



Sarthak

Foundation

EDUCATE A CHILD

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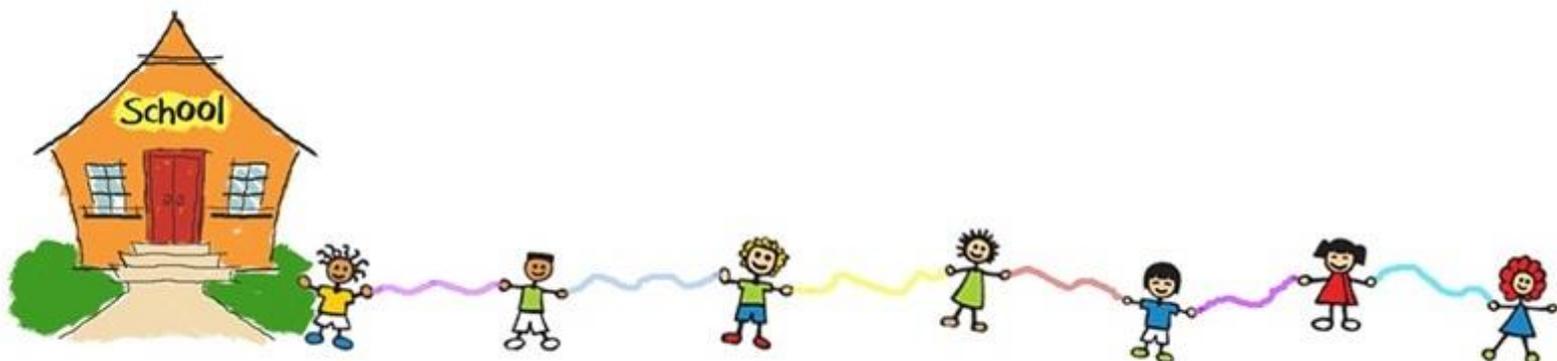
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Sarbhak's vision is to add significance to the lives of the under-privileged children by providing quality education. We believe that every child has the right to education, irrespective of the background, religion and most importantly gender and thus we give a lot of importance to educating the girls.

ABOUT SARTHAK FOUNDATION:

Sarbhak Foundation is a non-profit organization working to provide quality education to children who cannot afford it. We are working on the project 'EducaTE A Child' and are based in Lucknow, India. We believe that children are the foundation of any society. Sadly, more than half of our country's children below 14 years of age do not go to school. Most of these children are not able to go to school because of financial constraints. At a very young age children are being forced into social evils like child labor and begging.

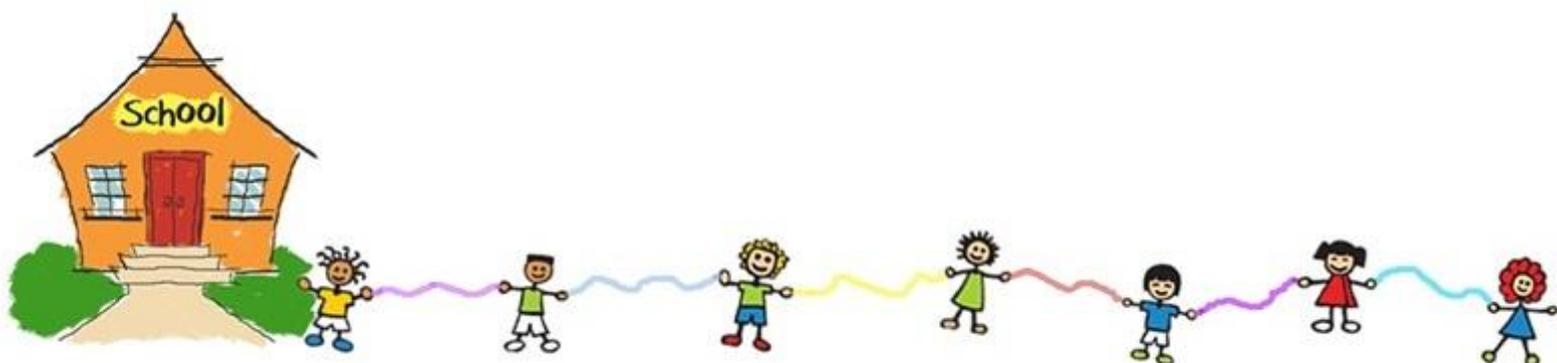
We began working for this cause because we all individually, at some point or the other recently, came face to face with the reality of abject poverty. None of us is rich. But we have never wondered what a pinch of fennel seeds tastes like either. So we got together, went to a slum, got the people together and started teaching the children. The children that we deal with are mainly beggars, rag pickers or nomads. Some of them are also employed as laborers by the local vendors. They are addicted to drug, tobacco and alcohol abuse. We are trying to bring about a change in their life through our study centers.

The average age of our team is 27. Most of us work without remuneration and dream of a day when each of us will be able to work for Sarbhak in a full time capacity. The core team has management professionals, engineers, as well as students. We are motivated, driven, confident and focused, and we love working together. The professional and personal comfort between us, the passion in each of us, the desire to make a difference and the willingness to make sacrifices to see that happen, make our team awesome.

Our Objectives are:

- Identify non-school going children from the under-privileged section of the society.
- Provide informal education (Open Study Center) to children who cannot get admitted to schools because of financial constraint and help them eventually get admission.
- Provide tutorials to the admitted children to help them cope up with the course curriculum.
- Conduct classes using graphics and animation to make learning easier and more interesting.
- Focus on holistic development of the children by conducting hobby sessions, sports activities, moral value classes and sessions on etiquette and manners.
- Increase their awareness about matters related to health, hygiene, nutrition and environment.

We conduct classes (Open Study Centers) for pre-teens and teens living in slums and cover their primary education. Once their primary education is taken care of, we will get them admitted to mainstream schools for further education.



We are happy with what we have done so far. We started with six children. With no external help or aid, in a short time we have managed to raise this number to more than one hundred and fifty. We have got nine children admitted to an English medium school.

The details of our current work are as follows:

Malhaur Outreach -

This is the first project started by our team under Educate a Child. Currently, we have more than seventy children in this project.

Chinhat Bazar Outreach -

This is the second project started by our team under Educate a Child. Currently, we have more than eighty children in this project. We also hold health camps for them, as addiction is a cause of concern in this area.

Bekar Se Saakar -

Our project Bekar Se Saakar is a fund-raising sale in which we collect used but usable items like clothes, toys, shoes, and bags and sell it at very economical price to the needy.

Wish Tree -

Our project Wish Tree is an activity, which is organized to fulfill the wishes of the children of our Foundation.

Why become a SARTHI?

(Sarthi is a Hindi word for Charioteer. A Sarthi drives you, guides you and holds your hand when you need a direction in your life. By becoming a Sarthi, you will give the kids the hope to realize their dreams that they have just started seeing for themselves. Become their hope – become their Sarthi – Help them study.)

As a responsible citizen of the society, it becomes our fundamental duty to strive to provide the deprived sections with this essential resource. All you have to do is to let go of one cup of coffee in a cafe or one dress in a mall or one movie ticket and you can contribute in educating a child.

Procedure To Sponsor:

You can open a door to the ocean of knowledge through these ways:

- By sponsoring an Open Study Center
- By sponsoring a class of an Open Study Center
- By sponsoring the full/part education of child/children
- By sponsoring books, notebooks, uniforms and stationery

You can pay through cash/cheque. The details are:

Account number: **31482055697** | IFSC Code: **SBIN0011213**

Account Name: **Sarthak Foundation** | Bank: **State Bank of India**

Branch: **Munshi Pulia** | City: **Lucknow** | State: **Uttar Pradesh**

Future Plans and Achievements:

A survey estimates that there are about 787 slums in Lucknow. We plan to open around 20 study centers within the next 3 years. Each center will cater to about 70 children. We have also found that about 10% of children in slums abuse some kind of drug. One of our goals is to free our children of this habit. In the next few years the project plans to cover 60 slums (3,30,000 people) in Lucknow and aims to educate around 5000 children.

