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Bricks to Books

ASHA TRUST KANPUR

Annual Report 2024-2025

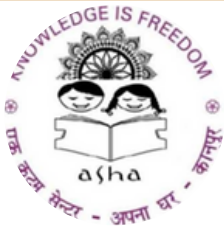
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जहाँ बचपन बोझ था, वहाँ अब सपने हैं।

Where childhood was a burden, there are now dreams.





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### Note from team

Dear Friends,

We're delighted to share that Apna Ghar, Asha Trust's centre in Kanpur, continues to grow as a safe and nurturing space for children of migrant brick kiln workers.

Since 2006, this centre has facilitated children transition from labour to classrooms — trading bricks for books, and hardship for hope. Today, 42 children live, learn, and thrive here, gaining formal education along with life skills, confidence, and creativity.

"Bricks to Books" is not any change — it's a powerful movement of transformation and empowerment. Thanks to every supporter, teacher, parent, and well-wisher who has walked this path with us.

Let's keep building futures for children of migrant brick kiln workers — not with bricks, but with books.

Warm regards,  
Team, Apna Ghar  
Asha Trust, Kanpur

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# Academic Achievements



The initial months were tough for some new students, especially in Math and Science. To support them, Ajay Kumar, a tutor from Chaubepur with 15 years of experience, was appointed. He teaches two hours daily. With his guidance and CLE Trust’s online support, students are steadily improving.

From mid-September, students appeared for Half Yearly Exams, followed by focused study through October and November. Class 10 faced their first Pre-Boards, while December brought 2nd Unit Tests for other classes. During January holidays, students revised, with some helping their families. Academics resumed full pace after the break. Some of the students were awarded for their efforts (academic and behaviour).

S.no.	Name	Class	Achievement
1	Govinda	8 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> rank in class
2	Birendra	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> rank in class
3	Pankaj	9 <sup>th</sup>	Kindness and Empathy & 3 <sup>rd</sup> rank in class
4	Narendra	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Leadership quality
5	Niru	8 <sup>th</sup>	creativity



Some students earned certificates for their performance in school-hosted activities, showcasing their hard work and determination.

- Sahil -2<sup>nd</sup> - English story writing
- Niranjan - 1<sup>st</sup> - Art
- Neeru, Ravi - 2<sup>nd</sup> - Art





# Sports Achievements



- **Juniors Football Competition:**

Students from Apna Ghar participated in the juniors football competition (classes 1-8) hosted by Billabong Secondary High International School. They won the first trophy for Vinyaas Public School in sports, securing 1st place in the competition.

- **Chess Competition:**

Nand, Govinda, Niranjana, Aptar, and another student from school participated in a chess competition in May. Nand received a medal as a board winner, but the team narrowly missed 3rd place by 2-3 points.

- **District Level Competition:**

Held in Phool Bagh, Kanpur, several students excelled. Niranjana won gold in shot put, gold in long jump, and bronze in a race. Neeraj won gold in running, making the school proud.

- **Kho-Kho Competition:**

Our kho-kho team participated in the KSS Kho-Kho Tournament by Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya on 21 -22 October. We proudly appreciate the team, as in the tough competition, they secured 3rd position in the tournament and created a history for their school.

- **Inter-school festival:**

Panorama, held every four years, is a major inter-school festival where around 40 schools participate. DPS Kalyanpur hosted it on 22-23 October. From Apna Ghar, Sultan and Awdhesh represented their school, winning gold in Galli cricket by defeating DPS Kalyanpur and securing silver in the dance competition.





# Higher Ed. Achievements



**Kamta**

A humorous and beloved figure among the students, known for spreading joy and connecting with degree in Information Science at Azim Premji University. He is pursuing BSc. IT.



**Kuldeep**

A bright former student of Apna Ghar, pursuing a BSc-B.Ed in Physics at Azim Premji University, Bangalore. Known for his ability to understand concepts easily and his skill in engaging children.



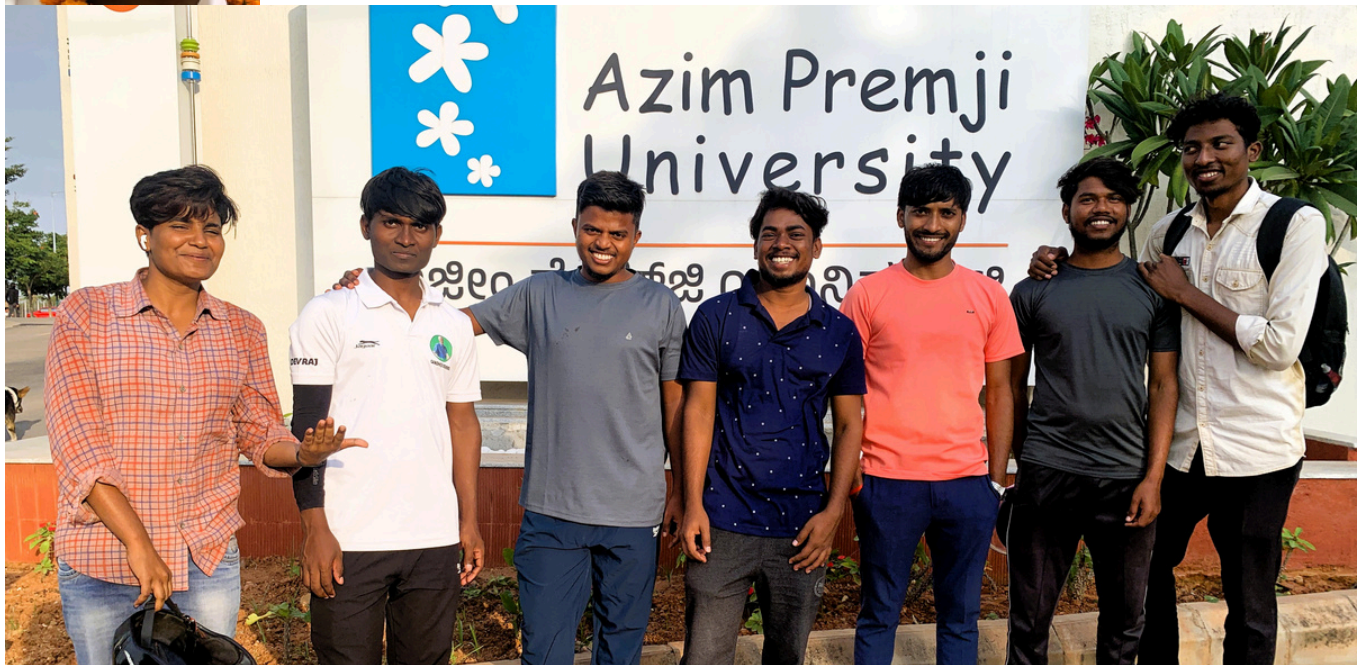
**Sanjay**

A calm and kind individual, well-loved for his tall stature and supportive nature. He is pursuing a BSc-B.Ed in Mathematics at Azim Premji University.



**Devraj**

A multitalented student and exceptional dancer, also pursuing a BSc-B.Ed in Physics at Azim Premji University. Renowned for his skills in dancing, editing, and his memorable contributions to Apna Ghar.





# Farming Achievements



From October in agriculture, Apna Ghar members helped produce garlic, tomato, Gram, Brinjal, Spinach, Coriander, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Radish, peas, etc. in Apna Ghar.

All four groups' members, gave their best in it by taking care of their part of the field. This production has taken more than 5 months because all are planted alternately in the field by changing every month, so they can take a suitable climate to germinate and give fresh vegetables.



Also, in Apna Ghar, there is an agriculture minister, Awdhesh Kumar, who takes care of all the agriculture products and crops, like watering the crops every 2-3 days and checking them every day so they do not get dry.

In the field if there is the need of cleaning the weeds he tells in the meeting and the another day if there is a holiday all the work was distributed in meeting to every groups captain and on the following day all the members of the groups will put out their fields weeds and unnecessary plants which is not suitable for crops and plants.





# Visitations



- **Gandhiji School, Puducherry**

On 28th January 2025, Gandhiji School's (GS) class 10 students and some staff arrived in Apna Ghar. There was a cultural program where all the Apna Ghar and GS boys and girls participated.



- **Thierry Uncle, Belgium**

The day was special as after 10 years Thierry's Uncle arrived at Apna Ghar, and the children welcomed him with a Garland of Golden flowers as well as smooth petals of rose. Children were happy to meet with him. During those days, children played with him and enjoyed doing their chosen things.



- **Judy Ma'am, Belgium**

The hostel was filled with excitement as Judy Ma'am, a long-awaited guest returning from abroad, was warmly welcomed with smiles, garlands, and a traditional ceremony. She stayed for half a month, teaching, playing, and bonding with the children. Her visit ended with a heartfelt farewell, filled with laughter, photos, gifts, and promises to stay connected—a touching reminder that distance cannot diminish love.





# Visitations



- **Rama University Students**

Rama university students had arrived here at evening of 25th of October . They had good time with us and they enjoyed here with children . They were six students from final year. They are Vanshika, Rishika, Rajshri, vidushi, Deepika. They had brought some crackers and sweets for children.

- **Ananth from Australia**

Ananth bhaiya who is associated with CLE Trust and lives in Australia came to visit us in December. It was interesting to listen to him and his stories about coding, learning and teaching.



- **IIT Kanpur Women Association**

The chief medical officer of IIT Kanpur visited us along with few of the IIT Kanpur women association members. They brought some gifts for us too.



- **Dr. Atika from IIT Kanpur**

Dr. Atika visited us to celebrate her doctoral degree. He completed her doctorate in psychology from IIT Kanpur. She is also an Asha volunteer. We had a feast and enjoyed a lot.



- **Dr. Swati from UCLA, USA**

Dr. Swati visited us and gave us treat. She also shared about her academic journey and passion for science. She is a scientist in America.





# Regular Programs



## • Independence Day Celebrations

Apna Ghar students celebrated India's 78th Independence Day with a flag hoisting and floral tribute to the Chakra. The event symbolized unity and patriotism. The day honors India's freedom from British rule and the adoption of a democratic system. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's role in drafting the Constitution was remembered, highlighting India's identity as a Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, Democratic Republic.



## • Raksha Bandhan



Raksha Bandhan was joyfully celebrated at Apna Ghar, with five students tying eight Rakhis on fellow students. The occasion was marked by blessings and the symbolic gesture of brothers touching their sisters' feet.

## • Hindi Diwas

On September 14, Apna Ghar celebrated Hindi Diwas with a Kavi Sammelan. Students like Amit, Ajay, Navlesh, and Sultan recited poems, while Pintu spoke on the importance of Hindi as India's official language.



## • Childrens' Day

Children's Day was joyfully celebrated in memory of Chacha Nehru, who loved and believed in children as the nation's future. The venue was cleaned and decorated with balloons and ribbons. Fun games like singing, dance, dialogue, balloon bursting, carpet racing, and a Nehru-themed quiz were organized. In the end, the winning team received prizes and all danced together in celebration.





# Regular Programs



- **Diwali**



Diwali, the festival of lights, was celebrated with joy at Apna Ghar. The day began with cleaning the campus, including the mess hall and library, followed by decorating with LED lights. In the evening, diyas were lit and placed around the campus. Everyone enjoyed sweets, apples, and fun moments together before bursting crackers and visiting Swaraj Bhaiya's home to continue the celebration.

- **Christmas Day**

Christmas was joyfully celebrated at Apna Ghar with decorations, LED lights, and handmade crafts. A student dressed as Santa Claus and distributed gifts, bringing smiles to everyone. The celebration included dancing, followed by sweets, cookies, and a festive dinner with kheer, puri, paneer, and peda.



- **New Year**



On 31st December 2024, Apna Ghar hosted a fun-filled evening with games, dance, and singing competitions among four teams. The event ended with birthday celebrations for Pranjul and Ajay, followed by welcoming the New Year and midnight birthdays of Santosh and Awdhesh. On 1st January 2025, celebrations continued with the APU brothers. Guided by Mahesh Bhaiya, a New Year video was made, and everyone joined in cooking and partying together.

- **R. Venkataraman Birthday**

Ramaswamy Venkataraman, born on 4 December 1910 in Tamil Nadu, became the 8th President of India in 1987. A respected freedom fighter and statesman, he received the Bharat Ratna in 1992 and the Tamra Patra in the 1970s for his contributions to India's independence and public service.





# Regular Programs



- S.C. Bose and Harbeer Bhaiya**



Students gathered in the library hall to celebrate Subhas Chandra Bose's birth anniversary, honoring his dedication to the nation and fondly remembering Harbeer Bhaiya, a beloved tutor of Apna Ghar.

- Makar Sankranti**

Makar Sankranti is a joyful festival at Apna Ghar, especially loved by children for kite flying. Swaraj Bhaiya brings festive treats, with tilgul—a sesame and jaggery sweet—being the favorite. Other items like chikki, murmura laddoo, patishapta, and poha add to the celebration, making the day special and memorable.



- December 2024 Winners**



Every month we have a cultural program, where four groups showcase their talents. There are singing, dancing, plays etc. The judges give points and declare the winner. More than winning, it is about fun and enjoyment.

- Republic Day**

On Republic Day, we gathered on the field to hoist the flag, salute, and sing the national anthem, with Rahul as the program organiser. Students participated enthusiastically by sharing thoughts, reciting poems, giving speeches on freedom fighters, and singing patriotic songs. Apna School also joined and contributed to the event with their own performances.



# Event Updates



- **Visit by Gandhiji School, Puducherry students**

On April 2nd, 15 alumni from Gandhi Ji School arrived at Apna Ghar for Abhishek Bhaiya's wedding and spent quality time with the students, enjoying the peaceful environment and delicious North Indian food. They left for Jhansi on April 24th for another wedding, visiting the Taj Mahal, Jhansi Fort, and local palaces along the way. Their trip ended on April 26th when they boarded a train back to Pondicherry.



- **Gender equality on 20th and 21st July 2024**



A gender equality camp was facilitated by Sandeep Pandey and coordinated by Kamayani, Suresh Gautam, and Chhote Bhai Narona. Attended by 50 students (30 girls, 20 boys) and 10 adults, the camp focused on understanding gender equality, mutual respect, and social justice. Despite modern times, gender discrimination remains widespread, and the sessions aimed to address this through engaging discussions. The experience was enriching, offering valuable insights into socialism and inspiring both participants and organizers to work towards a more inclusive society.

- **CCTV is installed in the campus**



After much planning, CCTV cameras were successfully installed at Apnaghar on 20th November 2024. With 29 cameras now covering the large campus, the system has greatly improved hostel management and security. The ₹3 lakh investment ensures better monitoring and provides crucial evidence in case of any future incidents.

- **Subscribed to English Newspaper**

The English newspaper started arriving at Apna Ghar on September 10, 2024. It was introduced to help students gain knowledge and stay aware of daily news headlines. Starting this initiative has had significant advantages for the students, particularly in enhancing their general knowledge





# Event Updates



- **Birthday celebrations**



The birthday of Pranjul, Ajay and Ravi Kisan bhaiya was celebrated with much fun and frolic.



- **UG Boys visit during their vacation**

Apna Ghar alumnis spent their vacation with us. They also got track suits.



- **New School Bags**



New school bags were distributed to senior boys of Classes 8 to 12 in the winter session after five years. Students were thrilled, as their long-awaited wish was finally fulfilled in January.

- **Varanasi visit**

At the end of January, along with the Gandhi Ji School students, and we visited Banaras. They had visited Asha Kaithi and Asha Sankalp Day School.





# Annual Marks (2024-25)

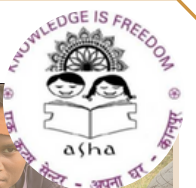


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1.	Narendra	2 <sup>nd</sup>	81%
2.	Raushan	2 <sup>nd</sup>	72%
3.	Ravi	3 <sup>rd</sup>	85.4%
4.	Birendra	3 <sup>rd</sup>	91.6%
5.	Vikram	4 <sup>th</sup>	80.3%
6.	Jayveer	4 <sup>th</sup>	68.9%
7.	Ramesh	4 <sup>th</sup>	68.9%
8.	Neeraj II	4 <sup>th</sup>	69.4%
9.	Vishnu	5 <sup>th</sup>	69.9%
10.	Gopal II	5 <sup>th</sup>	67.6%
11.	Nitish	5 <sup>th</sup>	87%
12.	Rohan	5 <sup>th</sup>	67%
13.	Ajay	5 <sup>th</sup>	85.5%
14.	Neeraj I	6 <sup>th</sup>	61.8%
15.	Abhishek	6 <sup>th</sup>	62.1%
16.	Amarbabu	6 <sup>th</sup>	65.7%
17.	Rohit	7 <sup>th</sup>	68.9%
18.	Aptar	7 <sup>th</sup>	80%
19.	Gopal	7 <sup>th</sup>	57.8%
20.	Niranjan	8 <sup>th</sup>	84.1%
21.	Govinda	8 <sup>th</sup>	91.4%
22.	Shiva	8 <sup>th</sup>	77%
23.	Mangal	8 <sup>th</sup>	81%
24.	Sahil	8 <sup>th</sup>	85%
25.	Nand	8 <sup>th</sup>	83.5%
26.	Niru	8 <sup>th</sup>	79.5%
27.	Bittu	8 <sup>th</sup>	71.7%
28.	Pankaj	9 <sup>th</sup>	80%
29.	Pintu	9 <sup>th</sup>	78%
30.	Santosh	9 <sup>th</sup>	63%
31.	Kuldeep	9 <sup>th</sup>	63%
32.	Awdhesh	11 <sup>th</sup>	55%





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