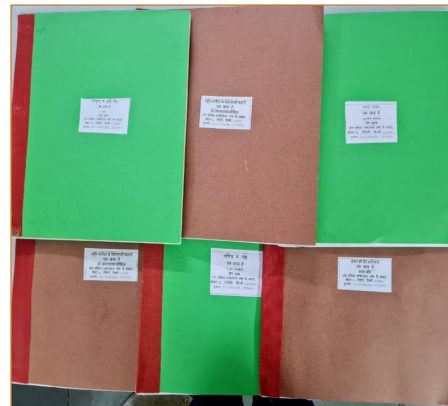


Sparsh- An initiative of BFA to support Visually Impaired Students

Prompted by a casual observation that Books for All is not providing books for Blind Students, BFA launched Sparsh. The objective is to initially provide story books in Braille to schools & institutions for Blind across India and later to increase the scope to other modern tools that assist visually impaired. As BFA is new to this area we are taking baby steps; locating Institutions, understanding their requirements & developing reputed vendors who can meet our requirements on long term basis. In the last one month, BFA has supplied 70 braille books to 4 institutions. This number will grow at a fast pace in days to come. If you know of any Blind School or Institution catering to Blind students, please share details with BFA.



Braile Books Ready for shipment

Students from IMT Ghaziabad add Value to Books For All

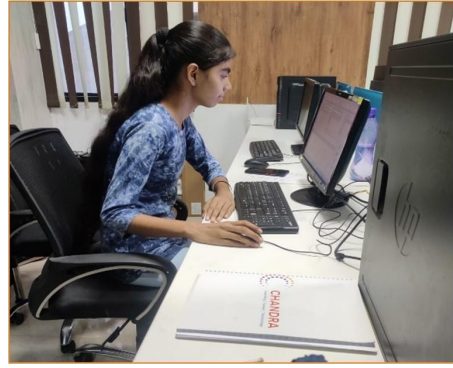
Five groups of 8 students each are interning with BFA as part of their **Sustainability and social responsibility project**. The groups have taken a diverse range of topics from Climate Change and Carbon Neutral Initiatives to Computer Literacy. Their session on green energy was highly interactive with one young student asking why buses cannot run on Solar energy. A session on Model United Nations (MUN) was an eye opener for our students who have never before participated in such an event. Yet another group is helping BFA conduct a survey at Sadarpur Village for a second Sankalp Centre there for Adult Literacy. It is a matter of concern that of the 40 women they met on the first day of survey, 80% could not read and write with most not even able to dial numbers on their mobiles.



IMT students taking session at NEMP

Making First Generation Learners Become Job Ready

In line with this mission, during this year, Books For All has admitted 90 students in various vocations such as Paramedical, Graphic design, Web design, Cosmetology, Automobile Technician etc. During the same period, 40 students were placed in hospitals, clinics, offices, workshops etc. One of the paramedical students has joined at a starting salary of Rs 17000 while a cosmetology student is earning Rs 22500 per month. Being able to provide skills to students and make them job ready encourages us to carry on the our work of counselling and admitting deserving students. You can help us spread this message.



Student employed after doing Graphic Motion Course

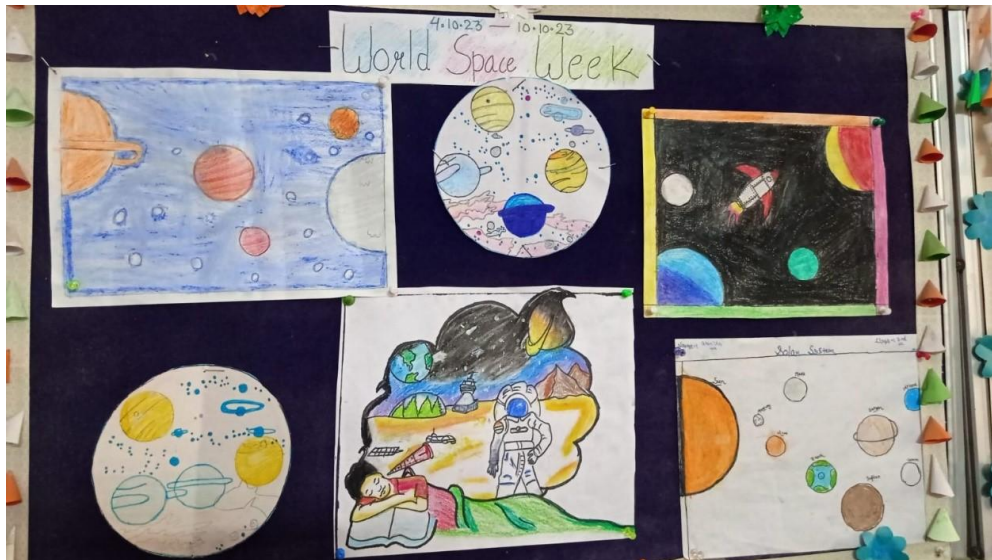
A Fun-Filled Day For BFA Students at Optum India Office in Noida

Optum India, a Company in Health care technology and business, invited students from BFA to participate in their Employee Engagement event- **Bollywood Dhamaka on 12th October**. 39 students of BFA participated in the event along with Optum executives in Bollywood Quiz, Bollywood style dressing, dialogue and dancing. Students also had the opportunity to watch a **presentation on Chandrayan** and take part in the **Asian Games** presentation followed by a General knowledge Quiz. Most importantly, the day provided an opportunity to underprivileged students to see firsthand the office of a corporate behemoth. The event ended with Executives of Optum serving them a sumptuous meal, making the day so memorable for them!



BFA Children with Optum Employees

BFA CANVAS



School Board Decoration on World Space Week



Maths Quiz Conducted by Ms. Ashima at BFA library.



Students at SVM Noida celebrating Gandhi Jayanti in BFA library.

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