

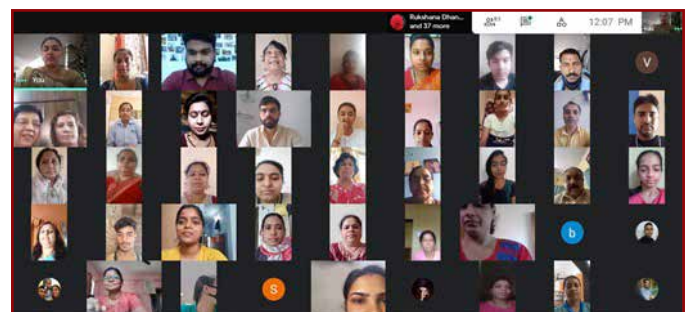
Aakarshan Virtual Classes

Battling against the second wave of coronavirus, Virtual classes were again set up for the students at pan India level. 521 learners got themselves enrolled in Spoken English, Beauty & Wellness, Cutting & Tailoring, Computer, and Tally courses. These classes provided the students with an opportunity to learn from home. This also became a cross-learning experience for the students throughout Aakarshan. Webinars and Seminars on behavioural modules were organised for the learners for their holistic development.



Extracurricular Activities

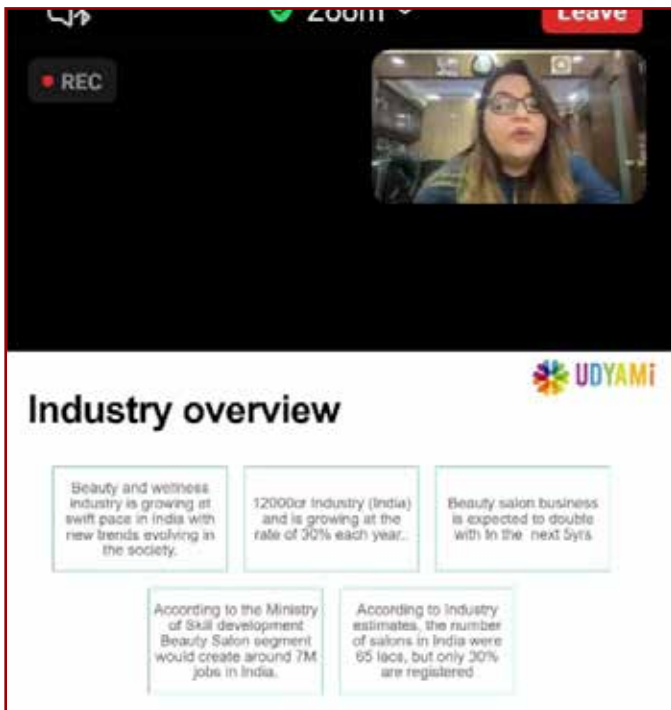
Virtual classes provided students an opportunity to attend various extracurricular activities in the form of webinars conducted by various professionals. These activities also provided additional information apart from the course to the learners. A few of the topics on which the Webinars were conducted are Health & Wellness, Nutrition, Personality Development and Interview skills.



Workshops and Webinars on Beauty and Wellness

A number of Webinars and Workshops by Beauty Wellness professionals were organized for the learners. These Workshops were virtual and helped the students to learn advanced methods. Webinars on Self Makeup, Royal Chic Bridal Look, the Science of hair

care and skin, etc were conducted for the students. Awareness Session about different government loan schemes was provided by PMEGP- Khadi and Village Industry Commission for students who are looking for capital to start their business.



School Dedication Ceremony

Under school adoption Project, after completing the infrastructure work in Rajkiya Prathmik Vidyalaya, it was handed over to the School authorities in a School Dedication Ceremony. Rajkiya Prathmik Vidyalaya is now upgraded with a drinking water station, a separate sanitation facility for boys and girls, improved civil work, and thematic painting. Vivek Prakash, (SDM Gadarpur) and Ravi Mehta (DEO Udham Singh Nagar) were the chief guests for the

ceremony. Members from Spark Minda: LM Joshi (Plant head), Nitin Tyagi (H.R Head), UNO Minda Sandeep (Plant head) Abhishek Kumar (H.R Head), accompanied by the Spark Minda Foundation team, School Staff. Local authorities were also a part of this ceremony. The overall transformation of the school was highly appreciated by the guests. The Project will help in improving the quality of education for the students.



Shakti in Prison

In its first phase of Project Shakti, Sanitary Napkins Vending Machines & Incinerators were installed in 4 Prisons of Haryana- Jhajjar, Faridabad, Rohtak & Karnal. Each prison was made available with 1000 Sanitary Napkins initially. The Shakti in

Prison initiative aims to promote safe and healthy menstrual hygiene practices among women inmates and to reduce morbidity among women suffering from reproductive diseases, primarily caused due to improper menstrual practices.



Virtual Menstrual Hygiene Day

In collaboration with Spark Minda Foundation, India Vision Foundation organized a virtual “Menstrual Hygiene day” celebration with 120 female inmates of prisons of Haryana. The session was an interactive one and was presided over

by Dr. Ghazala Shaheen, Regional Resource Coordinator, Pathfinder International India. All the doubts and dilemmas pertaining to menstrual hygiene were discussed and resolved. The female inmates shared their valuable opinions and experiences about the topic.



Mask Production

It is wisely said that prevention is better than cure. Following this rule for saving ourselves from Covid-19, we all are wearing masks. Supporting employment of the needy, Spark Minda Foundation has engaged women who would make masks and also earn for their work. This initiative of mask production had taken place at different project locations- Haryana, Maharashtra and Uttarakhand. A total of 35,080 masks have been produced so far.



Arogya Health Kit Distribution

At the onset of Covid-19 Second wave, the SMF Tamil Nadu team decided to provide immunity boosters to the local community. This preventive practice helped in lowering the curve near Sriperumbudur Industrial area and also instilled good hygiene practices in the local community. With the support of government officials, Arogya



Kit was distributed in the villages of Vengadu, Irumbedu, Karunakaracheri, Mudukulathur, Kulathur, K.K Nagar Vellarai, Malaipattu, Mahanyam, Alagoor, Pillaipakkam, and Putlur. The kits consisting of 5 masks, 100ml sanitizer, soap, and Kabasura Kudineer (kadha) – an ayurvedic immunity booster, were distributed to 5,136 families.



Plasma Donation Drive

With the Covid-19 cases reaching peak in the month of May '21, the demand for plasma therapy too saw a rise. Observing a shortfall in the people receiving plasma for the therapy, the Maharashtra team in collaboration with the local organization "Plasma

warrior" Khed block started a plasma donation drive. 347 people came forward to donate plasma and 756 people received plasma under this drive. Although, later the Government of India declared that Plasma Donation is no more useful for the Covid-19 Patients.



Covid-19 Vaccination

With the support and collaboration with the District Administration of Tamil Nadu and Uttarakhand, SMF was able to provide free vaccination to the community people. In Chennai in collaboration of the health department two camps were organized at - Vengadu and Pillaipakkam covering 605 people.



In Uttarakhand with the help and support of the District administration and health department, the Social Welfare Department, vaccination camps, exclusively for the people with disabilities was set up at various blocks of Udham Singh Nagar District. During the drive, SMF was able to reach 933 PWDs through these camps and also facilitated in providing the people with UDID registration.



Ration Distribution

During the second lockdown, it was difficult for people to scout for food. Targeting leprosy-affected people a Ration Distribution Drive in various rural locations was organized by SMF and MCL Pantnagar. Daily need ration items were distributed to 45 people. The ration kit included wheat flour, rice, pulses, spices, and oil that could last for 2 months.

Covid-19 Care Center



Spark Minda Foundation extended its financial support to CII – YBLF, ACMA in building Covid-19 Care Center at Sector 67 of Gurugram. The centre has a 200 bedded facility, available with oxygen concentrators and other required services to cater to COVID-19 infected individuals. The centre was built to provide primary medical care to Covid-19 patients. The services offered at the relief centre were free of cost and supported an NGO 'Doctorsfor You'.



Voice of Stakeholders



मैं अशोक पाल निवासी कुलेसरा गांव का सदस्य

स्पार्क मिंगा फाउंडेशन के द्वारा चलाए जा रहे विभिन्न प्रोग्राम की जितनी सराहना करू उतना ही कम है। संस्था द्वारा संचालित किए जाने वाले प्रोग्राम से हमारे गांव के छात्र छात्राएं लाभान्वित हो रहे हैं। आपकी संस्था की तरफ

से हमारे गांव में किए गए सामाजिक कार्य के लिए मैं स्पार्क मिंगा फाउंडेशन का धन्यवाद करता हूं। कम पैसे में अच्छी शिक्षा और रोजगार उपलब्ध करवाकर हमारे गांव की महिलाओं को आत्मनिर्भर बनाने के लिए हमारा गांव आपका आभारी है। इसके साथ ही मैं यही कामना करता हूं कि यह फाउंडेशन आने वाले समय में भी हमारे गांव को ऐसे ही लाभान्वित करे।

बहुत धन्यवाद!

— अशोक पाल



I, Maya Devi, I am an Asha Worker and I majorly look after the functionalities and working at the Government Hospital of Bhondsi. I have been associated with Spark Minda Foundation since 2019. The courses offered here are beneficial to the underprivileged section of the community, both my children have completed their skill development courses here itself. The

medical camps and eye camps are also very beneficial as they help us to get free check-ups. Before the establishment of the Aakarshan Center at Bhondsi, the children had to wander to other places and localities, in order to learn and garner these skills. With its establishment, it has been a great source of learning and education and that too is very near to us. We are very grateful to the entire team for their tireless efforts. We wish and pray that the centre continues its journey with us in the years to come.

— Maya Devi



I am Bharti Kaul, working in an NGO. I had joined multiple courses Such as Advanced Excel, Tally, and Spoken English. The teaching skills of all the trainers are unique and they take a fun route to make you understand topics. They fine-tune the topics in an easier way and have helped me to clear my doubts. The timings

are kept after understanding the needs of every candidate, which makes it easier for the student not to miss out on classes. I want to thank my trainers and team Aakarshan for their wonderful and astounding work.

— Bharti Kaul



My name is Avinash Sumit Vij. My home town is in Haryana and now I am married and settled in Uttar Pradesh. During the lockdown, I heard about online Beauty and Wellness Classes from Spark Minda Foundation. Although I am always busy with household chores, I decided to take out some time from my schedule

and attend these classes. The classes were fun and I attended lots of Webinars. With continuous motivation, I am now learning basic Beauty and Wellness for my personal use. I will open up my business soon.

— Avinash Sumit Vij