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INTRODUCTION KALAKAR TRUST

The Kalakar Trust is a Nongovernmental Organisation working together with artists residing in Delhi slums and other communities.

The aim of the Kalakar Trust is to provide medical care, education, and support for community management and income generation.

Founded in 1992 by Sterre Sharma, a painter, and her sister Mei Zegers.

The Trust has grown to benefit approximately 18,000 people.

These include, musicians, puppeteers, magicians, acrobats, and other marginalized residents of the former Kathputli Colony.

The beneficiaries currently reside in the Anand Parbat Transit Camp as they await new housing that is being built for them at the site of the former Kathputli Colony. A total of 450 families are also being sent to DDA flats intended for low income persons in Narela, Delhi.

KALAKAR TRUST VISION

To be a lead agency and model NGO in the preservation and development of the vanishing traditional arts in India by focusing on the physical, mental and professional needs of the artists.

KALAKAR TRUST MISSION

To support the development of traditional artists through education, health actions, and improvement of economic opportunities. The focus of the economic empowerment component is on training on performing, production, directing, choreography, costume management, and marketing of their arts so that the artist can have decent work and living conditions.

SPECIAL THANKS

TO KALAKAR TRUST SUPPORTERS

Special thanks to Kalakar Trust supporters:

Bharti Foundation,
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ABOUT KALAKAR TRUST

A Glimpse At Past Activities

The Kalakar Trust started working in Kathputli Colony at a time when the population faced many challenges. The population indicated that they had low income levels and depended highly on middlemen for performance contracts.

There was a decrease in the variety and quality of their traditional arts due to a lack of audience interest.

The artists were not highly aware of the importance of general appearance when engaging in the performing arts.

For example, the usefulness of wearing good and attractive costumes was not well recognized.

Literacy rates were very low at an average of 11%. Little awareness of healthcare needs and illness prevention methods existed.

Together with the people of the Kathputli Colony, the Kalakar Trust worked very hard to address all these challenges and achieve the targets that the population had identified.

Targets had been set in the areas of income generation, arts development, adult literacy and education for the children and improved health.

Various income generation activities, the establishment of savings and credit groups, international exchanges and training to improve the quality of performances and other support were provided.

The Kalakar Trust established a primary health care clinic with a doctor who also trained women from the community as health workers.

A pharmacist was employed to dispense medicines. During this time period mass health awareness campaigns were conducted.

with focus on prevention, resulting in improved health awareness and improved healthy behaviors. Health training continues on an on-going basis to educate children and adolescents and ensure recall among older generations.

A school was established with an especially designed course for 500 community children. It was a challenge to ensure that students attend classes regularly as they were often taken to perform at various location with their parents.

Regular counseling with parents worked well to address this issue. Lesson materials were adapted to make them more activity-based and thus contribute to heightening the children's interest. The students were also taught the traditional arts of their community at the request of the parents. Literacy programs helped young parents and adolescents to improve their awareness on the importance of educating the next generation.

The population's major demand was, however, to have their own housing. The Kalakar Trust thus coordinated with government agencies for years to achieve this aim, but it was always difficult to obtain the desired results.

The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) ultimately developed a plan for an in-situ rehabilitation.

In Kathputli Colony. In the renewed Kathputli colony, each entitled family will receive a one bedroom flat in a multi-story apartment.

Progress towards implementing the plan was slow for years. In the meantime, the population of Kathputli Colony kept growing beyond the number of families who had originally been registered to benefit from the new housing

ISSUES IDENTIFIED IN THE ANAND PARBAT TRANSIT CAMP

- 1** One serious problem was noted after the Delhi Development's relocation of families from Kathputli Colony to the Anand Parbat Transit camp. This is the Kalakar Trust's identification of a large number of genuine Kalakar families (150) who were told that they are not entitled to receive a flat anywhere. DDA has not told the families in question the reason for their situation.

- 2** Some people have been given flats in Narela but are still staying in the Transit Camp. These persons are in the process of being removed since they are putting a strain on the Transit Camp infrastructure.

- 3** The underground water quality in the Transit Camp is not good so DDA supplies drinking water. Residents wash their clothes with drinking water because of the very dirty underground water.

- 4** The Delhi High Court asked the Kalakar Trust to state all activities that it carries out to help the residents of the Anand Parbat Transit Camp. The Annual Activity Report, photographs and a statement were submitted to the judge who also sent a representative to verify the information. This was in response to petitions submitted to the Delhi High court by a group of concerned NGOs who were under the impression that no medical care or other related activities were being provided in the Transit Camp. According to one of the Kalakar leaders, the photographs that the Kalakar Trust submitted were shown and parts of our submission to the court were quoted verbatim.

Overview of Kalakar Trust Activities in 2018



The Kalakar Trust currently operates the following activities with Anand Parbat Transit Camp inhabitants

- Health Care Clinic and Dispensary
- Medical counselling by community health workers
- Literacy and English classes
- Facilitation of school admissions into government schools near the Transit Camp
- Computer centre
- Music classes

Healthcare Provision Details

The Kalakar Trust Clinic functions with

- Visiting Doctors
- Medical Assistants
- One Community Health Supervisor
- 5 Community Health Workers



The clinic provides free daily medical consultations and medicines to patients. Many health check-up camps and health awareness sessions are held on a monthly basis

The clinic provides patients who need operations with transport and the support of a Community Health Worker if they wish.

The Kalakar Trust also provides help with health monitoring follow-ups and post-surgery hospital visits.

An Auxiliary Nurse Midwife of the nearby government dispensary conducts regular immunisation sessions for children and mothers.

Dr T. U Sidiqui does general health check-ups once or twice a week as required, He also refers patients to hospitals as needed.

Dr Monika and Dr Sunita assists with health check-ups with adolescent girls, pregnant and other women. Rashmi, Shanti, and Suman are the Community Health Workers who accompany all pregnant women on their visits to the hospital for a safe and free delivery



Health Support Camps

Regular eye and ear camps are organised with the help of **Shroff hospital** and free operations are carried out if needed.

If needed, patients are taken to the **R.M.L. hospital, Lady Harding hospital** Patel Hospital, and private nursing homes.

Other medical camps such as for Ear Nose and Throat (ENT) Dermatology, Neurology, and Orthopaedic needs are organised.



DETAILS OF PATIENT CARE IN 2018



The Kalakar Trust directly provided free medicines to:

- **6359** patients whom Dr Sidiqui received during his 64 visits
- **4497** over the counter medications from Yogita in Transit Camp
- **1120** by community health workers Bayli and Hussanbi
- **1549** by Shanti in Lajpat Nagar

TOTAL: 13525 PATIENTS RECEIVED FREE MEDICINES

In addition, free medicines are provided on an on-going Routine basis for:

- 40 patients who receive medicine for high blood pressure
- 10 patients for high blood pressure and diabetes
- 13 patients for diabetes
- 5 Community Health Workers

The Kalakar Trust Community Based Health Workers also organised support for 139 patients who receive free medicine from local hospitals (52 patients for blood pressure, 49 for diabetes and blood pressure, 38 patients for diabetes)

Note: patients with high blood pressure and diabetes receiving support from the Kalakar Trust have increased this year. This is because the Kalakar Trust is covering more than double the population since the move to the Transit Camp as there are no other health care facilities anywhere near the camp.



HEALTH CAMP DETAILS

The Kalakar Trust organised 13 health camps in Kathputli colony, the Transit Camp, and Lajpat Nagar. These were well attended with a total of 961 people. Camps were held for eye and ear conditions, gynaecology issues, asthma, skin, orthopaedic conditions, STD awareness, neuropathy and general health. Free medicines are distributed during the health camps. Patients needing additional care were referred to hospitals, including for eye operations.

Dr Siddiqui coordinated 15 times with a distributor of dermatology medicine who provided free medication free of charge to the patients.



Note: During the Ear Camp 25 patients were referred for operations. Some patients had bad ear infections. As a result, other operations that they needed were delayed. Several patients had ear damage because they had put different objects in their ear.

Volunteer doctors and Medical Centre support providers: Shroff Hospital, New Medical Centre, Dr Monika Thaper, Dr Dipali, Dr Luveena, Dr Rashmi Sharma, Dr T.U Siddiqui and Jeet Society. Mr. Amir Khan, Ms Arti Garla, Mr Ajay, Mr Vishal Mehra, Mr Arun Joshi, Mr Avishesh Pandey, Mr Narendra Rana, and Mr Devendra Nihnigal provided technical help in these camps.

**The Kalakar Trust facilitated
65 operations in hospitals and clinics**

Cataracts: 32 patients. 24 were operated in Shroff Hospital (24), the remaining 8 in Sir Ganga Ram, Patel Hospital, Yogesh Eye Centre, and Parmanand Eye Centre.

Family planning sterilizations: 17 in government hospitals.

Other operations:

Shroff hospital: 7 ear drum repairs

Patel Hospital: 1 ear operation

Ganga Ram Hospital: 1 heart, 1 appendix, 1 vascular operation

Ram Manohar Lohiya hospital: 1 hip replacement

Kalawati Saran hospital: 1 baby had an intestinal operation

B.K. Rai hospital: 1 gall bladder removal, 1 toe operation



Note: The Kalakar Trust provided transport to hospitals for patients, for preand post-operative check-ups and medicines.

Tuberculosis:

The D.O.T. Centre was closed after the demolition of the Kathputli colony. Transit Camp patients can however, get help from a nearby D.O.T centre. 75 patients were diagnosed with TB. The Kalakar Trust helps these patients with transportation, diagnosis, follow-up, and food supplements as needed.

Disease prevention:

- 844 children were immunized
- 191 pregnant women were vaccinated.
- 245 pregnant women received iron and calcium tablets
- Callipers and crèches were organised for 12 patients
- 5 women are facilitated for copper-T



Community Health Workers

Three health workers and a health supervisor conducted 7950 home visits in 2018. Health workers monitored 245 pregnancies and facilitated the birth of 73 girls and 99 boys in 2018, the remaining pregnancies are continuing into 2019.

83 deliveries were done in hospitals, 89 babies were delivered by a trained community midwife, 8 miscarriages were reported.

The supervisor, Yogita, and community health workers: Shanti, Suman, Rashmi, Bayli and Hasanbi give First Aid and over the counter medicine when the doctor is not available. The Kalakar Trust supports their work. In case of an emergency, the health workers also help patients reach hospital safely. These workers have been working with the clinic for many years and are well trained.

Two of the Community Health Workers were sent to obtain additional government provided 'Asha Worker' training during 2018 to enable them to provide better and updated work in the community.

Health Awareness

The Health Workers provide regular health awareness sessions. Topics covered include anti-natal care, child care, seasonal diseases, hand washing and diarrhoea, hospital delivery, HIV, immunization, birth control, dengue, alcoholism, sexual harassment, healthy diet, old age care and fire safety.

Health education sessions held in the Kalakar Trust Clinic: 6, average attendance 20.

Health education sessions held in the community: 44, average attendance 16.



Food distribution

Food was provided to 15 needy families every month.

Health Challenges

In spite of conducting focused awareness in anti-natal care, one young girl of 20 died during delivery because of mishandling by a Dai (traditional delivery service provider).

Jagdish Bhatt (one of the best community wood carvers); the best female singer Guddi Bhatt; and the only juggler from the community, Kishan juggler, died due to ignorance, avoiding all doctor's advice.



A BIG FIRE

7 families lost everything in a large fire in the Transit Camp. The Kalakar Trust provided kitchen utensils, buckets, cloths, and food for 15 days to the affected families.

The fire did not spread because the population was proactive in stopping the fire from spreading by removing flammable matter in the surrounding area. The community members knew to do this because of numerous awareness campaigns that the Kalakar Trust had conducted over the last few years. Unfortunately, there were no fire extinguishers because all had been stolen.

The Kalakar Trust subsequently advised the manager of the Anand Parbat Transit Camp to provide one volunteer family in each alley with one fire extinguisher. Fifty fire extinguishers were subsequently distributed. The volunteer families were then trained and made responsible for the use of the fire extinguishers.



The DDA and parents requested the Kalakar Trust to help with enrolling children in schools near the Transit Camp in 2017, this work continued in 2018.

The Kalakar Trust conducted a study to determine the number of children not attending any school. Results showed that:

Children from the Marathi, Gujrati and Bihari community are all attending the school. Among the artist community **645 children** are going to school and many were not going to any school.

After one visit from the Sub-divisional Magistrate, the Kalakar Trust supervisor requested help to obtain admission for the remaining school-age children. A group of 12 teachers from nearby government schools visited the Transit Camp. With the help of Kalakar Trust, 233 children were selected for admission.

The Kalakar Trust quite frequently receives complaints from the schools about the children's behaviour. The Kalakar Trust counsels parents to promote school attendance and students to improve their behaviour.



Additional educational support

The Kalakar Trust operates literacy classes for older children who dropped out of school with a focus on functional Hindi, English and computer knowledge. 65 students are attending the classes. The total number of students in the harmonium class is 25.

COMPUTER CENTRE:

In May 2018 the Community Centre in Katputli Colony was demolished as part of the renovation planning for the area. The Kalakar Trust had been given only two days' notice to vacate the Community Centre where the project to support the artists had been established in 1995. The Kalakar Trust suffered a great loss of infrastructure during this time.

Among other activities, 95 regular students had been attending classes in the Community Centre's computer centre on a regular basis. All the students were subsequently forced to leave the area.

Books from the school library were distributed among the students from the Transit Camp and Computer class.



After 15 days—and at the request of the population and the Kalakar Trust—DDA provided a hall in the Transit Camp for computer classes. It took time to install the computers and ensure that they could function as there were electricity problems. The Computer Centre was able to start operations in the Transit Camp from mid-June. However, after two months on a rainy day and with one day's notice, the Trust was asked to vacate the hall to make space for some families to live. It was difficult to handle the situation as everything was established and moving the technology in the rainy weather was problematic. The families in need of a space then refused to move into the Computer Centre because they did not want to disturb the students and said they would find other solutions to manage their situation.

ANAND PARBAT TRANSIT CAMP CENTRE

Anand Parbat Transit Camp Centre



The Computer centre is operated with 12 computers, 1 Projector, 1 Scanner, and 1 Printer. The students use the internet for free. There are two teachers.

121 students are enrolled out of which 22 students are doing the Basic Computer Course. The remainder are small children learning Microsoft Paint, WordPad and other very basic computer activities as the children are small. An average of 94 students attend computer classes on a daily basis.



Projector classes are given on weekly basis. The children are given time to play games as a reward for having regular attendance and good behaviour.

Students who were students in the Kathputli Colony Community Centre were given the option to continue in the Transit Camp at the Anand Parbat Centre but only two students came to finish their course.

Topics Taught: Basic Windows, Photoshop, page maker, operating MS paint, Microsoft Word, Microsoft ,PowerPoint, Microsoft XL.



INCOME GENERATION

55 artists were supported with work opportunities in 2018. After many years of education and support, most of the artists are now quite capable of organising their own events and opportunities to perform their arts.

Young artists who were in the Kalakar Trust school of and learnt English, computer, and behaviour education classes are doing particularly well with their work opportunities. They use computers for their networking. Knowing English helps them to communicate with different types of clients. As a result of making their own connections, many artists are now travelling to perform and carry out activities such as making henna body art in different countries .



KALAKAR OPEN AIR THEATRE

Events organised at the Theatre

An 8-day residential camp for Malkhamb for 20 school boys and girls with 4 teachers was held. Malkhamb is a form of aerial yoga performed using a pole or rope.

The Delhi State Malkhamb Federation also organised training programmes on 7 different additional days.



A contemporary art exhibition 'Saavdhaan: The Regimes of Truth' was held at the Kalakar Theatre premises during the month of October 2018. The exhibition featured photographs, videos, drawings, sound and visual installations, and many other artistic formats by 16 young artists. The curator, Shaunak Mahbubani, imagined the exciting venue of the Kalakar Theatre to reflect the raw themes of the exhibition. Over 2000 visitors, including many prominent figures of the Delhi art world, along with many passers-by from the surrounding areas, enjoyed the exhibition and the unique nature of venue.

VILLAGE JEWEL MUSEUM AND ECO-LODGE



The Kalakar Trust also operates the Village Jewel Museum and Eco-Lodge project. The Museum and Lodge showcase traditional jewellery collected over the course of 35 years from different areas of the Indian subcontinent. The jewellery is mostly made of silver, gold plate, glass, brass, white metal, unknown alloys, thread, and semiprecious stones. A detailed description accompanies each display.

The museum, the only one of its kind in India, is situated in Manger Village, Faridabad, Haryana. The associated eco lodge is available for artistic workshops and immersion experiences in Indian village life. Manger Village residents and Indian artists benefit from income generating activities and participative collaboration with the Museum and Eco-Lodge. Villagers provide catering, guiding and other local services at the request of visitors.



The Kalakar Trust has worked to foster and preserve traditional Indian arts and crafts including jewellery. After years of intensive research Kalakar Trust members noticed the need for a permanent venue in India where resplendent village and tribal jewellery could be collectively displayed. Some tribal and village people living in very remote areas are veritable walking museums of traditional jewellery. The wider reality of rapidly changing tastes and cultural influences have, however, resulted in the disappearance of some Indian jewellery traditions before one could even realise the enormity of the loss. Thus, the pressing importance of conserving traditional arts and crafts led the Trustees to create the Village Jewel Museum.

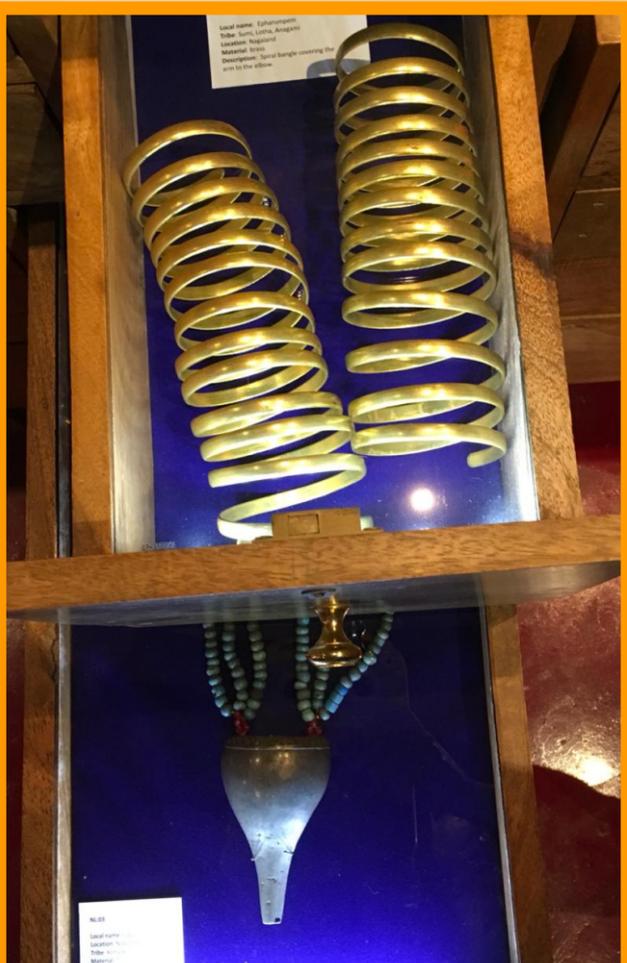
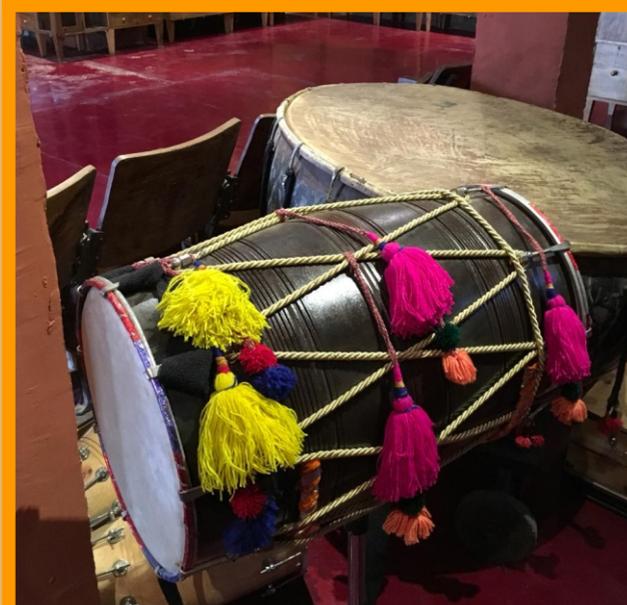
The articles on display at the Museum were collected over the course of 35 years from different areas of the Indian subcontinent. The displays focus on jewellery that ordinary people in villages and tribal areas wear. The display of beautiful traditional decorations adorning the men and women's jewellery worn is stunning and overwhelming. The jewellery in the Village Jewel Museum collection is exquisitely made.

It should be noted that, due to a lack of availability and financial constraints, some of the pieces on display are true copies of originals. The museum hopes to acquire the originals when the situation becomes viable. The museum will look for donations of relevant jewellery from the public until such time.

The Village Jewel Museum and Lodge promotes local tourism and fosters income generation for the villagers through hospitality. Artists such as puppeteers, drummers, singers, acrobats, and magicians earn an income through workshops and shows in the Village Jewel Museum and Lodge as well as other projects in the area. The Museum and Lodge started in November 2016 and is widely publicised on the Internet.

Uses of museum and centre in 2018:

- 33 people for their corporate meeting
- 57 people visited the Museum
- 16 persons for night stay
- 17 visitors came to enjoy village food





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