

# Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies

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# PROGRESS REPORT 2022-23

NO Poverty



END POVERTY IN ALL ITS FORMS EVERYWHERE

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## 1. Preamble:



Sustainable Development Goal 1 (SDG 1) is one of the 17 global goals set by the United Nations in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Its primary aim is to "End Poverty in all its forms Everywhere" by 2030. This goal recognizes that poverty is a complex and multifaceted issue that affects millions of people worldwide. It encompasses not just extreme poverty, where individuals lack the necessities of life, but also broader dimensions of poverty, such as economic, social, and political exclusion.

Educational institutions are essential actors in the fight against poverty as they address the root causes of poverty through education, skill development, research, community engagement, and policy influence. By providing access to education and fostering economic empowerment, these institutions contribute significantly to the achievement of SDG 1, striving for a world where poverty is a relic of the past, and prosperity is within reach for all.

Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies (MRIIRS) is a beacon of hope and an exemplar of dedication in the pursuit of one of the United Nations' most vital Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - SDG 1, "No Poverty." At MRIIRS, the commitment to eradicating poverty in all its forms is not merely a lofty aspiration; it is a tangible and actionable reality. Through a diverse spectrum of activities and initiatives, the Institution is fostering Change, Empowering Communities, and creating opportunities that directly and indirectly address the multifaceted challenges of poverty. These initiatives encompass Education, Skill Development, Research, Community Engagement, and Sustainable practices, all working in concert to uplift individuals and communities from the shackles of destitution, and ultimately, to contribute to the Global mission of achieving a world where no one is left behind in the shadows of poverty.

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Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies through various Anti-Poverty Programmes and initiatives supports a wide range of Community in tackling poverty. The programmes or initiatives are led or supported by the Institute to empower all. MRIIRS is committed in advancing Sustainable Development Goal 1, "No Poverty," by fostering education and skills development among economically disadvantaged communities. Through various outreach programs, scholarship initiatives, and vocational training opportunities, MRIIRS empowers individuals from marginalized backgrounds to break the cycle of poverty. By providing quality education and equipping them with the tools to access better livelihood opportunities, MRIIRS contributes to reducing poverty levels and promoting economic inclusivity in the region, thereby aligning its efforts with the global mission to eradicate poverty and ensure a more equitable and prosperous future for all.

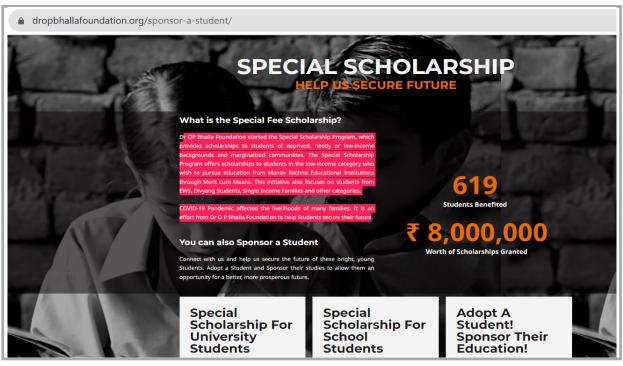
The ISR (Institutional Social Responsibility) arm of MRIIRS, the <u>Dr. O.P. Bhalla Foundation</u>, consistently spearheads impactful endeavours in line with Sustainable Development Goal 1, "No Poverty." Their remarkable initiatives, including Donation Drives, the Rescue Home project, and free health camps, exemplify their unwavering commitment to alleviating poverty and improving the lives of the less fortunate. These benevolent efforts not only transform individual destinies but also symbolize the Foundation's dedication to creating a more equitable and poverty-free society.

MRIIRS in collaboration with its ISR arm is running multiple programmes to tackle various social issues in the community by engaging the youth through various initiatives, campaigns, and social programmes to transform them into Social Leaders of the Nation.

#### 1.1 SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT TO STUDENTS OF MRIIRS FROM ALL BACKGROUNDS

The university runs various anti-poverty programmes to address the poverty of MRIIRS and potential students. The students from all backgrounds are encouraged and considered for admission to the programmes as per their qualifying examinations. The students from low income backgrounds are supported through its <u>Special Scholarship Program</u> which is the initiative of MRIIRS in association with its ISR arm – Dr. O P Bhalla Foundation. Under this scheme, the scholarships are provided to the students of deprived, needy, or low-income backgrounds and marginalized communities of India and other lower-middle income countries. The Special Scholarship Program offers scholarships to students in the low-income category who wish to pursue education from Manav Rachna Educational Institutions through Merit cum Means. This initiative also focuses on students from EWS, Divyang Students, Single Income Families and other categories.





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## **2. EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT**

MRIIRS's commitment to educational support directly contributes to the achievement of the "No Poverty" Sustainable Development Goal (SDG). Recognizing that quality education is a potent tool for breaking the cycle of poverty, the institution actively engages in various initiatives aimed at improving educational access and opportunities for underprivileged individuals. These efforts encompass scholarships, mentorship programs, tuition assistance, and community-driven educational campaigns. By ensuring that individuals from economically disadvantaged backgrounds have access to quality education and the necessary resources to thrive academically, MRIIRS empowers them to enhance their life prospects and socioeconomic status. This investment in education not only uplifts individuals but also has a far-reaching impact on the broader community and society, aligning perfectly with the SDG's vision of eradicating poverty in all its forms.

MRIIRS provides educational support to the students from unprivileged backgrounds by organising and supporting career counselling sessions, guidance workshops and a lot to help the students navigate their path in life and fight the demon of poverty with the weapon of knowledge. NSS volunteers play a crucial role in supporting and organizing initiatives to advance educational support for SDG 1, which aims to eradicate poverty. These dedicated volunteers work tirelessly to bridge the educational divide by organizing various activities and programs that empower marginalized communities with the knowledge and skills needed to lift themselves out of poverty. They collaborate with local schools and communities to provide free tuition, mentorship, and vocational training to underprivileged children and adults.



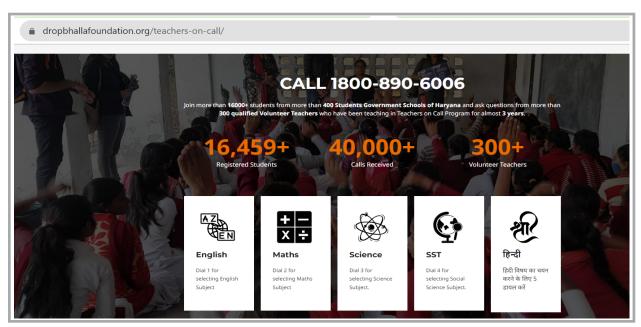


Additionally, NSS volunteers often organize awareness campaigns, workshops, and resource mobilization drives to ensure that education reaches those who need it the most. Through their commitment and grassroots efforts, NSS volunteers make a significant contribution to fulfilling SDG 1 by breaking the cycle of poverty through education and empowerment. The various initiatives of MRIIRS in this area are:

## 2.1 Teachers on call Programme running in continuation since 25th April, 2020: Free Remedial Education Service for Government School Students

An innovative initiative, it is a Helpline with 30 parallel lines for free service to the Students of Government Schools of Faridabad district through a Toll-Free number. The facility is being availed by around 7500 students and their doubts/ queries are being removed by 350 Teachers during scheduled hours throughout the week. This project has helped in significantly raising competency levels of Government School students, whose performance used to be very low during Board Examinations.

Under its vision of providing equal learning opportunities to each and every child, especially the students of Government Schools, Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies in association with Dr O P Bhalla Foundation and with the help and support of Sahaj Path Knowledge Foundation is running the 'Teacher on Call' Program. The initiative is aligned with SDG1- No Poverty and SDG 4 - Quality Education. This is a Phone Call Based Remedial Educational Development Program for students of Government Schools of Faridabad district. We already have more than 300 qualified and experienced Volunteer Teachers, who are successfully teaching the students over phone in the subjects of Mathematics, Science, Social Science, Hindi and English, and are helping around 12000 students of classes VI to X in answering their queries through telecalling about their difficulties in these subjects through toll free No. 18008906006 which is made available to Student callers during specified hours (Mondays to Saturdays - 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM & Sundays -9:00 AM to 8:00 PM).



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The program has successfully impacted many students and there is a significant difference towards the betterment of their academic performance. The students are also given rewards from time to time based on their performance and association with the program. A few pictures are attached here with.



Student being rewarded for being a regular caller on the Program and achieving good grades



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Volunteer Teachers being appreciated by Team of MRIIRS and Dr O P Bhalla Foundation





# 2.2 Kaushal Kaaryashala Programme: Vocational training for potential dropouts in collaboration with the National Skill Development Corporation

MRIIRS has collaborated with NSDC and Kedman (a joint venture of Manav Rachna and Kunskapskolan, Sweden), to start a pilot project after approval from NSDC with an aim to cover 100 Schools in the State of Haryana. Under the project, vocational training is being provided in 3 important Sectors of Retail, IT and Beauty & Wellness. This Project provides digital education through Labs equipped with laptops, overhead projectors aided by UPS, internet connectivity and modern furniture. A dozen vocational Labs have already been set up.



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Approximately 47 million students drop out of school. They drop out of school to help support their families financially. The majority are unskilled and untrained, and they are vulnerable to exploitation by society and market forces. The Kaushal Kaaryashaala Initiative of Dr. OP Bhalla Foundation aims to empower the Government School Students of Faridabad. The Kaushal Initiative taken by Dr. OP Bhalla foundation and MRIIRS aims to empower government school pupils from standard 9th to 12th through variety of skill development program via. online and offline hybrid teaching method. Dr. O P Bhalla Foundation aims to impart skilsets necessary for better employment opportunities in the higher paying jobs.

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Launched on December 27th, 2021 by DC Faridabad, Sh. Jitender Yadav, the program initially conducted online classes for seven batches, each consisting of 30 students. Later, 50 regular students were selected for practical training on campus. The first batch of Kaushal focused on training approximately 50 students from government schools in Mohna, Panhera Khurd, Nariyala, Dayalpur, Atali, and other villages in basic IT skills. Volunteer faculty members from FET, MRIIRS - Mr.Arko Bagchi and Ms. Meghna Luthra and FET,MRU- Dr. Meenakshi Gupta, Dr. Sanjay Singh and Mr. Piyush Mahendru went beyond their duties to train these students. The classes commenced in January 2022 and concluded in February 2023 with a final exam comprising practical, theory, and viva components. The Foundation team would leave early in the morning and bring the students to campus; Mr. Arko, FET, MRIIRS would conduct the practical class and they were dropped back to their





villages after lunch. Out of 48 students, 45 successfully passed the exam and will receive certificates.

On June 27th, 2023 a Felicitation ceremony to give certificates to all the passing Students was held in the auspicious presence of our Chairperson - Madam Satya Bhalla Ji. She congratulated and motivated the students to achieve great success.



#### Students attending Computer Classes in MRIIRS Labs

The second batch of Kaushal started from June 2023, consisting of 50 students from Ankhir Government school from classes 9th-12th. These students are being trained in spoken English and personality development as well.

#### 2.3 Margdarshan Scheme

As a part of its ongoing Margdarshan Initiative, Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies (MRIIRS) in association with Dr. O P Bhalla Foundation, is hosting distinct batches of the students from Government Schools of Faridabad and adopted villages at the MRIIRS campus in Faridabad. The primary objective of this initiative is to provide valuable insights to students about their future career and higher education opportunities. This event is in alignment with the Foundation's commitment to achieving Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG 4) - Quality Education.





The Margdarshan Initiative is a noble endeavor by the Dr. O P Bhalla Foundation aimed at guiding and empowering young students to make informed decisions about their future career and education paths. Through this initiative, the Foundation aims to bridge the gap between school education and higher education by providing students with access to resources, mentorship, and guidance The Career Aptitude Test conducted in this event provide these students with personalized career guidance, enabling them to make more informed decisions about their future education and career paths. It is expected that this guidance will help improve their overall academic and career success and contribute to the betterment of society at large.



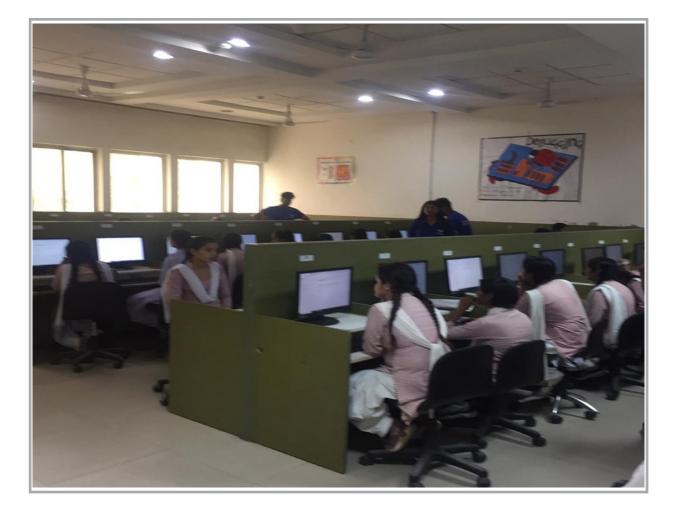








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Awareness Campaign by NSS volunteers at adopted village Mohana organized during the month of March 2023



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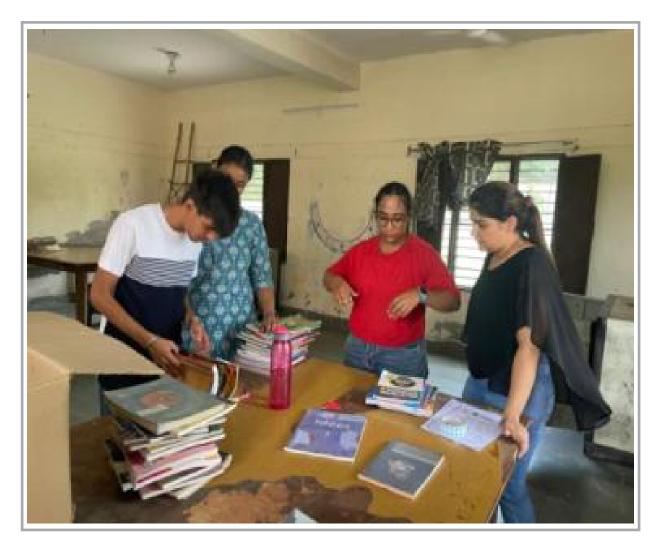


Workshop on Basic Communication Skills by NSS Volunteers organized on 11th April 2023



NSS Volunteers interacting with students of adopted village Nariyala on the topic of 'Fun Techniques to Learn Mathematics' – February 2023





**Book Donation Drive at Nariyala Village** 

MRIIRS's skill development programs play a pivotal role in the context of the "No Poverty" Sustainable Development Goal (SDG). These initiatives are designed to equip individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds with valuable skills that enhance their employability and incomegenerating potential. By providing training in various trades and vocations, these programs empower participants to secure better job opportunities or become entrepreneurs, breaking the cycle of poverty. Skill development not only serves as a means to economic self-sufficiency but also contributes to local economic growth and development. MRIIRS's dedication to skill development aligns with the overarching goal of SDG 1, which seeks to eradicate poverty in all its forms by creating opportunities for individuals to improve their economic well-being and overall quality of life.



#### • MRIIRS Student-Led Reading Outreach at Govt School, Village Maujpur and Panhera

During MRIIRS orientation program, a student-led outreach project on reading that took place demonstrating a commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) on 14 July 2023. The initiative aimed to promote the importance of reading, literacy, and lifelong learning among students of Govt school, Village Maujpur and Panhera. Dr. Sadiqa Abbas and Dr Anjali Gupta along students conducted Storytelling sessions by sharing their favourite stories, poems, or excerpts from books. These sessions fostered a sense of community and emphasized the joy of reading and sharing stories.









#### • Be a Teacher to Someone

Manav Rachna holds the ideals "Manav ki Rachna" keeping these morals in mind the volunteers of the National Service Scheme Unit, Department of Student Welfare, Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies undertook an initiative, "Be a Teacher to Someone" on the occasion of teacher's day. The volunteers under this campaign visited the Miracle Charitable Society, Faridabad, an adoption centre registered under the Women and Child Development Department of Haryana, on September 05, 2022 to be a teacher to someone as they understand that education is a fundamental right. On entering the gates of The Miracle Charitable Society, the volunteers were awestruck by the innocence and love the children there had to offer to them. The pure-heartedness of the children was evident during the various games and activities. The students of Manav Rachna got the opportunity to interact with them and teach them how to paint and colour understanding the beautiful and lifelong mentor-disciple bond that is shared between a teacher and a student. Early Education - teaching the base of the alphabet and numbers was also taught to children.







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#### • Skill Development Programme for Women

MRIIRS had conducted a Skill Development Programme in collaboration with Sneh Ashram NGO for counselling the women to chose correct career path and become financially independent. MRIIRS regularly engages in organising and supporting Skill Development programmes in the field of sports.







## **3. COLLABORATION WITH NGOS**

MRIIRS actively collaborates with government accredited bodies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to advance the "No Poverty" Sustainable Development Goal (SDG). These partnerships create a powerful synergy by combining the resources and expertise of the institution with the grassroots reach and specialized knowledge of NGOs and accredited bodies. These collaborations facilitate the implementation of sustainable development projects, such as skill development and educational support, in impoverished communities. By leveraging the strengths of both parties, MRIIRS and its partner NGOs and accredited bodies contribute significantly to the reduction of poverty and the empowerment of marginalized populations, ultimately working towards a more just and equitable society.

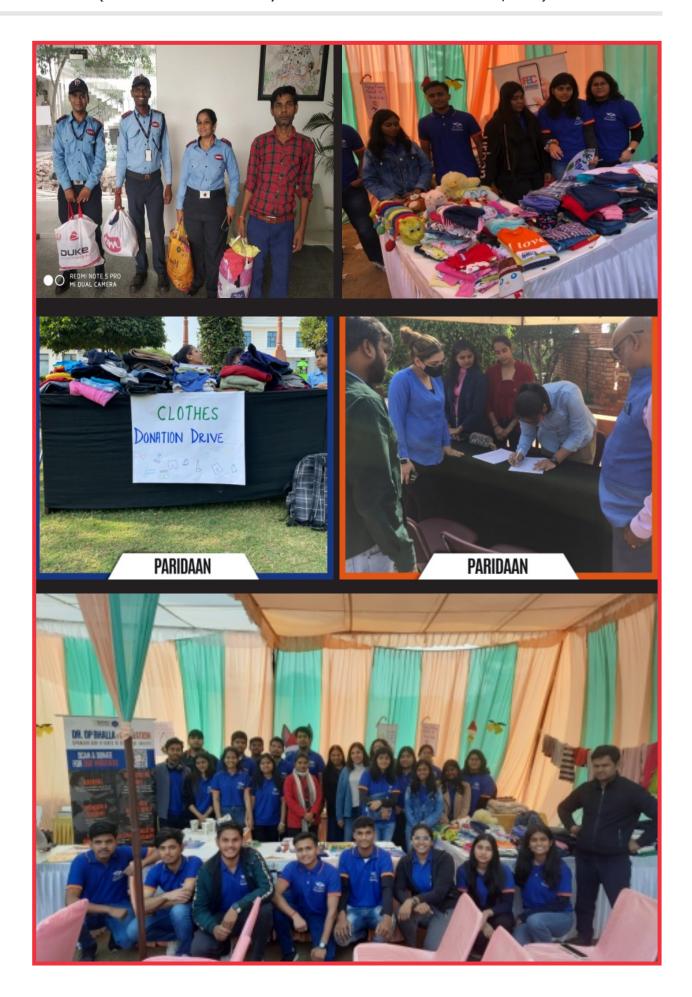
MRIIRS has joins hands with various Government accredited bodies and NGOs including All India Council of Human Rights, Liberties and Human Justice Reading Raccons Charitable Trust, Art of Living Foundation, Bhartiya Yuva Shakti Trust and Sneh asharm.

## **4. DONATION DRIVES**

MRIIRS, in alignment with the "No Poverty" Sustainable Development Goal (SDG), consistently conducts donation drives to support underprivileged communities. These drives aim to collect essential resources like Clothing, Food, Educational materials, and other supplies for those in need. By actively engaging students, faculty, and staff in these initiatives, the Institution fosters a sense of social responsibility and empathy. These donations serve as a direct and tangible means of providing relief and support to individuals and families facing economic hardships. MRIIRS recognizes that these drives play a crucial role in addressing immediate needs, helping to alleviate poverty, and contributing to a more equitable and inclusive society in the long run. MRIIRS also engaged itself in donating Educational materials like Computers to the students of Government schools and Underprivileged sections of the society.

Under the Paridaan initiative, Cloth Donation drive is conducted to collect warm clothes and blankets from the students and faculty members to be distributed among the unprivileged people. The donation drives have time and again contributed to the society in different ways even at the time of Natural Calamities like Floods.







• Clothes Collection Drive held on 11th November 2022 and Clothes Distribution Drive held on 23rd and 28th November 2022

**Dr O.P. Bhalla Foundation** in association with Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies and team CHR came up with the pleasant idea to involve people from MRIIRS to participate in World Kindness Week on 11th November 2022 by **donating their clothes** under the drive name "Paridhan" under the **SDG 1-No Poverty.** 

The purpose of this campaign was to collect and provide the underprivileged and needy with warm clothing before next winter. It was a pleasure seeing Staff and students volunteering for this event by donating jerseys, jackets, shirts, and blankets. They also helped to sort these clothes further. Everyone from the students to our dedicated faculty has been an essential part of this drive and even requested to continue the campaign for another week so that they could contribute more. Clothes were distributed among old age homes, orphanages, rescue homes and the housekeeping and security staff of Manav Rachna. These clothes were further distributed in the Slums near MRIIIRS on 23rd and 28th November 2022 by the Students and Faculty Members of MRIIRS.



Students distributing clothes in Slum near MRIIRS



#### • Delhi Flood Donation Drives

Delhi faced the worst flood in 30 years during the month of June-July 2023. MRIIRS Students and Faculty members came forward to donate towards these victims. The collections received for the Flood Victims was donated to the needy near Akshardham, Mayur Vihar and Sarai kale khan. These people are rescued from the flood affected areas and are staying in temporary arrangements.



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#### • Kindness Week - Visit to Rescue Home for Boys on 12th November 2022

A visit to the rescue home was planned to address SDG 1 - No Poverty, under which clothes and food items were also donated on 12th November 2022.

In celebration of Children's Day, a group of 28 students from MRIIRS paid a visit to the rescue home for boys. The students engaged the boys in playful activities, fostering connections and creating a joyful atmosphere. As part of their initiative, the students also donated clothes and food items, ensuring their basic needs were met. This heartwarming event showcased the power of small gestures and community support, leaving a positive impact on both the students and the boys.





A Collage of activities conducted by the MRIIRS Students with the Children at Rescue Home

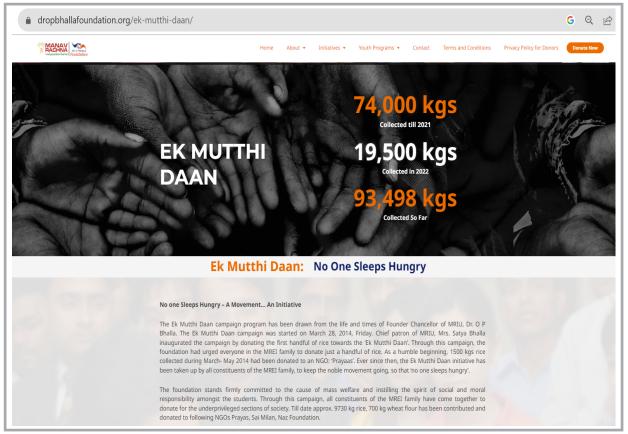
## **5. EK MUTHI DAAN- NO ONE SLEEPS HUNGRY**

The father of Manav Rachna, visionary late Dr. O.P. Bhalla had a dream that no child on the street should sleep hungry as much as possible. Corporate Social Responsibility was an area that he worked at conscientiously. We feel his presence all around us and are sure that he is guiding and blessing us in all our endeavours. The Ek Mutthi Daan campaign was initiated on March 28, 2014. On 16th September 2023, Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies organized Ek Mutthi Daan: Mega Grain Donation Drive in which with diligent support from students and teachers from MRIIRS, we were able to collect 11,807 kg of dry grains fron the year 2023 and donated to orphanages, old age homes, animal shelters and to District Administration (for supporting migrant labourers and needy people).









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## 6. FREE HEALTH CAMPS

Community Health Camps are **free-for-all** check-up camps set up primarily to bring awareness among the deprived and needy population. Most low-income and marginalized people have little access to basic health facilities. Community Health Camps aim to provide a free consultation to the patients and suggest further treatment if needed. The free consultation ensures that people get the proper treatment immediately without further delays. MRIIRS organised various health camps under the department of Physiotherapy, Nutrition and Dietetics, Psychology and Dental Sciences on regular basis.

As part of the Health for All mission 29 community health camp were organized by Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies in collaboration with O.P. Bhalla Foundation in year 2022-23. The motto of these health camps is to fulfil the dreams of nation-building and concentrate on the development and upliftment of the underprivileged and marginalized section of society. Keeping this motto various steps have been taken for the upliftment of patients who have been suffering and cannot afford to go to hospitals. The camp was free of cost and open for all.

Various department of MRIIRS participate in these camps and provide their services. Department of Physiotherapy, Nutrition and Dietetics, Psychology department and Faculty of dental sciences participate in these health camp. Approximately 22 to 25 students and 6-8 faculty member with OP Bhalla Foundation team participates in each camp with same motive.

Physiotherapy services including home program exercises, precautions and postural correction were advised to the Patients. Proper assessment of patients were done in every health camp. Many cases with flat foot, posture abnormalities, Lower back Ache and Joint pains were detected, assessed and advised with proper treatment. Exercise regimen was given to the patient and, Patients with the chronic problem are advised modifications in lifestyle.

Nutrition and Dietetics department participate in all these camp with the objective of identification of nutritional problems, assessment of nutritional status and to provide nutritional counselling for overall health and wellness. Measurement of various health parameters like height, weight and body mass index (BMI), % fat, muscle mass, %water were done in each camp. People were advised to eat healthy balanced and to keep themselves clean. Children came for the health checkup were advised not be lured by fast food, colored drinks and cold drinks. The participants were provided with personalized diet counselling, counselling on lifestyle modification and strategies to prevent or control the diseases. All adults were counselled for hypertension, diabetes, PCOD, and obesity and diet counselling was provided according to the type of diseases they were suffering from.

Psychology department do IQ assessment of the participants. Appropriate guidance was provided as per the identified issues like relationship issues such romantic relationship, marriage, understanding between spouses, conflict with children and so on. Stress related to work life balance, academic stress and high level of parental expectation were also discussed and stress reducing strategies were explained with demonstration. Parents are guided for mental health and related issues.



Faculty of Dental Sciences also provide their services, by providing education and awareness regarding dental procedures. They also talked about oral hygiene and oral health. They also guide them that diet should have less sugary foods. If decay tooth is there, then filling is suggested. Cleaning of teeth, brushing, flossing guidance is also provided. If tobacco consumption is there in the population, then harmful effects and then development of oral cancer awareness and diagnosis is also done.

Radio Manav Rachna 107.8, our media partner was present at the event to take the testimonials of the people who visited and took benefit of the services provided. The camp was applauded by positive response as more than 160 online registrations were received prior to the conduction of Health Camp and there were around 50 plus new registrations. The Volunteers assisted to manage the Registration Desk and escorted the guests/ visitors to all the experts. They also motivated the patients to take advantage of the other services provided in the camp. The volunteers asked the visitors about their experience and the feedback received was positive. The visitors appreciated the team for organizing such a Health Camp and encouraged the team to conduct more such Health Camps in the future. Radio Manav Rachna took video bytes of all the teams and interviewed them, and it was observed that the spirit of each team member was high. Dr. NC Wadhwa, DG MREI and Vice Chairman, Dr. OP Bhalla Foundation also visited the campsite and applauded and encouraged all the teams for the efforts made by them.



Health camps – Community Outreach Programme



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Health camp Announcement and awareness campaign



Nutrition counselling by Msc Nutrition and Dietetics students and faculty members







Anthropometric measurement of the participants



Measurement of Blood Pressure by Physiotherapy team





Treatment provided by physiotherapy expert



Assessment by Dental team in health camp





**Counselling by Psychology experts** 



**O.P.Bhalla Foundation team** 





MRIIRS expert team at health camp



## LIST OF HEALTH CAMPS ORGANIZED DURING AY 2022-23

S.NO	Department	Title of the Activity	Organising unit/ agency/ collaborating agency	Date of conduct (dd-mm-yyyy)
1	Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, MRIIRS	Health Camp	MRIIRS, Charmwood Village, Faridabad	02-07-2022
2	Nutrition and Dietetics, FAHS, MRIIRS	Health Camp	PHC, Fatehpur Beri, New Delhi	04-08-2022
3	Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, MRIIRS	Health Camp	Sector 15A, Faridabad	24-08-2022
4	Department of Physiotherapy, FAHS, MRIIRS	Health Camp	SGM Nagar, Patel Chowk ,Faridabad	17-09-2022
5	Nutrition and Dietetics, FAHS, MRIIRS	Health Camp	Kalkaji Public School, Kalkaji, Delhi	30-09-2022
6	Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, MRIIRS	Health Camp	Machhgar, Ballabgarh	20-10-2022
7	Nutrition and Dietetics, FAHS, MRIIRS	Health Camp	Manav Rachna International School, Sector 46, Gurugram	26-11-2022
8	Department of Physiotherapy, FAHS, MRIIRS	Health Camp	Anagpur Village , Faridabad	3-12-2022
9	Nutrition and Dietetics, FAHS, MRIIRS	Health Camp	Maharshi Dayanand Public School, Sector 16, Faridabad	30-12-2022
10	Department of Physiotherapy, FAHS, MRIIRS	Health Camp	Kia Rasoi, Kundali, Sonipat	06-01-2023
11	Nutrition and Dietetics, FAHS, MRIIRS	Health Camp	FatehpurTaga, Sohna Road, Dhauj Village, Faridabad	29-01-2023
12	Department of Physiotherapy, FAHS, MRIIRS	Health Camp	Old Age Home ,Sec- 28	18-03-2023
13	O.P.Bhalla Foundation, MRIIRS	Health Camp	SGM Nagar, Faridabad	22-03-2023
14	Department of Physiotherapy, FAHS, MRIIRS	Health Camp	Sneh Vidya School,SGM Nagar	25-03-2023





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14	Department of Physiotherapy, FAHS, MRIIRS	Health Camp	Sneh Vidya School,SGM Nagar	25-03-2023
15	O.P.Bhalla Foundation, MRIIRS	Health Camp	Vanaprastha Old Age Home	28-03-2023
16	O.P.Bhalla Foundation, MRIIRS	Health Camp	CHC Kheri Kalan, Faridabad, Haryana	31-03-2023
17	O.P.Bhalla Foundation, MRIIRS	Health Camp	Sanak Sewa Samiti Old Age Home	01-04-2023
18	O.P.Bhalla Foundation, MRIIRS	Health Camp	Atmadpur School	07-04-2023
19	O.P.Bhalla Foundation, MRIIRS	Health Camp	Gandhi colony, Faridabad	14-04-2023
20	Department of Physiotherapy, FAHS, MRIIRS	Health Camp	AIIMS Society	15-04-2023
21	O.P.Bhalla Fou ndation, MRIIRS	Health Camp	Dayalpur Gurudwara	16-04-2023
22	O.P.Bhalla Foundation, MRIIRS	Health Camp	Sai Dham	21-04-2023
23	O.P.Bhalla Foundation, MRIIRS	Health Camp	Mohna Village Panchayat, Faridabad	29-04-2023
24	O.P.Bhalla Foundation, MRIIRS	Health Camp	IP colony Faridabad	06-05-2023
25	Department of Physiotherapy, FAHS, MRIIRS	Health Camp	Shiksha Bharti School	07-05-2023
26	Department of Physiotherapy, FAHS, MRIIRS	Health Camp	Govt. medical Center,Anagpur	09-05-2023
27	O.P.Bhalla Foundation, MRI IRS	Health Camp	K.L. Mehta Dayanand Public High School, NIT 5, Faridabad,	12-05-2023
28	O.P.Bhalla Foundation, MRIIRS	Health Camp	Elpis Convent School, Jeewan nagar – 2, near Pawan Hospital, Faridabad	05-21-2023
29	O.P.Bhalla Foundation, MRIIRS	Health Camp	Government Boys School, NIT 5, Faridabad, Haryana	26-05-2023





## **7. SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies (MRIIRS) places a strong emphasis on fostering a sense of social responsibility among its students, faculty, and staff. By encouraging active participation in various social responsibility activities, MRIIRS not only instills a strong sense of empathy and community engagement but also creates a lasting positive impact on the lives of the underprivileged and marginalized communities.

Radio Manav Rachna has been promoting various initiatives that certainly contribute towards the SDG 1. It encourages local society, community to use local products, further support local artisans to make products competitive vis a vis global brands and strengthen the community.













## 8. RESEARCH: KEY ISSUES AFFECTING POVERTY

SDG 1 measures accomplishments and development using 14 indicators and 7 targets. As a country of around 25% of the world's impoverished, India has a strong national development plan that places a strong emphasis on reducing poverty, making SDG 1 important for the country. In order to end poverty, India has taken a multipronged approach that includes keeping up a rapid GDP growth rate, boosting social security, encouraging financial inclusion, providing basic amenities, and giving the poor and disadvantaged groups more influence. In order to address the different aspects of poverty, including housing, energy, livelihoods, health, education, and sanitation, India has also started a number of flagship programmes and initiatives.

India's efforts to achieve SDG 1 are commendable and inspiring. However, there are still many challenges and gaps that need to be addressed. Faculty members from the School of Behavioural and Social Sciences, Department of Economics are working on some of the pertinent issues which are intended to address SDG 1 to end poverty. The regional disparities and inequalities in poverty reduction are significant and persistent. In this context, Faculty Members attempt to map the literature on global poverty of the last four decades, try to under the root cause of global poverty, and provide policy suggestions to reduce global poverty. Through the ICSSR-funded research project, they also explore how a financial inclusion outreach programme across the states in India helps empower the marginal population in rural areas, which in turn uplifts the people from the poverty trap. Given that, SDG 1 is a noble and ambitious goal that requires collective and concerted action from all stakeholders. In this regard, collaborations with various stakeholders across different regions are done to share knowledge and expertise to address the challenges faced by the poor in terms of safe drinking water, sanitation, health, education, and livelihoods. Besides, Research Scholars are emphasising key issues that directly or indirectly address the SDG-1 such as education, climate change, inclusive growth, financial inclusion, women empowerment, etc. Influencing and informing policymaking and decision-making at local, national, and global levels to ensure that the needs and rights of the poor are prioritized and protected.

#### 8.1 Future Research Way Forward

#### • Poverty and the Perceived Sense of Control

The research proposal seeks to delve into the intricate relationship between socioeconomic disparities, particularly poverty, and the way individuals perceive control over their lives. To achieve this, a multifaceted approach will be employed assessing key variables such as locus of control, goal-setting behaviors, and feelings of agency. These variables will help to understand how the experience of poverty shapes the cognitive and emotional aspects of individuals' lives and, in turn, influences behaviors and outcomes. By assembling a diverse participant sample that includes both impoverished and non-impoverished individuals, the research aims to conduct in-depth analyses to uncover the complex interplay between poverty, perceived control, and various life domains such as education, employment, and health. The results of the study have the potential to offer valuable insights for the development of targeted interventions designed to empower those in poverty, ultimately contributing to more effective strategies for breaking the cycle of poverty and enhancing overall well-being in marginalized communities.





#### • The Influence of Socioeconomic Status on Mental Health Resilience

The research proposal seeks to investigate how various dimensions of poverty, including income, access to education, and neighbourhood quality, influence an individual's mental health resilience in the face of stress and adversity. By evaluating a diverse sample of participants, the aim is to uncover the intricate relationships between socioeconomic disparities and mental health resilience. Data collection methods will encompass surveys, interviews, and psychological assessments, with a particular focus on variables such as emotional intelligence, social support networks, and adaptive coping mechanisms. Statistical analyses will be utilized to identify the most influential factors in predicting resilience. It is expected that income levels, educational access, and neighbourhood quality significantly impact an individual's ability to cope with life's challenges. The study's findings hold the potential to inform targeted interventions and policies that aim to strengthen mental health resilience within disadvantaged populations, thereby contributing to the reduction of mental health disparities in society. Ultimately, this research strives to advance the understanding of the intricate connections between socioeconomic status, psychological variables, and mental health resilience, providing valuable insights for public health and well-being initiatives.

#### • Poverty, Empathy, and Prosocial Behavior

The research aims to investigate the long-term impact of childhood poverty on adult empathy and prosocial behavior. By examining variables such as altruism, perspective-taking, and empathy, the study seeks to understand how early-life experiences of economic hardship may shape an individual's capacity to comprehend and assist others in adulthood. The diverse adult sample will include individuals with and without childhood poverty exposure. Data will be collected through surveys, psychological assessments, and interviews. Statistical analyses will be conducted to reveal the relationship between childhood poverty exposure and measures of empathy and prosocial behavior in adulthood. The research is essential for informing social policies and interventions to mitigate the enduring effects of poverty on individuals' empathy and their inclination to engage in prosocial behaviors, thereby contributing to the cultivation of a more compassionate and supportive society.

