



We are thrilled to be announcing Shaagird's Vision for 2030.

Shaagird is an intuitive platform, working towards making education accessible for all by connecting mentors from all across the world to children from impoverished & low-income families through a unique mentorship model.

"Vision without action is a daydream.
Action without vision is a nightmare"





This vision document is an attempt to document the future realistic goals of 'Shaagird' and establish a unique identity in the country by providing equitable access to education to all.

Our vision for 2030 is to create a platform where every child, regardless of their background or circumstances, has the opportunity to receive a quality education and reach their full potential.

"No gift is better than the gift of education and no accomplishment is greater than providing this gift to someone"

— Aasif Mujtaba



# Why Shaagird was created?

After the Delhi pogrom in 2020, during its relief work in north-east Delhi, the Miles2Smile organization realized the brunt of such violence on children and their education. It all started with a small initiative of a Smile Class which aimed to provide children of communal violence victims with some respite amidst all their despair. During the violence, all belongings of these families were burnt to ashes including children's books and stationery.

Since most of the families lost their homes and livelihood in the violence, they started to take their children out of schools because of financial constraints. These kids were being forced to take the brunt of both the violence and the and the ill-planned lockdown, which destroyed many livelihoods.

Shaagird, then came to provide aid to these families and sponsored the education of these children. It began with the opening of Sunrise Public School in Ghaziabad. The school has its own Smile Curriculum which focuses on integrated and holistic development by giving emphasis on extracurricular activities, languages, science, etc.





In our fight against hatred, violence, and socioeconomic deprivation, we often sideline the children. We tend to forget that they are the most affected ones. Their families struggle harder even for their basic needs and when fulfilling the basic necessities becomes so burdensome, getting a quality education for their kids becomes a farfetched dream. Besides, due to a lack of awareness, they barely pay any heed to their education and as a result, a large chunk of kids do not get access to quality education and stay trapped in a vicious cycle of poverty, illiteracy, oppression, and violence.

Shaagird makes it easy to share some of our 'privileges' and uplift the less privileged ones





#### **Student Development**

- Supporting students in developing positive relationships and strong emotional well-being through programs such as counseling, mentoring, and life skills training.
- Edifying students with respect for the core values of integrity, perseverance, resilience, humility, and discipline.
- Helping students identify their interests and skills and providing them with the resources and support they need to pursue their desired careers.
- Providing students with a liberal and diverse environment that nurtures creativity.
- Encouraging students to engage with their local communities, and to appreciate and respect the cultural heritage of their peers and ancestors.
- Providing opportunities for students to develop leadership skills, as well as to participate in community service and volunteerism.
- Ensuring students have access to technology and professional courses like coding, Robotics, and Graphics Designing to help them succeed in a tech-driven world.
- Providing students space for individual expression and enabling them to become self-reliant, self-motivated, and confident human beings.





#### **Physical Infrastructure**

- Expansion of new educational centers: We are committed to expanding our educational centers in areas where educational opportunities are limited. This includes identifying the need and partnerships with new centers.
- Safety and Security Management: A safe environment a is must for every child to grow in. We take the safety and security of our students very seriously. We plan to implement safety and security management protocols to ensure that students are safe and secure in our educational centers.
- Providing library facilities at our centers: We recognize the importance of literacy and a love of learning. We plan to provide library facilities at every center to promote reading and free access to quality books.
- **Providing Science & Computer Laboratory:** We believe that providing access to the latest technology and resources is essential to ensuring that our students receive a quality education. We also plan to provide science and computer laboratories at our centers to give students access to an abundance of learning opportunities.



#### **Community Outreach**

- To begin the partnership with local organizations and groups, such as schools, community centers, madrasas, and local businesses, in order to provide additional support and resources for the sponsored children.
- To involve parents and families in the education of their sponsored children, and provide opportunities for them to be involved in the organization's activities and decision-making processes.
- To involve members of the local community in volunteer and service opportunities, such as mentoring, tutoring, and community service projects.
- To raise awareness about the importance of education, and the challenges faced by underprivileged, riots-affected, and refugee children in the community.
- To gather feedback from the community and use it to evaluate and improve our programs and services.





### **Internal Quality Assurance**

We are committed to ensuring that the children we sponsor receive a high-quality education that meets their specific needs and goals. To achieve this, we plan to implement a robust internal and educational quality assurance system that includes regular assessments and evaluations, curriculum and materials review, professional development for our staff and volunteers, parent and community engagement, compliance with laws and regulations, data collection and analysis, external reviews, and a continuous improvement process that incorporates feedback from all stakeholders.

Through these measures, we aim to ensure that the children we support receive a quality education while gaining the best possible opportunity to reach their full potential.

# How can you contribute?

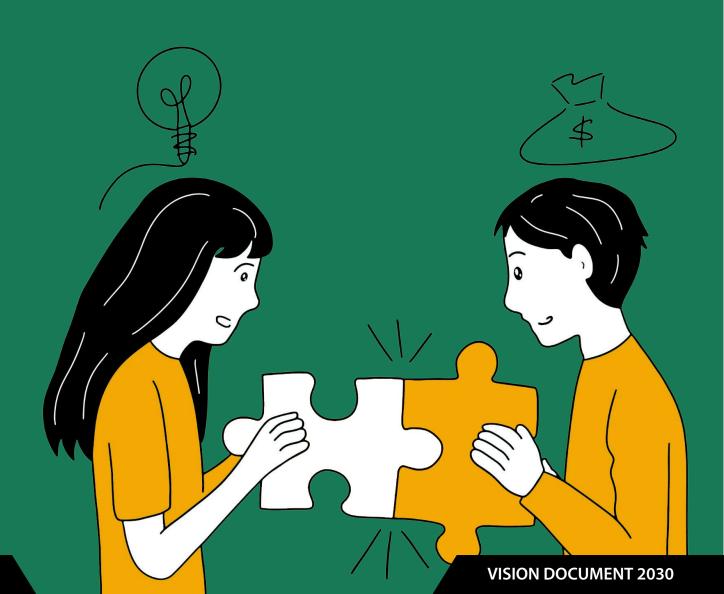


As concerned citizens, don't we always talk about bringing change through education in society? But the question remains as to how? Is there any reliable platform that can become a catalyst of change by taking up one such colossal responsibility?

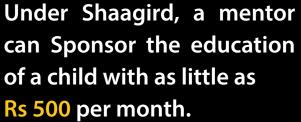
Well, Shaagird is one such platform that is working tirelessly for the deprived children under the mentorship program so that they can get their education properly and secure their future.

## Under Shaagird, we have prepared a large database of the following kids -

- Kids orphaned in the communal violence
- Kids of victims of communal violence & mob lynching
- Madarsa kids enrolled in the Hifz Programs
- Other economically backward children



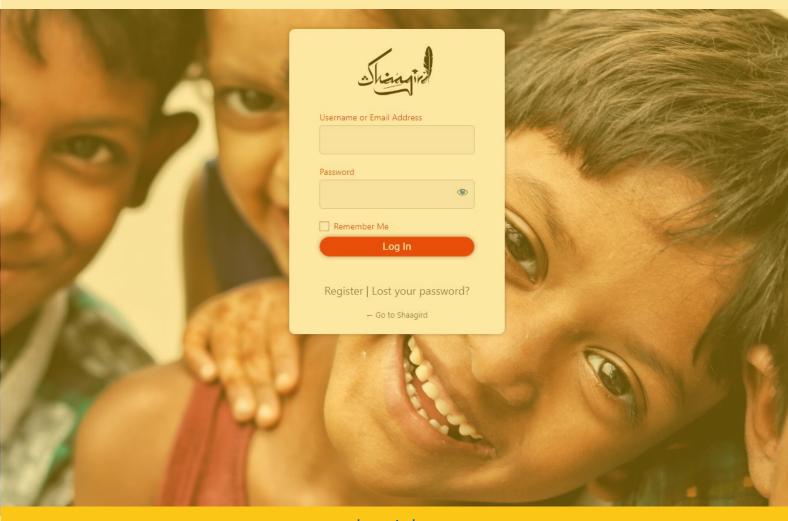
If you want to make any contribution in bringing a change in the lives of these poor kids by sponsoring their education (the sponsoring amount varies with the geographical location of the child as the cost of education is different in cities, towns, and villages), we kindly request you to sign up for the mentorship program. Every mentor may adopt kids (as many as they want) for sponsoring their education. After due approval and after the payment of the sponsoring amount (monthly, quarterly, yearly, etc.), a unique login ID and Password are provided to each mentor to log in to Shaagird's official website <a href="https://www.shaagird.org">www.shaagird.org</a> so that the mentors are able to check up on the educational progress of their sponsored kids. Additionally, if a mentor wants to communicate with the family of the adopted kid, it is arranged too, as the kids stay with their families.



https://donate.miles2smile.org/education-of-victims-of-communal-violence.php



# "HOW CAN YOU GET CONNECTED"





A unique login ID and password shall be provided to all the mentors who have adopted a kid for education.



A quarterly/ half yearly progress report of the child shall also be sent through email.

## www.shaagird.org





On login a dashboard progress of your adopted kid shall be made available.





Annual analytical report of the kid shall also be provided through dashboard login or mail.



# What do you get as a Mentor?







PROGRESS REPORTS OF YOUR SPONSORED CHILD



OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT YOUR SPONSORED CHILD



SATISFACTION OF EMPOWERING AN UNDERPRIVILEGED COMMUNITY



Through Child Sponsorship, you are not only contributing towards the betterment of the child but towards the community and nation as a whole. By sponsoring a child's education you are investing in their education, and overall development.

Investing in children, their families, and their communities have proved to be the best way to impact sustained progress in the life of a child.

# Targets already achieved under **SHAAGIRD**

250

kids from the Riot affected area of North East Delhi are getting an education at our relief School (Sunrise Public School) in Loni, Ghaziabad 45

Kids are doing Hifz at Madarsa Imam-ul-Bukhari in Nangli 2, Nuh, in Haryana 45

Rohingya Refugee Kids are getting quality education at Fatima al Fihri Learning Center in Chandeni 2, Nuh, in Haryana

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Rohingya Refugee Kids are getting quality education at Kulsum Sayani Learning Center in Nangli 1, Nuh, in Haryana 20

kids from the riot-affected families of Khargone are getting free education under Shaagird's collaboration model at Smart India Public School 41

Rohingya Refugee Kids are getting an education at Fatima Sheikh Learning Center, in Nangli 2, Nuh, in Haryana

72

Kids are doing Hifz at Madarsa Miftahul Quran at Shiv Vihar in New Delhi 20

other individual kids received financial support while their families were having trouble paying the school fee 61

Kids are doing Hifz at Madarsa Taleem-ul-Quran in Nangli 1, Nuh, in Haryana



## **FAQs**

### (Frequently Asked Questions)

#### Q1. What is Shaagird?

A1 . Shaagird is an educational platform under its umbrella organization Miles2Smile. It aims to educate marginalized & underprivileged children through sponsorship and collaboration model with different schools and madrasas. The vision of Shaagird is to have a million mentors over the years so that a million kids reap the benefits of education and skill development.

#### Q2 How does it work?

A2 .The platform has a large database of children affected by communal violence, mob lynching, orphaned children, Rohingya children, children doing Hifz, and others belonging to marginalized sections. Shaagird collaborates with schools and madrassas, and also operates its own schools and learning centers to provide free education to children from low-income families and other oppressed groups. Those who want to help and sponsor the education of these children, give us monetary contributions which go directly toward the child's education, and all records are shared with them to maintain transparency and accountability.

## Q3 Does Shaagird receive money from Foreign Organizations or platforms?

A3 No. Shaagird does not come under FCRA. Therefore, it receives money only from Indian sponsors.

## Q4 Is Shaagird a Muslim organization? Is it involved in preaching Islam and conversions?

A4 Shaagird is a Muslim-led initiative, which aims to provide education to the most marginalized sections of the society without any discrimination. No, it is not involved in any conversions.

#### Q5 Do only Muslims receive education under Shaagird?

A5 We believe that education is the basic right of every individual and it must be accessible to everyone without any hindrance. Shaagird aims to remove these hindrances which make education inaccessible to the most downtrodden sessions of society. According to the Sachar Committee report, education amongst Muslims was found to be the lowest due to a lack of access and opportunities. Thereby, naturally many beneficiaries of this program end up belonging to the Muslim community. In the current political and social scenario, the conditions of Muslims have worsened and therefore they require much greater support from the organization.





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#### Q6 Is sponsorship really beneficial for the children?

A6 Yes. Through Child Sponsorship, you are not only contributing towards the betterment of the child but towards the community and the nation as a whole. By sponsoring a child's education you are investing in their education, health, and overall development. In our experience, investing in children, their families, and their communities have proved to be the best way to impact sustained progress in the life of a child. As a child sponsor, you can see for yourself the lasting change that you are helping create in the children's lives and the impact your support makes in their community.

#### Q7 How does a sponsored child benefit?

A7 Through your support, the child's future education is sustained. They will now be able to live a healthy, protected, and empowered life. This sponsorship gives a chance to these children to have a happy and normal childhood.

#### Q8 Why does a child who lives with his/her parents need my sponsorship?

A8 We recognize that shelter and livelihood are two important things for sustenance. We have identified that the livelihood of most families is destroyed during communal violence. This leads them to stop investing in their children's education to maintain and sustain themselves. Your sponsorship would help these children to have a chance at a quality education.

#### Q9 How long can you sponsor a child?

A9 We have various plans for sponsoring a child ranging from monthly to yearly. You can sponsor a child's education for a month or for any duration you wish to depend upon the plan you choose.

#### Q10 Do I get to visit my sponsored child?

A10 Yes, you can visit your sponsored child but only with the prior permission of the family and through communication with Shaagird.

#### Q11 Can a sponsor witness his/her sponsored child's progress?

A11 Yes. Accountability and transparency are two core values on which Shaagird works. You will be provided with details about how and where your money is spent. You will also be provided with a quarterly progress report of your sponsored child.





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#### Q12 How can I contact my sponsored child?

A12. All communications that you wish to have will be through Shaagird's platform. You can either write to the child or meet him/her with the permission of their family.

#### Q13 Can I adopt my sponsored child?

A13 No. Shaagird is an educational platform that works by curating a community of sponsors. It does not deal with adoption in any way.

#### Q14 Is there an age limit to sponsor a child?

A14 No. We encourage everyone to become sponsors and give these children their best and help them achieve their dreams.

## Q15 Does the Shaagird share donor's information with other organizations or individuals?

A15 No. We maintain high confidentiality about our sponsors' information. Any information displayed on our website will be put forth by taking the complete consent of the individual.



Shaagird works on the principle dream of 'Kulsum Sayani' an inspirational pioneer worker in the field of literacy in India who gave the famous slogan "each one teaches one". The vision is to have a million mentors over the years so that a million kids would reap the benefits of education and skill development.

Through the support of sponsors from all around the world, we aim to provide children with the tools and resources they need to succeed in school and in their lives.