

Give a man a fish a day and  
you feed him for one day,  
teach him how to fish and  
you feed him for a lifetime

### Covid 19

The lockdown and its drastic impact worldwide is the issue at hand and means to combat it including vaccination, resource mobilization, raising awareness, encouraging social distancing and masks are absolutely critical. However, it is of vast importance to note that during times of crises such as pandemics it is the poor and downtrodden who suffer disproportionately. They encounter several issues, observed in the very beneficiaries we support and are listed below:

Our children come from ultra-poor families making them pressured to work and this results in child labor and drop-outs. Ultra poor children have lost interest in education after lockdown. This further perpetuates and intensifies the vicious cycle of poverty.

Government support is very meager. The unorganized sector took a massive hit as most work is physical, on the job work. This made many poor people lose their jobs during the period of the lockdown and even now. This has increased forced unemployment and child labor during and post COVID 19. An increase in domestic violence and further burden on the housewife than pre COVID.

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TILJALA SOCIETY FOR HUMAN  
AND EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Tiljala SHEDs

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# Our vision

Tiljala SHED envisions a proletarian society free of hunger, inequality, gender bias and injustice where people can lead dignified lives free from exploitation along with freedom of expression.

## OUR MISSION

To bring meaningful difference in the lives of marginalized and vulnerable communities living in the slums, squatters and pavements.



## VALUES

- Relevant
- Inclusive
- Transparency
- Positive Attitude
- Teamwork
- Professional approach
- Upholding human rights
- Hardworking
- Accountability
- Integrity

## Target Audience/areas

- Poor slums, destitute children
- Abandoned elderly & disabled
- Women of ragpickers community widows & trafficked/run away children
- Street dwellers, squatters, beggars
- Youth from poor background who can't afford/barely afford education

## Mode of operation

- Working under the ministries of Women and Child Development, Social Justice of Govt of India.
- Built a rapport with crowdfunding platforms like Global Giving, Give India foundation, VANL, Kolkata Gives.
- Jane Manson- international fund raiser plays a crucial role in resource mobilization

## Challenges faced

- Non-cooperation among stakeholders
- Ideological conflict among political, social NGO's and civil society.
- Bureaucratic formalities in state and central government schemes.
- New rules of FCRA (Foreign Contribution Regulation Act).
- Online proposal of all govt schemes which our beneficiaries can't cope with.
- Attitude of the middle class towards urban poor including government functionaries
- Political polarization of CBO's (Community Based Organizations) in day-to-day life.
- Being illiterate, parents give scant importance to education. Also, fathers waste their earnings on drugs and liquor.

## Covid situation

Massive distribution of food grains to suffering family in COVID-19(1st and 2nd waves) as follows:

- Azim Premji trust supported 4000 families and gave us a generous amount of more than a crore rupees
- MISEREOR supported 710 families
- Shanty trust supported around 1000 families
- Give India foundation 100 families
- Kolkata Gives 500 families and individual support came for 200 families
- Overall, we have supported around 6000 families with ration and essential items for their survival.

Besides this we have helped few targeted families with livelihood programs by providing the students of these deprived families with smart phones so that they do not have to stop their education. By doing so we have provided online classes to a few people. Along with all this a special fund raising drive has been undertaken by our international sponsor Jane Manson for crowd funding that has yielded good result and benefited a significant number of families and ragpickers' children.

# Accomplishments

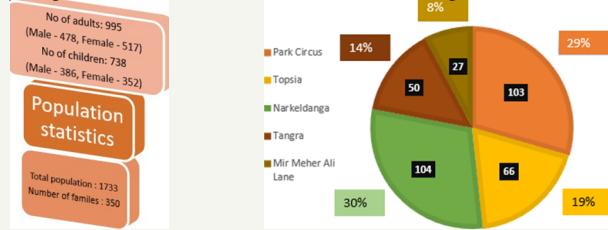
- Livelihood program started in 2015 with the online crowdfunding platform Global Giving Winter Gateway Challenge. We granted loans to small CIGs (Credit Interest Groups) of women on low interest rates.

- Education program

We hold remedial coaching and sponsorship annually by support from AIDOS - Italian association for women in development since the last two decades.

- Rights and Entitlements

We at Tiljala SHED strongly believe and provide the underprivileged communities help that goes far and beyond mere monetary aid. We believe in self ownership, empowering communities to help themselves and going to the degree of liaising with government agencies for acquiring voter cards, birth certificate and other legal entitlements.



- Rag Picker's Rehabilitation Program

This program seeks to rehabilitate rag pickers, so that their identity, dignity and economic sustainability are established. Tiljala SHED facilitated the formation of Association of Rag Pickers a registered body which seeks to rehabilitate rag picker's and their families by acting as a catalyst to make life more bearable for them.

### Sponsorship Program for destitute girls

It's a joint venture between Tiljala SHED and AIDOS, Italy since 1995 in aiming to uplift girl child from deprived backgrounds, usually living alone on pavements, railway platforms or slums by providing educational and healthcare supports to them. This program produced sustainable results and now community has their own qualified woman leaders.

### Institutional care Home for children of Rag Pickers and other ultra poor families

We have gone beyond Kolkata city, extended our work to Mouli Mukund Village (South 24 Parganas District), where we have set up Aasra Sadan (shelter home) for the most vulnerable children from the families of rag pickers and the ultra poor. This Home was started in 2011.

### Langar (Mass food distribution)

We have recently started a mass food program for residents of Topsia Canal Side under which around 450 people of all ages are served a hot lunch every Saturday. Many families in the area, large in size and with little income, are severely deprived and on the edge of survival. The lunch means a lot for them as it is wholesome and helps them save the cost of at least four meals in a month.

### Library and Internet facilities for destitute girls

The Gyan Azhar Library offers a range of services to destitute girls. It is located inside a Tiljala slum and is easily accessible. Its membership is nudging 700 and it is one of the busiest places in its neighborhood. It has both books and Internet facilities. Plus, there is space for a reading room, indoor games and for holding classes for vocational training, motivation, self defense and spoken English.

### TARANG (a cultural development unit of Tiljala SHED)

It is a platform for disadvantaged children to learn and display their artistic skills in various performing arts. We have till now held six events at premier city auditoriums like G.D. Birla Sabhaghar and Kalaa Mandir giving the underprivileged a chance to perform at reputed stages of Kolkata.

### Kolkata National Child Labour Project

Over the last twelve years it has been running special training-cum-school for 50 child labours supported by Ministry of Labour, Government of India, which aims to rehabilitate children from labour to school and enjoy their childhood.

### Integrated Child Protection Scheme

Opened in 1st April 2011, they contribute to the well being of children who are vulnerable to abuse, neglect, abandonment and exploitation. Open to vulnerable child in need of care and protection street and working children like rag pickers, small vendors, street performers, deserted, trafficked and run away children.

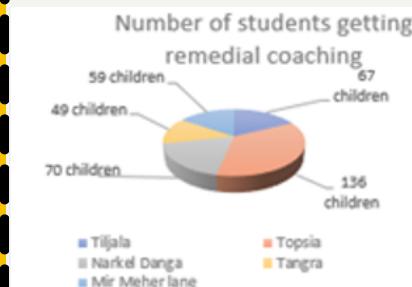
Age group - 6 years to 18 years.

### Trial food program

We organize community distribution of food during the month of Ramadan when people break their fast at dusk and on the festival of Eid which marks the end of Ramadan. Till date we have covered 10000 families in this program which was supported by Human Relief Foundation, UK since 2013.

	No of children	No of boys	No of girls
Livelihood program			
Education program			
Rights and entitlements			
Rag Picker's Rehabilitation Program			
Sponsorship Program for destitute girls			
Institutional care Home for children			
Library and Internet facilities for destitute girls			
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### Annual activities

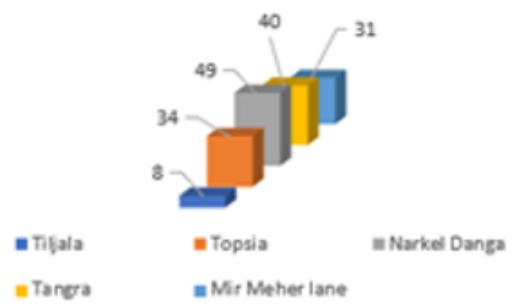


### Health aid beneficiaries



## Annual activities

### Livelihoods created



### Student sponsorships at Tiljala



## Donate

Your donation will be used for the marginalized communities and to improve their situation. To donate, please send your cheque/DD in the name of TILJALA SOCIETY FOR HUMAN AND EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT'.

### OUR BANKER:

For Foreign Donations

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New Delhi Main Branch,

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### BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

ACCOUNT NO.: 40109016454

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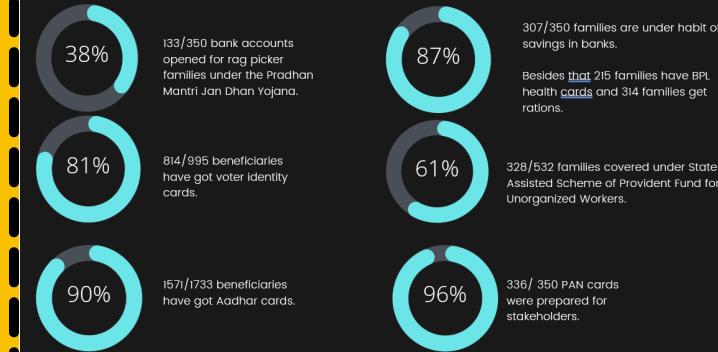
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## History

Tiljala SHED is a grassroots organization that strives for rights of the marginalized communities through organizational planning and promoting social participation. •Independent of any political, religious, corporate motives - helps advocate without bias and ensures efficiency. •Doesn't believe in mere monetary help and ensure people have ownership of the projects - they feel they have a role to play, skills to share and can contribute to society. •Well organized program planning and monitoring has been created with high accountability and transparency.

### Stats zone ( Rights and Entitlements 2019-2020)



## Certificates and Awards





## Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

Education enables upward socio-economic mobility and is a key to escaping poverty. As a policy intervention, education is a force multiplier which enables self-reliance, boosts economic growth by enhancing skills, and improves people's lives by opening up opportunities for better livelihoods.



## Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls



Gender equality is not only a fundamental human right, but a necessary foundation for a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world.

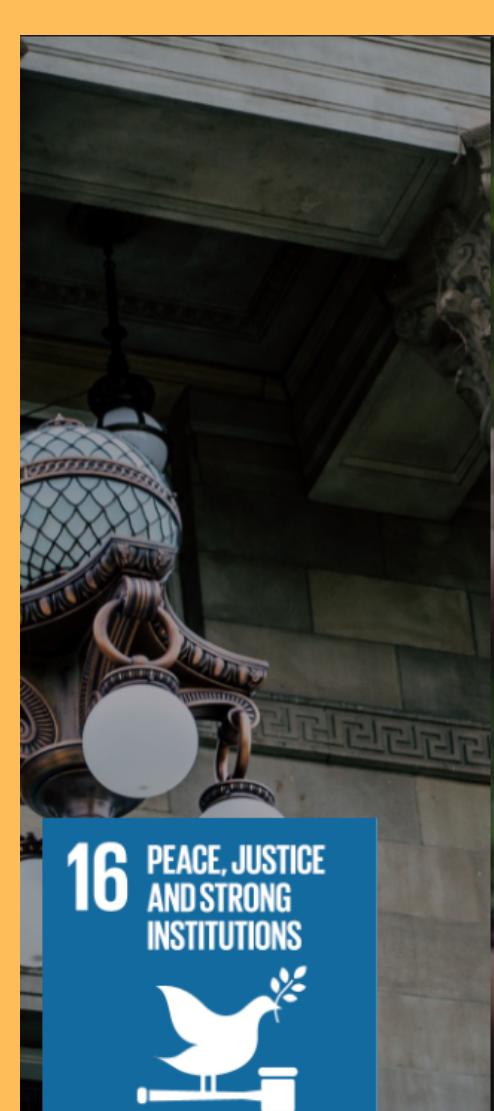
The exclusion of women places half of the world's population outside the realm of opportunity to partner in building prosperous societies and economies. Equal access to education, decent work, and representation in political and economic decision making processes are not only rights women should have, they benefit humanity at large



## Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

Sustained and inclusive economic growth can drive progress, create decent jobs for all and improve living standards. The goal is to support these jobs and to finance small, creative and innovative entrepreneurial initiatives while also protecting labour rights and promoting secure places of work.

## Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels



The goal is to restore security and human rights to individuals whose very lives and basic freedoms are under threat either due to direct violence or through institutional restrictions to justice. To attain this, national and global institutions have to be more transparent and effective, including local governance and judicial systems which are critical to the guarantee of human rights, law and order, and security.



**Education is their birthright, so against child labor we must fight.**

WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR!



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## Child labour

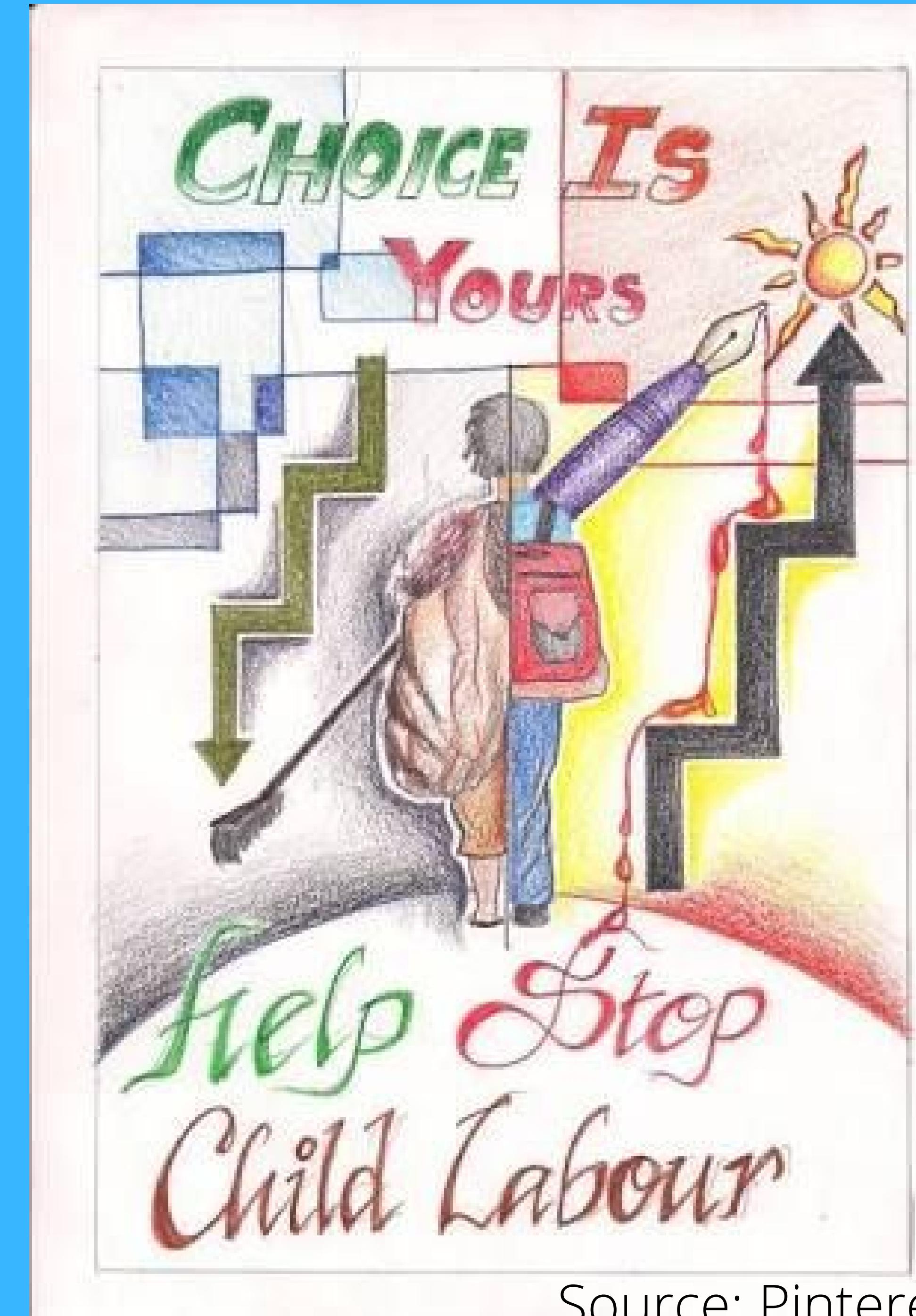
Child labour refers to the exploitation of children through any form of work that deprives children of their childhood, interferes with their ability to attend regular school, and is mentally, physically, socially and morally harmful.

### Why does child labour happen?

Most often, child labour occurs when families face financial challenges or uncertainty – whether due to poverty, sudden illness of a caregiver, or job loss of a primary wage earner.

### How does it impact children and their lives?

Child labour can result in extreme bodily and mental harm, and even death. It can lead to slavery and sexual or economic exploitation and in nearly every case, it cuts children off from schooling and health care, restricting their fundamental rights and threatening their futures.



Source: Pinterest

# STOP CHILD LABOUR

### Causes

2. Poverty
2. Over population
3. Parental illiteracy and want for more income
4. Lacks of school for study
5. High education and living cost
6. Weak laws to protect
7. Wrong intention of factories
8. Social norms condoning them
9. Lack of decent work opportunities for adolescents

### This is how child labour affects the nation:



Source: Rajesh Kumar, Guru Nanak College, Phagwara



Source: Behance.net

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# CHILD MARRIAGE

Child Marriage is the marriage of a girl or boy before the age of 18. Child marriage violates children's rights and places them at high risk of violence, exploitation, and abuse.

## Causes of early and child marriage

1. Poverty and economic transactions
2. Notions of morality and honour
3. Protecting 'chastity'
4. Subjugation of women
5. Culture and Tradition
6. Children considered to be a "Burden"
7. Lack of awareness about the dangers of early marriage
8. Parents' fear of their daughters' being unmarriageable after the age of 14
9. Parents' desire to secure their daughters' future
10. To strengthen ties between the marrying families for social as well as economic protection and security
11. Parents' desire to see their children married and settled before passing away or becoming old.



Source: UNICEF India (Art by student artist Akashdeep from Jharkhand)

## Stop child marriage

### Why does child marriage happen?

Families see child marriage as a way to cope with growing economic hardship. Parents marry their daughters because they think it will protect them from increased or generalised violence, including sexual violence. Child marriage is used as a weapon of war and to hide human trafficking and sexual abuse.

### How does it impact children and their lives?

Child marriage is often the result of entrenched gender inequality, making girls disproportionately affected by the practice. Child marriage robs girls of their childhood and threatens their lives and health. Girls who marry before 18 are more likely to experience domestic violence and less likely to remain in school.



Source: Jackie Ash (illustration of Uma in R N Tagore's Khata)



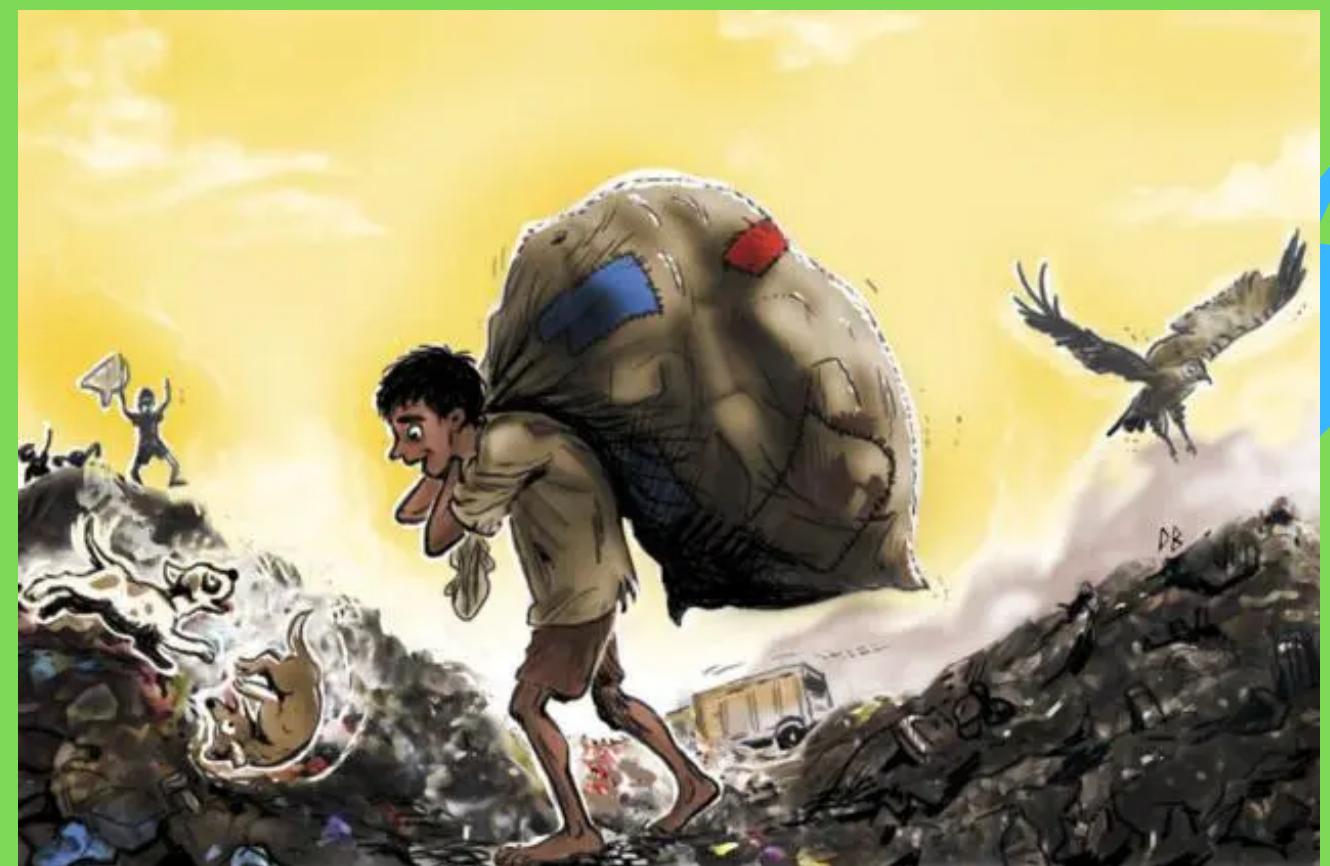
Source: newindianexpress.com

## Rag-pickers

A rag-picker or chiffonnier is someone who makes a living by rummaging through refuse in the streets to collect material for salvage.

### Dangers of rag-picking

Rag-pickers are mostly at risk to contract diarrhea, typhoid, paratyphoid and health complications related to liver, stomach and intestine due to bacterial contamination.



Source: iwriteabtmythoughts.wordpress.com/

## Stop rag-picking

### • Why does it happen?

Poverty forces children into this hazardous work. The rag-pickers are exposed to e-waste, medical waste and all kinds of harmful gases and substances.

### • Impacts of ragpicking

1. Children fail to attain education and struggle with diseases.
2. They become more susceptible to the use of drugs
3. Unskilled treatment of hazardous waste threatens their growth and lives.



Source: Altaf Qadri



Source: National Geographic

# STOP GIRL TRAFFICKING

Women and girls are usually trafficked for the purpose of sexual and economic exploitation, particularly prostitution and pornography, forced labour, including for work in commercial agriculture and domestic work, arranged marriages or to be ‘sold’ as brides, recruitment for participation in hostilities and such related purposes as sexual services, portage and domestic functions in conflict situations.

## **Causes of girl trafficking**

Major causes of girl trafficking are illiteracy, poverty, foreign migration, discrimination against women, poor economic conditions, social tradition, and inequality.

## **Effects of girl trafficking**

This type of physical and sexual abuse described above leads to severe mental or emotional health consequences, including feelings of severe guilt, post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety, substance abuse (alcohol or narcotics) and eating disorders.

## **Why does it happen?**

Girl trafficking occurs when children are taken away from safety and exploited. Girls who are trafficked are often forced into some form of work, used for sex or simply sold. Girl trafficking is linked to demand for cheap labour, especially where the working conditions are poor.

## **How does it affect the lives of children?**

Girls trafficked for sexual exploitation are at high risk of prolonged periods of sexual violence, physical injuries, sexually transmitted infections and, for girls, multiple pregnancies.