

# AAROHA

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***"A flow of ideas, for the ones who need it,  
from the ones seeking contentment."***

Not everyone has been blessed with a good home, quality education and a carefree childhood. While we were born in privileged families where our dreams and aspirations were supported, and opportunities as well as resources stood at our doorstep, there is a massive section of the society that does not have the basic amenities that we take for granted. These children come from slums that are sinking in poverty and illiteracy, yet the potential that they own is beyond our imagination. They possess within them talent that can bring them to great heights, if only they are given the right guidance and appropriate resources.

*Aaroha* came into existence when a small group of people who believed in bringing light to these dark corners of the country decided to render their selfless services to this section of the society. They started with the aim of providing basic education, free of cost, to children of the slums and provide them with a nurturing environment in order to help their overall development.

The people who have brought *Aaroha* to where it stands today are neither wealthy nor resourceful. They are merely students from colleges in Bhopal who share the common vision of educating these children and shaping a brighter future for them.



*Aaroha* is an organization committed to the cause of enlightening the lives of underprivileged children and driving them from the darkness of illiteracy and ignorance. We have the vision of building a strong foundation for the nation and bring about a positive change in the society.

## OUR MISSION

The motive of this organization is to promote the best interests and welfare of underprivileged children by providing them with a good education and caring environment so that they can grow not only as students but as considerate human beings.

We, at *Aaroha*, do our best to make these children realize their dreams, since a small effort from us today could bring about a miraculous difference in their future. We have taken this noble initiative on behalf of the whole society, to provide these children with the resources that they require in order to achieve their dreams. We also develop their personality and academic abilities so that they can keep up with the progressing nation. Our aim is to bring these children into the mainstream society, so they see the world in the same light that we do.



We consider it our moral responsibility to bring a change in the lives of these children, since a life lived for others, is a life worth living. The tremendous growth that we have seen in the past years amongst these children is enough to give us assurance that our efforts are not in vain, their smile is enough reason for us to keep working for this cause and spread this joy farther.

Every child has the right to education, and *Aaroha* ensures that we provide the right education in order to give these children equal opportunities.

# THE CRUSADERS OF CHANGE

*"If you want to walk fast, walk alone,  
but, if you want to walk far, walk together."*  
-Ratan Tata

It is true that a single hand alone can never do what many such hands can do together. We believe in the ideology of 'one for all, and all for one'.



*Aaroha* is working towards eliminating the obstacles that hamper the growth of children by working from the roots. We believe that change is necessary, and we are crusaders.

The fact that we all come from various backgrounds, with different dreams and experiences only works in our favour. As there is always an abundance of ideas and as well as never ending energy and dedication towards the cause. Our volunteers are young and determined to bring about a change in the nation.

The progress that *Aaroha* has seen is due to its volunteers that work tirelessly and selflessly for the betterment of the society.

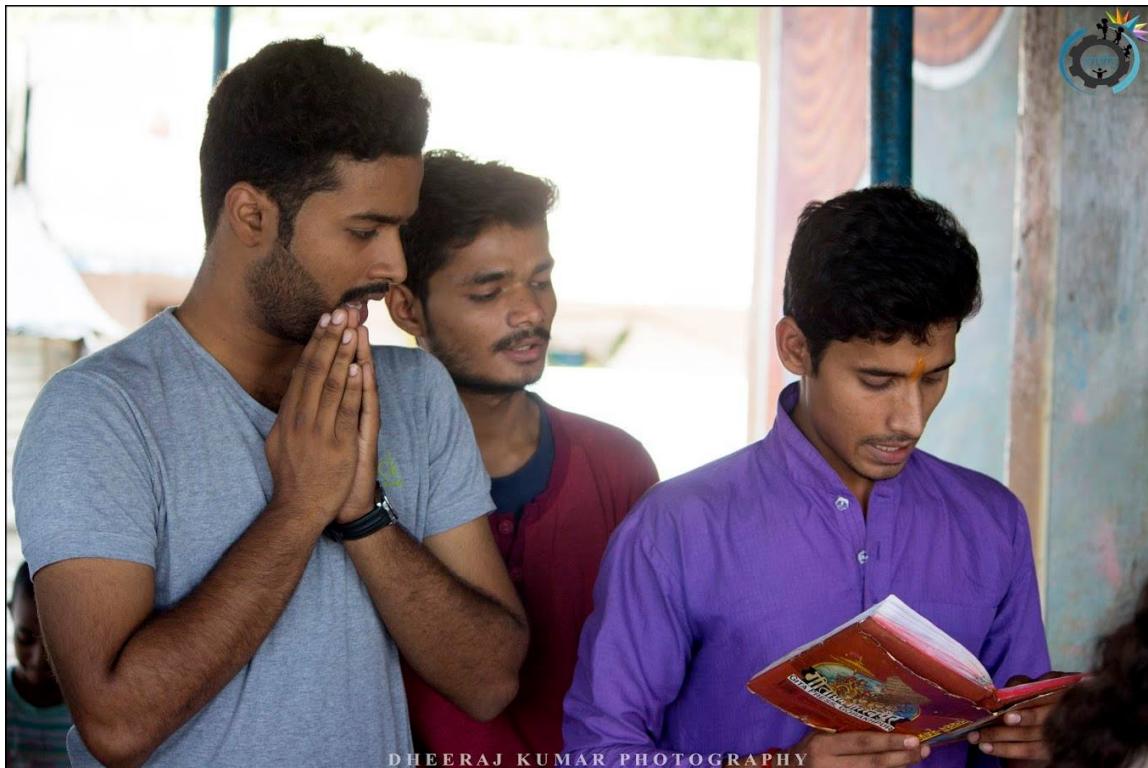
## WHAT WE DO AT AAROHA

The primary objective of this organization is to provide education to the underprivileged, illiterate children. For this purpose, we hold classes regularly for our children at a center in Anna Nagar.

For the smooth functioning and for the effective implementation of the policies, the entire workforce has been divided into a management team and a team of volunteers. Separate verticals have been designed in order to efficiently meet all the requirements of the organization. The three major verticals are:

- Academic and Overall Development
- Promotion Relations Department
- Event Management Department

Furthermore, we have people working for managing the accounts, photography and technical support.



All these departments have individual heads, who are free to take decisions regarding their vertical, and a group of volunteers assist these heads, this promotes a friendly and healthy work atmosphere.

Apart from simply educating the children we believe in an all round development, and thus hold regular activities for the children at the center, where they are trained in arts

such as drawing, painting, dancing as well as singing. The progress of every child is carefully monitored with a progress report that is updated every month.



We also take the children on educational as well as recreational tours in order to give them a different view of the world. We also organize events for children on special occasions, and celebrate festivals together, like a family.

Aspiration is a hunger to fulfill our dreams and visions. And our aspirations are what guide our decisions and direct our energy. One of the wonders of being human is our ability to conjure from our imaginations a better self or a better world and set off on a path. Some of our dreams are small and personal; and others encompass the whole of humanity. This gives us a sense of purpose. In the words of Mahatma Gandhi

*“Be the change you wish to see in the world.”*

*Aaroha* has clear aspirations; we aim to bring calm to the chaos of these little children's lives. Aarohians all have the same passion, although their methods might be different. No child should be denied the right to education because of his background. With this purpose in mind, we are marching ahead and plan on bringing more children under our care, to bring a positive change in their lives.

It is our dream that no child in the country is left uneducated due to the lack of resources, and we have taken steps to turn this dream into a reality.

# MEET OUR CHILDREN

Despite the lack of basic resources, there lies an enormous talent within the children of Aaroha. Here are a few of our brilliant minds:

## Pawan Rathore

*A student of Class IX, Pawan can be called the master of his field, he is a gifted dancer and his dance moves have earned a great name and an abundance of admiration from people all around. This talent has brought him a sponsorship from Milind Dance Academy, which has given him the right guidance to follow his passion.*



## Lavanya

*Due to tremendous efforts by our volunteers, and the willingness to learn among young children like Lavanya and their dedication to come out at the top, there have been new milestones that have been overturned in the past years. Lavanya, from Class V, who scored 99.75% in her Class IV results, thus coming out at the top of her class, was given the opportunity to join Carmel Convent School. From studying at a local government school to attending an English medium school where her needs will be tended to, Lavanya and Aaroha, have both come a long way. And she acts as an inspiration for the other children at the center.*

## P. Arti

*Arti has tremendous singing abilities, she has a melodious voice and she is smart and confident. She does not fear facing the public and leaves the crowd mesmerized every single time. Apart from singing, Arti is also a good public speaker and has often given speeches at our events; she also dances with grace and confidence. She will definitely leave the world in awe one day.*

## Sujeet

*Sujeet is a 12-year old boy from the Anna Nagar slums, who began working from a very young age as a newspaper delivery boy. Oftentimes he has gone to bed on an empty stomach. Doing mundane things such as going to school and playing with friends had been eradicated from his life, since he had to sell newspapers for a living. At Aaroha, we wanted to bring about a change in his life since we believed in his potential. Today, Sujeet is a student at Silver Bells Convent School and is receiving education like any other child. Our volunteers tutor him regularly at the center in Anna Nagar. He is now the top ranker of his school and is on the path to fulfill his dream of becoming a scientist. He now believes that no dream is too difficult to achieve.*



## *Siddhartha Bhimrao Lokhande*

*Siddhartha is in Class V, and is an exceptional painter. He gives us faith that hard work and talent know no bounds. He paints with sheer confidence and a magnificent imagination. Meanwhile he is excelling in studies and sports, while devoting abundant time to working on bettering his art so he can follow his dreams.*



## *Mayuri*

*Mayuri, from Class V, is another one of our brilliant and energetic girls in Aaroha, with a passion to come out at the top of every work that she does. She regularly attends the classes that we conduct at the center, and is always curious to know more. She scored 99.5% marks in last year's results and became another one of children to join Carmel Convent School, where she is enjoying immensely and learning things that she had never thought of before. Mayuri also loves dancing and has participated in several of the events that were conducted by Aaroha.*

## *The brilliant children of Aaroha:*



# EVENTS AT AAROHA

## 1. AAROHA'S INAUGRATION CEREMONY

*Aaroha* evolved with the elementary idea of transforming the lives of underprivileged children and giving the much-needed stimulus to their careers. *Aaroha*'s journey to bring this positive change in our society began with the Indian tradition of worshipping God and seeking blessings for a bright future for both the organization and its children. This event was organized at *Aaroha*'s Anna Nagar center, where all our founding members were present along with the children who thanked the lord for the life they have received and prayed to give them the strength to put this life to a good use.

## 2. AAROHA'S GRAND 'AARAMBH'

*"Well begun is half done."*

Undoubtedly, the most important aspect of any mission is its beginning. So, when we are about to work on a mission as massive as shaping the future of our country then a grand beginning is required. *Aaroha* made an optimistic start with *Aarambh*, the event was held



on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2016 in Aashima Mall, Bhopal. Pavan Jain (ADG) presided over the event as the Chief Guest. He distributed educational kits to the children of the organization to help them study efficiently. He also delivered words of appreciation and motivation for the organization. There were some outstanding performances by both the children and volunteers. The basic motive of

*Aarambh* was fulfilled when we saw the joy on our children's faces and our volunteers were encouraged to continue doing their work with hardwork and dedication. There were certain sub events that took place during this programme.

- **Website Launch:** *Aaroha* launched its official website [www.aaroha.org.in](http://www.aaroha.org.in) by the hands of our chief guest. Here, one can receive any information about the organizations, its members, activities and events.
- **Edu-kit distribution:** These were educational kits that had necessary studying materials such as books, notebooks, pens and pencils that would ease the learning process for the children.
- **Rock band performance:** To make the event enjoyable and exhilarating, a rock band performance was given by the students of 'Roobaroo', MANIT. The children were thrilled to see such a performance for the very first time in their lives.

- **Photo booth:** There was also a fund-raising drive that was conducted during this event. A photo booth was set up, and our team member were clicking pictures of people who were excited due to the various props that we had made.

### 3. AAROHA KIDS AT MY FM

*Aaroha* took its children to MY FM, where they participated in an intriguing program with RJ Puneet. The people working at MY FM were impressed by the children and took pictures with the kids, and later on handed out chocolates as well. RJ Puneet was glad to host the show with these little guests and allowed the children to personally interact with the followers of his show. The children also participates in an innovative quiz that was help by MY FM and earned praise from the audience due to their intellectual and skillful thinking. The volunteers spread awareness about the organization by using MY FM as a platform, and encouraged the youth to come forward and assist our cause.

### 4. INDEPENDENCE DAY TREAT AT MCDONALD'S

We all celebrate Independence Day on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August by hoisting our national flag and showing our gratitude towards our country. However, the true essence of this day lies in giving freedom to children to paint their future in the way that they want. *Aaroha* took its children to McDonald's for a special treat, which was sponsored by *Vidvaan Tutorials, Gwalior*. The children enjoyed whole-heartedly and the smiles on their faces assured us that our efforts aren't in vain.



### 5. 'AAKAR' AT MANIT

***"Life is a kaleidoscope. A slight change and all patterns alter."***

*Aakar* was a science exhibition that was put up by our children in NIT Bhopal on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of October, 2016. The underprivileged children studying in *Aaroha* presented their science models. It was an opportunity for the to develop their presentation skills, since they had faced such a large crowd for the very first time. We aimed to help them build self-confidence along with practical learning; it was a small step towards exploration, learning and experience.



**The Pani Puri Competition:** Alongside, the diligent team of *Aaroha* organized a Pani Puri Competition giving the youth of NIT Bhopal a fun and relaxed time. We are extremely thankful to the entire team and the visitors who made this event a success.

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*Aaroha* is proud to have organized another successful even on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February 2017 at Shree Bhavan's Bharti School. The event was aimed at making our children feel special. We are extremely proud of the volunteers at our organization who worked extremely hard to complete this motive. We would also like to thank our chief guest Bhakti Sharma Ma'am, Tanmay Jain Sir, Kanchan Singh Rajput Ma'am, Sandeep Thapak Sir, Vandana Joshi Ma'am and Sudeep Sir for their presence and giving their time to our children. The kids learnt a lot from these people, which will facilitate their growth as eminent personalities tomorrow.



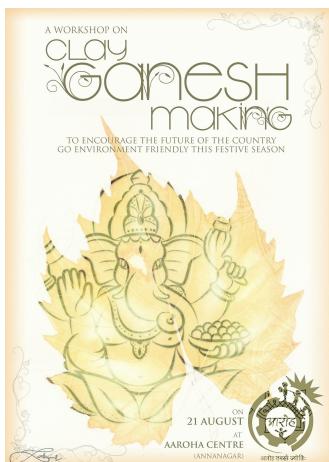
## 7. PHOTO WALK AT TRIBAL MUSEUM

The children were taken for a visit to the Tribal Museum. This place gives a gist of ancient lifestyle of the people. It also showcases the handicrafts of craftsmen from tribal areas in remote parts of the country. The children were educated about these things and a small photography workshop was also

organized for the children. They were taught the basics of professional photography and had a great time trying their hand at the camera.

## 8. RAKSHA BANDHAN WITH THE RAKSHAKS

When all the brothers across the city were busy making the day special for their sister, the kids at *Aaroha* tried something different. They planned to tie *rakhis* to trees as a token of appreciation for their contribution in the environment. Furthermore, they also thanked the volunteers by tying *rakhis* around their wrists, for teaching them every single day and guiding them in the right direction for a better and brighter future. This act should serve as great inspiration for the society as brothers aren't the only ones who should feel responsible for their sisters, but we should feel responsible for all those who make our lives worth living.



## 9. ECO FRIENDLY GANESHA

We organized a workshop for children on making clay *Ganeshas*, where they were taught the significance of the festival and also the importance of being eco-friendly in festive activities. At the center, the kids were given a dough of clay each and taught how to mold a *Ganesha* idol step by step. The children were curious as to why use a boring brown model when colours were available. These doubts were cleared at the end of the session, by informing them about the harm that materials such as PoP cause to the environment. The kids, vowed to be more conscious in the future and protect the environment at all costs.

## 10. FUNDRAISING AT UPPER LAKE

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of January, while the country was busy celebrating the Republic Day of India, the volunteers at *Aaroha* took this opportunity to raise funds at Upper Lake, where there is always a massive crowd on holidays. Our volunteers walked around the area selling flags, and badges and asked for donations for a better cause. We also set up a photo booth in order to entertain the youth. We are proud to have collected a significant sum of money that has gone into buying necessary educational items for the children.

## 12. 'AASHA' – A RAY OF HOPE

*Aasha* was another one of our massive events, which was conducted in two parts. The first part of the event was conducted at *Shaurya Smarak*, where the children were taken on an educational tour about the history of our nation. They also enjoyed some videos about this and met Major General Shyam Shrivastava and Brigadier Vinayak

Ramnarayan who motivated the children and were left in awe by the talent that lies within each one of them. The second part of the event took place at the Aashima Mall in Bhopal, Miss Bhakti Sharma was our Chief Guest. This was a day that was spent in the name of our children; we had performances done by the children as well as the volunteers. They had an incredible time, getting photos clicked and watching the mesmerizing performances. Later educational kits were distributed amongst the children, and certificates of appreciation in order to motivate the children to do better and work harder in the future. We also set up a photo booth as a fundraiser.



### 13. RECRUITMENT DRIVES

Every year *Aaroha* conducts recruitment drives in order to make a stronger and more efficient team. We conduct a three-step process where we chose people who are dedicated to the same cause as ours and are willing to give a small portion of their valuable time to these children in need.

# WHAT PEOPLE THINK ABOUT US

The idea of having an organization like ‘Aaroha’ was indeed a very bold initiative on our part. But, since its creation, the organization has always earned praise from all the people around and the great personalities who personally come to meet our kids. The thoughts and opinions of every single person is of great significance to the organization and are always cherished by us. Here are some of the statements of people who not only appreciated the idea but provided us with the much-needed motivation to keep us moving ahead:

- *“It was excellent! I admire and appreciate your concern and commitment for upliftment of the deprived section of the society. Keep it up” – Pawan Jain (ADG)*
- *“I want to perspire hard, inspire the society with my services and pay gratitude to my existence by sharing the knowledge that I have.” – Devyani Saxena, Promotions Head (JLU IV year).*
- *“The possibility of me being able to direct a kid to the world of knowledge and making him a helping hand for others in the future is the driving force for me in ‘Aaroha’. The goose bumps that you get when a child speaks the exact sentences you taught him are unparalleled. ‘Aaroha’ for a better tomorrow.” – Shivam Dudharia (MANIT, IV year).*
- *“Working with these kids and the smile on a child’s face bring back my childhood memories and awakens the child in me.” – Divya Prashanthi (MANIT, III year).*
- *“I joined ‘Aaroha’ because I wished to do something for others. ‘Aaroha’ gave me the opportunity to work in this field.” – Rohan Hassija (UIT, IV year).*
- *A committee that started so small and has reached a well settled state in such a short period is indicative of the immense potential that ‘Aaroha’ has.” – Prajapathy Mauryan (MANIT, IV year).*

## BECOME AN 'AAROHIAN'

The vision of educating every single child in this country is not a small one, and just a handful of people might not be able to accomplish this task. More the number of people coming together, the easier it would be to transform this vision into a full-fledged reality. It is an urge from the people involved in bringing about a change in the society to the ones who wish to do something for others, to come forward and help us in our endeavor.

To become one of us and lend a helping hand in shaping a child's future, join in with *Aaroha* and be a part of this literacy movement.

Anyone who is willing to dedicate little of their time and effort in making a difference can register with us to join our organization.

*Aaroha* recruits volunteers twice a year through Recruitment Drives (RDs). Interested students need to fill up an online registration form and attend our RD. The RD consists of basically three rounds:

1. The Written Round
2. The Group Discussion Round
3. The Personal Interview Round

*Aaroha* wishes to meet the young talent of the society who are willing to join this small family of educators, teachers and most importantly learners.



# CONTACT US

Anyone who is willing to know more about *Aaroha*, our members, children, center or interested in joining us can like our Facebook page for more details.

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