

## A New Milestone

In view of increasing demand of the community people, the Hope Project has successfully set up Dental Clinic in its premises with the support of Faculty of Dentistry, Jamia Milla Islamia, a central university in Delhi. Men, women, young adults and children get free treatment twice a week through this clinic. For severe or complicated cases, they are referred to the linked hospital where they get needed treatment at the minimum cost. The costlier medicines are beyond the capacity of the poor patients. In such cases, Hope distributes these free of cost like other allopathic and homeopathy medicines.



## Volunteering at Hope

Volunteering with the Hope Project has always been in demand from countries outside India. In order to facilitate learning from each other, more volunteers are accommodated than needed. The students from Europe & USA have always been observed to be supporting us for a long time with the best outcome. Hope is in the process of setting up an alumni database so that people who are interested to volunteer can get first-hand information about internships from their predecessor in addition to the information provided by the Hope Project's members and resource persons in the United States and Europe.

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## Hope for the Poor

The Hope Project continues to make concerted efforts in order to change the lives of poor, vulnerable, marginalized and excluded people in and around the basti Nizamuddin. Yesterday's homeless and migrated poor people have turned a new leaf in their lives by sending their children to Hope's Crèche, Pre-primary, GNFS and Support Classes to feel more satisfied whereas the parents could freely, without fear and anxiety, go for work and earn their livelihoods.

We have maintained a good reputation among our stakeholders. Due to Hope's increasing visibility and credibility, there are repeated requests from not only near by slums in Delhi but also from other states like Bihar, Rajasthan and Jharkhand to extend its programs for the benefits of the poorest among the poor. These states have very low health indicators, extreme poverty, hunger and disease. In fact the migrated population belong to these states, and information about our quality works flows through their networks (cont.).



Pic: Living in the basti

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The programs of Seelampur, a slum area not too far away from the project, have gained momentum. A rented space accommodates 50 women and girls from 10:00 am to 5:00 p.m. to impart vocational training on cutting and tailoring and non-formal classes for various levels. These girls have either been dropped out or never been to school. Seelampur has a total population of 400,000, of which 30% are below poverty line. Hope aims at replicating its model created in Nizamuddin Basti to cater to the needs of beneficiaries of Seelampur. These have expressed their desires by participating in all development programs like self-help groups, income generation activities, skills development programs besides education and health activities.

There is an urgent need to expedite the process; this requires both financial and human resource support. Meanwhile Hope has generated community support including the elected leader of legislative assembly. By providing technical support and making financial resources available, we would further help accelerate the process of executing the needed activities and support to Seelampur.



Fig : Training course at Seelampur

## Towards Empowerment



Rama, 30, is married to Krishna. They migrated to Delhi from Nepal with their two children, a few years back to make a better living in the city.

When Rama moved to Delhi, she couldn't even speak Hindi well and had no idea about cutting and tailoring. Her neighbor told her about a free cutting and tailoring course run by the Hope Project nearby. She was delighted to know about it and got herself enrolled immediately as there was a free place available, and our course made it easier for her as she didn't have the money to pay for it. Her husband works as a laborer and when she started the course she used to work as a maid for a middle-class household. But as she wanted to make a difference to her family's life, she took time out from her work to attend this course.

After completing this course in six months she has now learnt how to tailor very well. And there is always a demand in the basti for tailoring. Now she works from her home stitching people's clothes. Rama's husband, being extremely proud of her, bought her a sewing machine to help her in work. She now earns from home and is extremely grateful to Hope for helping her achieve this. Rama is a good example of how poor people have the capacity to help themselves once they get initial support.

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## Hope saves Lives

Baby, along with her four daughters, had run away from her hometown because her husband, a rickshaw puller in Bihar had been constantly torturing her and her daughters. She contacted the Hope's Health Centre and narrated how she had migrated to Delhi to save their lives.

As soon as the doctors at the Hope Project's DOTS centre came to know that her youngest daughter is undergoing treatment for T.B. in Bihar, they referred all of them to the Government Chest Clinic. They were all diagnosed with T.B. The Hope's health centre provided them with free medicines, milk and eggs to help them recover quickly.

Baby depends on alms given by visitors of the Dargah and lives in an open park with her four daughters which is extremely vulnerable. Recently Hope's health workers have got two of her elder daughters Gosia (9 years) and Rashia (7 years) admitted in the Hostel of Aman Biradri, an NGO partnering Hope which provides shelter, food and education for street children. We are also hoping to get the third child admitted who is 5 years old in the same hostel. All of them got clothes to wear donated by KLM Crews and Wings of Support. For the youngest child, Hope's Crèche will provide a safe and secure place so that Baby can go for work to earn some money.



Fig : Baby kids at Hope's Health Centre

With the support of Hope, the fate of this family will soon change and we are hopeful that her daughters will get educated and she would rent a room for the family. Hope ensures mainstreaming and changing lives by creating opportunities.