



# INSPIRING DREAMS DRIVING CHANGE

**AAsRAA**  
TRUST

Annual Report 2023-24

# FOREWORD

I've always embraced books, regardless of circumstances, and they've embraced me in return. Our friendship has had its complexities, but now I consider us inseparable. They've always been my solace, finding their place within me, guiding me to grow as a person. Thanks to books, I've been honored with the opportunity to share my story in the foreword of this year's annual report for Aasraa Trust.

It's not an uncommon story about the transformative power of education; however, it's one that is closest to my heart. It's extraordinary in its ordinariness, where miracles unfold.

My family's unstable financial standing led me to leave school after class 4. In a village, this is not considered a major issue. In 2019, I moved to Dehradun with my mother but without the necessary documents. Being away from books, education and school felt like a punishment to me.

I couldn't get admission to a school. It was during this challenging time that I met a group of individuals whose only mission was to make sure that children like me are in school. Meeting them was the highlight of the day. My mother found out that this was the outreach team of an organization called Aasraa Trust. This was a godsend!

My mother put her faith in them. They got all the necessary paperwork done so I am eligible for school. They not only helped me secure admission but also recognized my potential. They enrolled me in something called a Mobile Learning Centre—a bus with a little school in it. There were books, pencils, colors, toys for learning, and a giant TV screen fitted behind the driver's seat.



Name: **Monika Paswan**

School: **Government Girls  
Inter College, Rajpur Rd.,  
Dehradun**

From not being able to get an admission in school to studying in what can only be described as a dream school, the best days were ahead of me. The classrooms were vibrant and well-decorated, and the teachers employed engaging teaching methods that further fueled my passion for learning.

I performed well; however, due to late schooling, my admission into a regular school was a little challenging. Aasraa had a solution for that too! I was enrolled in its NIOS -OBE center in class 6, an open schooling platform where I could catch up on my educational levels through distance education. I continued my studies there until class 8.

Aasraa then admitted me to Government Girls Inter College, Rajpur Road and kept me in their shelter home. I was finally in a school...with large classrooms, a huge school bell in its courtyard, and lots of friends! Waking up every day knowing the school is waiting for me was the best feeling in the world.

Time has flown by so quickly. Last year, I passed my class 10 exams with 83.6%. My journey from a student who had to leave school to someone who dreams of studying at Delhi University and becoming an IAS officer has been nothing short of a roller coaster ride but well worth it ... all because of Aasraa.

I now know that my goals are achievable; thanks to my teachers and to Aasraa for believing in my abilities. I am grateful for the opportunity to dream big and make those dreams a reality.

With heartfelt gratitude,  
Monika Paswan

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Best  
Sister

# CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

It has been an exhilarating year at Aasraa!

We remain focused on education as catalyst for social change and have taken on more partner schools with Government. With focused capacity building, better TLM and improved technology we have raised the education level in these schools. Aasraa now operates in 80 centres spread across Uttarakhand.

Aasraa has just turned 15! We have impacted the lives of 25,000 children, their families and communities. There are currently almost 11,000 children under the Aasraa umbrella in 3 districts of Uttarakhand, making the journey from street to school to skills!

In April 2023, to bridge the gap between education and employment, Aasraa launched its new Skills Training Centre, SkillAbility. Skill training has never been more important. In a post covid, changing world, relevant skills training is an urgent challenge. The very first year of this program, starting with 4 verticals and adding 2 mid-year, we were able to reach 523 youth!

We have an exciting new addition to our fleet of technology enabled mobile learning centres. This has brought the total number of tech-enabled mobile education buses up to 9! This was donated by the Labour Department of Uttarakhand, to specifically target children of migrant workers at construction sites who rarely have any education at all.

The Career Guru Program trained secondary school teachers in career counselling throughout Uttarakhand. Working in partnership with Chevening and the Education Department of Uttarakhand, Aasraa ran The Master Training program to train 200 teachers and reach over 1000 students in 7 districts of Uttarakhand, identifying children's individual strength and aptitude to make higher education choices and focus on career paths.

Aasraa has focused on scholarship programs for higher education. Aasraa team was empanelled to award 120 scholarships to Girl students in the Udhampur district for higher education degree and diploma courses. This brings the number of students at Aasraa in higher education to over 200.

Aasraa's School Quality Enhancement Program model has remained a crucial aspect of Aasraa's intervention through a rigorous capacity building program for the teachers, quality teaching- learning resources and access to computer literacy through Aasraa Mobile Computer Labs. Aasraa added 6 more government schools under SQEP.

The Tinkering lab promotes critical thinking and problem solving. It's a favourite class for children where they can find practical solutions of everyday problems. It will provide the base of the STEM learning program outlined by the NEP in our partner schools.

Aasraa has a new office! We have been blessed to be able to bring all Aasraa verticals under one roof onto one premises. It has allowed us to concentrate our activities and synergies between departments.

Aasraa also has a new Special Needs Centre. With almost 80 special needs children identified through Aasraa programs, we needed larger premises to offer proper individual care programs. The new premises has also provided space to start a skills training program for our children with special needs.

I am also pleased to share that Aasraa has been awarded The Mahatma Award 2023 for Social Good and Impact (for Non Profit), Indian CSRAward for Top 20 Best NGOs of the Year, Uttarakhand Educators Award 2023, and the Nari Shakti-Raashtra Shakti Award 2023.

Thank you all for being on this amazing journey with us. We could not have done it without you; your love, your care and your sponsorship.

We are here to build a better India, an inclusive India, at whose table, underserved children have a seat.

A special thanks to all the members of the Aasraa family whose dedication, passion and commitment to making our children's lives better brings us closer to success each day. They make the dream a reality!

**Warmest regards**



**Shaila Bijnath**  
**Founder and Chairperson**  
**Aasraa Trust**



1 NO  
POVERTY



2 ZERO  
HUNGER



3 GOOD HEALTH  
AND WELL-BEING



4 QUALITY  
EDUCATION



5 GENDER  
EQUALITY



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION  
AND INFRASTRUCTURE



17 PARTNERSHIPS  
FOR THE GOALS



**Let's work  
together for  
our common  
future!**



# LAUNCH OF SKILLABILITY

Many underserved youths are unable to realize their potential due to a lack of essential skills. This leads to a significant dropout rate after completing school, leaving many young individuals unemployed as they are unable to access better job opportunities.

Recognizing the critical need for skills training among underserved youth, Aasraa, in collaboration with Gyan Jyoti Trust, inaugurated the Skills Training Centre in April 2023. The primary aim of this initiative is to bridge the gap between education, skills, and employability, thereby empowering marginalized youth.

The center currently offers five vocational courses and placement in Hotel Management, Cutting and Tailoring, Computer courses and DOJO. We will soon launch the Automotive Service Technician Course.

Since its establishment in April 2023, over 500 trainees have already enrolled.



# 523

trainees  
enrolled

# 104

trainees  
placed

# 5

Verticals

## 2 ADDITION OF THE 7TH BUS TO OUR FLEET OF MOBILE LEARNING BUSES



On September 16, 2023, Uttarakhand's Chief Minister, Pushkar Singh Dhami, inaugurated Mobile Learning Centre (bus).

The project is sponsored by the Uttarakhand Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board and operates in association with Samagra Shiksha Abhiyaan, Uttarakhand.

This initiative brings the children of Dehradun's laborer and migrant construction workers into the fold of education and encourage them to take the first step towards their educational journey.



# A DAY DEDICATED TO OUR PILLARS

## EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY

Aasraa came alive with the rhythm and joy of various performances, marking a vibrant celebration of our dedicated team's unwavering commitment on Annual Employee Appreciation Day, 10 November 2023. Mr. Pradeep Kumar Rawat, Chief Education Officer, Dehradun, graced the occasion as our Chief Guest.

Aasraa's workforce is the heart and soul of the organization and play a pivotal role in the well-being of the underserved children and youth. Their passion, hard work, & determination have been the driving force behind all of Aasraa's achievements.



Every year as winter descends upon the Dehradun valley, Aasraa wraps its children in the warmth of tracksuits, thermals, caps, socks, and blankets.

This year too, Aasraa gave thousands of children under our care, the strength to face the unforgiving winters in the valley.

# 3071

Children

# 41

Aasraa Centres



**#SpreadTheWarmth**

## 5 THE CAREER GURU COUNSELLING AND GUIDANCE PROGRAM

Initiated on 19th December 2022, The Career Guru Program focused on mentoring 200 government teachers from diverse districts of Uttarakhand. The program, consisting of 8 virtual sessions, aimed to equip teachers with essential skills to guide over 1000 students from government schools in the state.

Additionally, a Tamanna Aptitude Test, developed in collaboration with NCERT, was administered to 500 senior secondary students, facilitating the identification of strengths and abilities for informed decision-making regarding future education and career paths.

The event featured an address by Dr. Sati, setting the tone for the Master Teacher Training by iDreamCareer, attended by 10 school teachers and 50 students. A Career Guidance Session was conducted, culminating in the felicitation of 10 teachers for their outstanding contributions.

This initiative emphasized the importance of empowering government teachers as Master Mentors to counsel and guide students from underserved backgrounds. The collaboration with career counselling trainers from iDreamCareer and sponsorship from the Chevening Alumni Programme Fund enhanced the impact of the program.



### Teacher Testimonial

*"The sessions were well planned and imparted us with great knowledge, it gave us a new perspective to work with the students."*

**-Ms. Yadav, Teacher, Government Girls Inter College, Rajpur Road Dehradun**



## 6 GYAAN MANTHAN MELA 3.0

Aasraa's third Gyaan Manthan Mela—a Science and Math Fest was organized by the children and teachers of Aasraa Trust in December 2023. The festival aims to foster curiosity and innovation among children, showcasing their creativity and hands-on talent.

The fair was opened by Ms. Vandana Garbiyal, Academic Research Director - Department of School Education, Uttarakhand. The guest conducted a walkthrough of the science models, showcasing the innovative projects developed by the participating children.

97 children from 26 Aasraa centres made models ranging from rainwater harvesting to a working model of the Chandrayan 3.

The models were filled with providing solutions to real life problems such as the Drone Detection System to the Smart Railway Accident Prevention Project.



**97**  
Children

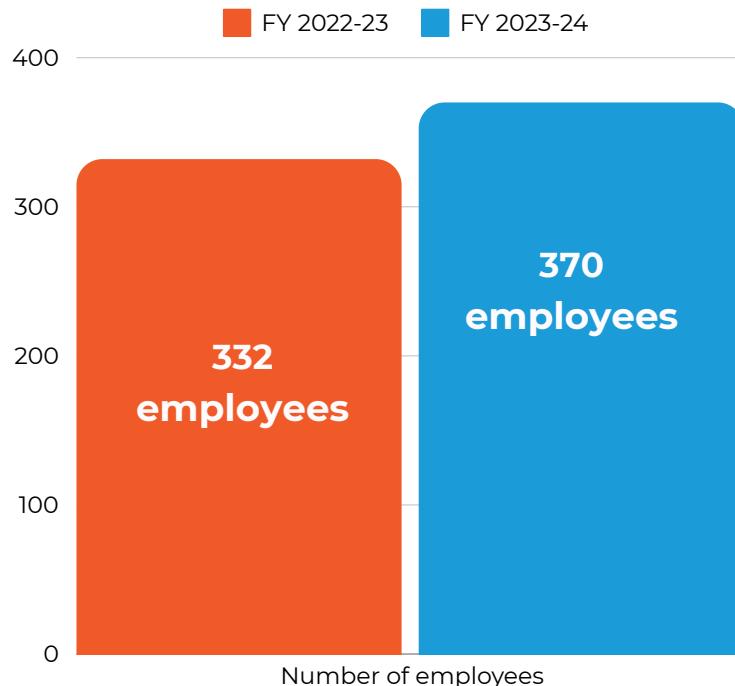
**23**  
Models

**26**  
Centres

# BIGGER IS BETTER

Our new office address is Skillability, Opposite Rajiv Gandhi Navodaya Vidyalaya, Tapovan Aashram/Nalapani Rd. Sunderwala, Raipur, Dehradun- 248008.

We express our heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Arun Khanna and the Gyan Jyoti Trust for generously providing us with this remarkable space to operate our office.



Furthermore, our workforce has experienced substantial growth over the past fiscal years: from 332 employees during FY 2022-23 to 370 employees during FY 2023-24.

Additionally, we are delighted to announce that we have received certification as a Great Place to Work, affirming our commitment to fostering an exceptional work environment.





*Celebrating the journey of milestones...*

# 15TH FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATION

Aasraa extends heartfelt gratitude to every individual and organization that has supported us along this incredible journey of 15 impactful years.

Together, we have achieved milestones, overcome challenges, and created lasting change.

*Thank you for believing in us and standing with us as we continue to strive for a better tomorrow for the underserved.*



**431**

children in Street Smart centres

**493**

children in Mobile Learning Centre

**295**

children Mainstreamed from Street Smart Program

**280**

children enrolled in NIOS-OBE

**1586**

children in the School Quality Enhancement Program

**667**

children enrolled in our partner schools

**1003**

children accessing digital learning through Mobile Computer Labs

**1802**

children in Wings Of Doon Program

**336**

children residing in Shelter Home

**80**

children in our Special Needs Centre

**5533**

Girls in Udhampur District of Jammu and Kashmir

**67**

children in Pauri Garhwal district of Uttarakhand

**67**

children enrolled in Higher Education

**490**

youth receiving skill training in Skillability

**132**

Volunteers

Impacted the lives of **11408** children through **80** projects across Uttarakhand in 2023-24.

# BOARD EXAM RESULTS 2023

## Our class 12 Toppers



**NAME: MAHESH PAL**  
School: Sanatan Dharm Inter  
College, Bannu  
Percentage: 87%



**NAME: SHAILI**  
School: Government Girls  
Inter College, Rajpur Rd.  
Percentage: 85%



**NAME: SAURABH RANA**  
School: Sanatan Dharm  
Inter College, Bannu  
Percentage: 84.4%

We extend our congratulations  
to all the students for the  
outstanding results in the class  
10th and 12th Uttarakhand  
State Examination.

Our heartfelt congratulations  
go out to every student, their  
committed teachers, and the  
entire school for this  
outstanding accomplishment!



**NAME: SEEMA KUMARI**  
School: Sneha Doon  
Academy  
Percentage: 88%



**NAME: DEEPIKA**  
School: GGIC Rajpur Rd.  
Percentage: 85%



**NAME: ANISHA**  
School: GGIC Rajpur Rd.  
Percentage: 84.2%

## 11 FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Malnutrition breeds illiteracy. A child sitting in a classroom, on an empty stomach growling, is not learning.

Every day, Aasraa's centralized kitchen prepares hot and fresh meals for all the children in Dehradun under its care.

Over 2,000 children are served nutritious meals daily, delivered to each center via dedicated food trucks.

Children attending our day programs receive breakfast and lunch, while those residing in our Shelter Homes enjoy a nourishing three-course meal prepared by professional chefs at our centralized kitchen.



Children in Aasraa's mainstreaming program enjoying their lunch



Centralized Kitchen Chefs



Aasraa's Food Delivery Truck

**329494**

Meals served

**2000**

children  
served daily

**7**

Programmes

## 12 MEDICAL SUPPORT

The unwavering dedication, exceptional skill, and compassionate care of Aasraa's Medical Team has ensured the well-being of the underserved children and their families.

The resilience especially during challenging times such as the Dengue outbreak during the month of September 2023, has been a source of inspiration.

The rising dengue cases did not deterred these heroes; instead, it motivated them to rise above adversity by working non-stop beyond the clock to ensure that every Aasraa child has ready access to health facilities.

The team has catered to the medical needs of more than 1200 children in the last year.



Aasraa's Medical Team

**2260**

Hospital visits

**1272**

Children

**99**

Dengue cases

## 13 COUNSELING SUPPORT

Counseling is a crucial aspect of mental health support, providing children with a safe and confidential space to explore their thoughts, emotions, and concerns.

Through compassionate listening and guidance, Aasraa's team of counselors conduct over 1500 counseling and life skills sessions to help children to gain confidence, emotional resilience, and the skills necessary for personal and academic success.

Our counselors offer personalized support tailored to the unique needs of each child.

By fostering self-awareness counseling empowers children to overcome obstacles, improve their emotional well-being, and lead more fulfilling lives.



*Aasraa's counselor counseling a resident of Girls' Shelter Home*

**1500**

Sessions

**201**

life skills  
sessions

**200**

children impacted

# Rescuing children from Child labour

In India, over 33 million child labourers go to work instead of school\*.

As a member of the Uttarakhand District Task Force, Aasraa has made a significant impact in the fight against child labor.

Over the past year, from April 2023 to March 2024, Aasraa along with other members of DTF, has successfully rescued 89 children from the clutches of labor.

Out of these, 6 children have been integrated in Aasraa run programs.

It is important to protect children's rights and ensure they have the opportunity to experience a childhood free from the clutches of labour.

\*Source: Census and ILO data 2016

89  
children rescued



## RECOGNITION OF OUR IMPACT



**Mahatma Award 2023 for Social Good and Impact (Nonprofits)**



**Indian CSR Award for Top 20 Best NGOs of the Year.**



**Uttarakhand Educator's Award 2023**



**Naari Shakti-Raashtra Shakti Award**

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# HEAR FROM OUR DONORS



*I have witnessed first-hand the positive impact of Aasraa Trust on the lives of children. Through their educational programmes, they not only impart knowledge but also instil confidence and a sense of purpose in these young minds. The NIOS and education programme at Sneha Doon Academy ensure that these children are equipped with skills that can pave the way for a brighter future, breaking the cycle of poverty.*

**Garima Garg**  
**Head, Max India Foundation**



*As I reflect on my journey with Aasraa Trust, my heart swells with pride and gratitude. I have not only witnessed the transformative power of your efforts but also the spirit of resilience, and sparkling eyes with determination, fuelled by the belief that education is their passport to a brighter future and that courage isn't confined to battlefields; it thrives in classrooms, playgrounds, and the quiet corners where dreams are whispered.*

**Sangeeta Sharma**  
**General Manager Sales, India Lufthansa Group**

**AASRAA**  
**161/II, VASANT VIHAR, DEHRA DUN - 248 006**  
**Balance Sheet as on March 31, 2024**

**I FUNDS & LIABILITIES**

	Sch	Non FCRA	FCRA	Amount	Previous Year
Capital Fund	1	80,52,518	16,89,129	97,41,647	1,43,58,595
Corpus Fund	2	68,55,651	1,35,993	69,91,644	69,91,644
Fixed Asset Capital Fund	3	1,48,40,322	4,93,21,817	6,41,62,139	6,47,90,450
Loans & Liabilities	4	-	-	-	-
Grants pending utilization	4	1,45,19,203	1,71,98,710	3,17,17,913	1,99,29,871
		<b>4,42,67,694</b>	<b>6,83,45,649</b>	<b>11,26,13,342</b>	<b>10,60,70,560</b>

**II PROPERTIES AND ASSETS**

Fixed Assets	5	1,99,36,620	5,57,34,818	7,56,71,438	7,77,43,473
Investments	6	30,21,681	66,00,891	96,22,572	1,85,90,675
Current Assets , loans and advances	7	2,13,54,485	67,38,093	2,80,92,578	1,05,72,895
Less :					
Current Liabilities	8	45,093	7,28,153	7,73,246	8,36,483
Net Current Assets		<b>2,13,09,392</b>	<b>60,09,940</b>	<b>2,73,19,332</b>	<b>97,36,412</b>
		<b>4,42,67,693</b>	<b>6,83,45,649</b>	<b>11,26,13,342</b>	<b>10,60,70,560</b>

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As per our separate report of even date.

For Aasraa Trust

Trustee  
  
(Shaila Brijnath)

  
Neelu Khanna

Trustee  
( Neelu Khanna)

Place : Dehra Dun  
Date : September 20,2024



VIMAL KISHORE & ASSOCIATES LLP  
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Partner  
Membership No 077942

**FINANCIALS**

## AASRAA

161/II, VASANT VIHAR, DEHRA DUN - 248 006

Income &amp; Expenditure Account for the year ended March 31, 2024

Particulars	Sch	Non FCRA	FCRA	Amount	Previous Year
<b>INCOME</b>					
Grants Recognised	4	4,91,61,345	6,04,95,237	10,96,56,582	10,48,06,120
Donations		84,60,008	1,22,27,273	2,06,87,280	2,03,47,531
Interest Income	9	6,74,378	4,49,234	11,23,612	12,38,583
Other Income		9,36,627	-	9,36,627	1,25,530
		<b>5,92,32,358</b>	<b>7,31,71,744</b>	<b>13,24,04,102</b>	<b>12,65,17,765</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
<i>Programme Expenses</i>					
Revenue Expenses	10	4,89,43,372	6,34,24,122	11,23,67,494	9,49,50,615
Capital Expenditure out of Grants	4	35,01,499	61,42,178	96,43,677	2,31,99,626
		<b>5,24,44,871</b>	<b>6,95,66,300</b>	<b>12,20,11,171</b>	<b>11,81,50,242</b>
Administrative Expenses	11	34,10,241	94,35,030	1,28,45,271	81,11,281
Financial Charges	12	-	56,494	56,494	45,224
Depreciation	5	11,75,547	9,32,568	21,08,115	25,19,230
		<b>5,70,30,659</b>	<b>7,99,90,391</b>	<b>13,70,21,050</b>	<b>12,88,25,977</b>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year transferred to General Fund		<b>22,01,699</b>	<b>(68,18,647)</b>	<b>(46,16,948)</b>	<b>(23,08,212)</b>

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Trustee  
(Shaila Brijnath)

As per our separate report of even date.

VIMAL KISHORE &amp; ASSOCIATES LLP

Chartered Accountants

ICAI Reg No: C400317




VIMAL KISHORE

Partner

Membership No 077942



Neelu Khanna

Trustee

(Neelu Khanna)

Place : Dehra Dun

Date : September 20,2024

FINANCIALS

# STREET TO SCHOOL TO SKILLS

## Donation Details

### For Indian Donors

Aasraa Trust

Account No: 50100228857353

IFSC Code : HDFC0001399

MICR: 248240004

SWIFT Code : HDFCINBB

Branch Address: Ballupur Chowk, Uttarakhand, 248001

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IFSC: SBIN0000691

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