The first three months of the year are perhaps the busiest time. The year begins with Holi, Lohri, Makar Sankranti and the Republic Day.

There was a constant stream of visitors. Guidance and Referral was given to 10 families and their challenged children. Most of the children took admission in Aya Nagar’s center and are benefitting from a variety of services like special education life skills training, Speech therapy etc.
Rozgar sold its products at the Indraprastha College for women and Wind Mill in Aya Nagar.

The crochet hand bags have been very popular this season. 37 bags were made to order. One of our parents was sent to give training to parents in Saksham Daksh, NOIDA. This is a big step forward for Uttkarsh’s mother.

Parents of trainees in JM are a growing group… both in Mohammadpur and Aya Nagar. There are regular monthly meetings with the parents. This has helped parents to develop a true understanding of Jan Madhyam’s living skills program. As a result many of them have come forward to participate as partners, helping the staff and the other parents.

The meetings focussed on not just the progress of the children but also on our philosophy of green spaces, zero garbage, recycling, water harvesting etc. The zero garbage agenda nows has to be spread beyond JM to the neighbourhood. Nutrition and Medical guidance are also important and regular features in this meeting.
For almost 2 years now we have been bringing out a newsletter in Hindi for the community and parents. It helps us to underline our communication and acts as a reminder for the core principles and values like a life with dignity, garbage recycling and inclusion of the differently abled.

Masala Production and News Paper Bag making are two areas of vocational training where parents have been active. There are 09 no of stipend holders in the pre-vocational training. The good news for this quarter is that Dipesh and Naveen have been accepted as/employee trainees in “Just Organics” a small factory in Aya Nagar. Faizaan has been placed in the neighbourhood store “Anil’s Shoppe” in Mohammadpur. This is an achievement for the boys as well as the trainers. Outreach in both Aya Nagar and Mohammadpur community is revealing many employment opportunities for our trainees…
Admission in schools:
Santosh has made much progress in his determination to study further. He took admission (with JM help and counselling) in Open School. He is working very hard for the upcoming exams.

Dhiraj is a success story. Despite his many challenges, he has been given admission in the local Sarvodaya school. This also gives us a window into the positive changes in some MCD schools. The primary MCD in Mohamadpur has been welcoming of Jan Madhyam and appreciative of our strengths. We have been invited by principal ma’am Sarla ji, to train the teachers and help them with Inclusion of challenged children. We have also been pursuing the MCD department for formal permission to work in all the south zone schools.

Training through Vistaar and Srijan has been ongoing and has given Jan Madhyam inroads into the surrounding community of children preparing them to accept and include differently challenged peers. These joyful sessions reached thousands of children in Aya Nagar and Mohamadpur. The training team had Dipesh, Sarvesh, Pinki and Yogendra. They taught children about recycling by teaching them to make paper toys and paper bags from used paper. The students were attentive and excited and constantly called the Dipesh and Yogendra “Sir” and Sarvesh and Pinki were called “Didi”!
Special Education
The scholars in JM have been receiving regular sessions in special education to prepare them for mainstreaming. To help us in this task, Edcraft, a Hyderabad based company donated several Special Education Kits. These are proving to be very useful. The children love them and the teachers find them easy to use.

The hot favourite dish in the nutrition class is the Multi Grain Khichri. The boys have learnt to make this and enjoy impressing their Mother’s at home!
Working in the Garden:
Spring is the time to enjoy flowers, fruits and vegetables growing in the garden. But this year we went one step ahead and planted wheat!! This has been a great learning experience for the children, to grow wheat from seed, tend it, then harvest it and bring it to the table.

Despite such a busy schedule we made time for an outing. This year they went to the Crafts Museum and The Science Museum.

Ability Show
Music and Dance is always close to our hearts. Amrita Laljee has been giving so much joy through the sessions she takes with our children. It is a pleasure to see Ankit on the drums.
An event organised by Samadhan (another NGO) at the India International Centre featured a group of students from Jan Madhyam, dancing and singing on the stage. This was the culmination of weeks of fun filled music and dance sessions led by Amrita Laljee and Neeraj. The highlight though was Praveen Madhav getting a certificate of appreciation for his art. He walked on to stage to receive it to thunderous applause and appreciative hoots from the audience. JM also proved a point by showing off their seminal work in becoming zero garbage and eco friendly centre with solar lighting and water harvesting systems. We are all very proud of this achievement.

Self Defence training by volunteer Prabhsharan Kaur at Mohammad pur. Thank You Prabha! The children and even the Mothers, are really enjoying this very useful training. We have to find a way of continuing this input.
Medical Guidance was given to parents at Aya Nagar by Dr. Pradeep Trehan.

The Scholarship program in Motiya Khan and Paharganj has had a few hiccups because of the dedicated teacher’s ill health. The children are keen to learn and are racing towards their goals. Congratulations Jatin and Reema (both visually impaired children) have first and second in class.

Roopa and Khushboo have graduated to vocational training.

The Fund Raising Team gathered its strength and held a three day White Elephant Sale in Vasant Kunj.
Outreach to donors and trusts is very much a part of the end of the financial year.

Many hours were taken up by society matters. We brought all our records up to date. It was necessary but onerous.

Jan Madhyam held its AGM in March.

There is a new team heading the board: Secretary: Ambika Jain, Treasurer: Poornima Jain and President: Padma Sahdev remains in the position to guide the new executive members.

A few new members were invited to join the General Body.

We welcome: Ms. Mitu Rohatgi, Ms. Mansi Jain, Ms. Meeta Lall, Mr. Varun Narain and Ms. Shonali Mazumdar.

Timely maintenance of the tube well, bathrooms, flooring etc. at Aya Nagar was also done.
**Visitors:** Ms. Barbara Munz, MS. Sumati, Ms. Amrita, Ms. Priti Narain, Dr. Pradeep k.Trehan, Laljee, Ms.Pooja Vohra, Ms. Jyoti, Ms. Deep Ranjani Rai, Mr. Narayan Murthy, Mr. Mukesh Kumar, Mr. Mukesh Kumar, Mr. Kaushik Roy, Mr. Krishna Pathak, Ms. Sangeeta, Mr. Jyoti Chauhan, Mr. Ajeet, Ms. Sonakshi Malik, Mr. Vishali Behl, Ms. Shivani, Ms. Deepthi, Ms. Sharika, Ms. Czaee, MS. Akansha

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