

# Karm Marg charitable society Newsletter Jan-Mar 2023



## Our pride

Ashok (name changed) came to Karm Marg during the pandemic lockdown. Referred to us by the child welfare committee, a 15-year-old shy and gawky boy joined our family. Ashok was an introvert but nothing escaped his keen eyes – slow movement of the bugs, dance of butterflies, the hues of red, blue and green in the campus, the playful dogs, everything fascinated him. Abundance of plants and trees in Karm Marg acted as a catalyst to stimulate Ashok's curiosity and his thirst for knowledge. He could smell the natural world and wanted to know more about it.

Post lockdown, Ashok was attending school for the first time in his life.

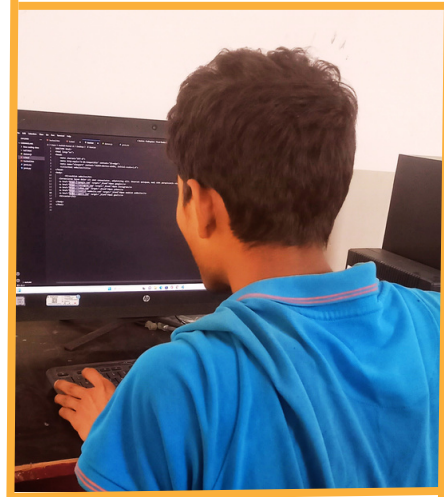
The transition was challenging. Not only did he have to improve his reading and writing skills but also his peer interaction. While Ashok enjoyed being with others, he also needed his quiet time. Technology came to his rescue. Shy and quiet Ashok, wanted to learn computers and coding. Being reserved, he was a keen observer with a great listening and processing skills. This made him a unique player in the information age.

Ashok's dream has come true. He is learning data management from Market - xcel.

Today, he is no longer an awkward teenager but a confident youth wanting to carve out his place in the sun. We, at Karm Marg feel humbled to have played a role in Ashok's journey and will continue to nurture him till he is able to stand on his feet. To know about more visit - <https://www.market-xcel.com>.

## New educators in Karm Marg's family

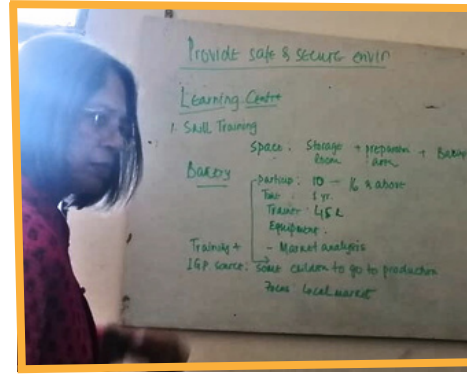
Karm Marg is delighted to have Diya and Shibi in the team. we are looking forward for their contribution towards the organization.





## Karm Marg's Journey: organizational development

Organizational strategic plan along with staff plans with KRA's (Key Result Areas) have been completed as part of our on going organization development process. It is useful to have specific goals for staff to support them in their forward journey and also track their achievements.



## Collaboration and partnership

Karm Marg strongly believes in collaboration and sharing of resources, knowledge and expertise. We have had long years of partnerships with many organizations built on mutual trust and respect. These are the key highlights of the last quarter:

## SCIENCE EDUCATION

Hands on science education for Karm Marg's children was organized with Agastya Foundation. Children had a great learning experience making human torso model, kaleidoscope and windmill model building.

Raja(Name change) - In this workshop I have learned how human body works and how they look.  
This will help in my school admission as I never attended school before



## STEM Mela

Our colleagues Diya and Shibi organized their first STEM math at Karm Marg for community and Km children whom they are teaching for 2 months. It was a very good experience for children, they participated in every game like Games- udte Sitare, Jhapata Maar, Ganit Mala, shapes and Bangle games. These all games were based on number senses, addition and shapes.

Satendra(Community)- This was my first time attending this kind of math mela and its immediately attracted me, games were so relatable and easy to play. I would suggest more children to attend mela is future.



## Puppet workshop

Frank brother, an experienced puppeteer, conducted an interactive workshop with the children, teaching them how to make and operate their own puppets. Puppetry though a fun activity also is a powerful learning tool – it helped our children in developing imagination, creativity and learning behavioral skills, like speaking up with confidence, overcoming their shyness. The children gained valuable experience in creating their puppets and learning how to bring them to life with different movements and expressions.





## Practical math

As the name suggests, the workshop was aimed at teaching practical applications of math in everyday life, such as managing finances, making purchases and measuring distances. Avishkaar had organized a workshop in Palampur for our staff and children. The participants found the experience extremely liberating in getting rid of phobia for Math.



## Dance Movement Therapy (DMT)

Tara and Kajal attended a DMT workshop in Jaipur organized by Kolkata Sanved on mental health and well-being for their partner organization.

They attended Various activities which addressed emotions and feelings through craft ,Dance Movement Therapy and Theater.

**Impact-** Kajal did workshop with small children, they felt relaxed and happy after attending the workshop and able to express their feeling very well.



## Jugaad-

Jugaad is trying to revive itself post pandemic which had adversely affected the business. The orders are coming in and we are trying our best to make is self sustainable..

Additionally, we are creating a safe space for young adults who have been in short-stay care at Karm Marg . We offer them basic literacy and computer skills through practical math and creativity. This initiative is helping them to gain confidence and acquire valuable skills that will aid them in their future endeavors.



## Celebration



Republic day



Holi

### Further Support

Karm Marg needs specialized counselling support.

1. Counsellor for our children – This is a pressing need.

Any lead on this will be helpful for us. It is time sensitive and we are struggling at present given the urgency vis a vis financial constraints.

### Our heartfelt gratitude

Karm Marg expresses its immense gratitude and respect to Sir Shobha Singh Public Charitable Trust for donating brand new eco-car for the children's transportation needs, ensuring safe and timely commuting for the kids. In addition to the car, the trust also provided support for essential expenses such as milk, gas cylinders, and career counseling and guidance.

#### FCR

- Bloomington Rotary Foundation
- One World Association

#### INR

- Eesha Singh
- Rakesh Bhatia
- M/s R Singh Associates
- Girish Narang
- Tina Vasudev
- Anjali Seth
- Diwakar Singh
- Asha Mishra
- Preeti Mehta

**Thank you all for your continuous support in making a difference in the lives of children.**

We at Karm Marg encourage learning as part of our fundamental organizational value. We are forever ready to embrace new learning. Please guide us to work better and stay relevant and effective in these changing times.