## Visit @ Samarpan for Tihar Jail Visit by Ridhi, Diya, Avani

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At our site visit, we spoke with Meenakshi Laul who is in charge of the Samarpan Foundation in New Delhi for Tihar Jail. It is a charitable non-profit entity established in September 2006 that works to provide global support and assistance where there is humanitarian, ecological, environmental and welfare need. They provide educational and vocational programs for the Tihar Jail prisoners, their families as well as disadvantaged people in communities to prevent the circle of crime. Some additional programs include giving rations for all the families to get nutritional food weekly, tuition fees and supplies for children who want to attend school as well as financially supporting their after-school activities. We spoke with many families during the visit who were extremely thankful for all the support they have received these years. Samarpan also helps the elderly who are disabled in seeking medical treatment as well as financial assistance. Many of the parents who were formerly incarcerated now have children who receive an amazing education, were top in their class, and are hoping to achieve their goals and aspirations through college and beyond.

Due to Covid-19, many people in the underprivileged communities lost their jobs and could not provide for their families. Samarpan Foundation has assisted them with all of their provided programs to uplift their living conditions. They also host small gatherings and celebrate birthdays together to keep the communities close to each other and create new friendships and bonds.

