

## Spoken English Workshop



HAQCRC in association with an Educational Consultancy conducted a workshop on spoken English for children who came from disadvantaged backgrounds. Around 10 students participated in the project which broadly aimed to inculcate spoken and written English skills among young students from underserved communities. While the COVID-19 necessitated lock-down ensured that the classes were held virtually, different interventions and efforts were needed to ensure that this did not in any manner dampen the spirit of learning among the students.

The classes were held by Vartika (Name changed) a class 10 student who connected with the students and ensured that the classes were participative and fun.

Using an innovative educational approach covering the basics of the language, Vartika also engaged the students via interactive academic workshops which helped the students to navigate the language.

It was heart-warming and encouraging to see the students use their understanding and grasp of the language in various situations and understand the nuances of communication.

## Workshop on Sexual Abuse



Since 2019, HAQ has partnered with Amazon Development Centre (India) Private Limited to spread awareness in schools around child safety and encourage schools and caregivers to take appropriate measures to deal with child sexual abuse.

This has helped equip over 5000 students, teaching and non-teaching staff with critical thinking on the subject, necessary information and sources to reach out to for assistance and ideas that can be brought into practice to provide safe, non-judgmental and sensitive spaces to children to share their concerns and seek help.

Under this initiative a workshop was conducted by Bharti Ali (Executive Director of HAQCRC) in Step By Step school on December 17th 2021.

With the support and active participation of the school principal, Ms Ramani Chopra, the session was attended by the school teachers and staff.

While being aware of and understanding the issue at a large macro level, the staff and teachers had a lot of queries about the actual process and nuances of dealing with the sensitive subject on hand. Bharti guided them ably through the process, resources available and also offered HAQCRC's support as and when required.

**Convictions**  
**in 4 POCSO**  
**cases- A win**  
**for the**  
**victims**

# "Fear Grips Her Everytime She Goes To Court"

- A Victim's Mother who saw her child of 15 turn 21 struggling to complete her testimony against the rape accused who allegedly raped and impregnated her and get justice.

During November 2021 to January 2022, HAQ team has been able to secure conviction in 4 cases of POCSO before various Courts in Delhi. While in three cases, arguments on sentence and final compensation are still under process, in one case, the accused was awarded life imprisonment for committing penetrative sexual assault.

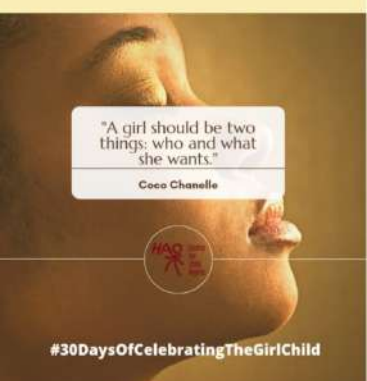
The team was able to secure final compensation of INR 7 Lakh for the victim's rehabilitation.

A common thread running across three of the four cases was that the perpetrators were known to the child victims and therefore it has not been an easy journey of struggle for justice for these children and their families.

In one case, the child was abducted by a stranger in the middle of the night and subjected to brutal sexual abuse.

Although these cases took more than five years to see the light, it could not have been possible without the courage and perseverance of these children and their families.

## #30 Days Of Celebrating TheGirlChild



"A girl should be two things: who and what she wants."

Coco Chanelle



**#30DaysOfCelebratingTheGirlChild**

The pandemic has caused a lot of challenges and suffering, especially for women and children who are more vulnerable to domestic violence. Women's employment rate decreased, children's education suffered, and the girl child's difficulties got more pronounced.

Ever though there is greater awareness and talk of equal rights, we still see many cases of young girls being denied basic human rights like education and a safe environment.

We are yet to give the our girls the security, freedom and opportunities they deserve.

Towards this, for National Girl Child Day, we collaborated with Oraclevolunteers to spread awareness about the struggles that girls face to get basic facilities and jointly ran a month-long social media campaign.

#50DAYSOFCELEBRATINGTHEGIRLCHILD

LAST CHRISTMAS IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY 50 GIRLS WERE GIVEN GIFTS IN A SECRET SANTA PROJECT ORGANIZED BY HAQ AND ORC CITIZENSHIP!



HAQ and Oraclevolunteers also collaborated for a special project on Christmas to get 50 girls useful and exciting gifts to help with their work as well as schooling and to instil a desire to learn.

It was a month full of hope and on this date we marked a new beginning.

## She The Change

Stories of simple solutions from extraordinary girls

'MERA NAAM LOVELY HAI MAIN 15 SAAL KI HU, 18 KO MERI SHAADI HAI AAP LOG ZAROOR AANA'

The COVID pandemic has thrown special challenges for our girls who live under adverse circumstances even in ordinary times. While working on the ground, HAQ learnt about several inspiring stories from various villages where girls took a stand and fought against societal pressures and practices.

They faced gender discrimination and regressive practices like child marriage, opposition to their education, different forms of gender based violence and neglect, and put up a brave front to come up triumphant against all odds.

Lovely was seen going around in her village, inviting everyone to her marriage. "Mera naam Lovely hai, main 15 saal ki hu, 18th ko meri shaadi hai, aap log zaroor aana". The elders in the village were offended with how openly excited she was about her marriage and broadcasting it herself. The news reached the Anganwadi workers, teachers, local panchayat officers and they immediately reached Lovely's residence to speak with her father. They made him understand the legal repercussions and eventually succeeded in calling off the marriage. Lovely is now continuing with her studies and is in 11th grade.

Kiran, Neha, Sandhya, and Tanya are four friends, who dropped out of school due to financial constraints. With support of the village sarpanch they enrolled for distance schooling to continue their education. They also started a tailoring business with a group of 25 girls and are now earning well.

Bindu was promised to someone in marriage the moment she was born. She was only 15 years old when her in-laws demanded that she quit her studies and get married. She put up a fight against her parents single-handedly and stopped eating and speaking with everyone at home. Finally, it bore results and her parents decided to not marry her against her wishes. She recently cleared class 10 and will be continuing with further studies. Meanwhile, she is continuing with her efforts and inspiring young girls to continue with their education and never give up on their dreams and aspirations.



With the objective of sharing these stories widely so that they become an inspiration for all, HAQ: Centre for Child Rights has brought out "She The Change", a compilation of stories where the girl protagonists' have taken a stand and with the help of their village support groups, NGOs etc. managed to bring about positive change.

This is the time to support them in their struggles more than ever before and celebrate the journey they travel. We hope such efforts will give inspiration, strength, and motivation to all who live these lives and want to see a change as well as those who want to support change.



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