Camp on 3<sup>rd</sup> April with Specialist doctors advising 139 patients.

In Memory of Dr. B.N. Bhandari, a Medical Camp was held at Arpana Hospital on 1st May with Specialist doctors seeing 100 patients.



Dr. Mohit Goyal (Neurologist) from Batra Hospital, New Delhi, examines patient

**Eye Camps:** Since December 2021, 10 eye camps a month are being held in surrounding villages with about 1200 patients attending every month.

# Haryana

#### A Dream Come True - for SHG women

Going to Rishikesh was a dream come true for 30 women and field workers of Arpana's self-help group program. This visit was organized by Arpanafacilitated SHG Federations, on April 19-21.

The group reveled in the devotional ambiance including *aartis*, *bhajans*, dances and memorial *diyas* floating on the Ganga. They enacted 2 role



Spontaneous dancing at Parmarth Ashram

plays, 'Protection Against Covid' and 'Cleaning the Ganga' for the benefit of pilgrims and tourists. They also visited famous temples, bathed in the Ganges, and experienced the holiness of Ganga Ma.

Our deep gratitude to the Tides Foundation, India Development & Relief Fund and Friends of Kalpana & Jaydev Desai (USA) & Arpana Guernsey

# Arpana's Education Programs in Delhi

#### Career Counselling

Career Counselling sessions were organised for senior students in classes 10-12 by our partner NGO, Joining Hands. Dr. Malika Nanda, an internationally qualified career counsellor, held one online and one offline session with students.



Dr. Malika Nanda counsels students

## Workshop on Mental Health

The pandemic itself has caused students much worry, stress, and grief.

To help students handle their emotions, Counselling Psychologist & Certified Art Therapist, Sukriti Sharma, and Srishti Bisht, M.Sc, B.Ed., conducted a session on mental health for senior students with the following objectives:

- mental health wellbeing

- balancing inner self

dealing with emotional phases

self-love

- techniques to overcome fear, anxiety and stress

## Anjali, the Unexpected Advocate



5-year-old Anjali was in first grade when she was admitted to Arpana Trust Education Center. She says, "The teachers are very supportive and they always encourage students to study. When Shakunthala Ma'am asked me in 12<sup>th</sup> class what I wanted to become, I replied I wanted to be an Advocate. Although all the class laughed at me, she pledged to always be with me." After clearing her CBSE with 79%, she successfully passed the entrance exam for LLB at her first attempt. Arpana helped her both emotionally and financially and she finally cleared the All India Bar Council Examination. She is now an Advocate at Saket Court, New Delhi, at Chamber Number 610.

Arpana's deepest gratitude for support from Essel Foundation, New Delhi, Aviva plc, UK, Caring Hand for Children, USA & Arpana Canada

## Himachal Pradesh

## Saving Wild Animals while Saving Crops!

The Zoo Outreach Organization Coimbatore, held a one-day workshop at Arpana's Gajnoi Centre, attended by 32 women and men farmers on 6<sup>th</sup> May.

It was agreed that deforestation and encroachment into their forest habitats cause wild animals to devastate cultivated crops.

The Zoo team suggested farmers plant fruit trees adjacent to the forests for wild animals to eat instead of devastating their crops!



32 men and women farmers listen spellbound to the Zoo Organisation team, which included Dr. Sanjay Molur, Executive Director, Mrs. Payal Molur, Educator, and Volunteers Usha, Ravindra, Arpan, Joshi and Vishal Ahuja

The Zoo Organization offered free fruit trees, through Arpana, to the enthusiastic farmers, who all immediately agreed.

Arpana is deeply grateful to Tides Foundation, USA, BN Bhandari Public Charitable Trust (New Delhi) and Arpana Guernsey for support in Himachal

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