

3067 the number of the quarter: Mary's Meals Expansion

Mary's Meals Schools Meet 2019

Preparing field: Mary's Meals meeting with the staff @ new center

Mother's Care last share @ Sangam Vihar

Glad to meet you: Mother's Care Spain sponsor visit

Work done: School Improvement Sponsor visit

Let's Talk Important: Life Skill sessions

Stories to tell

FROM THE CHAIRPERSON'S DESK



Fr.Arun John President BREAD

Though "Empowerment through Education" is the motto of BREAD, for hungry stomachs the word education may not make much sense. I think this is where BREAD plays a vital role in the lives of thousands of poor children in India. As an incentive to bring children to school for their education, through Mary's Meal international, BREAD feeds more than 26000 children every school day. I can't but remain indebted to Mary's Meal International, Scotland for their whole-hearted and generous contribution towards this project. As the President of the organization "BREAD" I was indeed happy to attend and address the Annual Meeting of all the partners through whom BREAD is carrying out this magnanimous work. Secondly, I am really impressed by the financial transparency with which BREAD functions. The passion that I see among the staff and team members also is awesome. Mary's Meals Program that started with feeding a few children in Haryana is now serving more than 26000 children in different parts of India and is still growing in leaps and bounds. BREAD not only feeds the children for their education but also is involved in helping them to make a life for themselves through the help provided to them for their higher education, through Mother's Care and Mother's Leap. I am grateful to the entire team of BREAD for carrying out this stupendous work with so much of dedication and commitment. I hope and pray that the readers of this news letter will keep supporting the efforts of BREAD in the coming days and years. God bless you all!

















Mary's Meals School Meet held on 16/2/2019.

An annual meeting for the feeding in-charges, implementing personnel at the ground-level.

An interface to enrich the management skills as well as clarify doubts



- Inauguration of Mary's Meals Aprons for the cooks by Graeme Little; The Chief Directors of Program, Mary's Meals International.
- Releasing of Mary's Meals Standard Operating Manual, a guide for the feeding In-charges by Fr.Arun John; Chairperson of BREAD













THE BIG FAMILY: MARY'S MEALS INDIA

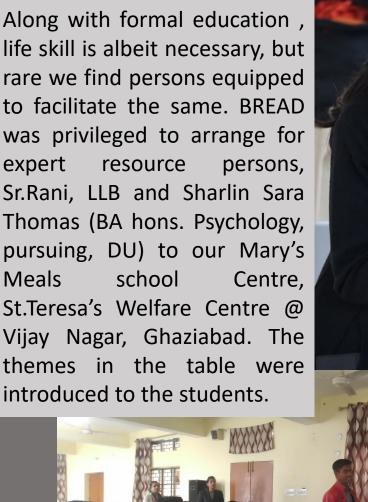














Motivation to work hard

Body safety and protection

Grade 5

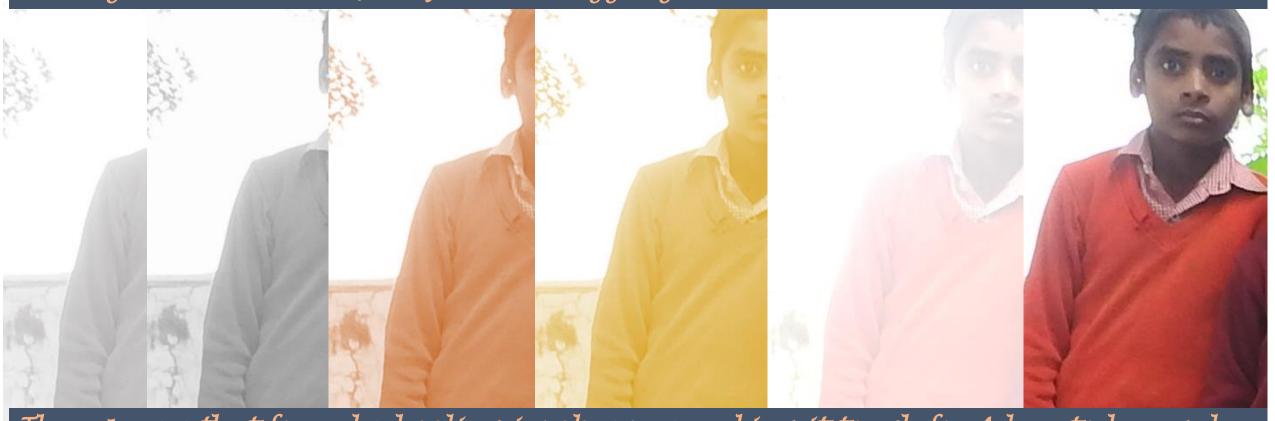
Adolescents

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In year 2019, when India has developed up to creation of Bullet Train, for Aslam(name changed) a 2nd grade student a horse cart is not at all primitive. The father rides this chariot of the poor to earn bread for the family and wife manages the house. Its not tough for anyone to imagine how much the family will be struggling to meet their ends.



The expenses that formal schooling involves was making it tough for Aslam to be regular. He felt embarrassed to join the school, as had no proper uniforms like his mates and the daily stationary requirements were burdensome. Mother's Care had come as a boon to the family. A new pair of uniform, new school bag equipped enough with stationary has boosted up his energy to, regularly attend the school. The school reported that the teachers are very happy with this big change that has come in Jan.

Very hard working Archie(name changed) now in 9th grade, has taken a leap of 10% and more from the scores in last year when in 8th. Abandoned by parents, grown in a foundling house, old uniforms, second hand books, plastic bags for school bags, is all with what she has managed with. A heart full of gratitude for all those taking care of her, she has never complained rather behaved contended. Two new pair of shoes and uniforms, and other stationary, from Mother's Care had been inner heart desire that has been fulfilled. She feels joyous to attend school and study. Young Archie aims very high not in terms of profession but creating ripples of help she has received for others in need.







Stench of the toilet and no proper sanitation resisted Gauri (name, changed, Right corner above) and her class mates from using the school toilets. Every month during the time of their cycles they think 10 times to attend the school. With the support of Magneti Marelli, CDM school could renovate the girls toilet. Well tiled and clean toilets have taken away the tension of many girls in the school, thus have reduced absenteeism among girls.





Very confident 20 years old Anupama (name changed), have very soon submerged into the professionalism of an office girl. She cleared her Computer Operating course from Ingraham Industrial Technical Training Center, with the support of Magneti Marelli. Her salary is a big relief to the family who had only Rs. 14000 as family income. Anupama initially received an admin job in Nursing home for children and elderlies. Very far from her residence with a good salary, but her commutation used to exhaust the salary. She had to drop the job soon, but sooner because of her skills she had been able to find for her a reasonable job near her house, employed at a shop of fitting and appliances, she is required to take care of the sales and purchase.



"Since 25 years we are managing to bring remarkable changes in the lives of these less privileged and economically back ward children. We do our best to provide them with quality education using modern technology as far as possible. However we alone are unable to cater to all the needs of these children in our institution. The monetary assistance received in the year 2018 - 19 from Magneti Marelli company through BREAD Noida, towards infrastructural development, helped us to provide better facilities to the students. Our school has a better look and we are saved from the dust filled class rooms and able to save water. We are also grateful to Mr. Ashish Srivastava for his presence with us during our Silver Jubilee celebration. We hope to continue our partnership with you in our mission. We are ever grateful to BREAD for supporting these less privileged children for their study and improve the infrastructural facilities. "- Sr. Jean Mary



GRACED WITH SKILLS: JOURNEY FROM MC TO ML.

"I dream of opening my own dance academy"

Rajani (name changed) is now a certified Bharthanatyam Dancer, holding a bachelors degree in Arts and Dance. Rajani had been with BREAD since her school days, covered under Mother's Care and now in Mother's Leap. BREAD is honored to share Rajani successful completion and achievement of "Arangettam", a ceremony of formally ascending the stage after completion of the formal training. "I am really grateful to BREAD and Magneti Marelli for supporting in the completion of my course" shares Rajani. BREAD looks forward to her climbing higher the ladder of development.

BREAD : Who all are there in your family?

Rajani: I had been orphaned in my childhood, to what I know when I was an infant. I have never even seen a picture of my parents. I have three sibling elder to me. Two sisters and a brother. All of them are married and busy in their life. Initial years I got almost no help from them, well they themselves didn't have enough to help me.

BREAD: Hi Rajani, congratulations on your Arangettam. How long its been that you are part of BREAD

Rajani : Thank you. I must be of 12-13 yrs old, yaa it was my 7th std, when my foster father approached BREAD for my education.

BREAD: Had you been staying with your foster father always?

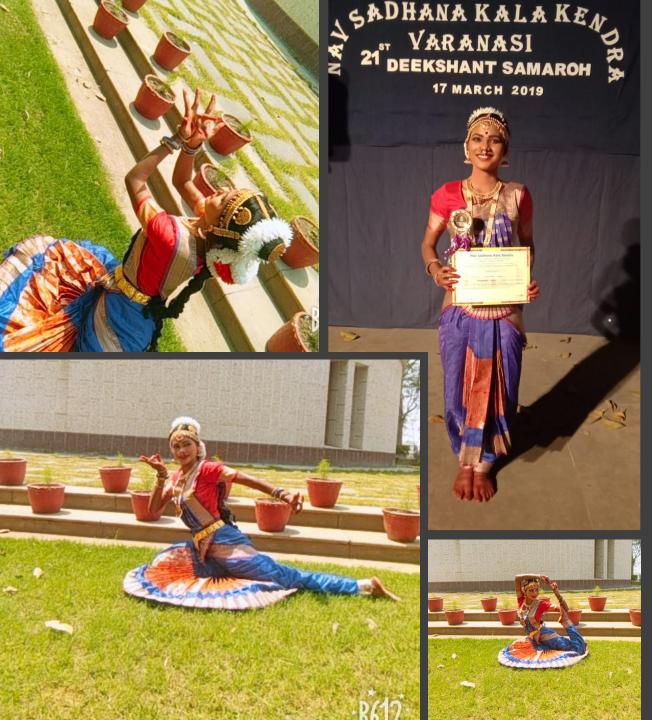
Rajani: My schooling is from Agra, I had been in a hostel life all through my life. Till 10th in St.Vincent School hostel Agra and then shifted to St.Joseph's School for my PUC. Papa (foster father) is my legal guardian, so every holiday I used to come to him, and even now visit him at least ones in a year.

BREAD: Then how did you manage your expenses?

Rajani: Life had been tough though, but BREAD has helped me a lot. Other than my fees and educational expenses, there are daily expenses too, BREAD supported me with all that. BREAD had gone beyond than just supporting my education, even helped me meet my family ones in a year by paying for my train charges. During college life there were petty expenses that used to arise often, like farewell party, birthday of a guru. Of which you cannot avoid to be part of, as it is kind of official but students were supposed to make contributions. Such expenses then, my sisters used to help me with somehow.







BREAD: Now your course is over, so what is your next plan.

Rajani: I have applied in schools, have applied in Bengal, as my elder sister is there. Also I dream of opening my own dance academy. I have been told by many that in West Bengal people take special interest in art and especially dance forms. Bharatanatyam is liked by many. I and one of my seniors plan to get into a school during the morning hours and as the school gets over by afternoon, we will be left enough time with us. We can utilize that time by giving Bharatanatyam classes. We will have to take some space on rent first. It is only possible once I get a job in some school to start with.

BREAD: Do you have any message to BREAD and sponsors?

Rajini: I am really grateful to BREAD and Magneti Marelli for supporting in the completion of my course. It is because of this help I had been able to achieve this stage of my life. Also will like to join this cycle of help once I get my job.

BREAD: Thank you Rajini, for sharing us your life story. We pray and hope that you get a job soon and even your dream of opening of a dance academy also is fulfilled soon.

