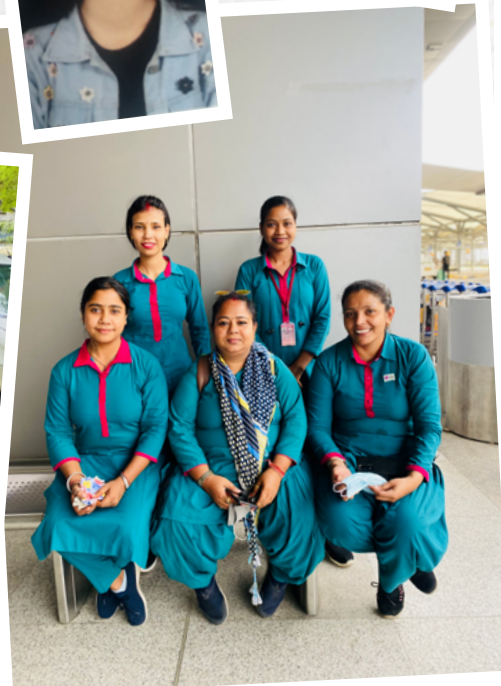




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INTRODUCTION

It is always a matter of pride for Azad foundation, to see the trainees graduating with flying colors and start their careers in the domain of a nontraditional livelihood. Being a feminist organization, working with urban resource poor women, Azad believes that when women are socially and economically empowered, they become a catalyst of change; not just for their own life but also for their families and communities. By providing nontraditional livelihood options to women, Azad aims to challenge the stereotypical belief of the society that women cannot work in this sector and it's a male dominant market. The objective of the organization is to establish a cadre of empowered professional women chauffeurs who can take charge of their own lives as well as create a safe transport solution for other women. Azad wants to see underprivileged women as empowered professionals who would earn "Livelihoods with Dignity" in the transport sector and at the same time Azad also wants to create a gender just ecosystem and gender sensitive markets which would ultimately help the women to negotiate and sustain their workforce participation. Since Azad's focus is to create "livelihoods with Dignity" for women who have been living on the margins of society. This requires not only skills and knowhow but also the confidence to claim the public space, the ability to negotiate a masculine domain of work. Women across class, caste and communities have to face tremendous reproductive responsibilities, violence, discrimination and harassment at home, on roads and at workplaces which limits their time and ability for paid work. A training program geared to create sustainable livelihoods in the non-traditional sector which is majorly dominated by men, will create capabilities of negotiation and bargaining power. With this thought and belief Azad's training curriculum spans three kinds of modules: technical skill based module leading to acquisition of Permanent license and clearance of Sakha test after which trainee is declared employable, self-development module that aims at developing women's identity as a confident professional and the empowerment module that aims at enabling the trainee to understand her social location and the structure of patriarchy leading to build courage and strategies to counter and resist multiple oppressions. Yearbook 2021-22 is an endeavor by Azad foundation to present the record of all the trainees who underwent the journey of a rigorous training and have successfully acquired their permanent driving license across Delhi, Kolkata, Jaipur and Chennai during the period of April 2021-March 2022. Under the flagship program of Azad that is "women with wheels" ' in the year 2021-22, total 206 trainees got their permanent license made. Total 206 trainees successfully acquired the license both for 2 wheelers and 4 wheeler vehicles. Out of 206 trainees who achieved the permanent license 113 achieved it for 4 wheelers and 93 achieved it for 2 wheelers. Each trainee in the system comes in with her unique story, challenges, experience and struggle, and hence for Azad it is very important to celebrate the achievement of trainee, who put in a lot of effort to break the chains, each trainee is very precious and this year book is a tribute to the achievements of our trainees which offer glimpse of each of these women's story of effort and change.



CHENNAI





Name: Glory
Date of Birth: 07/01/1995
Education: 10th Pass
Locality: Athipet, Ambathur
Marital Status: Married
Number of Children: 1
Enrolment No.: TN/CH/2020-21/12
Date of Joining: 05/01/2021
Date of PL: 07/04/2021
Current Status: Employable

Glory came to know about the WWW program, a door-to-door survey in her locality. Although learning to ride a 2-wheeler had been her dream. During the training her major interest lied in attending English communication sessions and also the google map session. She always wanted to learn to speak English. Through English sessions she was able to learn to speak basic English which boosted her confidence. After attending the gender and legal sessions she understood how society has been treating women unfairly. She believes that women should be treated equal to men as they can do any job that a man can do. Attending the legal rights session was an eye opener for her. She is now aware of the multitude of laws and rights of women, which makes her feel extremely empowered.



Name: Jothi.A
Date of Birth: 21/09/1998
Education: 9th Pass
Locality: Athipet, Ambattur
Marital Status: Married
Number of Children: 1
Enrolment No.: TN/CH/2020-21/13
Date of Joining: 05/01/2021
Date of PL: 05/08/2021
Current Status: Employable

Jothi heard about the WWW 2-wheeler program when the mobilization team was going door-to-door in her community. She along with her friend joined the training because she wanted to work and earn a decent income. She lives with her husband and daughter. She wants her daughter to receive a good education and grow into a brave person. But she knew that her husband's income alone would not be sufficient for their household. Before marriage she had worked as a sales girl as a domestic help. She believes that this training will open doors of decent life for her, because along with driving she will also get to learn about legal rights, gender, SRHR and self-defense. She enjoyed these sessions as she could learn so many things which were unknown to her before. It made her confident and gave her courage to speak in front of people and express her views. Getting the PL made her feel very proud and now she is waiting to get a better job.



Name: Sathya
Date of Birth: 08/11/1989
Education: 8th pass
Marital Status: Married
Number of Children: 3
Locality: Athipet, Ambattur
Enrolment No.: TN/CH/2020-21/14
Date of Joining: 07/01/2021
Date of PL: 07/04/2021
Current Status: Employable



Name: M.Adhilakshmi
Date of Birth: 08/09/1979
Education: 12th std
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Athipet, Ambattur
Enrolment No.: TN/CH/2020-21/15
Date of Joining: 07/01/2021
Date of PL: 16/06/2021
Current Status: Employable

Sathya stays with her husband and 3 kids. She was working as domestic help for a meager income while her husband worked as an auto driver. Her husband's income was not sufficient for a family with 3 kids to be educated. Sathya possessed a 4-wheeler driving license but did not have a job. She also did not know how to ride a 2-wheeler. The mobilization team explained to her about the 2-wheeler training and the chances of getting a job as delivery executive. She enjoyed self-defense, legal training and map reading the most as it made her more confident. Earlier she was not confident to travel to new places alone but after attending these sessions she can travel alone without any help. The work-readiness session was very useful for her, where she learnt the importance of dressing up neatly, being hygienic and punctual. She had always lived monotonously and never truly enjoyed the beauty of living her life to the fullest, but now she is able to unfold the true meanings of life.

Adhilakshmi joined the 2-wheeler training because it had been a long standing wish of her to learn driving. She came to know about azad from door to door survey conducted in her locality. It appeared to her as an opportunity to not only get her Permanent License but also find a decent source of income. Though she considers herself to be a bold woman, there was always a strange fear inside her when she traveled alone in the bus. But after attending the self-defense session she felt safe knowing she could face any situation bravely. She was happy and content to get permanent license as it was not an easy task. During legal training she was surprised to know that there are so many laws that are made for women which provide her the necessary confidence to face problems, even within her family. She dreams of saving money for her future and building her own house.



DEIVANAYAKI

Name: Deivanayaki
Date of Birth: 13/01/2000
Education: 11th pass
Marital Status: Married
Number of Children: 1
Locality: Ambathur
Enrolment No.: TN/CH/2020-21/16
Date of Joining: 15/01/2021
Date of PL: 07/04/2021
Current Status: Employable

Deivanayaki came to know about the Azad and its training program through a door-to-door survey. Deivanayaki lives with her husband and daughter. She joined the program because she wanted to get a job right after the training. Earlier, she worked at a jewelry shop but she resigned after the birth of her child. There was debt in the family and she supported her husband in repaying it. People around her discouraged her saying that it is a waste of time. But, she replied, "if I don't try new things, I will never be able to learn". She was very scared of driving but after joining the training she gained confidence. Her husband was also a little intimidated and opposed her decision of joining Azad, because he felt it was not safe, but she convinced him and now he appreciates her decision. She liked the sessions on professionalism and self-defense the most because she understood the importance of time management and punctuality in her life. The self-defense sessions gave her confidence to face any adverse situation especially while traveling alone. She understands that it is important for women to earn so that they become financially independent.



UDAYARANI

Name: E.Udayarani
Date of Birth: 13/05/1989
Education: 10th std
Marital Status: Married
Number of Children: 2
Locality: Kasimedu
Enrolment No.: TN/CH/2020-21/20
Date of Joining: 13/03/2021
Date of PL: 18/08/2021
Current Status: Employed

Udayarani never thought that she can ever become a driver and can get a driving license. It was an opportunity, when she got a chance to learn 2-wheeler through Azad's WWW program. She says riding a 2-wheeler is a powerful skill. She likes to help people in need, in her locality she has been helping people get their documents done, registering FIRs etc. So, when she heard that she can learn legal rights, first aid and self-defense she was interested as she could help people with the knowledge. Although she is bold, there was a lingering fear of traveling to unknown places. But, after attending these training sessions she was confident enough to do so. The trainings she attended made her feel proud of herself for having learnt so many new things. Learning to ride a 2-wheeler increased her inner strength and confidence. Her attitude to help others encouraged her to take up the role of mobiliser for the WWW program. Now she rides her 2-wheeler vehicle to the community and encourages women to join the program.



Name: S.Gayathri
Date of Birth: 07/03/1995
Education: Medical Lab Technician
Marital Status: Married
Number of Children: 2
Locality: Ambathur
Enrolment No.: TN/CH/2021-2022/6
Date of Joining: 23/12/2021
Date of PL: 04/03/2022
Current Status: Under Training

Gayathri got to know about Azad during an event organized in her community. She decided to join because she wanted to learn how to ride a 2-wheeler. Her husband is an alcoholic who used to abuse her. For a long time, Gayathri wanted an escape but did not know how to go about it. She never thought that she would get her license, but she got her Permanent License in first attempt. After Permanent License was made, the violence increased, she sought refuge at her mother's place. Azad team supported her and because of which, she gained confidence and decided to move to a shelter home run by The international Foundation for Crime Prevention and Victim Caree(PCVC). Earlier she never ventured out of her locality other than to visit her mother's place but now she is confident enough to travel all by herself. She also learnt that she need not be dependent on anyone for her survival and she can take care of herself and her kids. She is looking forward to completing the training and getting employed so that she can ensure a good education for her children.



Name: Shenbagam
Date of Birth: 23/06/1999
Education: 12th pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Ambathur
Enrolment No.: TN/CH/2021-2022/11
Date of Joining: 15/02/2022
Date of PL: 26/04/2022
Current Status: Under training

Shenbagam used to work in a supermarket's accounts section, but the work hours did not correspond well with the pay. That is when her mother came to know about the WWW 2-wheeler training through an event and encouraged Shenbagam to join the training. Shenbagam was very scared of driving because she didn't even know how to ride a bi-cycle. But after attending the training she slowly gained confidence, and even secured her PL in the very first attempt. She had never thought that she would be able to ride in traffic laden roads or travel alone. But now after learning how to use google maps, she has become confident of traveling alone. She believes that becoming a professional driver will be a good source of income for her so that she can fulfill her dream of buying/building her own house and providing her family with a better living condition.



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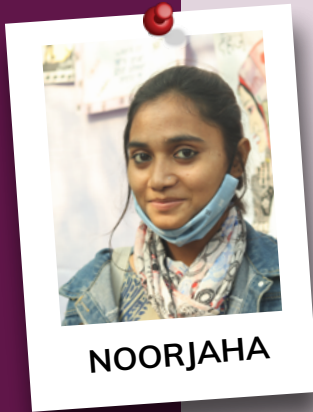
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Date of Birth: 01/01/1989
Education: 8th Pass
Marital Status: separated
Number of children: 2
Locality: Wazirpur
Enrollment Number: DL/ND/2019-20/96
Date of Joining: 17/02/2020
Date of PL: 20/07/2021
Current Status : Employed

Lakshmi is a mother of 2 daughters. She joined the driving programme in 2019. She came to know about Azad through mobilization. She lives with her daughters in a rented room as there is no support from her parents and husband. She said, "Azad has truly made me Azad, I feel free and Independent" She finds the training to be very helpful towards her overall development. She feels confident and has found freedom and independence. The teachers have helped her immensely and have supported her in her journey to be independent. Her training has helped her to be courageous and understanding. She has gained confidence and clarity about what has been happening in her life as a woman after attending gender & legal rights classes. She is now working as a commercial driver with Sakha.



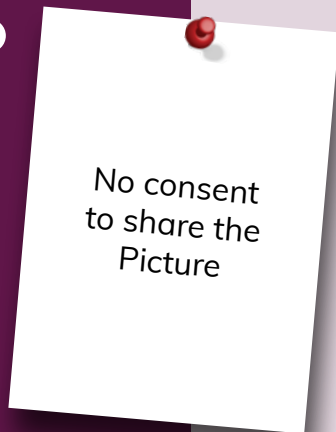
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Date of Birth: 07/04/2002
Education: 12th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Bhalswa
Enrollment Number: DL/ND/2020-21/8
Date of Joining: 10/09/2020
Date of PL: 12/08/2021
Current Status: Employed

Shweta lives with her parents, siblings, grandmother and aunt in her own house. Her father works as a driver and is the sole earner of the family. She came to know about Azad through Mobilization activity. Shweta says she has not only become confident after her training at Azad, but has also gained an increased sense of mobility. She made new friends in Azad and appreciates the opportunities that have come her way so far. Shweta wants to complete the driving training and become a professional driver. She is now working as a driver at 181 (women helpline) and learnt to navigate her life through the training in Azad. She wants to help her parents financially.



NOORJAHA

Name: Noorjaha
Date of Birth: 17/01/2001
Education: 10th pass
Locality: Bhalswa
Enrollment Number: DL/ND/2020-21/13
Marital Status: Unmarried
Date of Joining: 10/09/2020
Date of PL: 05/04/2021
Current Status: Under Training



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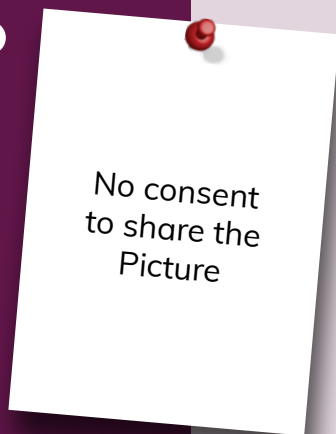
Name: Ruby
Date of Birth: 01/01/1985
Education: 10th Pass
Marital Status: married
Number of children: 3
Locality: Bhalswa
Enrollment Number: DL/ND/2020-21/14
Date of Joining: 10/09/2020
Date of PL: 24/07/2021
Current Status : Under Training

Noorjaha, lives with her parents and four siblings. Her father works as a laborer while her brother works at a factory. Her elder sister works in a beauty parlor and is also financially independent. She got to know about Azad's driving programme through mobilization activity in her area. Her sister-in-law also joined the programme with her. Joining Azad has had a positive impact on Noor's life. She loves the training sessions and feels happy to travel and explore Delhi. She learnt about sexuality and how to take care of herself. She shared that she is so confident that she could travel to Vaishno Devi with her friends. She finds the teaching staff to be extremely supportive and enjoys the equal treatment given to all the trainees. She dreams of securing a job that would enable her to financially contribute towards her family income and wishes to buy a house for her parents.

Ruby, who is 29, lives with her husband, her grandfather and 3 kids. Her husband is the sole bread earner of the family who runs a cloth business. Ruby is currently a trainee at the 4 wheeler driving programme and was acquainted about the same through mobilization. She finds the quality of her training to be excellent and enjoys the company of like-minded peers. She enjoys the growth-oriented environment at the programme and explains how the classroom is exactly like that in a college. She finds keen interest in learning new concepts and looks forward to discussions outside the classroom. She has shared that she feels confident about herself after the training and learnt about the various taboos created by the society. She has changed her perspectives about such taboos, especially around menstruation. Ruby dreams of buying her own cab one day and wants to be independent in her life.



Name: Seema
Date of Birth: 01/01/1987
Education: Graduate
Marital Status: married
Number of children: 3
Locality: Jahangirpuri
Enrollment Number: DL/ND/2020-21/18
Date of Joining: 10/09/2020
Date of PL: 30/10/2021
Current Status : Under training



Name: Kajal Pal/Akki
Date of Birth: 07/04/1992
Education: 12th pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Model Town
Enrollment Number: DL/ND/2020-21/21
Date of Joining: 10/09/2020
Date of PL: 24/07/2021
Current Status : Under training

Seema is 34 years old and lives in a joint family which comprises her husband, kids and in-laws. Her husband works as a cable operator. Seema was acquainted with the programme through her mother-in-law. She appreciated it when her family was extremely supportive of her decision to join the training programme. She now thoroughly enjoys her experience of the training and finds the training staff to be very understanding. She appreciates how at Azad, we give constructive feedback to each other which help them to improve. She enjoys the non-technical courses provided in the training related to gender, violence, law etc. She is keenly interested in taking these discussions outside the classroom as well. She wishes to secure a job post the completion of her training so that she can become financially independent and afford better education for her children.

Akki lives in Model Town with his brother, his wife and kids. As a transman, he dreams of being associated with NGOs working for the transgender community and help other people in finding their acceptance. He was introduced to the programme through a family friend. Akki attends his training regularly and finds the programme to be very encouraging and reassuring. He finds the trainers to be hardworking and helpful. He finds the training to be a perfect cumulation of driving training and other classes like gender and law. He feels independent as he has now learned how to take care of his car as well as navigating his ways through streets of Delhi. He finds the feedback given by the instructors to be very helpful and genuine. He wishes to work as a driver for a company on the side.



DIKSHA

Name: Diksha
Date of Birth: 15/06/2002
Education: 12th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Bhalswa
Enrollment Number: DL/ND/2020-21/24
Date of Joining: 01/10/2020
Date of PL: 15/04/2021
Current Status : Employable

Diksha is 21 and a regular trainee with Azad's Women With Wheels programme. Along with the programme, Diksha is also pursuing her B.A and is in the second year of her course. Diksha was introduced to the programme through an acquaintance. She lives with her family of 5 members. Her elder sister is also a graduate and is currently working in a data handling position. She finds the classroom environment to be bolstering and nurturing. She enjoys navigating ways on her own and finds in it, a spirit of independence. Post her training, she wished to secure a job as a driver but, due to financial constraints, she had to take up another job urgently



SHAHIDA

Name: Shahida Khan
Date of Birth: 01/08/1985
Education: 10th Pass
Marital Status: married
Number of children: 3
Locality: Jahangirpuri
Enrollment Number: DL/ND/2021-22/4
Date of Joining: 19/04/2021
Date of PL: 31/11/2021
Current Status: Under Training

Shahida lives with her husband and her three daughters in her own house. Her husband works in a factory, and her daughters are studying in school. Shahida came to know about Azad Foundation through a mobilization activity in her area. Initially, Shahida's husband was apprehensive about the idea of her joining Azad, since she had multiple health problems, and the children were too young to be left alone. But after much discussion, he agreed with her decision to enrol in Azad for the training. Shahida feels, since joining Azad, she has become much more progressive in her views and has increased her mobility, as well as learnt how to express herself. She believes in asking questions whenever required as it will only help her in her learning process. She wants to complete her training and become a professional driver.

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Name: Sapna
Date of Birth: 01/04/1998
Education: Graduate
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Nangloi
Enrollment Number: DL/ND/2021-22/5
Date of Joining: 19/04/2021
Date of PL: 24/11/2021
Current Status: Under Training



Name: Geeta
Date of Birth: 13/01/1987
Education: 10th pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Jahangirpuri
Enrollment Number: DL/ND/2021-22/7
Date of Joining: 19/04/2021
Date of PL: 25/11/2021
Current Status : Under training

Sapna lives with her parents and younger brother in a rented house. Her father works as a tailor in a boutique and is the sole earner of the family. Sapna came to know about Azad foundation from a friend. She later searched for more information on Azad's website. Her family was supportive towards her decision to join Azad Foundation for driving training. Sapna likes communication classes the most as she gains knowledge about professional interactions and etiquettes. Sapna wants to complete the driving course and become a professional driver and become financially independent.

Geeta is single and lives with her mother and brother. She studied till Class X and worked at a Call Centre before joining Azad. She was fascinated with driving from a young age and wanted to learn it since a long time. When she completed her schooling she found out about Azad training programme, through a Mobilization activity. Unfortunately she lost her father around the same time and due to financial constraints was unable to sign up. Instead, she joined a Call Centre to supplement the family income. She joined Azad this year and gained knowledge about the technical and non-technical training that she attended. She says these training sessions gave her a lot of insight and improved her awareness of various issues- "I have learnt a lot and it has changed some aspects of my life." She was not comfortable stepping out of home on her own especially in the late evening but now she is confident. She has also learnt how to find her way around the city through the driving lessons.



NEHA

Name: Neha
Date of Birth: 18/04/2002
Education: 10th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Bhalswa
Enrollment Number: DL/ND/2021-22/8
Date of Joining: 19/04/2021
Date of PL: 27/10/2021
Current Status : Employed

Neha lives with her parents and four sisters in her own house. Her father works as a cook for special events like weddings and parties, and her mother works as a security guard at a school. Neha studied till class X and started working part time after that. She came to know about Azad from a neighbor who had completed her training with Azad. Neha's family supported her decision to join Azad Foundation and learn driving. She got motivated to join Azad foundation after hearing about the different kinds of training that are included along with driving lessons . Neha likes English and communication classes the most and has learnt how to introduce herself in English confidently. The classes motivated her to study further. she has now completed her training and is working as a driver in Municipal corporation of Delhi. She also want to enroll herself for further studies.



SAPNA

Name: Sapna Gupta
Date of Birth: 05/02/1992
Education: 8th Pass
Marital Status: Separated
Number of children: 1
Locality: Karawal Nagar
Enrollment Number: DL/ND/2021-22/9
Date of Joining: 19/04/2021
Date of PL: 04/12/2021
Current Status : Employed

Sapna was married in 2011 and has an 8 year old daughter. The marriage was very unstable from the very beginning owing to constant altercations with her husband and other family members over dowry. She silently suffered all the mental and physical abuse but when her husband started abusing her child, Sapna decided to walk out of the marriage and return to her maternal home. She feels that some girls may have joined Azad out of their interest in Driving but for her, "learning to drive and getting employed thereafter is my ticket to independence and building a life for my daughter." Earlier Sapna was a person who would not go outside her neighborhood, she was afraid of speaking to strangers, would shy away from voicing her thoughts and mutely listen to others. Sapna is thankful for the knowledge and the awareness she has gained through the various sessions. She wants to get a job as a Driver and earn enough to give her daughter a secure future. Sapna has studied till Class 8 and recognises the importance of education to move ahead in life. She wants to raise her daughter to be a confident person with the ability to support herself. She is grateful to Azad for training her and giving an avenue to better her life despite not having completed school.



AARTI

Name: Aarti
Date of Birth: 15/01/1998
Education: 9th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Bhalswa
Enrollment Number: DL/ND/2021-22/20
Date of Joining: 08/07/2021
Date of PL: 22/12/2021
Current Status: Under training

Aarti lives with her parents, four sisters and younger brother in her own house. Her father sells utensils and her mother works as a domestic help. All her siblings are studying in school. Aarti had to leave her studies due to financial problems at home. She was working in a call center before joining Azad. She came to know about Azad through a mobilization activity. She discussed it with her parents and they supported her to join the training. She likes all the classes in Azad like communication, work readiness and self defense. She learnt how to be confident and take care of herself from the classes. With all the classes and meeting new people in Azad, she had gained confidence and feels that, "ab main bhi kisi se kam nahi hu". She wants to complete her driving training and become a professional driver. She wants to be financially independent and buy her own car.



GUNJAN

Name: Gunjan Kumari
Date of Birth: 01/01/1999
Education: 9th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Swaroop Nagar
Enrollment Number: DL/ND/2021-22/12
Date of Joining: 30/06/2021
Date of PL: 01/10/2021
Current Status: Under Training

Gunjan lives with her parents and siblings in a rented house in Swaroop Nagar. Her parents don't work as her father has health issues and mother takes care of him. Her brother who is working as a daily laborer is the sole earner of the family. Gunjan came to know about Azad Foundation from her friend. She always wanted to learn driving and Azad has given the opportunity. The parents were uncertain at the beginning but now they are supportive. She liked first aid classes the most as she got to learn new and practical ways of helping someone in a medical emergency. She likes the environment in Azad and made new friends through the training. Gunjan wants to complete her training and become a professional driver and fulfill her dream of buying a house for her parents someday.



KRISHNA

Name: Krishna
Date of Birth: 07/05/1985
Education: 8th pass
Marital Status: Married
Number of children: 2
Locality: Mukundpur
Enrollment Number: DL/ND/2021-22/23
Date of Joining: 22/07/2021
Date of PL: 30/03/2022
Current Status: Under training

Krishna is a 37 years old woman, lives with her husband and children in her own house. Her husband works to prepare battery plates and is the only bread earner in the family. Both her sons are studying in class 11th. Krishna's childhood had lots of struggles and financial problems. She had to start earning money from a very young age to help her mother. Her father was a painter but he spent all his earnings on alcohol. She studied till class 9th and had to leave her education because she couldn't manage her education in day time and work in a factory at night. She got married at the age of 21. She came to know about Azad's foundation from one of her relatives who also supported and encouraged her to join Azad's Women with Wheels training. When she discussed her decision with her family, her husband was initially a little reluctant as he felt that driving was risky for women. But her sons fully supported and motivated her. Before joining Azad, she was only engaged in her household work and totally was unaware of the outside world. But now she has got exposure and confidence to travel alone. She dreams to become a professional driver and become financially independent.



KAUSHAL

Name: Kaushal Kumari
Date of Birth: 01/08/1988
Education: 12th pass
Marital Status: married
Number of children: 2
Locality: Mukundpur
Enrollment Number: DL/ND/2021-22/37
Date of Joining: 17/08/2021
Date of PL: 05/03/2022
Current Status: Under training

Kaushal lives with her husband and children in a rented house. Her husband works in a factory and is the only earning member in the family. Kaushal got married in 2007. She wanted to study further and enroll in college but under the pressure of relatives was forced to get married. She came to know about Azad Foundation from a neighbor who was a trainee in Azad. After enrollment in the 4 wheeler training program, she likes gender and legal right training because it helped her to understand the social dynamics and rights of a woman. She wants to complete the driving training and become financially independent



Name: Aasmine
Date of Birth: 02/05/2001
Education: 12th pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Bhalswa
Enrollment Number: DL/ND/2021-22/38
Date of Joining: 17/08/2021
Date of PL: 02/03/2022
Current Status: Under training



Name: Simran
Date of Birth: 07/02/2002
Education: 12th pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Bhalswa Dairy
Enrollment Number: DL/ND/2021-22/3
Date of Joining: 19/04/2021
Date of PL: 05/01/2022
Current Status : Under Training

Aasmine lives with her parents and siblings in her own house. Her father works as a driver and elder sister works in sales. Aasmine studied till 12th std. and had to take a break from school due to financial problems in the family. She has always been fond of Hindi literature and wanted to become a teacher. During the lockdown, her father wasn't getting any work, so her sister contributed to the family expenditure. She came to know about Azad Foundation through a mobilization activity in her community. She liked all the classes in Azad, but enjoyed communication classes the most. From the class, she learnt how to communicate professionally and present herself in front of people. She wants to complete the training and start working to financially contribute towards the family and continue her education.

19 years old Simran lives with her parents and other 6 members in the family. She lives in Bhalswa, North Delhi. Her father works as a daily wage labourer and her brother helps her father in the work. Last year due to the Pandemic, her family financial condition worsened owing to lockdown as there was a scarcity of work. During that period, she and her mother met with Azad's mobilization team and were provided ration support by linking with other NGOs. Through that, she and her family formed a relationship of trust with Azad Foundation. Simran studied till 12th and enrolled in Azad once the lockdown was lifted. Her family members have good rapport with the team of Azad. She said she feels that she is very close to success. She aims to complete her training soon and become financially independent so that she is able to help her family.



KAJAL

Name: Kajal
Date of Birth: 18/09/1998
Education: 10th pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Bhalswa
Enrollment Number: DL/ND/2021-22/18
Date of Joining: 08/07/2021
Date of PL: 11/03/2022
Current Status: Under Training

Kajal lives with her mother and siblings in her own house. Her mother works as a cleaner and brother works in a factory. They both are the earning member contributing to the family expenses. Her father passed away when she was only 7 years old and mother had to start working. She and her brother used to take care of her younger siblings. She came to know about Azad Foundation from one of her friends. She likes the support and encouragement provided to all the women in Azad. From all the classes she attended, she likes gender & legal rights sessions because she gained knowledge on women's rights and laws. Kajal wants to complete her training and become a professional driver and help her mother.



SHEFALI

Name: Shefali
Date of Birth: 05/07/1996
Education: 12th pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Holambi Kala
Enrollment Number: DL/ND/2021-22/6
Date of Joining: 19/04/2021
Date of PL: 24/11/2021
Current Status: Under Training

Shefali lives with her parents and siblings in her own house. Her mother and the brother are the only earning members of the family. Shefali studied till class 12th. She came to know about Azad Foundation through mobilization activities. She likes all the classes in Azad but enjoys English speaking and communication classes the most she feels very proud that she has got a 4 wheeler Permanent licence and she now soon wants to complete her training and become a professional driver.



Name: Ritu
Date of Birth: 03/01/2000
Education: 10th pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Bhalswa
Enrollment Number: DL/ND/2021-22/15
Date of Joining: 30/06/2021
Date of PL: 25/03/2022
Current Status: Under Training

Ritu lives with her parents in her own house. She studied till class 10th. She came to know about Azad Foundation through a mobilization activity. Ritu feels she has undergone major behavioral and personality changes since her association with Azad, which made her a better person. She can now put forward her thoughts in a calm and collected manner with confidence, and is introspective. The training in Azad has made her understand the importance of interpersonal relationships in life. She feels that she has gained confidence from the classes she attended at Azad. She wants to complete her training and become financially independent.



Name: Jyoti kumari
Date of Birth: 10/10/1999
Education: 12th pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Roopnagar
Enrollment Number: DL/ND/2020-21/10
Date of Joining: 01/10/2020
Date of PL: 07/04/2021
Current Status : Under Training

Jyoti lives in a family of six people and her father is the sole bread earner of the family. She is currently enrolled in the driving programme offered by Azad and came to know about the same through an acquaintance who was already a part of the programme. Jyoti loves to expand her horizons and learns concepts eagerly. In class she is an inquisitive participant and finds her training environment very nurturing. She enjoys learning about driving rules and holds keen interests in learning about driving sides. She finds the teachers to be understanding and supportive. She thoroughly enjoys her time at Azad. She wishes to complete the programme with flying colors and be independent. She dreams of supporting her father and helping in family endeavors.



2 WHEELER



Name: Anjali Devi
Date of Birth: 01/04/1990
Education: 8th Pass
Marital Status: married
Number of children: 2
Locality: Bhalswa Dairy
Enrollment Number: DL/ND/2021-22/16
Date of Joining: 19/04/2021
Date of PL: 06/11/2021
Current Status: Employed

Anjali lives with her husband, children and mother-in-law. Her husband works as a painter and the sole earner in the family. Anjali completed her four wheeler driving in 2015 and used to work as a driver through Sakha. She later took up a private driving job but due to lockdown she lost her job. When she came to know about two wheeler training in Azad as it was giving her the opportunity to start earning. She started working as a delivery executive with Big Basket after learning scooty in Azad. But after two months, she had to go back to her village to build her house. Now she wants to continue working and become financially independent.



Name: Guddu
Date of Birth: 10/11/2001
Education: 12th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Gopalpur
Enrollment Number: DL/ND/2021-22/33
Date of Joining: 17/08/2021
Date of PL: 17/12/2021
Current Status: Employed

Guddu lives with her parents in her own house. Her father works as a mechanic and is the sole earner of the family. Guddu came to know about Azad from her friend whose sister is an alumni of the FLP programme. When she discussed joining Azad with her family, her parents were initially hesitant and worried about her. But after much discussion, seeing her eagerness to learn two-wheeler driving, they gave her the permission to join Azad. Guddu likes all the classes in Azad like communication, English, self defense etc. From the classes she attended, Guddu feels that she has become much self-reliant and independent. She is confident interacting in English and wants to become financially independent as well. She started her job in the e-commerce sector with Big Basket.



RANI

Name: Rani
Date of Birth: 03/03/2000
Education: 12th pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Bhalswa
Enrollment Number: DL/ND/2021-22/32
Date of Joining: 17/08/2021
Date of PL: 21/03/2022
Current Status : Employable

Rani lives with her parents and her siblings. Her father works as a daily labourer. But both work and pay are inconsistent and insufficient. Her mother works as a domestic help. She studied till 12th. Rani got to know about Azad Foundation through mobilization activity. She joined Azad because she wanted to learn driving and become financially independent. She always wanted to help her parents financially and Azad has given her the opportunity for the same. After joining Azad Foundation and taking classes, she learnt how to travel alone by navigating routes Rani is proud to have learnt English communication and legal rights. For her, it is really empowering and encouraging to see more and more women working in different fields.



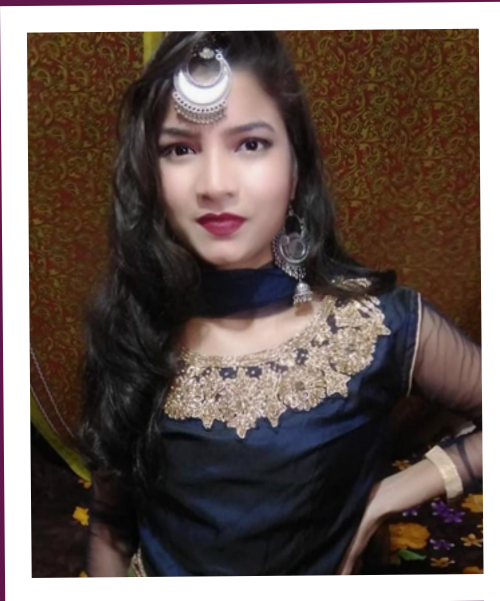
MONIKA

Name: Monika
Date of Birth: 01/03/2002
Education: 12th pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Gopalpur
Enrollment Number: DL/ND/2021-22/16
Date of Joining: 30/06/2021
Date of PL: 04/02/2022
Current Status : Employed

Monika lives with her two sisters, two younger brothers and her parents. Her sister was also a part of Azad's programme who introduced Monika to the program . She finds the training environment at Azad to be very supportive and growth oriented. She thoroughly enjoys the session and has found great companionship with the staff. She finds the concept of including classes like gender and law very interesting. She has found significant improvement in her confidence and communication skills. She feels that the classes have helped her find a balance. She can now navigate ways on her own and even feels confident enough to drive in Delhi traffic. She is working in E-commerce with Big Basket.



EAST DELHI





4 WHEELER



Name : Alka
Date of Birth : 05/01/2001
Education: 9th pass
Marital status : Separated
Locality : New Sanjay Amar Colony
Enrollment Number: DL/ED/2019-20/66 WI
Date of Joining : 21/01/2020
Date of PL : 02/09/2021
Current status : Waiting for
Employment through
Sakha



Name : Priya
Date of Birth : 25/09/1996
Education: 12th Pass
Marital status : Unmarried
Locality : New Sanjay Amar Colony
Enrollment Number: DL/ED/2019-20/73
Date of Joining : 21/01/2020
Date of PL : 30/09/2021
Current Status : Under Training

2 2 year old Alka lives with her mother and brother. Alka's mother works as a cook and brother works as a sweeper in the hospital. Alka got married in 2016, at the age of 16 under the pressure of neighbors and other married family members. Alka separated from her husband just after two months of her marriage, when she came to know that he is an alcoholic. She left everything and came to her maternal home. Alka was ready to work but was not sure where she would find a job. She says, "I didn't know anything about the hard work that goes into finding a job". But now she is ready to take the command as a driver and hold her life steering in her own hands. Finally, Alka joined Azad after getting information from one of our mobilizers. She particularly enjoyed the Gender training sessions, and shared her learnings about women's rights extensively with her family and friends. Alka has passed the Sakha External test and has taken a step closer to becoming a professional driver.

Priya is 25 years old and she lives with her family. The family consists of her parents and 2 siblings. Priya's mother looks after the house, father does the housekeeping job and brothers are studying in school, Priya's eldest sister is married. Priya came to know about Azad from one of her neighbours who is an Azad staff. As Priya had great interest in driving, she thought that this opportunity would take her closer to her dreams. She wants to stand on her own feet and be her father's support. Priya has congenital double upper lip syndrome, due to which Priya's confidence had taken a huge blow. As a child, Priya always felt different in school and did not talk to anyone. Fearing that people would make fun of her, she would refrain from coming out of the house. But ever since Priya became a part of Azad, she has become much more confident and decisive. She stuck firm to her decision to attend training despite restrictions from her family. Currently she is on road practice, soon she will start driving alone by herself. Her dream is to buy a home for herself.



SAVITRI

Name : Savitri
Date of Birth : 02-06-1979
Education : 8th pass
Marital status : married
Number children: 3
Locality : Trilokpuri
Enrollment Number: DL/ED/2019-20/80
Date of Joining : 11/02/2020
Date of PL : 05/10/2021
Current status : Under Training

Savitri lives with her family in Trilokpuri. She has two daughters and a son. She works as a tailor in her husband's export company. Her husband runs the household expenses and supports Savitri in her training. Savitri came to know about Azad Foundation during the mobilization activity (Canopy) conducted in her community. Savitri's primary motive for joining Azad was that she wanted to contribute financially towards her family. Initially, even stepping out of her house felt tougher like climbing a mountain, but with time, it became easier. owing to this, Savitri says she has gained not only self-esteem but mobility as well. Communication and Legal rights training have been a huge boost to her confidence. Savitri has learnt how to fearlessly and clearly put her thoughts before others.



HEMLATA

Name : Hemlata
Date of Birth : 24/09/2000
Education : 10th pass
Marital status : Unmarried
Locality : Kalyanpuri
Enrollment Number: DL/ED/2019-20/81
Date of Joining : 18/02/2020
Date of PL : 09/04/2021
Current status : Under Training

Hemlata lives with her mother, brother and sister in Kalyanpuri. She came to know about Azad Foundation when the mobilisation team undertook a survey in her community. Her attention was immediately captured by the training program which she found extremely interesting. But her family did not feel the same way as Hemlata and she was not permitted to leave the house. Azad appeared as an opportunity to Hemlata, which could help her to face all odds and find her freedom and mobility. Previously, Hemlata was engaged in patient care-work from which she used to earn 5000/-. In Azad, Hemlata gained legal knowledge and learnt its application in real life. She feels there is a sense of freedom in her life now, over which she has gained control. For her, this freedom means a lot. For her, this is one step towards a more dignified life.



DEEPA

Name : Deepa
Date of Birth : 01/01/1984
Education : 9th pass
Marital status : Married
Number children: 3
Locality : New Sanjay Amar Colony
Enrollment Number: DL/ED/2019-20/70 WI
Date of Joining : 02/08/2021
Date of PL : 30/10/2021
Current status : Under Training

Deepa lives with her husband and three children in New Sanjay Amar Colony. Before joining Azad, she used to work as a cook. However, as a cook, there was neither job security nor continuous availability of work. During Covid, Deepa lost her job. She came to know about Azad through a mobilization activity in her community. While Deepa's mother and children were very supportive of her decision to join Azad, her husband, who works as an auto driver, was apprehensive. Despite all odds, Deepa decided to continue with her training even when she had no support. She especially liked the self-defense training that helped her become not only confident and capable, but also vocal about her rights. Deepa says, "Now if someone teases me, I can give them a befitting reply!". Currently practising for Self-drive, Deepa hopes to secure a permanent job and fulfil her dream of becoming a professional driver.



FIZA

Name : Fiza Khaton
Date of Birth : 23/10/2001
Education : 10th pass
Marital status : Unmarried
Locality : Hasanpur
Enrollment Number: DL/ED/2021-22/03
Date of Joining : 01/06/2021
Date of PL : 14/12/2021
Current status : Under Training

Fiza lives with her family in Hasanpur, where her father works as a laborer in a factory. After Fiza's brother got married, he started living separately with his family. Fiza stayed with her father to take care of him. Fiza's father supports her with all his heart and want her to work and be successful in life. Fiza's sister Zeenat was also associated with Azad and was employed by Sakha. Fiza says that earlier she used to depend on her brothers for the smallest of work, but now she handles it on her own. She is also happy that she can get her work done in government offices all by herself, without having to depend on anyone. She has also been able to put her thoughts clearly in front of the family. Fiza shares that she did not receive much support from her brothers and in fact had to bear their harsh words upon deciding to pursue training. But she continued with the training and stood firm with her decision. Now a self-sufficient and self-reliant Fiza is proud to say that she is the first woman in her family to have a license and drive a good car.. Fiza is currently on Road Practice.



SARITA

Name : Sarita
Date of Birth : 02/09/2002
Education : 9th pass
Marital status : Unmarried
Locality : Hasanpur
Enrollment Number: DL/ED/2021-22/06
Date of Joining : 01/06/2021
Date of PL : 21/12/2021
Current status : Under Training

Sarita is 19 years old and lives in Hasanpur with her mother and brothers. Sarita's sister Pushpa is also a driver. Sarita wanted to work, like her sister does, and thus took training from Azad. Today she is living her dream of driving a car on the streets of Delhi. She also wants to do a job to restart her studies. Sarita says that "when she earns, she will fulfill all her wishes". After coming to Azad, Sarita learned to drive the car as well as keep her point firmly and clearly in front of everyone. She shares that often, her brother would pick fights with her over the timing of training, but Sarita put forward her point with complete confidence and explained the situation to her brother. At Azad, she liked all the training, but gender training has been her favorite. Sarita shares, "In gender training, I understood that no man can stare at us; that it is a crime to do so and make us uncomfortable. Earlier I used to get scared but now that I know everything, I no longer fear such people." Currently she is on Road Practice



LOVELY

Name : Lovely
Date of Birth : 04/04/2002
Education : BA 2nd Year
Marital status : Unmarried
Locality : Hasanpur
Enrollment Number: DL/ED/2021-22/09
Date of Joining : 01/06/2021
Date of PL : 09/12/2021
Current status : Under Training

19 years old Lovely lives with her parents and 2 brothers in Hasanpur. Her mother is a homemaker, and father works as a driver. Both brothers are studying. Lovely got to know Azad Foundation through a friend. She joined the program to be able help the family financially. She also wanted to learn how to drive and be aware of all routes in the city. She Shares that earlier she could not travel anywhere alone and needed someone to accompany her since she had no information about routes, buses or their timings. But since joining Azad, Lovely has been able to travel all by herself. Once, her mother was overjoyed to see her daughter take her to Jagatpuri from Hasanpur for a training session. "While traveling everyday for her training has given her a sense of increased mobility, Lovely also feels more in control over her own physical self." She was fascinated by the first aid class as it turned out, she could save someone's life with this training. Lovely's dream is to build her own house and fulfill all of her mother's forgotten and overlooked wishes. Currently she is on Road Practice.



MITHILESH

Name : Mithlesh
Date of birth : 1/1/1986
Education : 8th Pass
Marital Status: Married
Number of Children: 2
Locality: Anand Vihar, JJ colony
Enrollment Number: DL/ED/2019-20/77 WI
Date of joining : 01/06/2021
Date PL : 02/03/2022
Current status : Under Training

She lives with her family at Anand vihar. She has two children- a son and a daughter. Her husband is an alcoholic. She got to know about Azad Foundation through a mobilisation activity that was happening in her area. Her husband never provided any financial help for their children and at the same time never supported her for the training. After facing a lot of abuse at the hands of her husband, Mithlesh decided to take matters in her own hands and become financially independent. She wants to take legal action once her financial conditions are stable and her children are secure. Mithlesh used to work as a care-taker to provide her children with a good education. She wants a source of income that is both stable and dignified, hence her decision to join Azad. Her dream is to drive and earn an income in order to deal with her family's condition.



SONI

Name : Soni Sharma
Date of birth: 04/10/1993
Education: 10th Pass
Marital Status: Separated
Number of Children: 1
Enrollment Number: DL/ED/2021-22/01
Date of joining : 01/06/2021
Date PL: 22/03/2022
Current status : Under training

Soni Sharma lives with her son in Mandoli. Soni came to know about Azad Foundation many years ago but due to her financial conditions back then which needed an income immediately, she couldn't afford to join. Soni Worked at Petrol Pump for a few years and once she had saved enough, decided to join the Azad Foundation. She says that she has learned a lot by coming to Azad. Soni's parents passed away at a young age, due to which she had to live like an orphan all her life. By connecting with Azad, she found the way to move forward in life. Soni says that her confidence has increased a lot and she wants to stand on her own feet. She wants to do a four-wheeler job so that she can help her son move forward in life.



Name : Priyanka Kumari
Date of birth - 28/05/2001
Education- 10th pass
Marital Status- unmarried
Location- Hasanpur
Enrollment Number: DL/ED/2021-22/04
Date of joining - 01/06/2021
Date PL - 10/03/2022
Current status - Under training



Name : Seeta
Date of birth : 11/09/2001
Education : 10th pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Vishwas nagar
Enrollment Number: DL/ED/2021-22/07
Date of joining : 01/06/2021
Date PL : 04/03/2022
Current status : Under Training

Priyanka has 4 siblings along with mother and father. She got to know about Azad Foundation through a friend whose sister is a Sakha commercial driver. Her father is an electrician and her mother is a housewife. Her parents were very supportive and wanted her to be financially and socially independent. She likes gender and legal rights classes where she got to know about the legal rights of women. She likes the first aid training as well. Priyanka is very proud and happy to secure a permanent license which she feels is not only a document but a ticket to fulfill all her dreams. She soon wants to complete her training and live her and her and her parent's dream.

Seeta lives with her family at Vishwas nagar, East Delhi. She lives with her 4 brothers, their spouses and her parents. There is a persistent financial problem in the family. Seeta got to know about Azad through a survey that happened at her doorstep where she received detailed information about the training programs. Before joining Azad, Seeta worked as a domestic help to take care of herself and contribute towards the family. She liked self defense training and found it very useful. She feels this training has made her capable of protecting herself. Her aim is to learn driving and become successful in life so that her dream of becoming a bus driver will come true.



SHABNOOR

Name : Shabnoor
Date of birth: 01/01/1994
Education: 10th pass
Marital Status: Married
Number of Children: 2
Locality: Kailash Nagar
Enrollment Number: DL/ED/2021-22/32
Date of joining: 29/07/2021
Date PL : 14/02/2022
Current status: Under Training

Shabnoor is married and has 2 daughters in Kailash nagar. She used to face severe restrictions on her mobility owing to her husband's emotionally abusive nature. He used to stalk her almost everyday. Shabnoor does stitching and tailoring work. She got to know about Azad training through the mobiliser and was inspired to learn driving. She discussed with her husband and supported her to enroll in the training. Through driving practices on the road, she got to know many routes in Delhi and is now confident enough to drive around in the city. She also liked the self defense training which she wants to use in her house/ outside if somebody touches her without her consent.



SIMRAN

Name : Simran
Date of birth: 18/06/2003
Education : 12th pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: New seemapuri
Enrollment Number: DL/ED/2021-22/46
Date of joining: 16/09/2021
Date PL : 29/03/2022
Current status : Under Training

Simran lives with her parents. Her mother works in a factory and she is the only bread earner of the family. She came to know about Azad through the mobilization activity. She has become confident after attending gender classes and learnt to speak up about her rights as opposed to earlier, when she used to be hesitant and timid. She wants to complete her training and take a job as a driver to become independent.

"I was a very hesitant and an under confident girl before i joined Azad but now i know my rights & capabilities, want to complete the training and become independent."



Name : Khushi
Date of birth : 28/03/2001
Education : BA 1st Year
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Vishwas nagar
Enrollment Number: DL/ED/2021-22/48
Date of joining: 16/09/2021
Date of PL : 21/02/2022
Current status: Under Training



Name : Diksha
Date of birth : 09/11/2000
Education : BA IIIrd Year
Marital Status: unmarried
Locality: Vishwas Nagar
Enrollment Number: DL/ED/2021-22/47
Date of joining : 01/06/2021
Date PL : 10/03/2022
Current status : Under Training

Khushi is living with family in Vishwas Nagar. Her family consists of two brothers and parents. She always wanted to study as much as she could. And financial conditions never allowed her to do so, although her family supported her in every situation. She is very hardworking and is always ready to take up challenges. She got to know about Azad Foundation through a mobilization activity. She likes the communication training as she gets to learn how to talk in a professional environment in a proper manner. Her dream is to pursue further education and build a house for herself in the coming years.

"I like the communication & English classes because it made me learn how we talk and behave professionally without hesitation."

Diksha is from Vishwas Nagar area. She is a simple girl from a lower middle class background. Her family consists of her parents and 2 siblings. Diksha always had a creative bent of mind and as a young girl, she was much more interested in art rather than any other subject. But she had a dream to do something different in her life. So when she got the opportunity to learn driving at Azad, she did not let the opportunity pass her by. She joined the organisation following a mobilization activity in her area. She was able to convince her family to get on board with her decision, but the biggest difficulty was her own fear. She was scared of one thing- travelling alone on the roads of this vast city. She did not even know the roads of her community properly. But after joining Azad, throughout the period of her training gradually she developed confidence. Presently, she is practicing on the road and driving well, testimony to which is her Permanent driving license. She liked the environment at Azad and felt safe when undertaking training.



Name: Shashi
Date of Birth: 05/05/1995
Education: B.A.Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Sangam Vihar
Enrollment No: DL/ED/2019-20/44
Date of Joining: 13/09/2019
Date of PL: 25/11/2020
Current status: Under Training

Shashi lives with her parents and siblings at Sangam Vihar. she got motivation to join Azad by seeing her maternal aunt "Masi" (Omkari), who is a first female Driving trainer at east Delhi center. She likes the vibes and environment at Azad. She likes the way the trainers, staffs and other trainees are supportive and there is no discrimination or negativity around. Her father is an auto driver and the only earning member in the family. Out of all the non technical sessions she attended, she likes first aid training the most. She found that accidents that are shown on TV shows are not as same as the real life accidents. she learned the right technique & approach and have gained a lot from first aids practical classes. Her dream is not only to drive the car but in future she wants to open her car garage and Driving training institute. She is a very quick learner in will get a job very soon.



2 WHEELER



Name : Neha
Date of Birth : 01/07/2001
Education : 12th pass
Marital status : Unmarried
Locality : Hasanpur
Enrollment Number: DL/ED/2021-22/12
Date of Joining : 15/08/2021
Date of PL : 28/10/2021
Current status : Waiting for Employment through Sakha

Neha lives with her parents and siblings in Welcome, a basti in East Delhi. She is 21 years old and has studied till class XII. Neha's family could not afford further education for her owing to financial constraints. Her mother is a housewife and her sister sews. Neha's father, who passed away recently, used to drive an auto, and was the primary wage earner for the family. The expenses of the house are now incurred by Neha's sister. The family is also supported by her grandfather who lives in the village. Neha came to know about Azad from a friend of hers, who wanted her to become independent. Neha says that "after joining Azad, she now has the courage to travel outside of her home without any help." Having cleared all tests, Neha is now employable and waiting for her job.



Name : SHIVANI
Date of Birth : 16-02-200
Education: BA 1st Year
Marital status : Unmarried
Locality : Welcome
Enrollment Number: DL/ED/2021-22/13
Date of Joining : 01/06/2021
Date of PL : 09/12/2021
Current status : Waiting for Employment through Sakha



Name : Annapurna
Date of birth : 29/06/1995
Education : 12th pass
Marital Status: Married
Locality: Mayur Vihar Phase 1
Enrollment Number: DL/ED/2021-22/19
Date of joining : 10/07/2021
Date of PL : 28/02/2022
Current status : Waiting for Employment through Sakha

Shivani is 21 years old, and lives with her family in Welcome (East Delhi). Her family consists of her mother, who is a homemaker, and brother, who works at Delhi Home Guard. Shivani came to know about Azad Foundation through her friend. Shivani's motive was that she should get a job as soon as possible and support her family. "Earlier I was afraid to catch the scooty but now I ride the scooty with speed, following all the rules and regulations". Azad helped us in getting the license. Shivani found the self defense and first aid classes fun. "I learned that I can help myself and others. My family members now tell people about me. I drove my mother on the scooty. initially My mother was scared but I encouraged her and my mother could not believe that her own daughter was driving her around on her scooty. My mom felt proud of me. Shivani's dream is that she should learn to ride a four wheeler and make her family sit in it and move around. Currently she is waiting for employment.

Annapurna lives with her family in Mayur Vihar Phase 3. Annapurna came to know about Azad through an old trainee who used to be employed with Sakha. Annapurna felt that joining Azad Foundation was her chance to move forward in her life. Annapurna's husband stood in full support of her decision and was happy to see Annapurna's permanent license and future prospects.

Annapurna's husband runs his house by providing private tuition at home. Annapurna says that she has learned a lot at Azad foundation like Gender-based discrimination, legal rights and reproductive health. After joining Azad, Annapurna realized that women and men are equal and both should get equal rights. Annapurna's dream is to get a job as soon as possible and resume her studies with her hard-earned money earned. Annapurna is now waiting to get her job in Azad.



ESHA

Name : Esha
Date of birth : 28/03/2002
Education : 10th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Trilokpuri Block 13
Enrollment Number: DL/ED/2021-22/20
Date of joining : 10/07/2021
Date of PL : 28/02/2022
Current status : Waiting for Employment through Sakha

Esha lives in Trilokpuri East Delhi with her mother, father, elder brother and younger sister. Her father is working as a security guard where he earns approximately 10,000/- every month. She got to know about Azad Foundation through one of our sakha drivers. She informed Esha about the training processes that happen at Azad Foundation. Esha said that her self confidence has been boosted ever since and she has started speaking up for herself. She became independent after getting a job. Her family is very supportive. Right now she is working with Big Basket and earning Well. Her only dream is to get a government job in the Transport department as a driver and later buy a house for herself.



MADHU

Name : Madhu
Date of birth : 16/02/2003
Education : BA 1st year
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Maujpur
Enrollment Number: DL/ED/2021-22/21
Date of joining : 10/07/2021
Date Of PL : 07/11/2021
Current status : Employable

Madhu lives with her family in Maujpur. She has two brothers and a mother in the family. Madhu's father passed away 2 years ago due to some illness. Madhu came to know about Azad Foundation from the aunt of a friend associated with the Women With Wheels Program. Madhu wanted to join the program because she wanted to stand on her own feet and do something meaningful. Madhu felt she could learn a lot by connecting with Azad. Since joining Azad, owing to the various classes apart from driving training, Madhu came to know much about gender, sexuality, reproductive health, and consent. Her aim is to become a financially independent professional driver and fulfill her dream of completing her education.



SOUTH DELHI





4 WHEELER



Name: Arti
Date of Birth: 01/01/1988
Education: 8th pass
Locality: Okhla Gaon
Enrollment Number: DL/SD/2019-20/24
Marital Status: Married
Number of children: 2
Date of joining: 10/07/2019
Date of PL: 19/04/2021
Current status: Under Training

Arti stays with her 2 children at her husband's house but is currently in the process of filing a divorce. She got married at a very young age but the marriage soon turned violent. She says "earlier, I would bear all the beating but after my daughter's birth, who is currently 8, the situation turned worse and I decided to take the matter to court". She came to know about Azad through a mobilization activity and coming to Azad has been very helpful for her, she says. Joining Azad has made Arti realize the importance of self-worth and dignity. She says she learnt a lot from the Gender and Communication class, "they taught me the importance of fighting for my rights which I may not have done or known otherwise". Arti says that her only dream now is to raise her two young children properly and teach them how to live a dignified life.



Name: Renu Rai
Date of Birth: 05/02/1993
Education: 10th pass
Locality: Sangam Vihar
Enrollment Number: DL/SD/2019-20/27
Marital Status: Married
Date of PL: 14/07/2021
Date of Joining: 15/07/2019
Current status: Employed

Renu lives with her husband who works as a driver and they have 2 children aged 12 and 14 years old. She was brought into Azad's training program by one of the FLP leaders. She shares, "It was challenging for me to complete the training as my children would often not want me to leave them. I had to manage the work and come for training on time. But, I have enjoyed my training in Azad". Renu especially enjoyed the English class wherein she learnt a lot of new words that have improved her vocabulary. She says that her overarching aspiration is to work well and provide a dignified life for her family.



Name: Neetu
Date of Birth: 01/03/1997
Education: M.A. 2nd year
Locality: Tigri
Enrollment Number: DL/SD/2019-20/82
Marital Status: Unmarried
Date of PL: 16/07/2021
Date of Joining: 30/01/2020
Current Status: Under Training

Neetu stays with her parents and 2 sisters in Tigdi. Her father works as a gardener and mother manages the house. She came to know about WWW training through a mobilization activity. English and communication classes were her favorite. She shares that since joining Azad, her confidence and self-esteem has increased many folds, enabling her to make her own decisions. With the training she received at Azad, she has developed a deep sense of perseverance and resilience. She wants to pursue further education and secure a respectable government job in the future.



Name: Ashu
Date of birth: 17/3/1987
Education: 6th standard
Marital status: Unmarried
Locality: Madanpur Khadar
Enrollment Number: DL/SD/2019-20/84
Date of Joining: 30/01/2020
Date of PL: 3/8/2021
Current status: Employed

Ashu has no birth family, so to speak. Her father passed away before his birth, and she lost her mother to cancer a few years back. She came to know about Azad through a survey during a mobilization activity. Training at Azad has brought about major changes in her thoughts and perspectives, she says. Her communication has improved and fear has taken a backseat. She is thrilled to be able to read and write now. Ever since she joined Azad she was waiting for the day when she could drive successfully, not only in Delhi but elsewhere as well. Today, Ashu's dreams have come true- she is employed as a professional driver.



YASHODA

Name : Yashoda
Date of Birth : 27/05/1984
Education : 8th Pass
Marital Status : Widow
Number of children: 2
Locality: Govindpuri
Enrollment Number: DL/SD/2019-20/84
Date of joining: 10/02/2020
Date of PL : 5/10/2021
Current status: Under Training

Yashoda lives in BhoomiHeen Camp Kalkaji with her 2 children. After the death of the husband in 2019, it became difficult to run the family expenses. She came to know about Azad from her sister. After the lock down, Yashoda started working, but it was getting difficult to juggle work and training. She quit after working for 3 months and dedicated all her time to the training. Now that she has secured her permanent license, she wants to do a job as soon as possible and regain financial stability. She dreams of raising her daughters to be strong, independent and self-sufficient women.



GEETA

Name: Geeta Verma
Date of Birth: 18/09/1984
Education: 12th pass
Marital Status: Married
Number of Children: 1
Locality: Badarpur
Enrollment Number: DL/SD/2019-20/93
Date of Joining: 09/03/2020
Date of PL: 19/04/2021
Current Status: Under Training

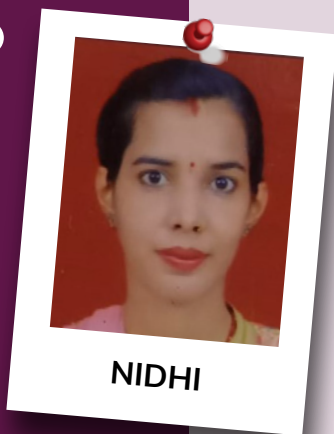
Geeta stays with her husband and child in Badarpur along with other family members. Her husband works in an electronic company. She came to know about Azad through another trainee. Geeta shares, "I have found Azad's training very useful and enjoyed my Communication and Gender & Legal Rights class a lot. These classes have helped me understand a lot about myself and the world around me. My dream is to complete my training and become a skilled professional driver.



PRIYA

Name: Priya
Date of Birth: 04/07/2000
Education: 8th Pass
Marital Status: Married
Locality: Kalkaji
Enrollment Number: DL/SD/2019-20/96
Date of Joining: 09/03/2020
Date of PL: 25/08/2021
Current Status: Under Training

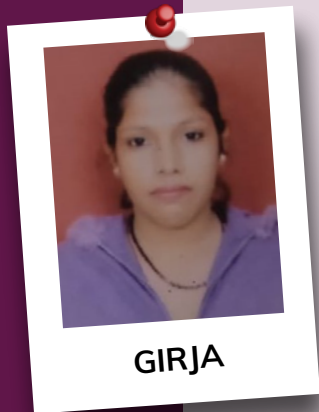
Priya lives in Kalkaji, Delhi with her parents and siblings. She is married, but her husband works in another state. She stayed back at Delhi to support her family, especially her father who runs a small shop in the locality. Priya says she has changed a lot since joining Azad. The training has not only helped her gain a lot of knowledge and information but has broadened her perspectives. She wants to complete training as soon as possible and secure a stable job so that she can support her family financially.



NIDHI

Name: Nidhi Shukla
Date of Birth: 21/04/1992
Education: 12th
Marital Status: Married
Number of children: 1
Locality: Madanpur Khadar
Enrollment Number: DL/SD/2021-22/9
Date of joining: 28/06/2021
Date of PL: 06/03/2022
Current status: Under Training

Nidhi lives with her family of six. Her father-in-law owns a grocery store and her husband works at a tile company. Nidhi came to know about Azad through an FLP fellow in her locality. The various training sessions at Azad have given Nidhi a sense of confidence and self-esteem. She is now comfortable in communicating with others as well as in traveling alone. She has also developed an understanding of gender-based violence around her and spoken out against the same. She is proud that she is financially independent and does not have to depend on anyone. She wants to work hard honestly and secure her daughter's future.



GIRJA

Name: Girja Devi
Date of Birth: 10/03/1988
Education: 8th
Marital Status: Married
Number of children: 4
Locality: Madanpur khadar
Enrollment Number: DL/SD/2019-20/51
Date of joining: 16/10/2019
Date of PL: 04/03/2022
Current status: Under Training

Girija lives with her family of four, separately from her husband. She is the primary earner of her household. All her children are in school. Her eldest son who is 17, has a disability. Girija works as a domestic help and undertakes training alongside it. She came to know about Azad from a Sakha cab driver who had caught her eye. She says, joining Azad has been a turning point in her life- she has started learning how to read and write, how to communicate effectively and professionally and provided her with immeasurable knowledge and information. All this, Girija says, makes her feel capable, confident and empowered. Although she had initially decided to seek two-wheeler training, she pushed herself out of her comfort zone and signed up for four-wheeler classes. Now that she is ready, she wants to secure a job as soon as possible.



SUMAN

Name: Suman
Date of Birth: 02/01/1998
Education: 10th pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Madanpur Khadar
Enrollment Number: DL/SD/2019-20/37
Date of joining: 26/08/2019
Date of PL: 01/04/2021
Current Status: Employable

Suman stays with her mother, brothers and sisters in their own house. She came to know about Azad from mobilization activities in her area. She shares " My training in Azad has helped me gain confidence. I can now keep my views in front of my family and have also delayed my marriage." Out of all the classes she attended in Azad she liked the Gender & Legal Rights class the most and got to know about legal rights of women. Her father died in an accident, since then she took up all the responsibilities at home. She says, training in Azad has prepared her to face all the challenges within the family and even outside of it.



2 WHEELER



Name: Krishna
Date of birth : 8 /5/1983
Education : 9th pass
Marital Status: Married
No. of Children: 2
Locality : Badarpur
Enrollment Number: DL/SD/2021-22/10
Date of joining: 28/06/2021
Date of PL: 30/12/2021
Current status: Under Training

Krishna lives with her husband and two children. Krishna and her husband both were engaged in sales jobs to make ends meet for the family, but it was always inadequate to meet the expenses of the household. Before joining Azad, She shares that the family was heavily looked down upon, and discriminated against, but now owing to Krishna's association with Azad, there is new-found respect for them in the neighborhood. Krishna has reclaimed her identity with dignity as a professional driver. She has completed her training and is now ready for a job.



Name: Divya
Date of Birth : 8/9/19 98
Education: Graduate
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Madangir
Enrollment Number: DL/SD/2021-22/15
Date of Joining: 28 /6/2021
Date of PL: 30/12/2021
Current status: Employable

There are 5 members in Divya's family. Papa does embroidery work and her mother works in Mahila Panchayat. It was her mother who asked Divya to join the training ay Azad. Seeing her family's financial condition, she chose to become a driver so that she can support the family. She says she has learnt how to communicate effectively, has become aware about her rights and enjoyed the self-defence training thoroughly. Her confidence has increased manifold, and she is unafraid of travelling all by herself, unlike earlier. She dreams of securing a job to save money and further pursue her education.



KAJAL

Name: Kajal
Date of Birth : 28/04/2003
Education: 9th Pass
Marital Status: Married
Locality : Madanpur Khadar
Enrollment Number: DL/SD/2021-22/12
Date of Joining : 28/06/21,
Date of PL: 21/12/2021
Current status: Employable

2 2 year old kajal lives with her husband. Her husband is a delivery executive. She joined 2 wheeler training after her sister told her about Azad. Her sister saw an advertisement and also met a girl who got trained at Azad. Kajal said that she came to Azad office to inquire about the training process, but she got so impressed that she decided to enroll as soon as possible. When she started her training she made sure not to miss any of the session of the non technical training. She said she enjoyed everything that was taught but she is very fond of the technical training that is learning to drive the scooty was the best part of her training according to her. Now that her training has been completed and she has got her permanent license, she is ready to start her career as a professional driver.



MAMTA

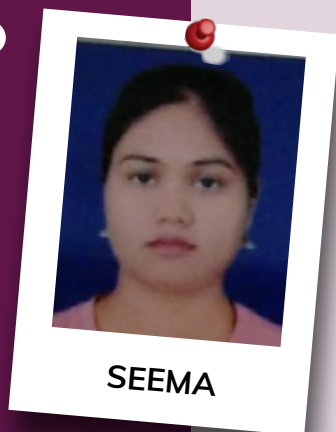
Name: Mamta
Date of Birth : 25/04/1988
Education: 12th Pass
Marital Status: Married
Number of Children: 2
Locality: Ambedkar Nagar
Enrollment Number: DL/SD/2021-22/14
Date of Joining: 28/06/20 21
Date of PL: 21/12/2021
Current status: Employable

Mamta lives with her husband, children and in-laws. Her husband is an auto driver. Mamta came to know about Azad from her mother-in-law who also worked at Azad. Since joining Azad, she has become aware about her rights, and does not back down from exercising them. She wanted to do something unconventional and Azad seemed like the best for that desire. She is proud to be a practitioner of a non-traditional livelihood, especially one that has always been deemed as a man's job and beyond a woman's capabilities. She enjoys challenging this stereotype and breaking it one day at a time.



AASHI

Name : Aashi
Date of Birth : 14/06 /2003
Education : 12th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality : Madanpur Khadar
Enrollment Number: DL/SD/2021-22/16
Date of Joining : 28 /06/2021
Date of PL: 21/12/2021
Current Status : Employable



SEEMA

Name: Seema Kumari
Date of Birth: 7/3/19 90
Education: 10th Pass
Marital Status: Married
Number of Children : 1
Locality: Madanpur Khadar
Enrollment Number: DL/SD/2021-22/38
Date of joining: 01/09/2021
Date of PL: 01/01/2022
Current Status : Employable

Aashi's family consists of her mother and two brothers. Her father passed four years ago, leaving the family's financial condition unsustainable. Her brother works in a showroom and was the sole earner for the family. Aashi's mother's friend happened to be a Sakha driver and introduced Aashi to Azad. She says, "after joining Azad, I realised the value of time and learnt so many new things which i didnt know bwfore". She enjoyed the communications and first-aid classes. She also developed an undersanding anbout gender-based violence and the discriminations faced by women in the society. She is proud to become a professional driver and challenge the notions that only men can do this work. She wants to continue her education in the future.

Seema lives separately from husband, with her daughter and parents. Seema joined Azad primarily to be able to support her daughter, since the financial condition of her family was unstable. Seema did not want to be a burden on her family in that regard. Seema's friend introduced her to Azad and encouraged her to join as well. She says that Azad has taught her the importance of being self-sufficient and believing in herself. Now that her permanent license has been made and training has also been completed, she is ardently waiting for a job, and providing a good education to her daughter.



CHITRA

Name: Chitra
Date of Birth: 30/05/2000
Education: 12th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Madanpur khadar
Enrollment Number: DL/SD/2021-22/8
Date of joining: 28/06/2021
Date of PL: 21/03/2022
Current status: On Job

Chitra's family consists of three people- herself, her mother and her sister. Her family passed away many years ago and the daughters became solely dependent on their mother's income. Chitra's mother runs a small business from home, the income from which goes towards household expenses. Chitra came to know about Azad from a Sakha driver in her neighborhood, following which she also met the mobilization team. She says she has gained a lot of knowledge and information since joining Azad. This has been a boost to her confidence. Chitra had always wanted to go beyond the ordinary and her love for driving brought her to become a professional driver challenging all norms and stereotypes. Earning her Permanent License was an altogether empowering experience for her. In the future, Chitra would want to carve out her own identity as a professional driver and support her mother financially.



BEENITA

Name: Beenita
Date of Birth: 30/03/1993
Education: Graduate
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Madanpur khadar
Enrollment Number: DL/SD/2021-22/40
Date of joining: 24/09/2021
Date of PL: 28/03/2022
Current status: Under Training

Beenita lives with her brother and parents. Her father is a manual laborer and her mother is an anganwadi worker. Before joining Azad, Beenita used to work at a part-time job. She came to know about Azad from a mobilization activity in her area. Since joining Azad, Beenita says she has become a more reflexive person, and has started understanding herself better owing to the gender and sexuality classes. Azad has taught her the importance of self-value and boosted her self-esteem. She loves driving and hopes to become a successful professional driver very soon. Securing a stable job will be helpful towards her desire to help her family financially.



JAIPUR





4 WHEELER



Name: Radha Devi
Date of Birth: 14/03/1995
Education: 8th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Jhalana Dugri
Enrolment Number: RJ/JP/2019-20/79
Date of Joining: 19/03/2020
Date Of PL: 07/04/2021
Current status: Employed



Name: Rekha
Date of Birth : 03/03/1998
Education: 8th Pass
Marital Status: Married
Number of Children: 03
Locality: Gurjar Ki Thadi
Enrolment Number: RJ/JP/2020-21/08
Date of Joining: 17/ 12/2020
Date of PL: 29/07/2021
Current Status: Awaiting employment through Sakha

Radha is from Malpura town of Tonk district. There are 4 members in her family, back at her village. Radha lives in Jaipur with her maternal aunt. Before joining Azad, Radha was working as a cook, but she was neither interested in the work, nor satisfied with it. When she came to know about Azad from the mobilisation survey, she came to the office to gather more information and joined training right away! Since then, Radha has started travelling alone in the city, gotten her bank and Aadhar card work done all by herself, and moreover, is able to help others find resources and support too! When she began training, she did not come alone from Jhalana to the training centre, but now she is confident and mobile enough to do it alone. She wants to be a professional driver after completing training.

Rekha is originally from a small village in Ajmer district. She was married at the age of 17 and did not get a chance to study any further. Her husband who was also educated only till class 8, works as a salesman in a clothes shop. Rekha was desperately looking for a source of income when her friend, who was previously a trainee at Azad, introduced her to the organisation. She faced opposition regarding her desire to join Azad from her husband for quite some time, and when pandemic lockdown was imposed and the training stopped, she also faced violence at home. She was delighted that training resumed after some time, and Azad took the initiative to pick up and drop the trainees so that they could continue attending their training. Reka really likes driving on her own and getting to know the city. She now has the confidence and tells everyone to speak up for their rights. Rekha wants to complete the training soon and become a successful driver and ready to work with Sakha.



SEEMA

Name: Seema Bhaat,
Date of Birth: 02/01/2000
Education : Graduate
Marital Status, Unmarried
Locality: Gurjar Ki Thadi
Enrolment Number: RJ/JP/2020-21/11
Date of Joining : 08/02/2021
Date of PL: 06/08/2021
Current Status: Under Training

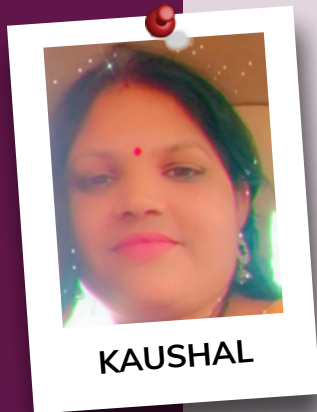
Seema's family is from Kishangarh Tehsil of Ajmer district. Her father works as a driver and is the only earner in the house. The family faced a lot of financial difficulties during the pandemic when Seema's father did not get work. Once Covid restrictions were lifted, Seema reached out to Azad and continued training. Seema says that Azad's team supported her immensely with the pickup and drop facility. Seema really liked gender training and now understands the nuances of gender bias and wants to bridge the gap. Self-defence training has given her the courage to travel independently! Once she left the boundary of her home, she started making friends all over Jaipur, slowly making the city her own. Her dream is to pursue further education, become a successful professional driver and decide her life on her own terms.



SUREKHA

Name: Surekha
Date of Birth: 01/01/1991
Education: 5th Pass
Marital Status : Married
Number of children: 2
Locality: Gurjar Ki Thadi
Enrolment Number: RJ/JP/2020-21/15
Date of joining: 25/02/2021
Date of PL: 29/ 07/2021
Current status: Under Training

Surekha comes from a conservative family where women are not allowed to work outside of home, and never did she imagine herself driving on the roads of Jaipur. That was before she came to know about Azad Foundation in the Basti meeting. Surekha became the first woman in her family to step out of the home, get trained and hopefully become a professional driver soon. Although her husband, who is also an auto driver, was not on board with Surekha's desire to become a driver, she stuck firm with her decision of becoming financially independent and contributing to the household. Surekha says for her this is not just a driving job, it is a work of change, a new identity for women. Her confidence has increased manifold since joining Azad. She has had self-defence training, practiced speaking in English, and participated in campaign rallies against violence against women. Surekha wants to complete her training and become a professional driver to fulfil the dream of driving her own cab!



KAUSHAL

Name : Kaushal Bhatt
Date of Birth: 01/01/1991
Education: 8th Pass
Marital Status : Married
Number of Children: 03
Locality: Shyam Nagar
Enrolment Number: RJ/JP/2020-21/17
Date of Joining : 25/02/2021
Date of PL: 03/08/2021
current status: Waiting for
Employment through
Sakha



MALA

Name : Mala Kaur
Date of Birth: 01/01/1991
Education: VIII Pass,
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Jhalana Mahal
Enrolment Number: RJ/JP/2020-21/18
Date of joining: 31/03/2021,
Date of PL: 09/11/2021
Current status: Under training

Kaushal says she has learnt a lot from Azad's training. Not only can she drive a car, she has also become aware of all redressal and preventive mechanisms to deal with violence in her community and does not shy away from taking a stand when required. She is outspoken about her rights and has lodged complaints and raised issues related to the public distribution system for herself as well as others in her area. While her family is sceptical about these actions, they recognise her intent and capabilities. Koshal enjoyed the Self-defence classes at Azad and feels that they instilled courage and confidence in her. Koshal looks back in surprise now that she knew nothing about Jaipur despite going to college. It has been 4 months since she joined Azad, and has also signed up for two-wheeler training. Being trained in both four and two-wheeler, she hopes to secure her first job as soon as possible.

Mala lives at her brother's house, with 7 other family members. Mala and her brother, and their mother used to work as daily-wage labourers to make ends meet. But Mala wanted to do something more rewarding than just a wage, so she gathered information about Azad's training and joined right away! Since joining Azad, she has found the courage to travel independently. She is now familiar with the city in a way she never did before. She also cherishes the beautiful friendships that have come her way since then. Mala is proud to possess the courage and competence to take decisions related to her life into her own hands. She wants to become a professional driver, but is also inclined to make sure her work has an impact on society.



URMILA

Name: Urmila
Date of Birth: 30/08/2002
Education: 8th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Jawahar Nagar
Date of Joining : 31/03/2021
Date of PL : 20/07/2021
Current status: Employed

Urmila lives in a family of six in Jaipur. Her mother manages the home while her father works as a labourer at a construction site. Urmila wanted to pursue higher education but due to the financial condition of the family, she was forced to look for work and give up on her education. Before Azad, she used to work at a clothes factory. She discontinued the job and decided to join Azad to become a driver. Seeing the demand and scope of employment during the pandemic, she decided to get trained in two-wheeler vehicles and secured a job in Bigbasket. Urmila appreciated learning how to operate GPS, communicate in English, and learn Self-defence. She has gained confidence, learned about women's rights, understood gender-based violence, and become familiar with the legal system and government departments. She has also gotten the citizenship documents made of every family member and says that she has been able to do all this because of the various training she received at Azad. Her dream is to become a strong driver and drive both two-wheeler and four-wheeler on the streets of Jaipur.



GANGA

Name: Ganga Panwar
Date of Birth: 06/04/1990
Education : 12th Pass
Marital Status: Married
Locality: Gurjar Ki Thadi
Enrollment Number: RJ/JP/2021-22/05
Date of Joining : 29/06/2021
Date of PL: 24/11/2021
Current status: Under Training

Ganga has 4 members in the family. She has been married for 8 years, but has faced constant verbal abuse from her in-laws for not having any children. She came to know about Azad from a mobilisation survey in her community. She visited the office later to gather more information and enrolled for four-wheeler training. In the health training, she realised that holding a woman responsible for not having children is not only a myth but also discrimination against women. She spoke out against this discrimination in her basti as well as within her family. Since Azad's training, Ganga has been able to establish her own contacts with the families in the community and has formed a relationship with many women who have been survivors of violence. She has gotten citizenship documents made for herself and other women in the community as well. After completing the training, she wants to do a job with Sakha and help the family financially.



NIRMALA

Name: Nirmala Singh
Date of Birth: 06/08/2002
Education: 12th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Gurjar Ki Thadi
Date of joining: 15/ 07/2021
Permanent of PL: 12/10/2021
Current status: Under Training

Nirmala lives in a family of 5 with her father, who is an auto driver, and mother, who is a construction worker. The family had dreams of buying their own auto someday which both father and daughter can drive. While her training at Azad had abruptly paused when covid restrictions were imposed, her engagement with the organisation had not. During Covid, there was a general atmosphere of fear but Nirmala says it was Azad that did not let her dampen her spirits. She received various kinds of support from Azad to deal with the difficult situation and also supported Azad in distribution of relief and support in her community. Nirmala is recognised in her community as a leader, well-equipped with necessary knowledge, skills and information. She is vocal about her rights, desires and plans. She feels that the training at Azad will stay with her throughout her life and help her in every situation. She is inspired by the many women drivers she has met at Azad and hopes to complete her training soon to become a professional driver like them.



CHANCHAL

Name: Chanchal Sain
Date of Birth: 09/01/2001
Education: 10th Pass
Marital Status : unmarried
Locality: Malviya Nagar
Date of joining : 29/07/2021
Date of PL 08/11/2021
Current Status: Under Training

Chanchal lives in a family of four. She came to know about Azad from a friend who also happened to be a professional driver here. Chanchal used to be a shy and apprehensive person who did not have many friends. Since joining Azad, she has gained the confidence of taking well-informed decisions related to her life, and voicing her opinions firmly. . since joining Azad, she had made many friends, and has found a space to share her thoughts and feelings. She draws upon her positive experience at Azad and encourages other women in her community to join. For Chanchal, driving is a beautiful way of seeing her city up close. She has started travelling around the city on her own with confidence, be it for official work or running errands. Her family has a renewed sense of faith in Chanchal and her abilities. She says, " Azad has given me a new life, a new identity. After completing driver training, I want to do a job with Sakha"



SUMITRA

Name: Sumitra Devi Meena
Date of Birth: 18/04/2002
Education: Graduate
Location: Jagatpura
Marital Status: Unmarried
Date of Joining: 04/01/2021
Date of PL: 06/07/2021
Current status: Under training

Sumitra lives in a family of 5. Her father works at a construction site and is the sole earner in the family. She came to know about Azad through a trainee who happens to be a neighbour. Sumitra joined Azad but her training was cut short due to covid restrictions. There was a lot of insecurity amidst all the financial and livelihood loss. Sumitra said that the support she received from Azad, especially in terms of ration, was highly appreciated. She is proud of being a permanent license holder as it is both a document of her identity as well as her hard work. At Azad, she has developed an understanding of gender-based violence and has extensively shared the same with other women in her locality. She feels a deep connection with Azad and wants to work with Sakha, as well as complete her graduation.



SHIVANI

Name: Shivani Tank
Date of Birth: 11/06/2014
Education: Graduate
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Jai Mahal, Amer
Date of Joining: 24/02/2021
Date of PL: 16/06/2021
Current Status: Employed

Shivani lives in a family of four. Her father is a tailor and mother works as a cook . Faced with great financial difficulties, Shivani joined a call centre immediately upon completing her graduation. It was around the same time that she got to know about Azad. She recalls that despite having a job at that time Shivani decided to quit and join Azad instead since there was no scope for personal growth in the former. Since joining Azad, Shivani has not only made immense growth personally but is also the proud holder of a permanent driving license, proof of not only her identity but also hard work. Along with driving, Shivani also enjoyed learning about law, women's rights, self-defence and gathered much knowledge and information about various social schemes. She is also vocal and proactive in the application of the same in her life and in the lives of women around her. At Azad, Shivani also appreciates the many friends she has made with whom she shares her thoughts, all of whom are a source of strength for her.



ANJU

Name : Anju Jangid
Date of birth: 10/8/2021
Education: 12th pass
Location: Tonk Road
Marital status: Unmarried
Date of joining: 16/08/2022
Date of PL: 24/02/2022
Current Status: Under training

Anju has lived and grown up in Mahila Sadan all her life. She was introduced to Azad through a mobilizer, at whose mother's place Anju used to work as cook. She has no birth family, and does not know who her parents are. After joining Azad, Anju got her documents made for the first time. Anju shares that the conditions in which she grew up would have made it impossible to be where she is today, had she not found Azad. With the help and support of the mobilization team and faculty, Anju has found her confidence and motivation. She has started travelling alone across the city and found the courage to voice her opinions in front of others. She feels that the inequality and discrimination that women face in their lives creates an illusion of impossibility but in reality there is nothing that a woman cannot do or is not capable of. She enjoyed the self-defense training very much, and appreciates the knowledge that she gathered regarding her body and rights, because of which, she has developed a better understanding about herself, and now dreams of becoming a professional driver .



SHALU

Name : Shalu Bairwa,
Date of Birth: 25/03/2003
Education : 8 pass
Locality: Jhalana Dungri
Enrollment No: RJJP/2021-22/37
Marital Status : Unmarried
Date of joining: 30/11/2021
Date of PL: 08/03/2022
Current Status: Under training

Shalu lives with her father, brother and sister-in-law. Her father and brother work as labourers at construction sites, while her sister-in-law stays at home and manages the household. Shalu shares that it was difficult for her to leave home and come for training but she was adamant on completing it and improving the condition of her family. She came to know about Azad foundation through a meeting held in her Basti. When she visited the training centre for the first time, she was overwhelmed to see so many women drivers and trainees. Interacting with them and learning about the training process motivated and inspired her to join. Out of all the training, she enjoyed the self-defence training the most. Shalu shares that these training sessions have made her feel empowered, strong and fearless. She is proud of how well she drives and knows all rules and regulations. Shalu wants to complete her training soon and secure a job so that she can change the financial condition of her family for good and make a name for herself.



RAJNI

Name: Rajni Kanwar
date of birth: 24/10/1995,
Education: 12th Pass
Locality : Gopalpura Bypass
Enrollment No: RJ/JP/2021-22/48
Marital Status : Unmarried
Date of joining : 31/12/2021
Date of PL : 03/03/2022
Current status: Under Training

Rajni lives in a family of three. Her father works as a daily wage labourer at a construction site. She wants to do a well-paying, respectable job and relieve her father from the hard work as soon as possible. Rajni came to know about Azad foundation through a meeting held in her Basti. Upon visiting the training centre, she was inspired to see how along with driving training, women are also trained in various other aspects of life. Rajni is the first woman in her family to drive a vehicle. One day during training, she was near the site where her father was working. She pulled up in the car and her father could hardly believe his eyes! Since joining Azad, she has become equipped with much knowledge and information about law, rights, violence and sexual and reproductive health. All this has enabled her to emerge as a courageous and capable woman both within the family and in her community. She wishes to be able to support women in her community towards the same.



2 WHEELER



Name : Pooja Nayak
Date of Birth: 01/07/2000
Education 8th Pass
Enrollment No: RJ/JP/2021-22/02
Marital Status : Unmarried
Date of Joining: 25/06/2021
Date of PL: 09/09/2021
Current status: Employed

Pooja was raised along with her siblings by her single mother. Her mother worked at a grocery store where she cleaned pulses for a living, struggling to make ends meet. They had to support their mother in her work and the family was caught in a bonded labour situation. It took a toll on their eyesight and overall health. It was around this time that she came to know about Azad foundation through a mobilization survey in her basti. She immediately inquired about the training and joined right away. Pooja's mother was supportive of this decision and Pooja began two wheeler training.

In the next two months she learned how to drive, along with self-defence training, legal training, knowledge of violence against women, sexual and reproductive health. Driving gives Pooja a sense of freedom and control. Equipped with all necessary skills, knowledge and information, Pooja's job is now also a marker for her independence and mobility.



MEENAKSHI

Name: Meenakshi
Date of Birth: 09/01/1985
Education: Graduated
Locality: Bhairav Nagar
Enrollment No: RJ/JP/2021-22/03
Marital Status: Married
Date of Joining: 25/06/2021
Date of PL: 27 /07/2021
Current Status : Employed

No one in Meenakshi's family of five knew how to drive a scooty, although her husband owns a motorcycle to commute to work, it was always out of her reach. She became a professional driver at par with her husband who is an auto driver. She came to know about Azad Foundation around the same time, and decided to join the training. She completed her training in three months, this made her feel very proud. She has also learned about her rights in Azad, learnt all laws related to women, and developed an understanding about gender-based violence. After joining Azad, watching how her confidence grew, she encouraged other women in her basti to also join the training. Meenakshi feels she has become a lot more vocal, assertive and mobile after joining Azad, and is a proud holder of a permanent driving licence, currently employed as a professional driver.



GULNAJ

Name: Gulnaj Begum
Date of Birth: 01/01/1994
Education: 8th Pass
Locality: Ramganj Bazar
Enrollment No: RJ/JP/2021-22/04
Marital Status: Single
Date of Joining: 25/06/2021
Date of PL: 09/09/2021
Current status: Employed

Gulnaj was married off at the age of 16 and never got the chance to receive an education. She was widowed after six months of marriage following which she faced a lot of violence. She left her marital home and came back to her parent's house hoping for a respite from the life-threatening situation. Her father, the sole earner of the family works as a labourer and there are severe financial constraints in the family of 6. When she came to know about Azad Foundation, she faced restriction from her father regarding the decision, but she continued with the training and successfully completed the same. After joining Azad, she became aware of her rights, made friends, became confident and vocal. She found a safe space to not only share her thoughts and experiences, but also seek support. Gulnaj now has complete control over her life, decisions, mobility and finances. She is currently working as a professional driver.



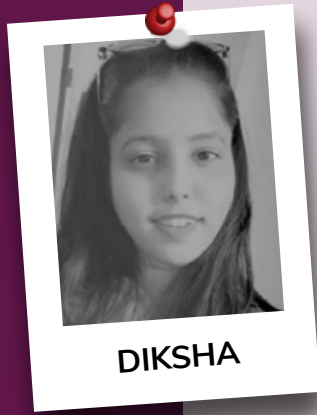
Name: Komal Berwa
Date of Birth: 10/10/1996
Education: 10th Pass
Location: Galta Gate Jaipur
Marital Status: Married
Enrollment No: RJ/JP/2021-22/07
Date of Joining: 30/06/2021
Date of PL: 09/09/2021
Current Status : Employed



Name: Manbhari
Date of Birth: 05/06/1980
Education: 8th Pass
Locality: Gandhinagar
Enrollment No: RJ/JP/2021-22/08
Marital Status: Married
Number of Children: 2
Date of Joining : 15/07/2021
Date of PL: 15 /09/2021
Current Status: Employed

Komal's family consists of four members, and the household is dependent on her mother's income that she earns as a cook. Komal was married but left her marital home only to face more violence inside her own house, to which her family has so far turned a blind eye. Since joining Azad, Komal has spoken up against the violence that she had to otherwise survive on a daily basis. She says the strength and knowledge that she gained while training at Azad has helped her. She has become aware of her rights and has developed an understanding about gender-based violence. A strong proponent of women's independence, Komal is proud to have reclaimed her voice and her space not only within the family but also at work. She has also gotten documents made for herself and her family, claimed benefits under various schemes and contributes significantly towards the family. Owing to this, she has gained respect in the eyes of her family members as well.

Manbhari's family consists of five members. She came to know about Azad through a meeting held in her township. She had no prior experience of driving any vehicle, but is proud to have completed her training on time, she learnt new things related to driving and traffic and pass the permanent license test in one go. This was a major boost in her confidence and soon she was encouraging and helping other women to get documents made and claim their rights. Following a ration supply problem in the neighbourhood which Manbhari spearheaded against, she has emerged as a leader in her community. Paying no heed to the negative comments by people about professional women drivers, Manbhari has maintained her focus towards securing employment as soon as possible.



DIKSHA

Name: Diksha Nayak
Date of Birth: 14/03/2002
Education: BA 2nd Year
Location: Anaj Mandi
Enrollment No: RJ/JP/2021-22/09
Marital Status: Unmarried
Date of joining: 15/07/2021
Date of PL: 28/09 /2021
Current Status: Employed

Diksha was only 7 years old when her father passed away, leaving the family of four under immense financial crisis and dependent on their single mother. Both her mother and elder sister work as labourers at a construction site for as long as Diksha can recall. It was her dream to grow up and share her mother's burden by contributing towards taking care of the household. Diksha was pursuing her graduation and looking for a job when she came to know about Azad. Although initially her mother was a bit sceptical about two-wheeler jobs, seeing Diksha grow and flourish, she feels proud of her daughter's association with Azad. . When she first joined Azad, she was timid and scared of travelling alone. When she expressed her concerns, she found support from the organisation and was able to continue her training. Diksha has also become well versed with the law and legal rights. She thoroughly enjoyed the English classes and map reading sessions.



RAJNI

Name: Rajni Singh
Date of Birth: 1/2/2001
Education: 12th Pass,
Locatlity: Sanjoy Market
Enrollment No: RJ/JP/2021-22/10
Marital Status : Unmarried
Date of Joining: 15/07/2021
Date of PL: 28 /10/2021
Current Status: Under training

Rajni was born and raised in Jaipur, but when she joined Azad for two-wheeler training it was as if the city was completely new to her. Now when she moves about freely and independently in the city, she gets a chance to see a side of it that was unknown all this while. When Rajni joined Azad, her father was battling cancer. He passed away soon after, leaving the family to fend for itself. Rajni was on the verge of discontinuing her training as she could barely afford travel expenses. But seeing Azad's constant association and extended support towards her during this time of crisis filled her with courage and determination to continue. Upon completing her training, Rajni was offered a job at BigBasket and became the Primary earner in her family. She is also able to start repaying the debts incurred during her father's treatment. She feels that Azad's training has made her strong and capable of taking her own decisions, understanding herself and her surroundings in a better way. She used to face a lot of taunts from people in her neighbourhood due to the non-traditional nature of her job but eventually her hard work and perseverance has earned her respect and recognition.



Name: Deepa Dhanwar
Date of Birth: 30/11/1996
Locality: Jhalana
Marital Status : Unmarried
Enrollment No: RJJP/2021-22/11
Date of Joining: 15/07/2021
Date of PL: 06/10/2021
Current Status: Employed

Deepa's family consists of 6 people. Her father and brothers are employed as sanitation and cleaning workers with the Municipal corporation. Deepa was averse to this kind of job even though most people of her community are engaged in the same. When Azad's mobilizers visited her place it felt like an opportunity to break this systemic pattern and. Deepa's confidence in her decision grew manifold when she visited the training centre and saw the trainees. Even though she was scared initially, she soon found acceptance from the women around her. Deepa enjoyed the trainings like First aid, Gender, English and law, along with driving and participated in all with enthusiasm. She is happy that today her parents are able to see her become a professional two-wheeler driver.



Name: Pinki Katariya
Date of Birth: 1/1/2003
Education: 12th Pass
Marital status: Unmarried
Enrollment No: RJJP/2021-22/15
Locality: Jhalana Dungri
Date of joining: 15/07/2021
Date of PL: 08/11/2021
Current Status: Employed

Pinki lives with her parents and four siblings. Her father works as a daily wage labourer but owing to extreme financial hardships, Pinky was unable to pursue higher education and is adamant that her sister should not have to compromise her education like her. She has always wanted to do something different with her life and Azad seemed like the way when the mobilization team visited her place. She found the training system to be very different- a way forward to walk freely with respect. She began her training with all enthusiasm and gained her permanent license. She was very happy since this was the first time she had approached a government institution and got her work done. This ID, Pinky feels, is more a marker for her own hard work than a government paper. All the training has only made her more confident about herself and her rights. Pinky feels like she is slowly becoming a strong independent woman, and this motivates her to move further.



POOJA

Name : Pooja Verma
Date of Birth: 05/07/1989
Education: 8th Pass
Locality: Jhalana Dungri
Enrollment No : RJ/JP/2021-22/16
Marital Status: Married
Date of joining: 15/07/2021
Date of PL: 12/11/2021
Current Status: Employed



POOJA

Name: Pooja Mahawar
Date of Birth: 05/07/1989
Education: 8th Pass
Marital status: married
No. of Children: 2
Locality: Shiv Colony
Enrollment No: RJ/JP/2021-22/18
Date of joining: 30/08/2021
Date of PL: 22/10/2021
Current Status: Employed

Pooja's family lives in Jaipur in a rented house, where they moved in two years ago when they relocated to the city in search of income. Since the household expenses, mostly towards education for her two children, were too much to be met by a single income, Pooja also started working. When she sought to look for jobs, she came to know about Azad's two wheeler training program. Out of all the training at Azad, Pooja loved the self-defence session the most. She has also been actively engaged in community work, participated in rallies and spoken out against gender-based violence. They have helped in increasing her knowledge about the same as well as boosted her confidence. With her training nearing its end, Pooja wants to be able to secure a job at the earliest so that she can start saving towards a house of her own, which is her dream.

Pooja is originally from Dosa district of Rajasthan and currently lives in Jaipur. She could only study till 8th Standard despite wanting to study further, owing to the poor financial condition of her family. When Azad's mobilization team approached her, it was a chance to do something new and exciting. the English classes, self-defence training and the idea of driving attracted her instantly. She met other trainees and drivers and signed up for the training soon. When it was time to procure her license, to everybody's surprise, the timid woman who never stepped out of her house not only went ahead to the RTO office but passed with flying colours too. She is currently driving e-rickshaw with a lot of confidence and esteem, and aspires to go even further in the profession of driving.



KRISHNA

Name : Krishna Verma,
Date of Birth: 26/6/ 1997
Education 10th Pass
Locality: Shekhawat Nagar
Enrollment No: RJ/JP/2021-22/19
Marital Status: Married
Number of Children : 2
Date of Joining: 30/08/2021
Date of PL 10 /11/2021
Current Status: Employed

Krishna's family consists of four people. Her husband is an auto driver. During Covid-19, the family faced financial crisis when lockdown was imposed and work was scarce. Krishna started looking for a job and she was introduced to Azad. Along with her husband, she visited the training centre and soon signed up. Now Krishna is driving and travelling unafraid across the city. She has learnt about laws and rights, developed an understanding about violence and gender, and she says that this information has helped her immensely in every aspect of her life. Initially, she was scared of driving, but slowly and steadily, She is winning over the fear. When she passed and procured her permanent license, everyone around her was surprised. Being able to get her document made through the R.T.O all by herself has instilled confidence in herself. Now that her training is complete and she is ready for job, she wants to secure a two-wheeler job as soon as possible.



MANISHA

Name: Manisha Nayak,
Date of Birth: 25/5/2002,
Education: 12th Pass,
Locality: Nayak Ka Tibba
Enrollment No: RJ/JP/2021-22/20
Marital Status: Single
Date of Joining: 20/09/2021
Date of PL: 18/11/2021
Current Status: Employed

Manisha's family consists of seven people. Neither of her parents had the opportunity to receive an education. Her father works as a labourer and her mother is also a daily wage earner. Naturally, for her parents, education was of prime importance and her parents made every effort possible to ensure their children receive proper schooling. Due to irregularities in the wages, the family was always under financial constraints. This was when Manisha came to know about Azad foundation and decided to join the training program. Manisha became the first woman in her family to drive a two-wheeler vehicle. She is working with Big basket despite some opposition from her family members. She is aware of how gender based discrimination and violence occurs in everyday lives and is mindful of subverting the same, owing to the gender training that she enjoyed very much. Her earnings have been a major help in stabilizing the financial condition of the family. She dreams of becoming a successful businesswoman in the future.



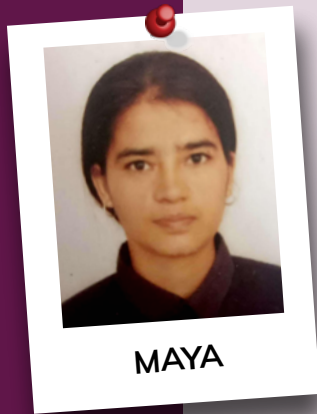
Name : Laxmi Devi,
Date of Birth: 1/1/1990
Education: less than 8th
Locality: Shikari Ki Dhani
Enrollment No: RJ/JP/2021-22/21
Marital status: widow
number of children: 02
date of joining: 20/09/2021
Date of PL : 29/ 11/2021
Current Status: Under training

Laxmi is a widow and the mother of two children. She has been a survivor of violence and faced extreme financial crisis after the demise of her husband three years ago. She worked at a construction site but the wages were insufficient for her children's survival. She came to know about Azad through a friend who happens to be a driver too. Although her house was far away from Azad's training centre, she was able to pursue and continue her training because of the financial support extended by the organisation. Her family and associates opposed her decision to join the training and become a professional driver, but Laxmi defied all odds and spoke up for herself, standing firm with her decision. She appreciated the gender training at Azad and became aware about the discriminations against women. She is the proud owner of a permanent driving license, testimony to her hard work and dedication.



Name : Khushboo Mahawar
date of birth : 01/01/2003
Education: Graduation
Locality: Ramganj Bazar
Enrollment No: RJ/JP/2021-22/23
Marital Status: Unmarried
Date of joining: 20/09/2021
Date of PL: 12/11/2021
Current Status: Under Training

Khushboo lives in a family of five consisting of her siblings and her parents. Both her parents are daily wage labourers at a construction site. Khushboo had to discontinue her schooling as there isn't much regard for women's education in her family. However, she continued to pursue higher education in private centres alongside looking for occasional jobs to make ends meet. She came to know about Azad through a Basti meeting where she learnt about the training program. During her visit to the RTO office for the procurement of a permanent license, Khushboo was apprehensive of her abilities. But she passed all tests successfully and is now a proud owner of a permanent driving license. Khushboo is currently under training and hopes to secure a job as soon as her training is completed.



Name: Maya
Date of Birth : 16/3/2001
Education : Less than 8th
Locality: New Sanganer
Enrollment No: RJ/JP/2021-22/25
Marital Status : Unmarried
Date of Joining: 27/09/2021,
Date of PL: 29/11/2021
Current Status : Employed



Name: Afreen Qureshi
Date of Birth: 27/2/1999
Education: 12th Pass
Locality: Sanganeri Gate
Enrollment No: RJ/JP/2021-22/29
Marital Status: Unmarried
Date of joining: 29/09/2021
Date of PL: 22/12/ 2021
Current Status: Employed

Maya lives with her parents and her five sisters in a temporary settlement on a government land. Her father works as a cobbler but the family struggles with her father's alcoholism and violence. There wasn't much regard for the education of the girls. Being the eldest daughter, Maya wanted to break the cycle of violence and financial crisis. She joined Azad under the Azad Kishor program despite severe oppositions and continued on to the driving training braving all backlash. She developed the tools and skills that would help her take care of herself, her sisters and the family at large. She also got documents made that would help her family secure ration and other amenities. She says there has been a positive change in her family and living situation wherein she has stood up to violence and spoken out against it. Although the journey was difficult, Maya says her life has now completely changed for good.

Afreen lives in a family of five, with her father engaged in iron work and mother taking care of the household. She wanted to help with the financial condition of the family, and decided to join the two wheeler program at Azad. When she first joined Azad, she did not tell her family about it, anticipating oppositions. She used to come to the training centre burqa-clad and change into the uniform later at the office itself. During the course of her training, she became more and more aware of the discrimination that women have to face in society, that severely restricts their movements, access and opportunities. She has emerged as a driving force in her community, encouraging and enabling more and more women to step out of the constructed boundaries and reclaim their life and dignity. She feels she has become a more confident person and is unafraid of keeping forth her views and opinions in front of others. Afreen wants to complete her training as soon as possible and secure a job.



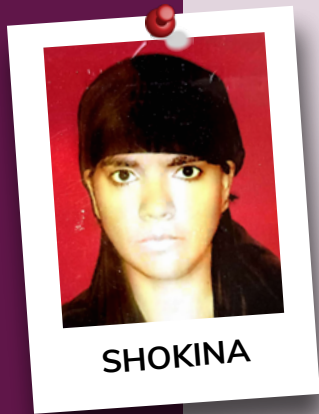
Name: Komal Bairva
Date of Birth: 01/04/2002
Education: B A 2nd year
Locality: Dhobi Shiv Colony
Enrollment No: RJJP/2021-22/07
Marital Status: Unmarried
Date of joining: 30/09/2021
Date of PL: 20/ 12/2021
Current Status: Employed

Komal's family consists of three members. Her mother sells vegetables locally. She came to know about Azad through a Basti meeting, following which she visited the training centre and met other trainees and drivers. Along with driving, Komal is also glad to have participated in gender training, legal training, map reading sessions, and learn about women's rights. All this had helped her find the courage to speak up against gender-based violence against women. Komal feels like the training has helped her not only in terms of skills and knowledge but also in terms of a meaningful organization of her everyday life. She was scared of the license tests initially but with the help and encouragement of her fellow trainees and Azad staff, she was able to pass all tests and procure her permanent driving license. She enjoys driving her scooter on different roads across the city.



Name: Lalita Nayak,
Date of birth: 01/01/1995,
Education: 12th Pass,
Locality: Sanganer Road Sodala
Enrollment No: RJJP/2021-22/24
Marital status: Unmarried
Date of joining: 27/09/2021,
Date of PL: 03/01/2022,
Current Status: Employed

Lalita's family consists of seven members who are solely dependent on the income of her father who works as a daily wage labourer at a construction site. There are a lot of financial difficulties and this was primarily why Lalita wanted to do a job. She came to know about Azad through a basti meeting in her community. Lalita feels that since joining Azad, she has become more outspoken and confident. Before joining Azad, Lalita had no idea about the intricacies of acquiring a legal or formal document such as license. She appreciates the fact that Azad also trained her all road safety measures like reading traffic signs before she could even apply for a learner's license. She feels it only made the process of getting a permanent license easier for her. She doesn't own a two-wheeler vehicle as of now but she aspires to complete her training soon and buy her own vehicle. Being able to do that will be a dream come true, she says.



SHOKINA

Name: Shokina
Date of Birth: 01/01/1991
Education: 8th Pass
Locality: Saganeri gate
Enrollment No: RJJP/2021-22/36
Marital Status: Married
Number of Children: 2
Date of Joining: 30/11/2021
Date of PL: 09/02/2022
Current Status: Employed

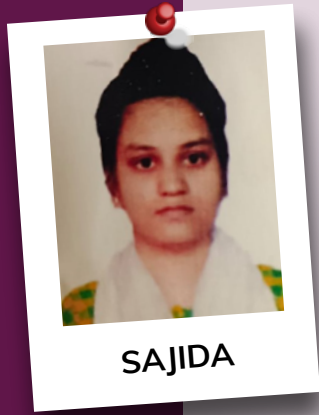
Shokina lives with her two children and she is a single mother. She was widowed seven years ago and since then she has been working at a grocery store where she cleans pulses. The working conditions were neither suitable nor compensable; with frequent and unfair wage cuts. Shokina wanted to do something different as this work was increasingly becoming unfeasible for her. Around the same time, she came to know about Azad foundation and visited the office to inquire further. After three months of training, Shokina was ready for a job, with her permanent license already in place. She secured a job with Big Basket where she was supported with a vehicle as well. She liked the legal training at Azad, and learnt a lot about gender-based violence, and women's rights. She shares that it felt like the cages of life that had so far constrained her were shattered one by one.



SAHEEBA

Name: Saheeba Qureshi
date of birth: 25/09/2002
Education: 10th pass
Locality: Chokdi Ghatgate
Enrollment No: RJJP/2021-22/42
Marital status: Unmarried
Date of joining: 15/12/2021
Date of PL: 11/03/2022
Current Status: Employed

Sheeba is student of class 12, living with her family at Ghat gate in Jaipur. The decision to join Azad was not an easy one for Sahiba. She faced severe restrictions from her brother and father about stepping out of a house and doing a driving job. However, she had her mother's support. She first came to know about Azad through a mobilization survey in her community. She was very inspired seeing how training is conducted at the centre. Along with driving, she also learnt many other skills like legal training, understanding of gender-based violence, sexual and reproductive health and wellbeing, to name a few. Sahiba learnt how to drive a two-wheeler exceptionally fast and secured her permanent license within a month of joining. When she called home to share the news, everyone was proud and happy. She is employed with BigBasket and wishes to be able to do her job in an efficient manner so as to contribute financially towards her family.



SAJIDA

Name: Sajida Parveen
date of birth: 02/07/1999,
Education: Graduate
Locality: Indra Nagar
Enrollment No: RJJ/P/2021-22/45
Marital status: Unmarried
Date of joining: 31/12/2021,
Date of PL: 23/03/2022
Current status: Under Training

Sajida's family consists of six members. Her father works as a tailor in a private company. Sajida came to know about Azad through a basti meeting in her locality. She first confided in her father about her desire to learn driving. He was sceptical about the prospect but Sajida stood firm by her decision and soon her father also agreed. Sajida feels that the restrictions on women and the discrimination against them severely restricts their mobility outside the house. She wanted to break free from the societal restrictions around her and lead a free and independent life. At Azad, she greatly enjoyed learning self-defense and spoken English. She is also able to put forth her views and opinions in front of others in a composed manner. She recalls herself as a rather shy and tentative person, but now she is proud to express herself and her potential. She wishes to completely her training soon and successfully, and secure a job.



PARWATI

Name: Parwati Maurya
Date of birth : 04/06/1998
Education: 12 Pass
Locality: Jhalana Dugri
Enrollment No: RJJ/P/2021-22/46
Marital Status : Married,
Number of Children: 01
Date of Joining: 31 /12/2021,
Date of PL: 23/03/2022,
Current Status: Under Training

Parwati is the youngest daughter-in-law in a joint family. For her, stepping out of the house was rare and almost always accompanied by a male member. She has a son aged 5 years. She came to know about Azad from a mobilization activity in her community. She expressed her desire to join the training program and become a driver to her husband, who supported her desire. However, she faced opposition from other members of the family. She stood firm by her decision and soon joined the training program. The first time she drove a scooty, she was terrified but she slowly overcame her fear and is now able to drive with pillion rides as well. She has developed an understanding about the ways in which patriarchy functions and uses this knowledge to be mindful about how she leads her life. Parwati says so far life has taken a completely different but totally positive turn for me, and with every passing day she strives towards a better and happier tomorrow.



Name: Fatima
Date of Birth: 08/07/2003
Education: 10th Pass
Location: Moti Dugri Road
Enrollment No: RJJP/2021-22/53
Marital Status: Unmarried
Date of Joining: 07/01/2022
Date of PL: 23/03/2022
Current Status: Under Training



Name: Manisha Bairwa
Date of Birth: 26/3/2003
Education: 12th Pass
Location: Ramji Pura
Enrollment No: RJJP/2021-22/33
Date of Joining: 31/03/2021
Date of PL: 28/07/2021
Current status: Employed

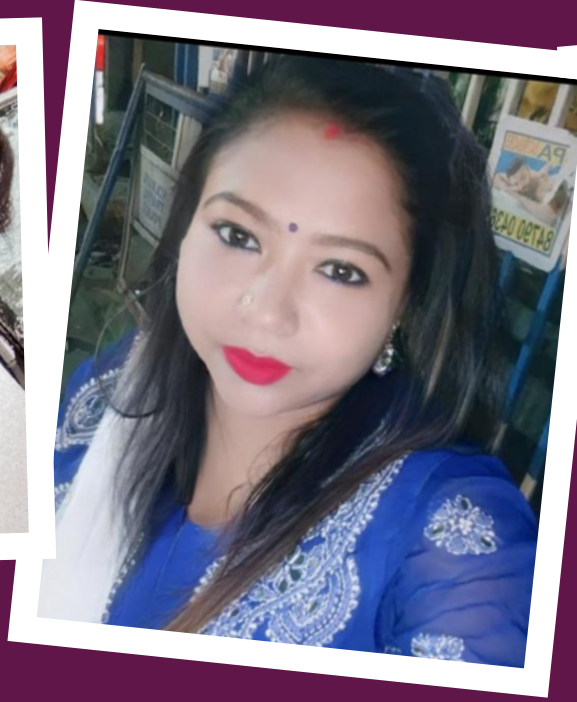
Fatima lives with her parents and she is their only child. She came to know about Azad from a friend of hers and later through a mobilizer in her community. Once she got to know the various kinds of training that are provided to the trainees, there was no stopping her! She signed up and began training. Fatima is 19 years old and says that being around other women drivers and trainees really inspires her to follow her dreams. The success stories of other drivers highly motivate her. Although her mother has always supported her decision to join Azad and become a driver, it took Fatima some coaxing to convince her father. However, Fatima happily says all has worked out for the better. She wants to complete the training as soon as possible and get a job.

Manisha came to Jaipur from a small village in Bassi tehsil to look for work. Six months ago, when she arrived, she found a patient care job at a hospital. When she came to know about Azad, she signed up for the training sessions alongside the hospital job. When training was suspended due to pandemic restrictions, Manisha was offered two-wheeler driving for a month. Post that she started working with Big Basket. Since joining Azad, Manisha has taken spoken English classes, learned how to operate e-commerce apps, learned map reading and has been trained to run Google Maps. Manisha has developed an understanding about gender-based violence and discrimination against women and has been vocal about the same. Manisha's mother was her sole supporter throughout this journey. She is delighted to be the proud owner of a two-wheeler vehicle and hold a permanent license, all with her own hard work.



Name: Hina
Date of birth: 09/10/2001
Education: Graduation
Location: Jhalana Dugri
Marital status: Unmarried
Date of joining: 08/10/2021
Date of PL: 22/12/2021

Hina was sixteen years old when her father passed away, leaving the family of seven solely dependent on her mother's income as a manual labour. She was desperate to relieve her mother from the burden of such strenuous physical work. She came to know about Azad once she set out to look for a job. Heena says that the training she received at Azad has shattered the chains holding her life back. Now that she is the first woman in her family to hold a permanent license and become a professional driver. She feels that the training has opened her eyes to the various discriminations and biases that women have to face everyday. She has become vocal about the violence against women and encourages other women to speak against it as well. Being able to earn a living on her own has given her a sense of control and identity which she cherishes every single day.



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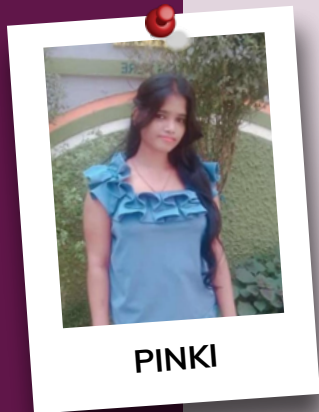
Name: Payel Dey
Date of Birth: 4/3/2002
Education: 8th Pass
Marital Status: married
Locality: Narayanpur
Enrolment No.: WB/NK/20-21/1
Date of joining: 22/1/2021
Date of PL: 26/07/2021
Current Status: Employed

Payel Dey lives with her in-laws and husband. She has always dreamt of joining Azad as she looked up to her mother who is a Sakha Chauffeur. She got the information about Azad from her mother. Having joined Azad she has witnessed immense changes in her. Now she feels confident and not scared of any situation any more. She is not afraid anymore to travel alone. The classes have helped her change many stereotyped perceptions and develop her personality. Among all the classes she liked the Gender and legal classes the most. She said that these classes are not just informative but also a moral booster. She feels a sense of solidarity when in the class. Adding to it, she also mentioned the DMT session which she liked very much. She never thought how dancing can help sooth her mind and make her feel relaxed. She dreams of earning money and building her own house.



Name: Pushpa Shaw
Date of Birth: 03/07/1987
Education: 10th Pass
Marital Status: married
No. of Children: 2
Locality: Teghoria
Enrolment No.: WB/NK/20-21/2
Date of joining: 22/01/2021
Date of PL: 09/08/2021
Current Status: Awaiting employment through sakha

Pushpa lives with her husband and 2 children. She always wanted to do something by herself and when she came to know about driving classes from our mobiliser she was determined to join and learn. She said that having joined Azad, she regained the courage that she lost in the course of time. Her mobility increased and she roamed about without any fear. Out of all the modules she liked the English session as it strengthened her communication. Also she liked the SRH session because she learned many new things. She was amazed to learn that matters related to sex are so normal but society makes it so difficult and taboo. She dreams of earning money and sharing the responsibilities of her family.



Name: Pinki Yadav
Date of Birth: 15/08/1995
Education: Graduate
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Bagmari
Enrolment No.: WB/NK/20-21/3
Date of joining: 22/01/2021
Date of PL: 02/08/2021
Current Status: Employed

Pinki lives with her family in Bagmari. She came to know about Azad from mobilisers who had visited her house. She always wanted to learn driving and always thought about why women had to do only certain jobs and not whatever they felt like. Her family supports her immensely in joining Azad training program, they want her to become a successful driver. She was always vocal about children rights and taught children of her locality about. Many activities and she also enjoys playing with them in their free time. During her training as well pinky was very much interested in the gender and legal right sessions as she could learn a lot from them. She is under training and aims to become a professional driver soon.



Name: Puja Shee
Date of Birth: 23/11/1998
Education: 12th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Tapuriyaghata
Enrolment No.: WB/NK/20-21/4
Date of joining: 22/01/2021
Date of PL: 06/09/2021
Current Status: Under Training

Puja lives with her family and came to know about Azad from surveys. After lockdown the financial condition of her family has deteriorated immensely. She aspires to learn driving and challenge patriarchy. She loved the gender class and the nuances of gender are so clear to her now. Many misconceptions are cleared. Moreover she can teach others the right things. Also she very much liked the SRH session as this was an illuminating session for her. So many questions arise in mind and she realized that our 'bodily' matters are so simple and it is society that has made it complicated. She dreams of becoming a very good driver so that other women are encouraged by her. She also wants to help her mother who has immensely supported her in her journey.



MAHUA

Name: Mahua Shee
Date of Birth: 01/06/1992
Education: 10th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Tapuriyaghata
Enrolment No.: WB/NK/20-21/5
Date of joining: 22/01/2021
Date of PL: 26/07/2021
Current Status: Awating employment through sakha



PINKI

Name: Pinki Roy
Date of Birth: 01/01/1988
Education: 10th Pass
Marital Status: Separated
No. of Children: 1
Locality: Rajarhat
Enrolment No.: WB/NK/20-21/14
Date of joining: 12/03/2021
Date of PL: 07/03/2022
Current Status: Employable

Mahua lives with her family and came to know about Azad from surveys. After lockdown the financial condition of her family has deteriorated immensely. When she came to know about driving as a profession, she did not wait for a moment. After joining, she has not just learned but witnessed many changes in her. She speaks against what is wrong or unethical even if it happens in her house. Among all the modules, Mahua loved the Gender and legal classes. Legal classes helped her understand the nuances of law and now she feels confident that she can take legal steps if it is required all by herself. She dreams of driving on the roads of Kolkata and earning money to fulfill her dreams.

Pinki lived with her child, mother and her husband when she started training with Azad. But now she's separated from her husband She came to know about Azad through the mobilization activities in her locality. She was already going through a devastating marriage where she was subjected to violence on a daily basis.. She sought help and came out strong in the process. She liked the Gender and legal sessions the most which provided her with a lot of information that would help her take legal actions. She aspires for a peaceful life with her family. She aims to complete her training very soon and start driving as her profession.

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Name: Poly sardar
Date of Birth: 20/01/1990
Education: 8th Pass
Marital Status: married
No. of Children: 1
Locality: Dhakuria
Enrolment No.: WB/NK/21-22/2
Date of joining: 30/04/2021
Date of PL: 18/1/2022
Current Status: Under Training



PRANATI

Name: Pranati Pakrey
Date of Birth: 07/10/1985
Education: 8th Pass
Marital Status: Single
Locality: Girish Park
Enrolment No.: WB/NK/21-22/9
Date of joining: 28/07/2021
Date of PL: 8/2/2022
Current Status: Under Training

Poly lives with her family and came to know about Azad through mobilization activity. Before joining Azad, she never thought that women could earn a living as professional drivers.. After lockdown was imposed due to Covid-19, Poly was in desperate need of a job. That is when she decided to Join Azad and do what so far had seemed impossible to her. She trained to become a professional driver and holds a permanent driving license. She liked Gender and legal sessions the most, which she felt were very empowering. She wants to earn and lead a life with respect and dignity.

Pranati lives with her family and came to know about Azad through a survey when one of Azad's mobilizers visited her place. She was going through a rough financial crunch after 2 consecutive lockdowns. Her passion for driving brought her to Azad. She liked gender and SRH sessions, which according to her, were extremely informative. She always believed in societal norms but realizes how there are many misconceptions and misinformation floating around which work to put women in a disadvantageous position in a society. She dreams of becoming the professional driver for government vehicles, like the Police and living a respectable life. “



Name: Mamata Makal
Date of Birth: 01/01/1987
Education: 8th Pass
Marital Status: Married
No. of Children: 1
Locality: Chingrighata
Enrolment No.: WB/NK/21-22/10
Date of joining: 20/08/2021
Date of PL: 14/3/2022
Current Status: Under Training



Name: Pinky Halder
Date of Birth: 22/1/2003
Education: 8th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Sonarpur
Enrolment No.: WB/NK/21-22/14
Date of joining: 20/08/2021
Date of PL: 29/11/2021
Current Status: Unemployed

Mamata lives with her husband, in-laws and daughter. She came to know about Azad through a survey when the mobilization team visited her place. Her husband was supportive of her decision to join Azad and learn 2 wheelers. Before joining Azad, she never thought that a woman could choose a profession like driving. She liked the Self defence session the most because she is now aware of tactics of protecting herself and others in case it is required on roads. This knowledge and skill gave her confidence. She also liked communication classes because being an introvert she was wary of argumentative conversation, but now she is aware that she can air her opinions and has learnt how to do so as well. She wants to drive and show people that women can do anything. Also she wants to be a motivation for her teenage daughter. Her dream is to support her family financially

Pinky is 19 year old and her aspirations are very high. She live with her parents and siblings in her own house. She came to know about Azad from her aunt who is also a sakha chauffeur, by looking at how her aunt is able to drive a car she got inspired and joined the training program at Azad. Of all the training modules, Pinky liked the legal and gender right session along with the sexual and reproductive health sessions. She said that in both the session she got to learn a lot about her own life and right and she could connect to it very well. Pinky is waiting for the employment and she is very sure to get a suitable job opportunity soon and aims to become economically independent.



RAGINI

Name: Ragini Poddar
Date of Birth: 05/07/1995
Education: 8th Pass
Marital Status: married
No. of Children: 2
Locality: Rajarhat
Enrolment No.: WB/NK/21-22/16
Date of joining: 20/09/2021
Date of PL: 22/02/2022
Current Status: Under training

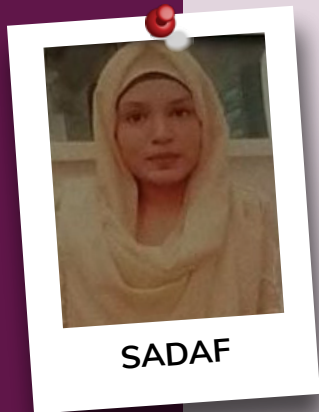
Ragini lives with her husband and 2 children. Though she faced resistance from her family before joining Azad, she stood firm with her decision and continued training. Her husband is a truck driver. She came to know about Azad from one of Sakha chauffeurs who resides in her locality. She felt that if both the partners can work and earn money, they can live a better life and give a better life to their children. She liked the English session so far and she is very passionate about driving. She said that no matter how much resistance she receives, she will move on in life and earn by driving. She wants to give children a better, safer and more comfortable life in the future.



MOUMITA

Name: Moumita sardar
Date of Birth: 28/06/2002
Education: 8th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Chinhrihata
Enrollment no: WB/NK/21-22/18
Date of joining: 30/10/2021
Date of PL: 22/02/2022
Current Status: Under Training

Moumita lives with her parents and works in a hospital so as to run her family. She came to know about Azad from a survey when mobilizers visited her place. She was almost paralysed for several months after an accident and her family had exhausted all their savings on her treatment. Now she has decided to take charge. Her love for driving has drawn her to Azad. Here she liked communication sessions the most as they have improved her communication abilities and boosted her confidence. Map sessions have also helped her move about with ease. She wants to drive across the city, earn a respectable life and become a motivation to others.



SADAF

Name: Sadaf Nigar
Date of Birth: 27/12/2000
Education: 12th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Rajabazar
Enrollment no: WB/NK/2021-22/19
Date of joining: 28/10/2021
Date of PL: 31/03/2022
Current Status: Under Training

Sadaf lives with her family and she came to know about Azad when one of our feminist leaders visited her home. She was always determined to learn driving as she always had a passion for it. Out of all sessions she liked legal sessions and English classes the most. She dreams of becoming a professional driver as she feels it would be a dignified way of earning money. She is now under training but soon after completing her training she would get a suitable job through which she will be able to support her family and fulfill all her dreams.



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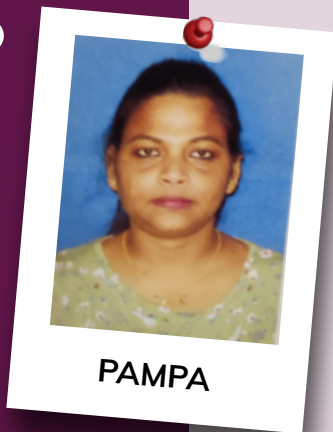
Name: Firdous Naaz
Date of Birth: 31/08/1997
Education: 8th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Rajabazar
Enrollment no: WB/NK/2021-22/20
Date of joining: 28/10/2021
Date of PL: 22/02/2022
Current Status: Under Training

Firdous lives with her family and she came to know about Azad from one of our feminist leaders who had visited her home. She was attracted to the non-traditional nature of this profession and felt that it offered a dignified source of livelihood. Her family has been supportive of her decisions and her journey. Out of all sessions she liked English and legal rights the most. She feels that in order to be a successful professional she needed to develop certain soft skills, wherein the English session was very helpful. She wishes to secure a job as soon as possible so that she is able to complete her education and help her family financially.



Name: Chaina Mondal
Date of Birth: 04/04/1987
Education: 10th Pass
Marital Status: Married
No. of Children: 1
Locality: Chingrighata
Enrollment no: WB/NK/2021-22/27
Date of joining: 29/11/2021
Date of PL: 03/03/2022
Current Status: Under Training

Chaina lives with her in-laws who have always troubled her in every possible way. Even, her husband did never support her. Her parents; however, have always been a source of strength and support for her. After several difficult years she decided to stand up for herself and for her daughter. Chaina came to know about Azad from a survey when the mobilisation team visited her place. She is determined to learn driving and become a professional driver. She liked English sessions because even in school she had always been keen to learn English. She feels that this class helped her overcome her fear of not being able to communicate in English, and boosted her confidence. She also liked the communication session because of its interactive, reflexive and participatory nature. She dreams of becoming financially independent and helping her daughter continue with her education. Chaina has been able to take charge and reclaim her life with dignity. She is positive not to tolerate any abuse or violence and ready to take action against the same. She wants to become a role model in the eyes of her daughter.



Name: Pampa Das
Date of Birth: 25/11/1984
Education: 10 Pass
Marital Status: Separated
No. of Children: 1
Locality: Kadapara
Enrollment no: WB/NK/2021-22/28
Date of joining: 29/11/2021
Date of PL: 22/02/2022
Current Status: Under Training

Pampa Das is separated and is a single mother to her son. Before joining Azad, she would receive some help from her father but mostly had to engage in odd jobs to make ends meet. She learnt about Azad from mobilization activity in her locality after mobilizers went for a survey to her place. She wanted to become independent and self-sufficient. She found driving to be quite an uncommon career option and was instantly excited by it. She liked the communication session the most where she has learnt how to channelize her emotions and thoughts properly and efficiently. She loves the driving class too and feels empowered participating in them. She wants to be financially independent and help her son with his education.



Name: Rakhi Sardar
Date of Birth: 28/11/1991
Education: 8th pass
Marital Status: Separated
No. of Children: 1
Locality: Chingrighata
Enrollment no: WB/NK/21-22/33
Date of joining: 13/12/2021
Date of PL: 31/03/2022
Current Status: Under Training

Rakhi Sardar is separated and lives with her son at her mother's house. She came to know about Azad through mobilization activities and upon further enquiring came in contact with the teams. She wanted to do something different, and find a livelihood of dignified work. She wanted to learn new skills and always had a passion for driving. She said that she enjoyed both legal and communication sessions a lot. Rakhi feels that these sessions have helped her immensely in increasing her awareness and skills. She dreams to earn with dignity, help her mother and give her child a good future. Above all, she wants to live her life on her own terms, unapologetically.



2 WHEELER



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| Name: | Reshmi Khatoon |
| Date of Birth: | 02/07/1990 |
| Education: | 10th pass |
| Marital status: | Married |
| No. of Children: | 2 |
| Locality: | Tangra |
| Enrolment No.: | WB/NK/20-21/8 |
| Date of joining: | 26/02/2021 |
| Date of PL: | 27/12/2021 |
| Current Status: | Employed |

Reshmi lives in Tangra with her husband and daughter. She received support from her family. She came to know about Azad from her sister who is now an alumni feminist leader. The pandemic has brought her financial condition to a rock bottom and she felt that instead of doing odd jobs she should learn scooty and earn steadily. Of all the sessions Reshmi has liked the English and communication session the most. She is aware that English is extremely important for her and it would help her in her work. She also liked the SRH session which was an eye opener for her. It helped her eradicate all sorts of taboos related to the human body. She is already earning money and dreams to help her children get proper education and support her family. She believes that women supporting their families financially would motivate other women as well. She is a staunch supporter of women's work and independence.



Name: Arshi Jabeen
Education: 12th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Entally
Enrolment No.: WB/NK/20-21/16
Date of joining: 12/03/2021
Date of PL: 11/03/2022
Current Status: Awaiting employment through Sakha



Name: Bisakha Paramanya
Education: 8th Pass
Marital Status: Married
No. of Children: 1
Locality: Chingrighata
Enrolment No.: WB/NK/20-21/19
Date of joining: 26/03/2021
Date of PL: 07/01/2022
Current Status: Awaiting employment through Sakha

Arshi lives with her elderly mother who is not physically capable of doing household chores anymore. Arshi is the only person around for all household work. She does not have any source of income but receives a meagre amount of Rs 2-3,000 per month from her cousin. She came to know about Azad from a survey when mobilizers went to her house. She was very excited to know that she can do something like driving a scooty and earning. She loved all the sessions and never missed one. She felt enriched in the English session and as she always had interest in learning more so that she can understand and even speak in English. She also liked communication class where she realized that choosing words wisely is important in both personal and professional life. She wants to earn, support her mother in every way possible.

Bisakha lives with her husband and is immensely supported by him. She came to know about Azad from her daughter who is also a chauffeur, currently awaiting employment through Sakha. Later she was elaborately informed about it by mobilizers who had visited her home for a survey. When she came to know that she can learn scooty and receive employment within 4-5 months she was determined to join the program. She loves to ride scooty and it makes her feel confident. She loved the Sexual and Reproductive Health sessions because it was not just informative but it was also very different from other modules and made her challenge social taboos. She wants to earn money and support her husband because she believes it's not solely a man's responsibility to provide for his family.



Name: Mousumi Dey
Date of Birth: 15/05/1999
Education: 10th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Belegkata
Enrolment No.: WB/NK/2018-19/23 WI
Date of joining: 21/01/2019
Date of PL: 04/03/2022
Current Status: Employed



Name: Arpita Das
Date of Birth: 16/10/1997
Education: 12th pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Belegkata
Enrolment No.: WB/NK/21-22/4
Date of joining: 12/04/2021
Date of PL: 31/12/2021
Current Status: Awaiting employment through Sakha

Mousumi joined the 4 wheelers training program but owing to a huge family debt she was hesitant to start training right away. But upon learning that she can receive training and earn within a span of 4-5 months, she joined Azad. Before joining Azad, she used to work as crew at various events from where she would not make much money. Moreover, the pandemic had destroyed all the scope for events, leaving her and her family with almost no source of income. She said that each and every session has empowered her, gave her motivation and made her confident. She liked Sexual and Reproductive Health sessions and Gender classes the most where she learnt many new things. Her only objective is to pay off her father's debts and establish a steady source of income. She has many wishes and she wants to be capable of fulfilling them as well.

Arpita lived with both of her parents when she started her training with Azad. She came to know about Azad from a survey form. Pandemic had almost destroyed a steady source of income and she decided to work and help her family. She liked the SRH and gender session because it helped her eradicate any kind of societal misconception from her mind. She believes SRH should be taught like this in more and more places. She recently lost her father and hopes to earn well so that she can support her mother and her family needs.

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Name: Indrani Mondal
Date of Birth: 18/02/1986
Education: 12th Pass
Marital Status: married
Locality: Chingrighata
Enrolment No.: WB/NK/21-22/21
Date of Joining: 28/10/2021
Date of PL: 22/02/2022
Current Status: Under Training



SAMPA

Name: Sampa Das
Date of Birth: 04/05/1988
Education: 8th Pass
Marital Status: married
No. of Children: 1
Locality: Kakurgachi
Enrolment No.: WB/NK/21-22/23
Date of joining: 25/10/2021
Date of PL: 22/02/2022
Current Status: Under Training

Indrani lives with her in-laws and her husband supports her a lot. She came to know Azad from a survey done by Azad's feminist leaders. She expressed interest as she wanted to learn how to drive a scooty and find work. She liked Communication and work readiness sessions out of all the sessions she did. She will use these skills when she is employed as a professional driver and starts earning, to do an even better job.

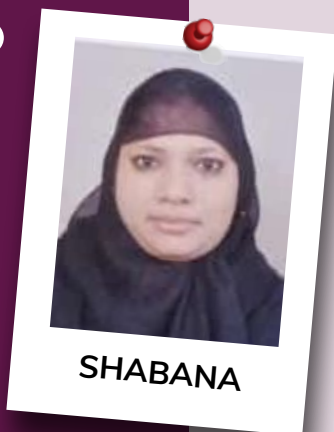
Sampa lives with her family and is supported by both her husband and father in her journey. She came to know about Azad from a mobilization activity in her area and she was determined to join the program. After the pandemic her family faced loss of livelihood and there wasn't any stable source of income to make ends meet. She liked all the sessions but English classes and Map-reading were her favorite. Learning to use maps properly has helped her to travel easily and given her a sense of increased mobility. She wants to learn more such skills, earn and live a respectable life.



RITA

Name: Rita Roy
Date of Birth: 05/11/2003
Education: 8th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Ahiritola
Enrolment No.: WB/NK/21-22/25
Date of joining: 29/11/2021
Date of PL: 03/03/2022
Current Status: Employed

Rita lives with her elderly grandmother, paralysed mother and a young sister. Her financial condition is extremely precarious and the family was struggling against abject poverty. She came to know about Azad through a mobilization activity. She was determined to not let her elderly grandmother go out and toil for alms while Rita, being young and able, was around. She knew that she could work and earn a respectable life. It was this determination that drove her to join Azad and finally work through to receive her permanent driver's license and be ready for a job. Of all the training Rita underwent, she liked the Sexuality session the most as realized how societal constraints and biases act against the favour of women. Also she liked the Map reading class where she learned how to operate GPS and travel anywhere. Now she uses it all the time and never faces any hassle while on the road. She wants to earn enough to be able to afford her mother's medication, sister's education and ensure a safe and comfortable life for her grandmother.



SHABANA

Name: Shabana Parveen
Date of Birth: 05/02/1988
Education: 8th Pass
Marital Status: Married
No. of Children: 2
Locality: Rajabazar
Enrolment No.: WB/NK/21-22/29
Date of joining: 29/11/2021
Date of PL: 03/03/2022
Current Status: Employed

Shabana lives with her family and came to know about Azad from mobilization activity in her locality. She received full support from her husband. She always wanted to learn scooty and when she heard that she could earn a respectable income too, she joined instantly. She liked the sessions and felt empowered in all, but she liked the English session the most along with communication classes. She always had interest in learning English but had to discontinue after class eight. She liked the way the session was conducted and it helped her improve her English communication as well. In communication sessions, she liked how trainees were taught to express themselves both in personal and professional spheres. She wants to support her family financially and improve their standard of living, and last but not the least, help her children in their education.



Name: Tabassum Parveen
Date of Birth: 24/01/1998
Education: 10th Pass
Marital Status: Separated
Locality: Rajabazar
Enrolment No.: WB/NK/21-22/30
Date of joining: 29/11/2021
Date of PL: 03/03/2022
Current Status: Under Training

Tabassum lives with her family, and is separated from her husband after surviving a traumatic marriage. Before joining Azad she was engaged in odd jobs but when she came to know about Azad from mobilization activity, she wanted to join as soon as possible since there was no proper source of income in her family at the time. The guarantee of a job following the training was an important security and an enabler for her. She liked English classes, and gender and sexuality modules a lot, as she was able to brush up her soft skills like greetings and learn important aspects about her own body. She believes it would not only help her in professional life but also personally. She also learned maps very well and now she can go anywhere without the fear of getting lost. She dreams to become independent and fulfill all her wishes.



Name: Amreen Khatoon
Date of Birth: 09/03/1993
Education: 10th Pass
Marital Status: unmarried
Locality: Rajabazar
Enrolment No.: WB/NK/21-22/31
Date of joining: 29/11/2021
Date of PL: 03/03/2022
Current Status: Employed

Amreen lives with her family who support her in every possible way. She came to know about Azad through a mobilization activity in her locality. She liked the sexual and Reproductive health session which broke several gender stereotypes that she had in her mind. She also liked the Map reading session which ensured her mobility became easier. She has already secured a job and wants to start working soon to help her family. Amreen says this is the first step towards fulfilling her dreams of being in a respectable profession and leading a dignified life.



Name: Babita Das
Date of Birth: 02/01/1984
Education: 8th pass
Marital Status: married
Locality: Manicktala
Enrolment No.: WB/NK/2019-20/3
Date of joining: 20/05/2019
Date of PL: 31/12/2021
Current Status: Employed

Babita was initially a four wheeler driver awaiting employment through Sakha when she decided to also seek two wheeler training to increase the chances of securing a job. During Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdowns, her husband lost his job and the family accumulated a lot of debts. She needed to earn as soon as possible. She had come to know about Azad from a survey and later enquired and signed up for the 2-wheeler training program as well. She liked the English session the most because now she can read in English, unlike ever before. She appreciated the legal session from which she gained ample information about how to lodge FIR and other legal formalities. Most importantly she said that all the sessions along with the technical training have helped her become confident enough to earn and support her family, and be a positive influence on her daughters.



SOUTH KOLKATA





4 WHEELER



Name: Priyanka Kumari Sha
Date of Birth: 11/02/1998
Education: Graduate
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Tiljala Road
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2020-2021/1
Date of Joining: 27/01/2021
Date of PL: 09/08/2021
Current Status: Employable

Priyanka's main motivation to join Azad Foundation was to get a job as her family was facing financial issues. Despite juggling multiple jobs like teaching part-time at a school, taking home tuitions and working at a café, she was instantly on board for training with Azad when she got to know about it from an FLP of Azad who lives nearby. What she loved about training at Azad was how supportive it is towards all trainees, irrespective of whether they are slow or fast at grasping what was taught to them. They don't reject any woman just because she takes a little more time than others to pick up new things. Priyanka salutes her driving faculty for training her in such a way that gives her confidence. She is also grateful for her other trainers because of whom her journey at Azad became unforgettable.



Name: Jhumki Barua
Date Of Birth : 13/04/1996
Education: 12th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Purba Putiary
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2020-2021/3
Date of Joining: 27/01/2021
Date of PL: 09/08/2021
Current Status: Employable

Jhumki Barua lives with her parents and both her parents are working. Both her parents are very supportive of Rinku and her decisions. She came to know about Azad from her mother who owns a pink cab. Having joined Azad, Jhumki learnt to speak up or take a stand for herself in a way she never did before. She liked the communication session a lot because she learnt the way and art of articulation. She feels that this will help her, both in her personal and professional sphere. Another training she liked is SRH where she was educated with facts about anatomy and also helped her eradicate all sorts of social taboos from her life. Her dream is to become someone whose name would be enough for someone to identify.



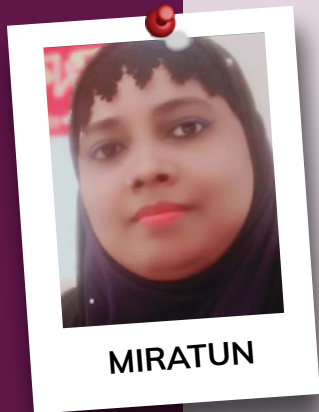
Name: Priyanka Mondal
Date of Birth: 30/01/1996
Education: 10th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Purba Putiary
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2020-2021/12
Date of Joining: 27/01/2021
Date of PL: 02/08/2021
Current Status: Under Training

Priyanka is a woman who loves to learn new things, she is always open to new experiences from which she can gain life lessons. From where she comes, girls are usually expected to ride a cycle, or at the most a scooty, but she realized that she wanted to learn how to drive a car as well. Her family, which includes her mother, father, brother and grandmother, were not really supportive of her decision at first. But when they saw that what she is doing is for her own welfare and upliftment, they came to terms with it. What she appreciated most about the trainers at Azad was that they gave her the necessary time and space that she needed. She also found the gender and communication class to be very open where nothing was considered taboo. She dreams of one day completing her higher studies, training for the 2-wheeler and she would also like to learn more languages.



Name: Sagarika Halder Naskar
Date of Birth: 24/11/1990
Education: 9th Pass
Marital Status: Separated
Number of Children: 1
Locality: Sonarpur, Kolkata
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2020-2021/6
Date of Joining: 27/01/2021
Date of PL: 09/08/2021
Current Status: Under Training

Sagarika got to know about Azad Foundation through a Facebook post where she saw one trainee telling her story. Along with this, her sister motivated her to join Azad as a 4-wheeler driving trainee. She at present stays with her father, mother, brother and her 6-year-old son, helping her father with the household earnings. She was facing a tremendous amount of pressure from her in-laws, they used to insult her parents and her husband was not very supportive either. She decided to take her life into her own hands after attending the gender class. Her teacher encouraged her to take the legal step of divorcing her husband. Azad Foundation enabled her to know her legal rights because of which she was able to separate from her husband and take her son with her. Even though she has not gotten divorced yet, she is adamant that she will no longer suffer any kind of injustice, she will not listen to those who oppress her and will stand with pride. Sagarika dreams of owning her own house one day where she is neither dependent on her father, nor on her husband.



MIRATUN

Name: Miratun Nehar
Date of Birth: 04/04/1985
Education: 10th Pass
Marital Status: Married
Number of Children: 2
Locality: Topsia, Kolkata
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2020-2021/9
Date of Joining: 27/01/2021
Date of PL: 09/08/2021
Current Status: Under Training

Miratun grew up in an environment where girls were not even allowed to ride a bicycle on their own. She got to know about Azad Foundation through another NGO. She had also heard about Azad from other NGOs that visited her area from time to time. Azad gave Miratun a newfound freedom which she never knew she could have. Miratun enjoyed each and every class that she attended, including the gender class where she realized to what extent the patriarchal society discriminates between men and women, the communication class gave her self-confidence to talk, and the sexuality class which made her aware and sensitive of the fact that it is completely normal for a girl to fall in love with another girl (homosexuality) and the transgender community have as much right to enjoy a position of dignity in society as any other member. Miratun dreams of having enough income to own a house and a vehicle of her own.



KABITA

Name: Kabita Ram
Date of Birth: 15/04/2001
Education: 12th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Tiljala Road, Kolkata
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2020-2021/10
Date of Joining: 27/01/2021
Date of PL: 02/08/2021
Current Status: Employable

Kabita understands that time is a resource and she is determined to utilize every day to her advantage and self-development. During the pandemic, Kabita found herself with a lot of free time and she decided to utilize her time in training for a job at Azad Foundation. With the help of an FLP, she joined Azad for a 6-month training of 4-wheeler vehicles. She also desperately required a job. Kabita felt very good while training at Azad and she found the trainers to be helpful to her needs. Most importantly she received complete support from her family which consists of her parents and her younger sister. Kabita does not desire a lot from life, she counts her blessings everyday and just wishes that she is able to live through each and every day working for herself without any financial troubles. She is also grateful for the friendships that have come her way during her time at Azad.



NIKITA

Name: Nikita Chowdhury
Date of Birth: 04/01/1999
Education: 12th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Tiljala Road
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2020-2021/11
Date of Joining: 27/01/2021
Date of PL: 09/08/2021
Current Status: Employable

While hunting for her second job along with taking tuitions, Nikita found out about Azad Foundation through a camp meeting. Her mother is her only family and she did not intervene in Nikita's pursuit to learn driving for which she is really grateful. Nikita attended most of her classes online like self-defense and communication. These classes instilled a kind of fearlessness inside her that she can do anything she wants and that what other people say or think of her does not matter. She also learned how to travel alone.. At present, Nikita really misses her training life at Azad, if it were not for the dire need to get a job, she would never have left Azad after 6 months of training. She is determined to earn money through her jobs. In her own words, "No job is big or small. One has to just work to live a life with your head held high."



SHABA

Name: Shaba Parveen
Date of Birth: 19/12/2001
Education: 8th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2020-2021/13
Date of Joining: 27/01/2021
Date of PL: 02/08/2021
Current Status: Awaiting employment through Sakha

Shaba got to know about Azad Foundation through FLP in Kolkata and gave tuitions to children in her locality. Shaba went with her mother to Azad office to enquire further. Finally, she joined Azad upon realizing that she really wanted to help make the city a safer place for women and girls. Her family, consisting of her parents and siblings, supported her, especially her mother. What she liked most about the training was that the timings were flexible for girls and the teachers were friendly and understanding. While she was learning to drive, she realized that she had an undiscovered power within her that she never knew of before. Shaba dreams of one day working a job that gives her a sense of fulfillment where she can help her parents financially. Even when she gets married, she wants to cover the expenses from her side. Azad Foundation has given her such a strength that she wishes that Azad would offer girls training in other sectors also apart from driving



PRIYA

Name: Priya Das
Date of Birth: 26/12/2000
Education: 12th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Brahmaipur Place
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2020-2021/25
Date of Joining: 18.02.2021
Date of PL: 09/08/2021
Current Status: Employable

Priya got to know about Azad foundation through a friend. From her childhood, she loved driving, and had learnt how to ride a 2-wheeler at a very young age on her own. Azad Foundation gave her another opportunity to learn the 4-wheeler, where she had a great experience. Along with the actual training, she gained a lot of general and practical knowledge about vehicles. Her family supported her decision and her journey. She dreams of owning a car one day and driving it for her livelihood. She loves watching movies in her free time and has a secret desire to become a female bike stunt rider.



SUSHMITA

Name: Sushmita Roy
Date of Birth: 01/10/1992
Education: 12th Pass
Marital Status: Married
Number of Children: 1
Locality: Garfa
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2020-2021/28
Date of Joining: 18/02/2021
Date of PL: 09/08/2021
Current Status: Under Training

Sushmita came to know about Azad from an acquaintance who was a trainee at Azad. Sushmita had also heard of Azad Foundation before through her brother and since it cares a lot about the safety and support of young women, Sushmita decided to join and start her training. The non-technical classes motivated her to become independent and self-sufficient. She found herself acquiring a new strength and will power which she never thought she had when it came to driving alone on the road. Sushmita's parents allowed and supported her to train from Azad and because of this she saw a big change in herself. She found herself being more assertive to things and saying "No" when she wanted to. Her immediate goal is to finish training and give job interviews so that she can start to earn her living by driving and supporting her son.



KABITA

Name: Kabita Sardar
Date of Birth: 10/07/1983
Education: 10th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Kalidas Dutta Lane
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2020-2021/30
Date of Joining: 18/02/2021
Date of PL: 06/09/2021
Current Status: Under Training

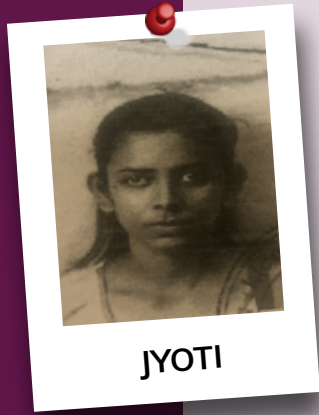
Kabita's friend had been trained at Azad Foundation in two and four-wheelers. She recommended Kabita to join Azad to support herself and get a job. What she loved most about training at Azad was the calm and considerate behavior of the trainers and the immense opportunities that Azad brings to its trainees. Throughout her training, Kabita became increasingly aware of the fact that every girl ought to realize her identity is not that of her father's or husband's but an independent identity, free from any patriarchal control. Kabita works and lives alone in the city, her parents have separated from her, but Azad has enabled her to not be afraid of any kind of darkness. She is determined to live life boldly on her own terms and not be discouraged at the obstacles that she faces on an everyday basis. She wishes to settle into a driving job in the future.



SANDHAYA

Name: Sandhaya Das
Date of Birth: 29/10/1999
Education: 10th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Tiljala Road
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2020-2021/31
Date of Joining: 18/02/2021
Date of PL: 09/08/2021
Current Status: Employable

Sandhaya's friend who also did her training from Azad Foundation encouraged Sandhaya to join Azad. She saw a great opportunity and also the possibility of getting a job within 7 to 8 months of completing training. Sandhaya loved her training time at Azad because her trainers and teachers used to explain everything in detail. She especially liked the non-technical classes because it really contributed to her self-development. Her family consists of her parents and her brother, who supported her in this pursuit. Before joining Azad, neither did she have any idea about driving, nor did she have any experience of traveling alone. Earlier, she only felt safe traveling to places if someone accompanied her, but because of her training where she drove to places on her own, she feels safe even when there is no one accompanying her. Sandhaya loves to listen to music and sing in her free time and dreams of giving UPSC exams one day to become an IAS officer.



JYOTI

Name: Jyoti Singh
Date of Birth: 11/11/1996
Education: 10th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Prince Anwar Shah Road
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2020-2021/36
Date of Joining: 26/02/2021
Date of PL: 09/08/2021
Current Status: Under Training

Jyoti was in Lake Gardens, Kolkata when she heard an announcement about Azad Foundation and it caught her attention. Then she went home and searched on Google about the organization. She felt like she stumbled on a great opportunity, especially for a girl who has had little education and no space for growth. From childhood, Jyoti was very active and she liked learning how to ride the cycle and even the scooter, so naturally Jyoti benefited from her training at Azad as it coincided with her passion. Her family, which consists of her parents and younger brother, fully supported her venture to train at Azad. Currently she does housework to help her family with finances, while both her parents work. So, she is proud of the fact that each member of her family, including herself, contributes towards the family. She dreams of owning her own vehicle one day after she finishes training.



PARBATI

Name: Parbati Mahato
Date of Birth: 10/11/2002
Education: 8th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2020-2021/45
Date of Joining: 26/03/2021
Date of PL: 06/09/2021
Current Status: Employable

Parbati got to know about Azad Foundation through an acquaintance in her neighborhood. She joined the organization as a 4-wheeler trainee because she found Azad Foundation to be one of the few organizations which are open and accepting, guiding and nurturing young women to become trained professional drivers. She loved attending the gender class where she became aware of the stereotypes about women that exist in society, such as women cannot earn in male-centered jobs, and realized this must be changed. Her family, which consists of her parents and siblings, supported Parbati's decision to train. She feels that she has gained a lot of confidence and her communication skills have improved to the point that she does not hold back, she speaks up. She wishes to finish her training soon so that she can get a job as a driver in the near future.



Name: Pushpa Maity
Education: 10th Pass
Marital Status: Married
Number Of Children: 1
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2020-2021/46
Date of Joining: 26/03/2021
Date of PL: 09/08/2021
Current Status: Under Training

Pushpa got to know about Azad through a neighbor who also worked at Azad. From childhood, she was expected to never voice her needs and her desires, she was never allowed a voice of her own. Even after her marriage, her family did not support her when she joined Azad. But as she progressed in her training, Pushpa realized that she is the only one who can change her life. She realized that she cannot wait around or depend on anyone to listen to her, that she has to take things in her own hands and for this realization, she is tremendously grateful to Azad. Through her non-technical classes at Azad, she became much more courageous in facing her fears.



Name: Debjani Majumder
Date of Birth: 10/10/1987
Education: 10th Pass
Marital Status: Married
Locality: Jadavpur
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2021-22/1
Number of Children: 1
Date of Joining: 28/07/2021
Date of PL: 01/11/2021
Current Status: Under training

Debjani felt frustrated staying at home with no income when she came to know about Azad Foundation from the internet. Upon searching for any job or training opportunities, she found a center at Jadavpur where she enrolled herself. She wanted to be financially independent and was open to any opportunity, so she took this decision. Her family, which consists of her mother-in-law, husband and her daughter, supported her training. Before marriage she was a gym trainer and her husband always encouraged her to do new things. As a family, he adjusted to her training timings, took care of their daughter in the morning while Debjani was off to train, then after she returned, he went for his own work. Such was the family dynamic in her household which enabled her to continue her training. Debjani does not have any far-fetched dreams or wishes. In her own words, "Choose one thing that you want to do and concentrate on only that." She just wants to concentrate on her training as of now and start earning as a professional driver soon.



Name: Pramila Halder
Date of Birth: 02/02/1987
Education: 12th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Beltia Road, Kolkata
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2021-22/2
Date of Joining: 28/07/2021
Date of PL: 01/11/2021
Current Status: Under Training

Pramila got to know about Azad Foundation through her sister who was also a trainee there. She says that with limited employment opportunities in West Bengal, it is extremely difficult for women to secure jobs and therefore believes that Azad Foundation is a great platform for girls with less education. She also found the non-technical classes like map-reading, communication and self-development to be helpful on ethical and social matters. What she found the most useful was the class on laws, rules and regulations because she gained a lot of knowledge on her rights and became aware of how certain minorities face harassment in society. Pramila did not disclose that she takes training from Azad to her parents because she knew that her family would never allow her to train on her own. Pramila says she has learned and grown a lot whilst at Azad, and now she has a better grasp over herself. Now, she can present herself better and people actually listen to her unlike before where her voice was not given any importance by her society. Pramila wishes to one day own a car.



Name: Anuradha Das
Date of Birth: 25/03/1990
Education: 12th Pass
Marital Status: Married
Number of Children: 1
Locality: RC Thakurana
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2021-22/8
Date of Joining: 27/08/2021
Date of PL: 22/11/2021
Current Status: Employable

Anuradha came to know about Azad Foundation from her aunt who is a professional taxi driver. She recommended Anuradha to train from Azad. She joined the organization so that she could become self-sufficient and not be dependent on her family. After joining Azad, she got to learn many new things. Anuradha loved her non-technical classes like self-defense, sexuality and gender classes. She was made aware of the fact that women cannot be discriminated against under any circumstances and if it does happen, one should not hesitate to speak up when necessary. Her family which includes her in-laws, her husband and her daughter supported her decision to train from Azad. She also wants to start earning and contributing financially to the family along with her husband and her father-in-law. Even before joining Azad, she was never afraid to leave the house alone and she is proud of that, but she does accept that Azad instilled in her more trust and the ability to look inward. Trusting yourself is one of the most helpful things one can do in their life. It can help build confidence, allow others to trust you more and make the process of decision making much easier. She has a goal in her life to start earning for herself and raise her daughter in the right way.



Name: Sweety Jana
Date of Birth: 04/11/1992
Education: 9th Pass
Marital Status: Married
Number of Children: 1
Locality: Alipore, Kolkata
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2021-22/9
Date of Joining: 27/08/2021
Date of PL: 22/11/2021
Current Status: Under training



Name: Moumita Dey
Date of Birth: 09/09/1990
Education: 10th Pass
Marital Status: Divorced
Number of Children: 1
Locality: Sarat Bose Road
Date of Joining: 29/09/2021
Date of PL: 27/12/2021
Current Status: Under training

Sweety was suggested to join Azad Foundation by 2 trainees who were associated with the organization. During the pandemic, Sweety found herself restless without a job and felt that Azad would be a great opportunity for someone like her to get back on her feet. Initially, when her training started, Sweety was very nervous and scared to speak to anyone, to face anybody, even to drive on the road. But training for a few months has enabled her to overcome this fear and learn to communicate. She accepts that she perhaps could not even give her interview if it were not for the confidence that she gained in the past couple of months. She still feels nervous sometimes to talk to strangers but she is trying her best and will keep trying until this fear goes away. She loved her gender class where she learnt a very important thing- No man, woman or anyone else is small or big, nor the job that they do. Every person, including members of the transgender community deserve a place of equality and dignity in society. Her in-laws and her husband more or less supported Sweety when they saw that she was determined to train and learn driving. She dreams of getting a job as a professional driver as soon as her training finishes.

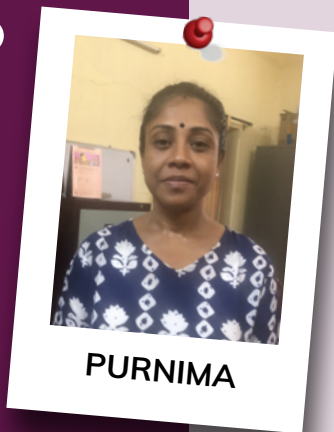
It was Moumita's friend, also a trainee at Azad Foundation, who suggested that she join. Since Moumita wanted to do meaningful work in life and needed a job, she readily joined Azad to train. Once her training started, she saw how everyone at Azad works hard so that each girl, each woman can progress in life, not only in driving, but also in other areas like self-development, soft skills, self-defense and awareness of one's rights. She has a wonderful training at Azad and learnt many new things which she was not aware of before. She is also proud of the fact that she cleared her Learning License and her Permanent License exam in her first attempt itself. What she especially liked learning from her non-technical classes was the self-defense class where she learnt how she could protect herself physically. Her family fully supported her in her training. Throughout her training, she learnt how to be courageous, fight for what you believe in, work hard and have no fear. Her plans for the near future is to complete her training and get a job as a driver so that she can raise her son properly without any financial problems.



ANJU

Name: Anju Shil
Date of Birth: 09/09/1980
Education: 10th Pass
Marital Status: Married
Number of Children: 1
Locality: Jodhpur Park
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2021-22/12
Date of Joining: 29/09/2021
Date of PL: 27/12/2021
Current Status: Under training

Anju Shil's college, who was associated with Azad Foundation, suggested Anju to join Azad and train from there. The pandemic brought a lot of financial problems for her family, especially her husband who lost his job. Anju did not want to sit at home. She had the responsibility of educating her son and making sure that he got quality schooling so she decided to train from Azad so that she could get a job as soon as her training finishes. After training from Azad, she saw that her driving teachers are unmatched. They give all the trainees at Azad a lot of respect and equal treatment. From her non-technical classes, her confidence level increased and in her self-defense class, particularly, she learnt how to look after oneself, especially when one is alone or out at night. She learnt soft skills like how to present oneself and talk to customers in job situations. Her family completely supported her decision to train from Azad and seeing how the situation in her family went from good to pathetic because of Covid, she was more determined than ever to improve things. She says that she refuses to give up, because it is her son's bright future for which she wants to work so hard. She wants to get into work and have a job immediately so that she can start saving for her son's career.



PURNIMA

Name: Purnima Gayen
Date of Birth: 02/01/1987
Education: 12th Pass
Marital Status: Married
Number of Children: 1
Locality: Garia, Panchasayar
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2021-22/28
Date of Joining: 29/11/2021
Date of PL: 10/12/2021
Current Status: Under training

Purnima came to know about Azad Foundation through a neighbor who was also a trainee at Azad. She always wanted to learn how to drive and felt that she came across the best opportunity at Azad. Compared to other driving schools which taught students strictly on a limited number of kilometers, hours or days, Purnima felt that at Azad, the driving teachers nurture women until they are confident in themselves, they do not go ahead unless a trainee has completely understood something and they prepare them in an all-rounded manner. Purnima specifically really liked her spoken English class and her first aid class where she learnt how the body reacts in fearful and tense situations and how one can learn to manage and handle the situation to one's advantage. When Purnima first decided to join Azad, she was very nervous and tensed about leaving her daughter alone at home. But it was her husband who encouraged her and supported her to go train and he gave her assurance that their daughter would be fine and if required in the beginning, he would stay back. She is really grateful for the support she has received at home and at Azad Foundation. Her confidence level increased, not only behind the steering wheel, but also in other areas of her life. Purnima wishes to get a job in driving when she completes her training and perhaps in the future, also teach other girls to drive, who otherwise may feel uncomfortable learning from a male teacher.



SANKORI

Name: Sankori Ghosh
Date of Birth: 20/08/2002
Education: 12th Class
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Boral, South 24 Parganas
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2020-2021/26
Date of Joining: 18/02/2021
Date of PL: 09/08/2021
Current Status: Employable

Sankori lives with her parents and 2 sisters. She came to know about Azad from a trainee. She loves to come to Azad because she has many friends here and she learnt driving and gained much confidence in herself. She said out of all the classes that she attended in Azad she likes the gender and legal right classes the most because she gets to learn about the rights of a woman which is very necessary in today's world where women are treated unvalued. After that she likes the spoken English and work readiness sessions because it has boosted her confidence. Now she wants to do a job and take care of her family and parents.



SONALI

Name: Sonali Roy
Date of Birth: 27/09/1999
Education: 12th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: BB Chatterjee Road
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2020-2021/34
Date of Joining: 26/02/2021
Date of PL: 27/12/2021
Current Status: Under Training

Sonali lives with her parents, elder sister and brother, she came to know about Azad from one of the Sakha chauffeurs. She is proud of her decision to join Azad because this association has made her feel free and empowered. Azad is a safe space where she can express herself. Not only in interpersonal relationships, Sonali says that Azad has taught her how to conduct herself professionally and to the outer world as well. She wants to become a professional driver.



TITHI

Name: Tithi Ghosh
Date of Birth: 27/07/2000
Education: 12th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Boral, 24 Pargana
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2020-2021/35
Date of Joining: 26/03/2022
Date of PL: 09/08/2021
Current Status: Employable

Tithi lives with her parents and 2 sisters. She came to know about Azad from a trainee who lives in her locality. She loves coming to Azad because she has many friends here and she learnt driving and gained much confidence. Now she wants to do a job and take care of her family and parents. She shares that earlier she was hesitant and under confident in talking to other people, but Azad has taught her soft skills which she puts to good use in everyday personal and professional communications now. She has also developed an understanding about the various ways in which discrimination works.



SAMPA

Name: Sampa Halder
Date of Birth: 24/12/1994
Education: 10th Pass
Marital Status: Married
Number of Children: 1
Locality: Sonarpur, Kolkata
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2020-2021/4
Date of Joining: 27/01/2021
Date of PL: 28/03/2022
Current Status: Under Training

When Sampa enrolled in January 2021 then she lived with her parents but now after her PL she came to her in-laws house. She is a domestic violence survivor and lives with her husband and in-laws. After a long time of separation she decided to give a last chance to her husband so she came in in- laws house 3 months ago. BUt till she faced many forms of violence everyday. She came to know about Azad from her aunt who is a Sakha Chauffeur and she thought that this is the only way through which she could stop violence in her life so she joined Azad. She loved to come to Azad because only this time of day did she get peace of mind. Her in-laws don't allow her to talk with anyone else so she enjoys friendships in Azad. She enjoys self defense, sexuality and Gender training here. Now she wants to become a driver and earn and will come out from this violence situation.



Name: Madhumita Mondal
Date of Birth: 07/11/1994
Education: 10th Pass
Marital Status: Married
Number Of Children: 1
Locality: Sonarpur, 24 Parganas
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2021-22/30
Date of Joining: 30/12/2021
Date of PL: 28/03/2022
Current Status: Under training

Madhumita is separated and is a single mother to her daughter. She survived domestic violence at her in-law's only to face further rejection from her own family. She came to know about Azad from a Sakha chauffeur who lives beside her parents' house. She joined Azad despite opposition from her parents because she thought that this was the only way to overcome the violence she faced. She learned from Azad how to speak out against violence, about legal rights and about patriarchal oppression. Now she wants to become a Sakha chauffeur and dreams of buying her own car some day.



SWAPNA

Name: Swapna Gupta
Date of Birth: 28/06/1986
Education: 8th Pass
Marital Status: Married
Number of Children: 1
Locality: Tiljala Road
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2021-22/32
Date of Joining: 30/12/2021
Date of PL: 28/03/2022
Current Status: Under training

Swapna lives with her in-laws, husband and one son. She came to know about Azad from a Feminist Leader of Azad who happened to be her neighbour. Earlier she was afraid of going out alone but now she is confident and well-equipped to travel as and when needed, all by herself.. She not only learnt how to drive but also about the various kinds of discrimination in our lives. More importantly, she says, she learnt how to speak out against the wrong. Now she wants to become a professional driver.



MUNMUN

Name: Munmun Mondal
Date of Birth: 19/08/1984
Education: 8th Pass
Marital Status: Married
Number Of Children: 2
Locality: Jadavpur, 24 Parganas
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2021-22/41
Date of Joining: 30/12/2021
Date of PL: 28/03/2022
Current Status: Under training

Munmun lives with her husband and two sons. She got married at the tender age of 12. Now her eldest son is 22, and she thought it was about time she made radical changes to her life. She came to know of Azad from a Sakha chauffeur who lives beside her house. She loves coming to Azad because it gives her a chance to engage with other women like her. Their life and journey motivates and inspires her. At Azad, she feels she not only learnt driving but also how to support others. Now she wants to learn how to drive properly and buy her own car.



Name: Priyanka Paik
Date of Birth: 24/08/1994
Education: 8th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Prince Anwar Shah Road
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2020-2021/29
Date of Joining: 18/02/2021
Date of PL: 09/08/2021
Current Status: Employed

Priyanka lives with her parents and brother. Her father is paralyzed and mother runs a small tea shop. She came to know about Azad from an auto campaign by Talaash. She enjoyed her training very much because she made many friends here, she got support from azad during lockdown. Though she loves to come to Azad, she needs a job very much. So after her permanent license now she is working in a shp and got 9000 INR as salary but she wants to complete her car training when her situation is little bit.



2 WHEELER



ADITIYA

Name: Aditiya Acharjee
Date of Birth: 12/06/1997
Education: 12th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Purbachal, Kolkata
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2019-20/63/ WI
Date of Joining: 28/11/2019
Date of PL: 08/11/2021
Current Status: Employed

Aditiya came to know of Azad Foundation through a trainee who lived near her. She had worked in sales before but she was looking for new scopes, new horizons, and uncharted territories where women could work in male-dominated fields. So, she did not hesitate to join Azad and begin her training. After starting her training, she felt really good to get this opportunity. She especially liked her legal classes where she became aware of how she could use her rights when and if the situation demands it. Her family which consists of her parents and her siblings supported Aditiya in her decision to train. She has seen a big change in herself- earlier, she could not communicate well with people, but now she knows while driving and working what to say; when and how to handle situations on her own. She is proud of this change, especially the ability to work in what is conventionally recognized as a field for men. Aditiya, who also works as a Flipkart delivery agent, wishes to also complete her 4-wheeler training from Azad as well and get a job as a driver for preferably 4-wheeler vehicles in the future.



TUSI

Name: Tusi Nag
Date of Birth: 10/09/1990
Education: Graduation
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Pragati Maidan
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2019-20/52/WI
Date of Joining: 25/09/2019
Date of PL: 28/03/2022
Current Status: Employed

Tusi lives with her mother and grandmother. She came to know about Azad before covid through a mobilization activity. She had initially signed up for 4 wheeler training but she could not continue for long. After covid, owing to extreme and immediate financial needs, she decided to join the two wheeler training. She loves coming to Azad because she enjoys the environment and the discipline here. She has also made many friends at Azad. She has learnt self defense and spoken English, which she finds very useful. She wants to continue her job and relieve her mother from hard work, and be able to build a house for themselves.



Name: Akbari Hussain
Date of Birth: 24/11/2002
Education: 10th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Tiljala, Kolkata
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2020-2021/15
Date of Joining: 27/01/2021
Date if PL: 08/11/2021
Current Status: Employed

A Akbari's tuition teacher suggested to her to join Azad Foundation when Akbari needed a job immediately. After starting her training at Azad, for a girl who did not even know how to ride a bicycle, she learned to ride the 2-wheeler very quickly. Her teachers were really supportive and taught her well. The non-technical classes motivated her to be independent and gave her courage that she has the potential to lead her life on her own. Her parents were supportive and proud of their daughter's decision. Akbari shares that she started dreaming about the future and having aspirations about her life for the first time. Today, her goal is to start earning so that she can support herself and as well as her family, financially.



Name: Barsha Koyal
Date of Birth: 19/07/2001
Education: 12th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Mograhat, 24 Parganas
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2020-2021/17
Date of Joining: 27/01/2021
Date of PL: 02/08/2021
Current Status: Awaiting employment through Sakha

B arsha came to know about Azad Foundation through her relative who was also a trainee at Azad. She had lost her previous job and was in need of another one during the lockdown. Since she came to know that Azad supported girls like her, she wasted no time and started her training right away. At Azad, she learnt how to face different kinds of problems- driving-related or otherwise. Barsha only has her mother to call her family and she whole-heartedly supported Barsha in her journey. She felt her self-esteem increasing by the day because of how fast she picked up two-wheeler driving. With the skills that she has developed through her training at Azad Foundation, she hopes to get a job as a delivery agent soon.



LAKSHMIPRIYA

Name: Lakshmipriya Saha
Date of Birth: 05/08/1991
Education: Graduation
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Patuli
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2020-2021/19
Date of Joining: 27/01/2021
Date of PL: 7/03/2022
Current Status: Employed

Lakshmipriya got to know about Azad Foundation from a news and a talk where one of Azad's chauffeurs talked about her story. After listening to that story, she decided to join Azad. She enjoys coming to Azad because finally she felt motivated enough to become independent and self-sufficient. She also learnt how to be calm and communicate her thoughts to others, which has been a great help in all spheres of her life. Her dream is to be a photographer and she is doing a job to save and work towards that dream.



RINA

Name: Rina Roy
Date of Birth: 20/11/1990
Education: Xth Pass
Marital Status: Married
Number Of Children: 1
Locality: Sridhar Roy Road
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2020-2021/20
Date of Joining: 27/01/2021
Date of PL: 09/08/2021
Current Status: Employed

Rina lives with her daughter and her husband, She came to know about Azad from a feminist leaders in their area. She learned how to negotiate her demands and communicate with others. She already knew how to drive a two wheeler but it was Azad where she wanted to work and become self-sufficient. Now she wants to do a job and ensure a better future for her family.



SAYRA

Name: Sayra Khan
Date of Birth: 27/09/2985
Education: 12th Pass
Marital Status: Married
Number of Children: 1
Locality: Bandipur road
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2020-2021/23
Date of Joining: 27/01/2021
Date of PL: 02/08/2021
Current Status: Employed

Sayra lives with her husband and a daughter. She came to know about Azad from a trainee. At Azad, Sayra realized the need and the way to speak out against any form of violence and realized the importance of being self-sufficient. She shared that her communication skills have improved since joining Azad and now she is unafraid of making eye-contact while speaking, unlike before. She wants to do a dignified job so that she can ensure a better future for her daughter.



SALMA

Name: Salma Khatoon
Date of Birth: 07/08/1990
Education: 8th Pass
Marital Status: Married
Number of Children: 3
Locality: D.C. Dey Road
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2020-2021/24
Date of Joining: 27/01/2021
Date of PL: 08/11/2021
Current Status: Employed

Salma got to know about Azad Foundation when she came across a pamphlet during a survey. She wanted to learn how to drive the 2-wheeler and find a job as a delivery agent in places like Swiggy, Zomato or Flipkart. She felt empowered through her training at Azad because women here receive a lot of support from the teachers and trainers, and her perception and way of thinking changed about the society around her. Through her legal class, she gained a lot of knowledge about her rights and through her communication classes, her speaking skills in English improved. Her family consists of her 3 children and her husband. Salma did not wait for an approval from her husband and went ahead with her training. A big change that she saw in herself from this training is that she learned to have more control and understanding of her own behavior. Salma hopes that she gets the delivery job which she interviewed for and starts earning soon



Name: Priyanka Paswan
Date of Birth: 4/01/2001
Education: 10th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Bosepukur Road
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2020-2021/32
Date of Joining: 18/02/2021
Date of PL: 02/08/2021
Current Status: Employed

Priyanka lives at her maternal uncle's house. She came to know about Azad during ration distribution in the 1st wave of COVID. She was contacted by Azad' feminist leader who lives in their area and decided to join the 2 wheeler training. Earlier she used to work in a small company but she wanted to do a better job. She learned to drive and to be brave. She got a job in Big basket in her very first interview, and is now a professional driver like she wanted to be.



Name: Mantoshi Bauri
Date of Birth: 04/07/2000
Education: 12th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Dhapa, Kachrapara
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2020-2021/42
Date of Joining: 26/02/2021
Date of PL: 31/08/2021
Current Status: Employable

Mantoshi's friends had also joined Azad Foundation when they suggested she join as well. Since she already knew how to ride a bicycle, 2-wheeler training was a breeze. She lives with her parents and brother. She enjoys her training in Azad. Her father is unwell so she wants to join a job immediately. For now, she is doing a job in a leather company, but ultimately wants to work in a driving related job.



PIU

Name: Piu Singh
Date of Birth: 27/04/2003
Education: 12th Pass
Marital Status: Married
Locality: Haridevpur
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2021-22/4
Date of Joining: 28/07/2021
Date of PL: 31/12/2021
Current Status: Employable

Piu came to know about Azad from a friend who was a training faculty at Azad. She lives with her in-laws, her husband and their baby. She enjoys coming to Azad as she gets to learn many new skills and information from here. She has developed an understanding of patriarchy and gender-based violence and mustered courage to speak out against it. Piu secured a job as a delivery executive agent but had to discontinue owing to her baby's ill health. However, she is determined to continue once her baby is all hail and hearty.



ANUSREE

Name: Anusree Das
Date of Birth: 29/11/2000
Education: 12th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Bandipur Road
Enrolment Number: WB/KOL/2021-22/4
Date of Joining: August 2021
Date of PL: November 2021
Current Status: Awaiting employment through Sakha

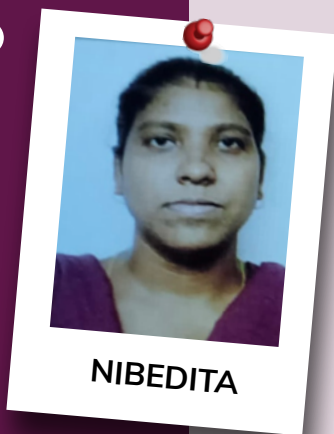
Anusree was introduced to Azad through a neighbor who suggested she sign up for two-wheeler training. Since Anusree needed a job, she took up this opportunity. Her parents were supportive of this decision and stood by Anushree through her journey. During her training, Anusree felt very safe in the learning environment of Azad. She gives credit to the technical training as well as her non-technical classes for teaching her how one can improve and uplift oneself, and gain enough knowledge to defend oneself in the world out there. Both trainers and trainees made the classes quite relatable and comfortable for her. Because of this, Anusree found herself being able to talk much more than she could before, she felt safe sharing her thoughts to her teachers, and noticed an overall improvement in her communication skills. Now that she has completed training, she wishes to find a job as a delivery agent at a company like Flipkart.



MOMATA

Name: Momata Kar
Date of Birth: 01/01/1986
Education: 9th Pass
Marital Status: Married
Locality: N.S.C Bose Road
Enrolment Number: WB/KOL/2021-22/10
Date of Joining: 27/08/2021
Date of PL: 06/10/2021
Current Status: Awaiting employment through Sakha

Momata is separated from her husband and lives with her only son. Before joining Azad, she used to work as domestic help in many houses but she wanted to earn money through a dignified job. She knows about Azad through a Feminist leader of Azad who happens to be a neighbour. At Azad, she learnt how to talk to people, conduct herself and travel alone. She thought that not having a formal education will disallow her from ever having a dignified job, But her journey with Azad has proved otherwise. Now she wants to be a professional delivery executive and raise her son with dignity.



NIBEDITA

Name: Nibedita Sardar
Date of Birth: 20/06/1987
Education: Graduate
Marital Status: Married
Number of Children: 1
Locality: Gobindapur Road
Enrolment Number: WB/KOL/2021-22/18
Date of Joining: 26/10/2021
Date of PL: 28/02/2022
Current Status: Awaiting employment through Sakha

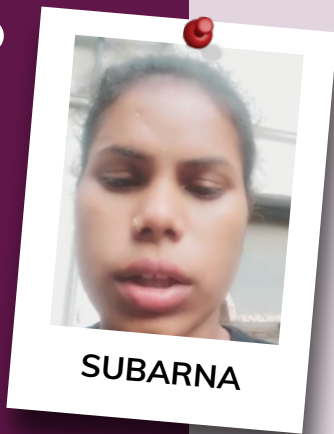
Nibedita moved back to her parents' house with her daughter after having faced severe domestic violence at her marital home. She came to know about Azad through an FLP leader and decided to join because it would help her secure a dignified job. While she learnt 2 wheeler driving successfully, she also thoroughly enjoyed the communication and spoken English classes which she attended at Azad. She wants to be a professional executive delivery person and secure a steady job as soon as possible.



GRETA

Name: Greta Gomes
 Date of Birth: 06/03/1987
 Education: 12th Pass
 Marital Status: Single
 Locality: Haridevpur
 Enrolment Number: WB/KOL/2021-22/20
 Date of Joining: 26/10/2021
 Date of PL: 07/02/2022
 Current Status: Sakha Pass

Greta is originally from Gujarat and lives in a rented house at Kolkata. Her elder sister supported her financially before she joined Azad. She came to know about Azad from another NGO. She wanted to learn driving and secure a stable job to become self-sufficient. She learnt self defence and driving at Azad, which she believes is immensely useful in the real world. She shared that she didn't even know cycling when she joined Azad, but now she is a terrific two-wheeler driver, awaiting a delivery job opportunity.



SUBARNA

Name: Subarna Sardar
 Date of Birth: 17/12/1999
 Education: 12th Pass
 Marital Status: Unmarried
 Locality: PGN Shah Road
 Enrolment Number: WB/KOL/2021-22/21
 Date of Joining: 26/10/2021
 Date of PL: 28/03/2022
 Current Status: Awaiting employment through Sakha

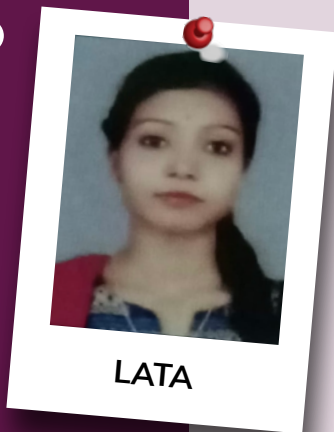
Subarna lives with her parents and brother. She came to know about Azad through an NGO. She thought it would be a good opportunity for her to learn driving and get a job using this skill. Since joining Azad, Subarna has noticed changes in herself- she has been able to overcome her inner fear and now is able to travel all by herself. She got knowledge and information about sexuality, spoken english, communication etc. which she wants to put to good use. Now she wants to be a professional delivery executive and excel at her job.



ASHTAMI

Name: Ashtami Halder
Date of Birth: 02/10/1995
Education: 12th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Prince Gholam
Mohammad Shah Road
Enrolment Number: WB/KOL/2021-22/22
Date of Joining: 29/11/2021
Date of PL: 07/03/2022
Current Status: Awaiting employment through Sakha

Ashtomi lives with her parents. She came to know about Azad from a friend who is also a trainee at Azad. She loves coming to Azad because not only did she learn driving but also learnt a lot about sexuality, communication and self defense. She has completed her training and now is eagerly waiting for a suitable job which she is sure to secure very soon..



LATA

Name: Lata Bhandari
Date of Birth: 19/08/1998
Education: Graduate
Marital Status: Unmarried
Locality: Shaheed Smriti Colony
Enrolment Number: WB/KOL/2021-22/27
Date of Joining: 29/11/2021
Date of PL: 21/02/2022
Current Status: Awaiting employment through Sakha

Lata lives with her parents and elder brother. She came to know about Azad from her brother's friend. At Azad, Lata has found the voice and the courage to speak out against societal wrongs. She has developed an understanding of violence and is equipped to take action as and when needed. She feels empowered now that she is able to travel all by herself. Now she wants to secure a job, and start earning as soon as possible.



Name: Piyali Bhattacharjee
Date of Birth: 28/04/1996
Education: Graduate
Marital Status: Married
Locality: Raja Rammohan
Roy Road
Enrolment Number: WB/KOL/2021-22/34
Date of Joining: 31/12/2021
Date of PL: 28/02/2022
Current Status: Awaiting
Employment through
Sakha



Name: Jhuma Acharjya
Date Of Birth: 03/08/1987
Education: 9th Pass
Marital Status: Separated
Number of children: 2
Locality: Narayanpur
Enrolment No.: WB/KOL/2019-20/58
Date of Joining:
Date of PL: 23/04/2021
Current status: Employed

Piyali lives with her parents, sister and grandmother. She came to know about Azad from a friend who was already a trainee here. She appreciates the behaviour of Azad staff, faculty and other trainees, who made her feel very comfortable at Azad. She learnt how to communicate with others properly, undertook self-defence training, and learnt how to use google maps etc. She wishes to secure a job as soon as possible so that she can start earning and contributing towards her family financially.

Jhuma lives with her family where her father is the only earning member. Jhuma is a single parent and she has 2 children. She came to know about Azad from the thoughtshop foundation. She is separated and face a very hard time managing everything alone. Having joined Azad, she learnt how to analyze herself and rectify all necessary changes. She has become confident and bold. She has experienced all positive changes. The two key things she liked are Sexuality and Gender where learnt many things about sexual stereotypes and also cleared many misconception about Gender. She dreams to earn a respectable livelihood and give a better future to her children.



Name: Jyoti Shaw
Date Of Birth: 13/07/1985
Education: 10th Pass
Marital Status: Separated
Number of Children: 2
Locality: 456 Vip Bazar
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2019-20/17
Date of Joining: 21/06/2019
Date of PL: 22/11/2021
Current Status: Employed

Jyoti got to know about Azad Foundation from her daughter's teacher. Jyoti was in need of a job at that time, but she decided to wait a few years as her daughter was only 3 years old. After a few years, she joined Azad. She said, "training at Azad changed my life. It gave me support, courage and motivation to pursue and work hard in my life so that I could get back on my feet after separating from my husband. My life got back on track after my training was completed and I got a job as a delivery agent at Flipkart." In her non-technical classes like gender class, she felt that she could speak her mind, it served as a safe space for Jyoti to share anything that she wanted, things that she perhaps could not even share in front of her family. When she had decided to join Azad, her husband did not believe in her, she was given no as an answer, she was told, "What will you manage to do? You are just a woman." But Jyoti proved everyone who did not believe in her that they were wrong. From a reserved and non-confrontational housewife, she has now become a strong, single working mother. From being only allowed to wear a saree in her house, she wears jeans and t-shirt, she does not tolerate any kind of disrespect, she has left her fear and pain far behind. She is fully determined to work hard for her daughter and her son. Jyoti dreams of participating and associating with Azad in the future if she gets the opportunity, she wants to encourage women to not only learn how to drive a scooter or a car, but also a bus or even a truck.



PAMPA

Name: Pampa Mondal
Date Of Birth: 18/04/1999
Education: 12th Pass
Marital Status: Married
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2020-2021/41
Date of Joining: 26/02/2021
Date of PL: 09/08/2021
Current Status: Employable



PUJA

Name: Puja Majumdar
Education: 10th Pass
Marital Status: Married
Number of Children: 1
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2020-2021/50
Date of Joining: 26/03/2021
Date of PL: 08/11/2021
Current Status: Employed

Pampa Mondal came to know of Azad Foundation through other former trainees and people associated with it. When she got to know that Azad Foundation supports girls who want to learn driving and earn in that field, Pampa grabbed the opportunity to learn something new. She felt very obliged and happy after getting trained at Azad as the faculties were very supportive and efficient, and she could learn something that was very new to her. She never knew that she could travel alone before but now she has the confidence to do so. Through her non-technical communication and English-speaking classes, her communication and language skills has improved and she is also confident to talk and represent herself in public. There were many things which she was unaware of before but thanks to her gender and legal classes she has developed a new perceptions to look at. Her family always supported her but after training when she got married she found it difficult at her in laws place as they were not ready to allow her continue her passion and did not allow her to work as a driver. That is why she wishes to one day get a job for which she was trained and make her own identity in society so that her in-laws get convinced that there is nothing wrong for a woman to work in a field conventionally made for men.

Puja came across a surveyor who provided contact details of Azad Foundation and suggested her to join. Puja wanted to start earning to become self-sufficient as well as help secure the future of her son so she decided to join Azad. After doing her training, she felt that she was stronger than she was before, on a mental and emotional level. She can face her fears in a much better way than she could before. By attending the non-technical classes, Puja learnt what a girl should do when she faces any problem, instead of bowing down or running from it. She also learnt the dynamics of family relations and how to handle any kind of relationship, especially those rooted in patriarchal ideology, in a more mature way, instead of being dependent on husband or father. Her husband, who is the main breadwinner of the family, supported her decision to train from Azad.

“A change that Puja saw in herself after she finished training was that she became more confident in making decisions on her own. Her objective in her life as of now is to concentrate on her job, for which she is very grateful.”



Name: Barnali Dhara
Date of birth: 28/10/1999
Education: 12th Pass
Marital Status: Unmarried
Enrollment Number: WB/KOL/2020-2021/51
Date of Joining: 26/03/2021
Date of PL: 09/08/2021
Current Status: Employed

Barnali's friends had also got training from Azad Foundation when they suggested she joined Azad. Since she already knew how to ride a bicycle, Barnali wanted to learn to drive the 2-wheeler as well. Even in online classes, they were able to explain everything to her and she faced no problems in understanding, and any doubts she had, were quickly answered. Through her non-technical classes, she learnt how she could protect herself on the road, her communication skills improved, she learnt how to present herself in situations like giving an interview, etc. Her father is the only member in the family and her family allowed her to train and learn driving from Azad. A big improvement that Barnali saw in herself for which she is very grateful for Azad, is that she became street-smart and more mature than she was before at handling things. While job hunting, her parents forbade her to do a job that involves driving so she ended up doing other work, but she hopes to one day convince her parents and put her training to practical use.

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