

# SAFARNAMA / सफरनामा

Updates from the Sambhaavnaa Institute Campus **September-October, 2015**

The second issue of *Sambhaavnaa ka Safarnama* is here with an update of all the ongoing and upcoming activities from the Sambhaavnaa campus at Kandwari.

From the 25<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> September we had a workshop called **Tana Bana**, for the weaver communities of India and those individuals or organisations that are working with the weavers and for the weavers. Close to 40 people attended the program led by **Uzramma**, founder of non-profit research centre Dastkar Andhra and the Malkha fabrics.



On the last day of Tana Bana a mini-mela was organised with the help of kids of Udaan Learning centre. Handmade products, crochet material, best out of waste products like purses and ear-rings were highlights of the exhibition. Kids and adults put up stalls Cake, Momos, Puchka etc.

“Nobody wants to wear local wool now. Delhiites want soft and fancy wool even if the yarns break after the first wash,” said **Mansaram Ji**, Tana Bana participant and a local Kandhbari weaver who lost interest in weaving some 15 years ago and now only weaves to earn a minimum livelihood.

His two sons have also migrated to other professions such as government service and the Indian Army. “Children in other families, too, are running after education, job and mobile phones,” he added.



**Mansaram Ji at the Mela**



Mela organised on the last day of workshop.

# संभावना कार्यक्रम

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS



### Buniyaadies at Sambhaavnaa Campus.

This year, Sambhaavnaa welcomed people from very diverse cultures, ideologies and sangathans of our country. There are around 40 young participants in the workshop with one similar goal; to make our society just and equitable.

#### ▪ Exploring The Sky : An Astronomy and Survival Skill Workshop

20th – 21st November

Sambhaavnaa and Udaan learning centre is organising this workshop for kids from private schools around Palampur and kids from Kandbari

#### ▪ Kali Writes: A writing workshop

27<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>th</sup> December

The Kali Writes Project helps the individual explore catharsis, in one's own language of comfort and feeling.

## Farm To Plate



Nadanai and Badal at the Gaushala

### "Make hay while the sun shines!"

Heart of Sambhaavnaa lies in our farm. Our farm team is the busiest in the whole campus. Every Tuesday our farm team meets at the Haiku to discuss the latest advancements and solve general issues.

The harvest season is upon us. Beans and Dals are being harvested right now. We have moong, rongi, beans, metre falli, urad and a variety of other dals. *Kaddus* (Pumpkin) are riping day by day.

## "Gupshup Chabootra"

Hailing from Ahmedabad, Gujarat Mahi has been volunteering with Sambhaavnaa since 18th September, helping the programs team with outreach and documentation. She is going to be with us till the end of Buniyaad.



Mahi Baid, Volunteer

Mahi is helping organise **GARBA NIGHT!!** Coming up on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> October at **Ground zero**. All are welcome!

Anora from the village is now teaching 'Baking' at Udaan Learning Centre! Kids, Young women are making goodies like cakes and cookies using basic material. Classes are on Tuesdays at 4 pm!



Following his passion of music, Abhishek, local kid of Udaan learning centre built himself an **Iktara** out of scratch.



# नयी उड़ान

On the last day of the **Tana Bana** Workshop, i.e., 27th September, Sambhaavnaa and Udaan organized an exhibition cum sale cum Mela, concluding the Handloom workshop, to promote and sell handmade products made by the local girls that are a part of Udaan's Learning Center led by Fatema and Kavita.



Under the guidance of **Fatema and Kavita**, girls made various handmade products

The products on display were created out of crochet, upcycled plastic waste, scrap bamboo, quilling, paper mache art and best out of waste technologies. Some participants of the workshops also displayed their products for sale.

While adults were busy making a sale, the kids had their share of fun hosting a lot of games.

To celebrate our successful maiden effort, we danced to **Pahadi songs**, sung some in exchange of momos made by Saurabh and our Ladakhi friends from **SECMOL**, indulged in gol gappas for a good cause, and had a great end to a very productive workshop. We are hoping to turn this into a permanent activity to encourage the **Learning centre kids** to keep up their work and have our workshop participants participate in a unique mountain experience with us.



**Udaan Kids and Team at Gopalpur Zoo**

Udaan School kids have been busy learning about **Animals** which is their theme this month. Apart from various craft activities and classroom exercises, the kids visited **Gopalpur Zoo** recently. They have been going around campus and nature walks identifying different animals and learning about them. Udaan school also organised a **sports days** on 21<sup>st</sup> October for our toddlers.

Next month, the theme is **Plants** for which they are all planning to go to **Agriculture University, Palampur**.