

KARM MARG NEWSLETTER

JULY - SEPTEMBER 2021

Introduction

This quarter was very exciting for us, although it came with ups and downs but we are proud to say we overcame all our challenges and celebrated the wins. As you were made aware in the past quarter that lot of children and staffs fell sick, but now they have fully recovered. Things are now going back to normal. Since, the safety and health of all the staff and children of Karm Marg is still being given top most priority, everyone is moving towards being completely vaccinated and for most of them the process has already been done.

A lot of conversations have also started around the children and their education. The time for them to enroll themselves physically in class is coming near and they are very excited to go back, meet their friends and look forward to this new chapter of their life.

Most of young adults are now exploring, learning and researching about different fields that they could have a career in. They are eager to learn and look into the infinite possibilities which await them.



POOJA- OUR SHINING STAR

Here is a story of a young and determined girl who dealt with unfavorable circumstances and overcame each and every obstacle and chose to create a beautiful life for herself. Pooja came to Karm Marg in the year 2007 along with her 2 siblings at the age of 5. Pooja is the middle child. They were transferred to Karm Marg by Naz foundation after their mother left them with their father. He was jobless and he used to stay in temple premises. He was very sick and he was undergoing treatment of T.B. In the beginning it was very difficult for them to adjust in the KM environment because they used to miss their father terribly but as time went on they gradually adjusted. After one year she got admitted in the school.

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**Karm Marg has given me wings to
fulfill my dreams.**

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Pooja is very cheerful person; she loves dance, theater and Arts. Slowly and steadily she started performing well in studies and completed her 12th in 2020. As Pandemic hit at the same year she could not get admission in college but during this lockdown she attended Art Reach workshop where she learned painting along with that she took French classes as well. Due to the combined hard work of Art Reach and her own determination she got admitted in Navgurukul institute in Pune for 1 year diploma course in Graphic designing. Now she is living her dream. We wish her a great future and are sure that she will make us even prouder than we already are of her.

Beneficiaries of the this Quarter - 54

- Children under permanent care: 33
- Children under Short stay program: 10
- Youth under after care program: 05
- Children rehabilitated back to Family: 01
- Settled in Job 02
- Children who are getting educational help: 03

Donors and Supporters

FCRA Donations:

- Mukti Foundation
- The Rug Company
- Takako Tanaka (Danamojo)
- Empower Foundation

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- Rajiv Bhatia
- Ravi Shankar Kaushik
- Rajiv Lal
- Kiran Agarwal

Hustle Bustle of the Quarter:

1. A Lesson in History: We were fortunate to have Apurv, a student of class 12th, who prepared a presentation on Delhi Monuments. He very patiently and enthusiastically told the children all about it. Later on, he also shared a lot of information about Rowlett Act, Satyagraha, Civil Disobedience Movement, Dandi March and other events related to our freedom struggle. 15 of our children participated in this amazing workshop.

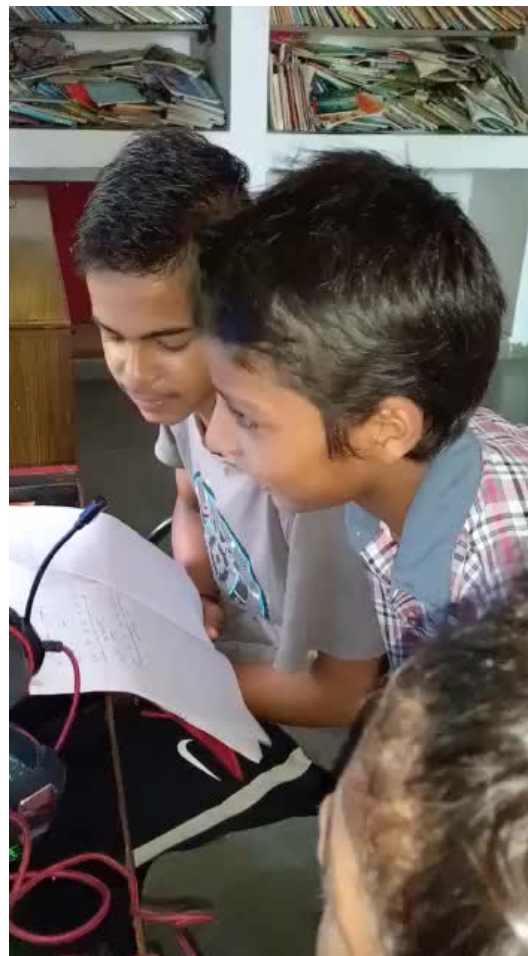


The Workshop was amazing and we got to know about our history. We would love to attend this kind of workshop in future too.



2. **Manzil Mystics:** Manzil Mystics is a Delhi based registered nonprofit (Trust) that has been working in the field of education, music and development for the last 7 years, using music as an instrument of social change. Manzil Mystics works for the disadvantaged sections of the society by holding workshops on Gender education, Spoken English, Reproductive health, menstrual hygiene, and Life skills through music in less privileged partner schools and communities.

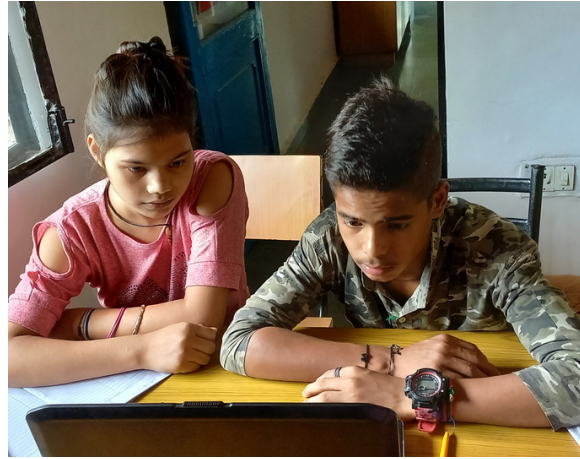
They perform their self-composed Music inspired by Saint Kabir, in Indian classical and folk fusion form. They have been in the music sector for last 10 years and have performed in over 25 schools, 20 colleges, and 200 organizations, with over 600 stage performances since 2011 including music festivals, college festivals, corporate shows, community events and theme-based events for organizations throughout India.



Manzil Mystics organized its first class with the children of Karm Marg. It was hosted by Rashmi and Preeti and they did a tremendous job of making the children comfortable and excited for what's coming next. They also saw a glimpse of the music bus in which they will perform and record songs. Then in the coming classes they learnt a lot of new things. They learnt songs, how to properly and creatively make comics among many other things. They were also shown movies which made them aware regarding mental, physical and social health. Twenty young children from Karm Marg participated in this programme.

Website link - <http://www.manzilmystics.org/>

3. **Pi Cycle workshop:** Sohan and Shama attended 5 days Pi-cycle workshop hosted by Aavishkaar. They again went over basic concepts of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division through different fun ways. It was a fun filled 5 day workshop and they really made the most out of it in every way and would want to be a part of these kind of workshops in future.
website: <https://aavishkaar-palampur.org/>



4. **Quizzes:** The month of August saw two quizzes being conducted on the most famous mythological tales. The first was conducted by Sweta Singh on Ramayana. All the children were very eager to participate and contribute in this quiz. The second quiz was conducted by Sohan on Mahabharata. Sohan did a great job as a Quiz Master. The children really enjoyed the entire process right from naming the teams to participating and for some of them even winning. 20 children participated in this quiz and they really enjoyed it.

5. **Eco Savera Event:** Eco Savera organized drawing competition for children of various NGOs. Eco Savera Trust is an organization, based in Faridabad that aims at devising and implementing a master plan for city waste management. This was an online event. Simram, Khushi, Shama, Geeta, Alka, Shivam, Sohan, Vishal, Umresh, Devraj participated. All were very happy. They made beautiful drawings.



Glimpse of other ongoing Projects



**Painting Workshop by Artreach
India**



**Primary Math workshop by
Aavishkaar**



**Core group Math
workshop by Aavishkaar**

Festivals and celebration:

The month of August also brought the festival of Rakshabandhan and gave the children a chance to celebrate and rejoice the bond that they share inside KarmMarg. All children enjoyed homemade ladoos. In Karm Marg, all the girls tie rakhi to all boys and all boys tie rakhi to all the girls. Rakshabandhan is not only a festival but it has a social impact and significance.



Jugaad:



This quarter brought a lot of new opportunities, ideas and favorable circumstances.

The Jugaad shop got collaborated with Jugmug Thela. The new shop is titled as Ekdum Local Shop.

Though sales gradually picked up from July but it wasn't the most productive and profitable quarter due to the rains in September which ended up affecting overall sales since footfall got decreased.

Rakhi making was a big activity in the month of August. The young adults and women enjoyed making Rakhi's.

GoCoop and Itokri continue to be major digital platforms for online sales.

Jugaad also sampled a number of different toys in this quarter. Trainings were also conducted for these in their workshops and then we also received orders.

This quarter we also finalized products for one of the major upcoming festivals which is Diwali. Diyas, Candles, Torans and other colorful decorative items are getting ready for sale and dispatched.

Gradually online platform sales are increasing.

