



# Making contributions that count Every child in the plant



Every child is special, unique and different. But there's one thing that binds them together - all of them deserve an equal right to a complete childhood that leads to their holistic development. Believing in that, Sahyog has taken up the responsibility to support underprivileged children, especially girls.

Founded on the 150th birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, Sahyog, a non-profit organization, strives to provide the best education and good healthcare facilities to school girls who are deprived of basic life necessities. One of its key programmes is looking after the health-related needs of girls of Kasturba Balika Vidyalaya of Harijan Sevak Sangh, which was established by Mahatma Gandhi in 1932.

Other than education and healthcare, Sahyog is also aiming to promote programmes on skill development and self-reliance among women. These and a special scholarship initiative to support girl students, from the economically weaker sections of the society, pursuing higher education are currently in the pipeline.



# Surati Kovince The face and force behind Sahyog

Swati Kovind, the daughter of Shri Ram Nath Kovind, The President of India and Savita Kovind, the First Lady of India is the heart and brain behind Sahyog. An alumnus of Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi, she graduated in Psychology (Honours) and then went on to pursue B.Ed. During her B.Ed. she developed an inclination towards the welfare of children, and women from the weaker sections, which eventually led to the birth of Sahyog. An academic genius and humanitarian, she started her career in the aviation sector. This job took her to different parts of the world where she witnessed different cultures and traditions first-hand. Being in the aviation sector also taught her the importance of having a good education. That is when her interest in social welfare blossomed into a full-fledged idea. The kindness instilled in her by her parents from an early age drove her to start something that will give wings to thousands of girls and women and empower them to be independent, capable and self-sufficient.

# The Story behind Sahyog's inception

Equality is every child's right. Be it education, healthcare or anything else, every child should be treated without any discrimination, irrespective of her social or economical background. This is the idea that drives Sahyog forward and thousands of girls and women along with it. By creating programmes that help to bridge the socio-economic gaps, offering wholesome development opportunities, it is empowering girls and women to realise their full potential and maximizing their chances of getting the best of what they truly deserve. Sahyog is not just any other non-profit organization. It is an organization dedicated to the upliftment of those girls and women who have dreams, passions, dedication and, most importantly, the ability and readiness to leave no stone unturned to achieve them all.

### Mission

Equal educational and healthcare rights for all girls

Upliftment of school girls belonging to weaker social sections

Organisation of skill development programmes to make girls/women independent and self-sufficient

Making every girl feel safe and welcome into the society through equal opportunities for growth

Bridging the socio-economic divide through empowerment of girls with the best education



To give every child, especially girls, the childhood they deserve

To transform the lives of girls and women

To provide more opportunities to learn and grow to girls/women from underprivileged backgrounds

To leave a positive impact on the lives that we touch

To improve the standard of living of families through skill development

To make a slow but steady impact on the community

To create a society where equal education and healthcare becomes a norm

To build a pathway for girls on which they can realise their potential and achieve their dreams

To be a trustworthy partner of schools and skill development centres and support them with the best of our abilities

## Events of Sahyog Celebrating like a family

Events organized by or with support of Sahyog are a way to bring people together, to celebrate like a family. At Sahyog, we never miss a chance to celebrate our national events as well as organize those who are centred around women empowerment. Such events give us a chance to connect, communicate and collaborate for a bright and better tomorrow and change things for the good. Have a glance at the various events Sahyog has been a part of.

### Deepawali







Swati Kovind, Founder of Sahyog and Smt. Asha, Founder Trustee of Sahyog communicating and distributing hygiene kits, sweets and other essential items to underprivileged women on November 1, 2021.

### **International Day of the Girl Child**







The First Lady of India, Smt. Savita Kovind graced the International Day of the Girl Child event organized by the students of Kasturba Balika Vidyalaya, Ishwar Nagar at the Rashtripati Bhawan Cultural Centre. The students performed on the occasion with dances like Ghumar and Dandiya. On the occasion, The First Lady of India also made a generous donation of Rs.5 lakh to the school to support girls from the weaker sections of the society.

### Gandhi Jayanti





Gandhi Jayanti holds a special place at Sahyog. Which is why to celebrate it we collaborated with the Akshaya Patra Foundation and distributed 130 hygiene kits to the underprivileged girls at Kasturba Balika Vidyalaya in Delhi. This was our second collaboration with Akshaya Patra and the hygiene kit distribution was an attempt to ensure their health during the pandemic.

### **Teachers' Day**



Swati Kovind celebrated Teachers' Day at Kasturba Balika Vidyalaya, Ishwar Nagar. Praising the efforts of the teachers during the pandemic, she distributed masks, sanitizer and other essential items to the students. She also acknowledged the fact that teachers have the keen eyes to spot the potential in children which their parents can't. On the occasion, she communicated with the students and also shared her school days stories with them.

### Raksha Bandhan





In association with the Akshaya Patra Foundation, Sahyog organized an event where they distributed grocery kits to 100 construction labourers on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan. Besides the kits, Rakhis and sweets were also distributed at the event. Taking the spirit of helping the underprivileged further, many kits were also distributed to individuals from orphanages and other weaker sections of the society.

### **International Women's Day**



Being an organization that strives to empower girls, International Women's Day is a very special day for all of us at Sahyog.

The day that commemorates the cultural, political, and socioeconomic achievements of women and promotes gender equality, was celebrated with full enthusiasm with the students of Delhi's Mother Teresa's Missionaries Of Charity Jeevan Jyoti Home.

### Caring for everyone Fighting COVID-19 together



The Covid-19 pandemic impacted us all. But the weaker sections of the society have been hit really the hardest. To strengthen India's fight against the pandemic, Sahyog came forward with the best of its abilities. Swati Kovind, the Founder of Sahyog together with Smt. Savita Kovind, the First Lady of India stitched face masks at Shakti Haat in the President Estate and distributed them amongst the underprivileged to keep them safe. Considering the severity of the situation where countless people lost their livelihood, Smt. Savita Kovind and Swati Kovind went beyond the call of their social duty and also cooked meals and reached out to the needy ones to ensure they did not sleep with an empty stomach. The Covid-19 pandemic brought us all together as one and Sahyog, which primarily works for girls and women, understood its responsibilities to serve society and took active part in making sure to reach the right people at the right time.







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