

# Baptist Church Trust Association



## January highlights and impact stories

### Welcome to a New Year of Hope and Empowerment - Let's Walk this Journey Together!

As we step into the promising year 2024, we at BCTA family (Baptist Church Trust Association) extend our heartfelt gratitude to each one of you who has journeyed alongside us, supporting our mission of empowering communities and fostering hope in the lives we touch. We are thrilled to share with you the latest developments in our mission to make a positive impact in our community.

As we reflect on the past year's accomplishments, we are inspired by the collective impact we've made together. Your generosity and commitment have enabled us to bring smiles to countless faces, offering a guiding light of hope in times of uncertainty.

In the coming year, let us continue to stand united in our pursuit of serving others and making a meaningful difference in the world. May 2024 be a year filled with abundant blessings, renewed purpose, and endless opportunities for growth and transformation. Through this newsletter, we aim to provide you with insights into our ongoing efforts and the impact of your support. With deepest appreciation and warmest wishes for a joyous New Year.

*Mr. Sumeet Nath, BCTA, India*

### Securing Future through Gurukul

In January, the Gurukul Project continued its mission of empowering children and families with education and opportunity. Across our 18 chapters, 641 students attended regularly, with 25 new admissions and two successful transitions to mainstream schooling. We welcomed the new year with heartfelt celebrations, where students and teachers exchanged wishes and resolutions. Republic Day was commemorated with patriotic fervor, as children engaged in activities that honored our nation's heritage and values. The dedication and enthusiasm of our children underscored their commitment to learning and growth. As we move forward, the Gurukul Project remains steadfast in its goal of shaping a brighter future for all.

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### Women Empowerment Initiatives

An initiative by BCTA, focussed on uplifting urban slum women through education and skill development. Despite facing resistance from families and societal norms, we tirelessly advocated for the importance of women's education and skill training. 27 women enrolled for this program, and we initiated basic education and tailoring courses. Through regular counseling sessions, family interactions, and community meetings, we encouraged the women to stay committed to their education and training. With persistence these women completed their education and tailoring courses, demonstrating resilience and empowerment. Jagriti remains committed to transforming lives and building self-reliant communities.

**January Events**

- Celebrated New Year in all our centers.
- Workshop on Soft Skill Development for Project Instructors and volunteers conducted at BCTA.
- Republic day Celebrated in all our centers and BCTA Managed institutions.
- Awareness programs conducted in various locations.
- Had a fruitful time of meeting, discussion and deliberation for way forward with State TB partners.



**Event Photos From Projects**

'Empowerment Through Education,' has reached new milestones, bringing smiles to faces and hope to hearts. Check out the captivating photos capturing the transformative impact of our work!



**Empowering People Building Lives**

Our latest initiative, a pilot vocational training program focusing on Phenyl making, embodies our commitment to empowering underprivileged urban communities. By addressing the challenges faced by these communities,

We aim to restore livelihoods and uplift individuals through skill development. his endeavor aims to empower individuals by imparting practical skills in formulation, manufacturing processes, and quality control measures associated with Phenyl production. By actively involving the local community, we ensure sustained participation and support, fostering a sense of ownership.

Looking forward, we plan to establish Self-Help Groups (SHGs) among trained individuals to promote collective entrepreneurship. These groups will facilitate resource-sharing and access to markets, fostering a sustainable model of Phenyl production while integrating eco-friendly practices.

Our vision extends beyond Phenyl making; we aim to create a network that not only produces high-quality Phenyl but also contributes to the overall development of the community. Together, we are building a future where individuals are empowered, communities thrive, and lasting change is achieved.

**Story of Impact- Power of Education**

Karan, a 13-year-old from Bopura, underwent a remarkable transformation when he joined our Gurukul in his community. Karan was playful and often said things without thinking, causing trouble for him and for his parents, Vinod and Seema.

*With the introduction of the Gurukul chapter, Karan's life took a positive turn. Guided by dedicated volunteers, he embraced his studies with newfound discipline, leaving behind his old habits of conflict and profanity. Over 5 to 6 months, Karan's remarkable progress was evident as he immersed himself in learning and adopted positive values.*

Today, Karan's parents are delighted to witness his dedication to studies and responsible behavior. His transformation not only brings happiness to his family but also inspires hope for a brighter future within their community. Karan's journey underscores the transformative power of education and mentorship, showcasing the potential for personal growth and societal change.



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