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Annual Report

2025-26



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Letter to the White Lotus Trust Community



Dear Friends of WLCT,

Every child begins life with remarkable potential. Whether that potential is realised, however, depends not on ability alone, but on opportunity—opportunities to attend school, to learn in a safe and nurturing environment, to receive encouragement, to develop confidence, and ultimately to build a future filled with hope and purpose.

At White Lotus Trust, this simple belief continues to guide everything we do. During 2025–2026, thanks to your generosity and partnership, **9,350 children, young people and community members** across Delhi, Haryana, Tamil Nadu and Jharkhand benefited from programs designed to remove barriers to education, strengthen communities and create lasting pathways to opportunity.

Each year reminds us that meaningful change is rarely the result of a single intervention. It is achieved when children are supported consistently—when safe transport enables school attendance, nutritious meals improve concentration, inspiring teachers nurture confidence, digital skills open new possibilities, career guidance expands horizons, scholarships remove financial barriers, and communities themselves become stronger and more resilient.

This philosophy of connected opportunity continues to define the work of White Lotus Trust.

During the year, our **Blossom Bus** program ensured that 547 children and young women travelled safely to school each day, while also encouraging families to embrace the education of girls and supporting positive social change in communities where educational opportunities have not always been equal.

Our **CHALK After-School Program** continued to provide joyful, child-centred learning through academic support, creativity, sport and community engagement. Since its establishment in 2017, nearly three thousand children have benefited from a program that reminds us that learning flourishes where children feel safe, valued and inspired.

Education pathways expanded significantly through **Buddha Shines**, where our network of learning centres grew from fifteen to eighteen centres, including three advanced study centres led by exceptionally qualified educators. More than seven hundred students received academic support that is preparing them not only for examinations but for futures of greater possibility.

At the Garden of Peace School, our **School Meals Program** continued to provide nutritious breakfasts, lunches and afternoon meals throughout the school year. More than **197,000 meals** nourished students, teachers and volunteers, recognising that good nutrition is fundamental to successful learning and healthy development.

Our commitment to higher education remained equally strong. Through the **Kapadia Education Foundation Scholarship Program**, fifty-five scholars continued their educational journeys, with eighteen successfully graduating during the year and, remarkably, no student leaving the program prematurely. This achievement reflects not only financial assistance but the consistent mentoring and encouragement that accompany every scholarship.

One of our most significant developments during the year was the expansion of our **Career Counselling Program**. Working in partnership with twenty-four government schools across Delhi and Haryana, we reached **2,281** students—more than three times the number supported in the previous year. Thousands of young people are now making informed decisions about higher education, vocational pathways and future employment with greater confidence and clearer direction.

The **Lotus Education Hub** in Delhi continued to evolve into a vibrant centre of learning, guidance and community participation, welcoming thousands of young people and families through counselling, competitive examination preparation, awareness programs, library services and community events. Complementing this work, our Hazaribagh Education Hub in Jharkhand provided intensive preparation for competitive examinations while helping rural students plan meaningful education and career pathways.

As technology increasingly shapes opportunity, our **Digital Literacy Program** continued to bridge the digital divide by equipping young people in Delhi and Jharkhand with practical computer skills that enhance both educational achievement and future employability.

Beyond education, our **Community Wells Program** continued to demonstrate the profound connection between water security and human development. Expanded irrigation, reliable drinking water and improved household nutrition are strengthening the resilience of farming families while creating opportunities that extend well beyond a single generation.

Not every aspiration was realised this year. Funding limitations meant that our Girls' Football and Lotus Pedals bicycle programs could not continue in 2025–2026. These initiatives have previously empowered hundreds of girls with confidence, independence and educational opportunity, and we remain committed to restoring them as resources become available.

Looking across the year, what inspires us most is not simply the scale of our work but the lives behind the numbers. Every statistic represents a child discovering confidence, a young woman continuing her education, a family choosing hope over hardship, or a community investing in its own future.

Progress of this kind is only possible because of people like you.

Your generosity does far more than fund individual projects. It creates opportunity where opportunity was once absent. It builds confidence where uncertainty once prevailed. It enables young people not only to imagine a better future, but to achieve it.

On behalf of every child who has learned, every family who has grown stronger, every teacher who has inspired, and every community whose future has become brighter, thank you for believing in the mission of White Lotus Charitable Trust.

Together, we are helping to build a future in which every child has the opportunity not simply to survive, but to learn, to thrive and to contribute with dignity to the communities they call home.

With our deepest gratitude,

The WLCT Team



PATHWAYS OF OPPORTUNITY



Access
Blossom Bus

Learning
Chalk & Buddha
Smiles

Opportunity
Scholarships

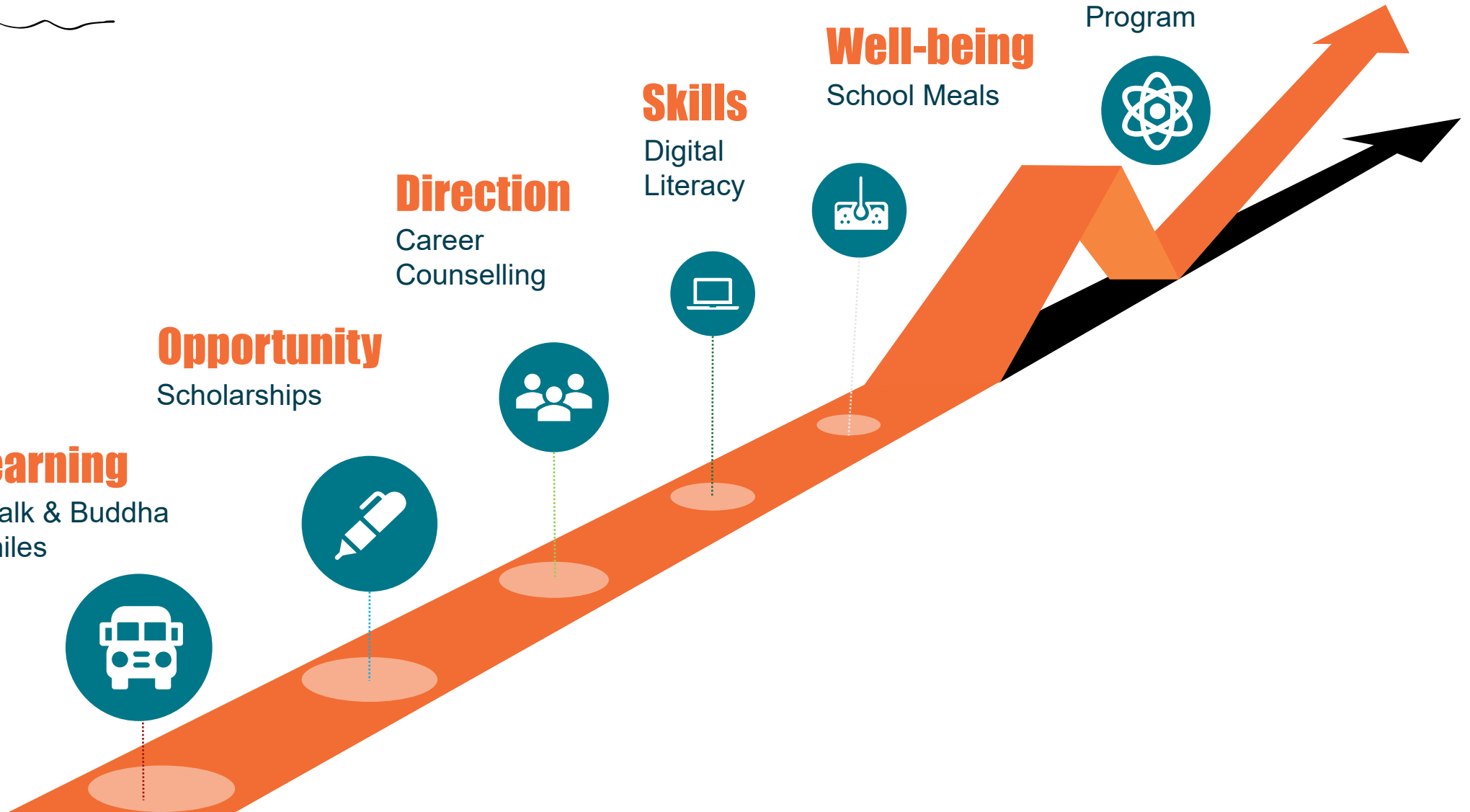
Direction
Career
Counselling

Skills
Digital
Literacy

Well-being
School Meals

**Community Resilience
and Livelihood**

Community Well
Program



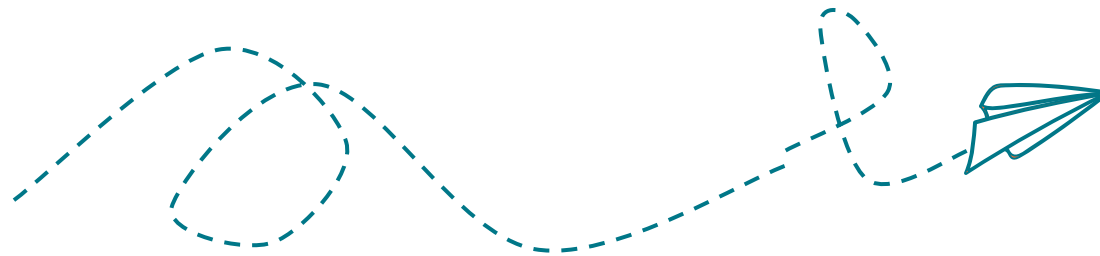
Spotlight on 2025-26 Impacts



White Lotus programs represent a wide range of education, training and health (CARE) strategies arranged in verticals to serve the particular needs of women and children living in poverty.

Over the course of 2025-2026 White Lotus projects brought life changing opportunities in education training and essential needs across **water, sanitation, hygiene, child safety awareness** and much more to some **9,211** mostly women and children of vibrant and yet, underserved communities.

Our digital literacy programs served **420** students while continuing to close the gap with vocational, employment focussed computer training in cooperation with well partnered placement agencies. We tripled the number of students reached through our Career Counselling outreach programs, some **2,281** young aspirants providing them tools to make better choices with respect to further education and employment pathways.



Our Blossom Bus program gave wings to **547** youth, providing them daily transport on buses with a female mentor, ensuring daily access to education for girls and young women facing issues of safety and remoteness.

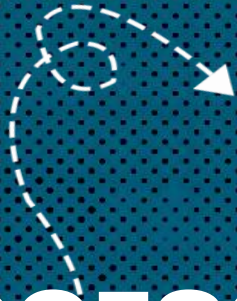
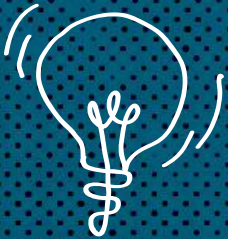
30 after school learning centres across two states provided one to one academic support for **1051** children from underserved communities while our school meals program provided almost **200,000** meals to primary level school children!!

We are ever grateful to the many funding organisations as well as individual and corporate donors for your continued support in our mission to uplift and provide opportunities to thousands of deserving young women and children every year. There's lots more to share so please see our short program summaries below and follow links for more detailed information about White Lotus Trust and it's programs.



**EDUCATION + TRAINING +
CARE = EMPOWERMENT**

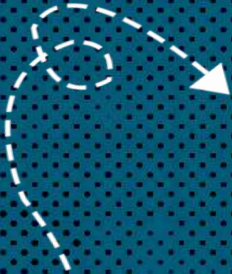
**ACCESS
EDUCATION**





ACCESS TRAINING





ACCESS TO CARE

nutrition, water, livelihoods,
young women's sanitary hygiene



CAREER COUNSELLING AND CAREER PATH DEVELOPMENT

2,281 youth provided access to professional career counselling, targeted employment and career path development options



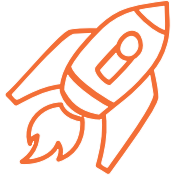
1,051 Afterschool academics and learn through play provided to children of daily wagers at Rohini in Delhi and small holder farmers near Vellore in Tamil Nadu



**AFTER
SCHOOL
EDUCATION**

Blossom Bus

547 including **436** young women at Haryana and **111** children at Garden of Peace School received daily, free transport, getting to school every-day and ontime!!





WATER AND SOLAR IRRIGATION PROGRAM



1000 village farmers served - expansion of **500 hectares** of irrigated farm land for **250** households, providing year round cropping, access to drinking and water for cooking, with improved nutrition from home vegetable gardens established with a new, secure water supply.



197,000+
Meals

Through
School
Nutrition
Program
2025-26



CSR FUNDING NEWS

Celebrating our continuing partnership with
Nissan Renault Financial Services India.

We are simply delighted that Nissan Renault Financial Services P/L India continued to support the Blossom Bus program, providing funding for **350** students from 38 villages of Haryana and Tamil Nadu in this academic year!!



CELEBRATING 5 YEARS OF LOTUS EDUCATION HUB AT ROHINI, NEW DELHI

Over five years, Lotus Education Hub has grown into a vibrant community resource centre, reaching **3,416** individuals, including **678** students through school awareness programmes and **2,738** CHALK students, local youth and parents.

The Hub conducts self-defense, child protection, child marriage, safe touch, summer camps and other awareness programmes, while connecting communities with essential resources and support.

Through partnerships with **DCPU, DLSA and NGOs**, Lotus Hub continues to create a safe, informed and empowered community.



'There is nothing more satisfying for us than seeing real change in social attitudes toward girls higher education at community level. There are none more qualified to bear witness to changes in social and parental behaviour than our lady mentors riding to and from school with the girls on a daily basis and often going in to bat for them when they ask for help to convince their parents to keep them in school and out of marriage as long as possible.

"I come from a farming family in Kushak village, where thankfully, my parents have always believed that education is the greatest gift they could give their children. Before the Blossom Bus, my daily journey to school was often stressful, and my parents worried constantly about my safety and whether I would reach school on time. Today, that journey has become a source of confidence and hope. Travelling safely each day with other girls, supported by our caring mentor, Ms. Preeti, allows me to focus on my studies and prepare for my Class 12 board examinations with confidence. The Blossom Bus has given me far more than transportation—it has given me the opportunity to dream bigger. I now hope to pursue higher education, support my family, and show my younger brothers and sisters that girls from small villages can achieve anything when they are given the chance."

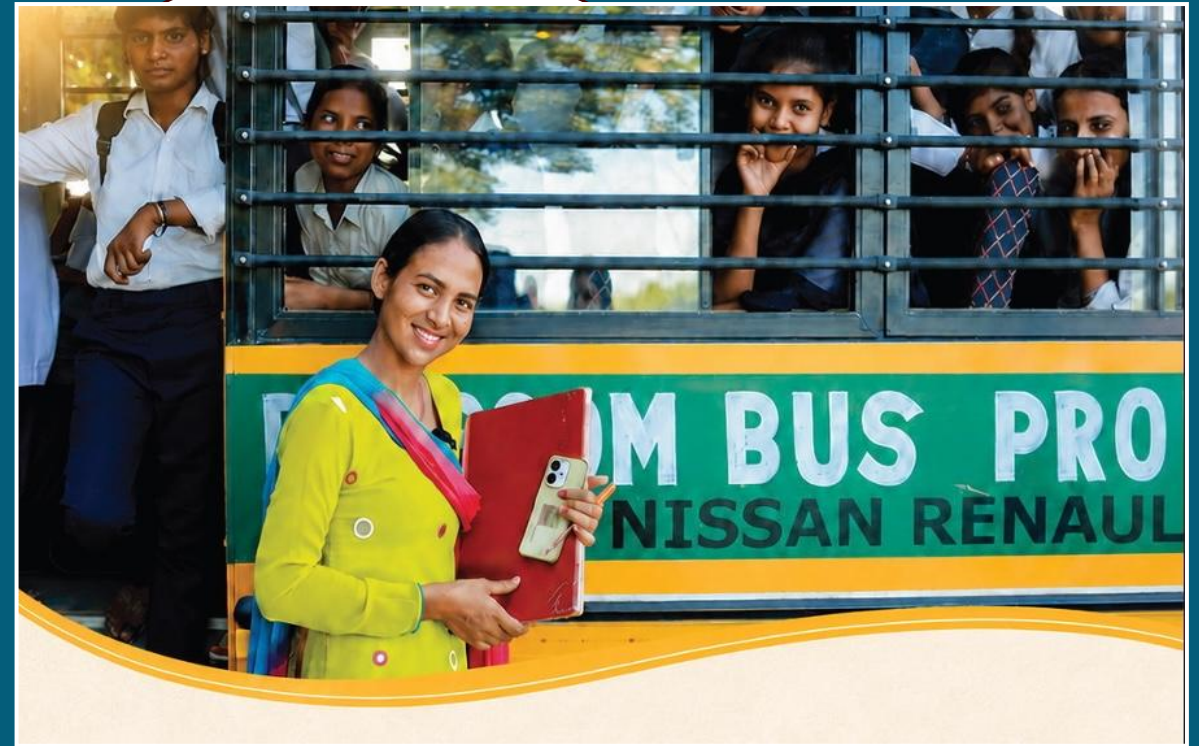


Aarti, Class 12

Science Student, Kushak Village

Preeti

our Mentor at Kushak school tells us "...I remember, one day a girl came to me very quietly and said she didn't want to come to school because her parents were asking her to stay home and help in household work. I spoke gently to her parents and explained how important her education is. After a few discussions, they agreed, and now she comes to school regularly. Seeing her smile again made me feel so satisfied."



Ms. Preeti

our Blossom Bus mentor at Kushak School in remote Haryana



What Has Changed?



**Increasing social
acceptance of
girls' schooling**



**Near-universal
enrolment at
primary level [1]**



**Families allowing
education up to
Class 8 [2]**



**Public campaigns
normalising value
of daughters**

Celebrating
significant
changes in
gender
equations
leading to
parental and
community
acceptance
of girls'
higher
education in
Blossom Bus
target areas



Community Well - DACF feature

The Community Water Well and Solar Irrigation Project at Palkot Block of Gumla District, has emerged as a highly successful and transformative intervention for tribal communities there.

The project has improved access to **safe drinking water**, strengthened livelihoods, increased **agricultural productivity**, enhanced nutrition, and promoted **women's empowerment and community ownership**.



Summary of Outputs and Outcomes



- Two community water wells established with solar-powered irrigation systems.
- Safe drinking water access improved for approximately **1,000 households**.
- Around **500 hectares** of land brought under irrigation.
- Approximately **500 farmers** increased land under cropping and now doubling their annual income while growing multiple crops throughout the year.
- More than **70** families established kitchen gardens.
- Multiple women Self Help Groups involved in water governance and maintenance.



Lotus Community Education Hub reaches new heights!

Lotus Education Hub - New Delhi - number served = **3,416**

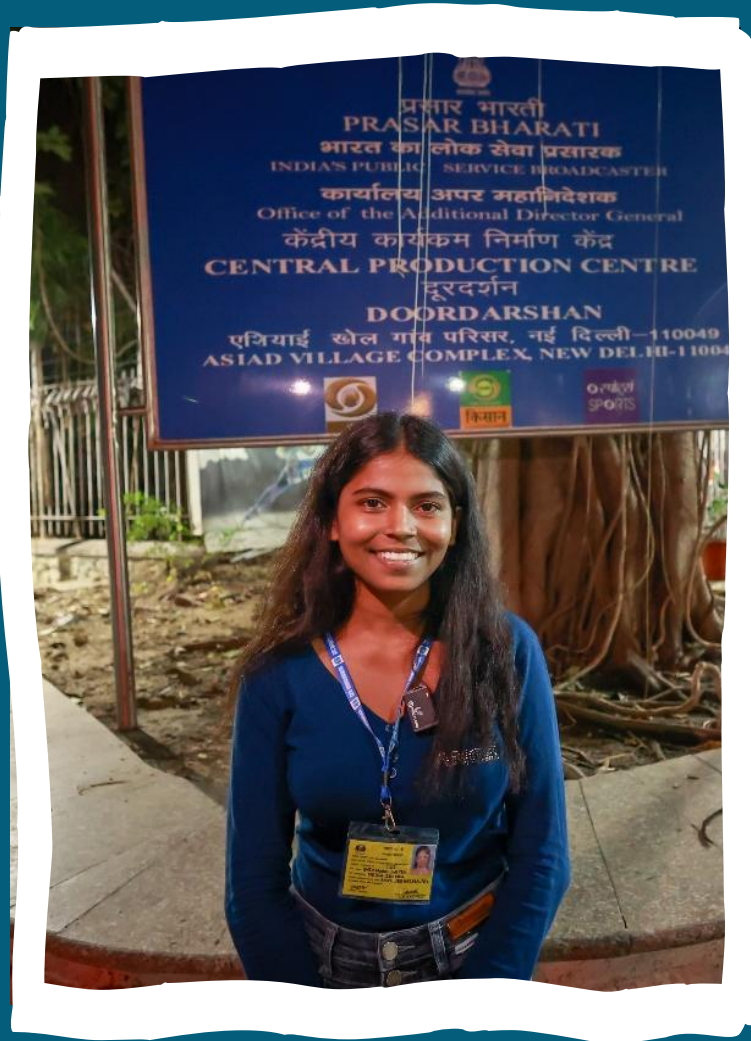
678 students reached through our awareness programs at schools and education hub

2,738 reached including parents, chalk students and local youth participated in various celebrations

Daily attendance at Delhi Hub includes; youth for general counselling (with Rakesh a UCLA accredited counsellor) and competitive examination preparation, access to our library and internet browsing. Attendance is also taken for various youth centric events celebrated at the Hub.

Lots of outdoor sports and awareness raising events for children and community around the education hub!!





Shivangi,
Mass Communication

Success Stories:

Guidance turned her dreams into direction — today, Shivangi shines at DD News **Shivangi's Story: From Confusion to Confidence**

Shivangi, a bright girl from a simple family, faced a very tough time when her father lost his job in 2023. With four younger siblings, her family's situation became difficult, but Shivangi didn't give up. She wanted to study and build a better future.

After finishing her graduation, she came to Lotus Hub for career counselling. She was confused about what to do next. During our sessions, we noticed that she had a strong voice and great confidence. We guided her towards Mass Communication, a career that suited her talent.

With our help, she prepared for the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) and got admission to the Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), Odisha. After completing her one-year course, she got a job at **DD News Channel**.

Today, Shivangi is living her dream and often thanks Lotus Hub for helping her find the right path. Her story shows how the right guidance and a never-give-up attitude can change a life.

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