



Books for all
We Don't Teach, We Educate



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Volunteering Opportunity at Adobe

On June 27, 2024, Adobe Noida and Bangalore honoured its executives who contributed immensely to social causes at their inhouse event, "Heroes Meet 2024". As part of this special event, Adobe recognized Books For All (BFA) as the NGO partner of the event. Mr. Pravin Bhasin, Founder and President of BFA, inspired the 'Heroes' with a short presentation showcasing how the organization expanded its footprint across India. BFA had also set up a stall to highlight its six impact missions.

Welcoming the Hero Volunteers **Ms. Sonal Dhir** Head CSR highlighted the commitment of Adobe for CSR activities. In a lively fireside chat **Mr. Saurabh Agarwal** explained the company's efforts in addressing social causes since the early 2000s with interesting case studies.

The event also featured a performance by a young student band called 'Music Factory,' which entertained all attendees with their music and singing.

As a volunteer-driven organization, BFA is thankful to Adobe for this opportunity to inspire its executives to continue volunteering for the betterment of society.



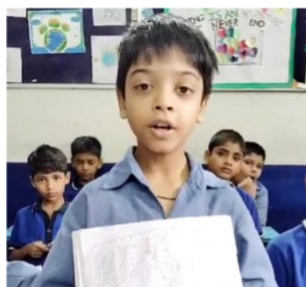
Mr. Pravin Bhasin giving the presentation

School Have Reopened, BFA Libraries Buzzing with Activities

After record-breaking temperatures in June 2024, our six libraries reopened in schools on July 1st. On the very first day, students across our libraries created beautiful rangoli designs to welcome their school teachers, fellow students, and librarians. This welcoming gesture, initiated by the students themselves, highlights that education extends beyond textbooks and reflects the success of our Library cum Creativity Centre initiative.

Ms. Asha Chouhan, Principal of SVM in Sadarpur Noida, was amazed at the improvement among her students. Some students who initially lacked confidence have now gained it through their engagement in various library activities over the years. During a session on using water and preventing water scarcity organized by the SVM library, a student named Aarush Sharma presented a story so impressive that Ms. Chouhan applauded him in the school assembly.

Similarly, at our other five libraries, we have witnessed great enthusiasm among all students, eager to learn and grow creatively.



Aarush Sharma Telling a story with much confidence



Sultanpur Library children doing Rangoli on 1st Day of School to welcome all. And on right Asha Ji, SVM Principal acknowledging students for their work.

Meeting the Long-Awaited Demand of Assam

Government schools in remote parts of rural India often lack library facilities or infrastructure. When they see the practicality of WHLs, they eagerly request them, as was the situation in Assam.

In June 2024, BFA successfully addressed the long-awaited demand for library books in the Bengali language. During FY 2023-24, a dozen schools in West Bengal and Assam requested Wall Hung Libraries (WHLs) in Bengali. However, our existing supplier was unable to meet the requirement due to insufficient inventory. Despite communicating these challenges, remote schools in Assam continued to pursue this request, having witnessed the positive impact of WHLs in other parts of Assam, albeit in languages other than Bengali.

The management took this matter seriously and began searching for different publishing houses across India. In May 2024, BFA's search ended when we found Tulika Publishing House in Chennai. As a result, 23 Bengali-medium schools in West Bengal and Assam



University of Assam, Gauhati, Assam received their WHLs in June.

Schools in Assam with Bengali Story Books by Tulika Publisher

The Wall Hung Library is one of the best and most cost-effective library models. It requires no infrastructure—simply hang it on a wall, and students can pick and read story books. In this edition, **we specially acknowledge that 55 WHLs delivered in the first quarter were sponsored by Adobe.** We are truly grateful for their support.

Not Just Training, We did handholding till Abhinav Kumar secured his first job



Abhinav Kumar in his office working in graphic project

Abhinav Kumar, one of the beneficiaries of Books For All's Saksham-Vocational Training project, secured his first job with a salary of ₹23,000. He is currently employed at Vajiram & Ravi in Karol Bagh, New Delhi.

Abhinav hails from Wazirabad, Delhi, and lives with his parents. In Oct 2022, he attended a face-to-face counseling session with mentors from BFA. Recognizing his interest in computers and graphics, he opted for Motion Graphic Course at MAAC Kamla Nagar, New Delhi, in Jan 2023.

After completing the course in Dec 2023, he undertook an internship to enhance his skills and gain experience. Despite possessing the required skills, he struggled to find a job with a good package. Throughout this period, BFA's senior counselor remained in touch with him, continually motivating him to persist in his job search. Although he faced several rejections, he did not lose hope.

At Saksham, we believe that our success is not merely in providing skills training but in ensuring that our students secure jobs. Abhinav's journey exemplifies this belief.

Finally, Abhinav secured his desired job and is now employed at Vajiram & Ravi. We wish him all the best for his future.

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Mr. Pravin Bhasin and Music Factory Founder being felicitated by team Adobe



A project model designed by our library student on how to reuse the water



Library Students with their ideas to save the water



Joyful Students in Assam enjoying WHL by Books For All

Would you like to support us in our activities or help as volunteers or mentors? We can be reached at **+91 - 9818649949** (Deepa Sengar) or **+91 - 9313584600** (Pravin)

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