Library cum Creativity Centres Brimmed with Activities and Laughter:
After a long wait post Covid induced lockdowns and restrictions, our libraries were fully functional once again! Students immersed themselves in story books, participated in extracurricular activities, quizzes and competitions. Activities conducted during the year included theme based quiz and competition in mathematics, science, geography and various other subjects to increase the general awareness of the students. Apart from this, Art, craft, music, dance and drama brought joy and unleashed their hidden talent. The students also celebrated Independence Day with patriotic plays and dances, Teachers Day, Earth Day (with theme based slogan writing, poster making etc), Diwali (with Diya decoration and rangoli making), Christmas (with craft) etc. In addition to this here are some major highlights for the year 2022:

- **Tablet 4 Kids (T4K):** BFA in collaboration with **ST Foundation** under their T4K Project, introduced Tablets to students of Classes 5 - 8 in Government School, Sultanpur Village. Students were excited to learn using digitally interactive and unconventional methods. Owing to the good response the project received it is now being implemented in Green Valley Modern School, Shahpur Village, Noida.
- **Vinod Luthra Gifted BFA a Library on his Birthday:** On 7th August on the occasion of his 80th birthday, Mr Vinod Luthra gifted a Library to the 400 students of NEMP School in Gheja, Noida. It was a day of festivity and celebrations in the school and students celebrated the event with dance and skits as a thank you gesture towards Mr. Luthra's gift of knowledge.
- **New Partnerships:** In 2022 BFA entered into a six month partnership with Piramal Foundation as their lead partner in Better World Initiative 7.0. Under this programme, Piramal Foundation, through Genpact, helped re-engineer solutions for our Library Cum Creativity Centers.
- **Volunteering Engagements:** The year 2022 brought with it new volunteers who made our libraries more lively and meaningful. Among the Corporates, **TATA AIG** helped made Diwali brighter, **22 employees from Optum Global Solutions** engaged students in competitions, races and even football. Yamraj & Chitragupta also came to BFA Schools to explain traffic rules **– A Noida Traffic Police Initiative!**

Sponsored Students are Soaring High in their Lives:
We at Books for All sponsor education of bright children to change the course of their lives and also provide handholding and mentoring support to them. In 2022 with the help of our supporters we were able to admit five new students. Currently we are sponsoring the education of 16 bright and deserving students. Below are some notable achievements of these children:

- Radhika and Priyanka are now pursuing B. Com (Hons.) in the prestigious Delhi University after clearing the highly competitive CUET exam
- Neeraj is pursuing his dream by studying Computer Science Engineering with Artificial Intelligence (AI) from Galgotia University
- Vasudev, after completing his training in Apparel Technology from ATDC, is now placed at Shahi Export in Quality Control department earning a starting salary of INR 18,000/-pm
- Zainab performed exceptionally well scoring 98% in her exams. Soni, an exceptional basket ball player, also volunteered to be a Scribe for a Class X student with Autism studying in a prestigious Public School of Noida

Three Years of Making First Generation Learners Become Job Ready:

In the year 2020, BFA signed an MOU with HCL Foundation with the aim to make more students job ready. As part of this project, BFA, in the last 3 years, has counselled more than 4200 students of 16 Inter Colleges, schools and NGOs regarding career options, encouraged them to take up vocational courses, helped 230 impecunious students with admissions to vocational institutes, mentored them, and helped 90 students who had completed their courses secure jobs assuring salary with dignity. We have also imparted soft skills and life skill training to more than 2500 students which helped increase their awareness, build confidence and improve their personality. Our bouquet of course offerings also increased from 8 to 33 and so did the affiliated institutions. We hope to reach out to more students in the next project.

'Sankalp: Adult Literacy Program took Flight:

In November 2021, BFA made a small beginning to empower analphabetic women of the neighbourhood, through the 'Sankalp' Adult Literacy Programme. With a firm belief that literacy is critical for empowering women to gain confidence, hold their head high in the society and earn income by starting small ventures, BFA appointed a qualified teacher to conduct literacy sessions in a school in Gejha Village. At present 10 women are regularly attending classes free of cost. Apart from reading writing and mathematics, BFA also conducts sessions and expert talks on topics like nutrition and health, financial literacy etc. so as to give them wider exposure to issues that are important for them and their families. BFA has now introduced classes in English for women who have already learnt Hindi.

Hanging Libraries, a Gift of Knowledge for Lesser-privileged:

To provide good quality books to lesser privileged children studying in schools with no libraries, Books for All started a drive to raise funds for **Hanging Libraries,** each comprising about 100 beautifully illustrated books written in simple language. The unique feature of Hanging Library is that it does not need any space or dedicated infrastructure, as it can be easily hung on walls. With the concerted efforts of our well wishers and staff we were able to give this gift of knowledge to the **children of 88 schools in 17 states of India! More than 15,000 students from Rural Government Schools are benefitting from these books. Our unique initiative was also covered by ABP News** which brought us a lot of support. Apart from Hindi and English Books, BFA also shipped Marathi, Telugu, Kannada, Bengali and Assamese books on demand.

Our Journey in Pictures....