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# INTRODUCTION

We are a professional feminist organization working across social and religious divides to enable resource-poor women to empower themselves by engaging them in viable non-traditional livelihood options.

We are committed to breaking patriarchal boundaries and structures so that the women can exercise control over their lives and live a life of dignity.

We do this through transformative capacity building programs around the self and the skills needed for NTL, based on adult learning principles.

We engage with both men and women in their communities so that both can construct a safe and supportive space for their development.

We envision a world where all women (in particular, women from underprivileged contexts) enjoy full citizenship, earn with dignity and generate wealth and value for all.

Our mission is to equip resource-poor women so that they excel as professionals and/or entrepreneurs, earn a “livelihood with dignity” in jobs and markets that had traditionally been closed to them.

The Year Book is an endeavor by Azad to bring to light the various stories of women who have ‘graduated’ from Azad in the respective year. This is to say the number of women who have acquired their permanent license in Azad. In the year 2016-17, 234 women were able to get their permanent licenses made and we have compiled their life stories in this Yearbook. The attempt is to document the journey of these women, the challenges they face both within and outside the training and in their personal lives. Furthermore, it explores the moments of fearlessness and realization of self-esteem of the women during the course of training.



## East Delhi

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Name : **AMEENA**  
Date of Birth : **01/09/1982**  
Education : **5TH PASS**  
Locality : **KHICHRIPUR**  
Marital Status : **DIVORCE**  
Number of Children : **0**  
Date of Joining : **10/08/2016**  
Date of Permanent License : **30/09/2016**  
Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Ameena supports her father in selling vegetables as he is very old and is not able to carry the vegetables from the mandi to the streets. She helps him out by transporting the vegetables. She had initially joined Azad Foundation in the hope of getting a good stable job, but had to walk out due to financial issues. She walked into the training after 7 months and has since been regular. She wants to support her family financially and wants to become a DTC bus driver. She is currently under training and hopes to complete and get a job soon.



Name : **ARTI KUMARI**  
Date of Birth : **20/04/1998**  
Education : **12TH PASS**  
Locality : **RAJBEER COLONY**  
Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
Number of Children : **0**  
Date of Joining : **20/12/2016**  
Date of Permanent License : **24/03/2017**  
Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Arti lives with her family and is currently pursuing graduation through correspondence. She came to know of Azad through the mobilization team, which was holding an event in her area. She was inspired when she heard about the training. Arti had never seen a woman driver and she wanted to become one to show to the world that women can do anything they like. When she started coming for training, people made fun of her but she kept her focus. She likes the gender and legal rights classes the most as they have given her the confidence to protect herself, as she knows her rights now. The people in her neighborhood still discourage her, but she tells them, "It is my dream and decision to do this, and my parents are with me in this." She shares all she learns with her sister and mother, and wants to complete soon and become a professional driver.

Name : **ANCHAL**  
Date of Birth : **03/03/1998**  
Education : **12TH PASS**  
Locality : **TRILOKPURI**  
Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
Number of Children : **0**  
Date of Joining : **25/11/2016**  
Date of Permanent License : **20/02/2017**  
Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Anchal comes from a very supportive family and her parents as well as in-laws and husband have not stopped her from pursuing what she likes. She wanted to go out of the house and do something for herself when she came across Azad's training programme. She decided to enroll and learn a new skill. She also saw this as an opportunity for her to make a name for herself. She says that her husband encourages her during training to keep learning and moving ahead in life. She likes self-defense classes the most as they have made her more confident to face any difficulty which comes her way. She is keen to complete her training and work as a chauffeur.

Name : **BABY**  
Date of Birth : **26/04/1994**  
Education : **10TH PASS**  
Locality : **VISHWAS NAGAR**  
Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
Number of Children : **0**  
Date of Joining : **17/11/2015**  
Date of Permanent License : **24/05/2016**  
Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

A sincere & regular trainee, Baby cleared the Permanent License test in her first attempt, and is now practicing her new-found skills on the road. Being the only breadwinner in her family, the burden of earning for her mother and her younger brother, falls on her shoulders. This sense of responsibility, stemming from the restricted financial situation at home, had forced her to be slightly reclusive, and shy. However, the regular training has had a positive effect on Baby; turning her from a shy, reluctant woman, to an enthusiastic, friendly one. Baby joined Azad because, she felt that here she could learn a means to earning a livelihood - without putting too much of a strain on her family's tight finances - and take a step towards her goal of monetary security.





*Name* : **BHARTI**  
*Date of Birth* : **26/02/1996**  
*Education* : **12TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **OLD SEEMAPURI**  
*Marital Status* : **UNMARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **0**  
*Date of Joining* : **20/10/2016**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **17/02/2017**  
*Current Status* : **UNDER TRAINING**

Bharti heard from the Azad mobilization team about the WoW programme. She decided to join the training and her parents supported her in doing so. She used to be a very quiet person when she joined and did not make many friends. After some months in training, she felt her confidence increase and started interacting with others. She also participated in the One Billion Rising campaign with her fellow trainees and says that the exposure it gave her has made her more aware of women's rights. She wishes to be a driver and earn money to help her parents.



*Name* : **DEEPALI**  
*Date of Birth* : **05/07/1995**  
*Education* : **10TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **TRILOKPURI**  
*Marital Status* : **UNMARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **0**  
*Date of Joining* : **06/08/2016**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **17/10/2016**  
*Current Status* : **UNDER TRAINING**

Deepali wanted to study further, but her parents did not allow her to continue studying in a co-ed school. She found out about Azad and decided to join as it is an organization where she has to learn only with women. It was also close to her house and thus convenient. Her father was against this idea as he felt that women were not meant to go out of the house for work. Deepali likes the training at Azad and she says that she is getting to learn a lot which she could not have learnt anywhere else. She wants to be a driver and change her father's perception of women. She wants to prove to him that she can also work outside the house and be independent.

*Name* : **BHAVNA**  
*Date of Birth* : **26/08/1993**  
*Education* : **8TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **TRILOKPURI**  
*Marital Status* : **MARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **1**  
*Date of Joining* : **25/07/2016**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **07/11/2016**  
*Current Status* : **WALK OUT**

Bhavna aspired to be a workingwoman earning a good salary. When she found out about Azad through the mobilization team, she decided to join thinking that it would get her a good job. She liked her training and was doing well. However, while in training, she got the selected in training for a government job and thus decided to walk out of Azad in order to join that.

*Name* : **DURGA KASHYAP**  
*Date of Birth* : **02/06/1991**  
*Education* : **8TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **GAZIPUR**  
*Marital Status* : **MARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **2**  
*Date of Joining* : **05/06/2016**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **22/09/2016**  
*Current Status* : **UNDER TRAINING**

Durga lives with her children and works in a parlour in order to support the family and her children's education. She heard about Azad through its mobilization team, which was conducting surveys in her area. She decided to join in order to get a better paying job and learning something new. She likes the trainings at Azad and says that her most empowering moment was when she participated in the One Billion Rising campaign. She says, "when I spoke on the mike at the bus stop, I felt very good. I felt that people heard my voice, which nobody wants to listen to at home, and as a result, they came to participate in the programme at the bus stop. This is the most happy thing which has happened to me." Her motto is to change the way the society looks at women as weak. She wants to inspire other girls and women to live a dignified life.





Name : **FARZANA**  
 Date of Birth : **12/03/1980**  
 Education : **5TH PASS**  
 Locality : **KALYANPURI**  
 Marital Status : **DIVORCE**  
 Number of Children : **2**  
 Date of Joining : **04/01/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **08/07/2016**  
 Current Status : **ON BENCH**

Farzana lives alone in a rented house. When she found out about Azad, she expressed her desire to join. Her partner, himself being a driver, encouraged her to come for the training. While in training, she learnt many things apart from driving. She says that she enjoyed english the most as it strengthened her writing and speaking abilities. She now feels confident and is able to fill out bank forms. She is also proud that she can give her introduction in English in front of family and outsiders. She wants to become a good driver and live a better life. She is open to working anywhere in the country as long as she is able to live her life on her own terms and conditions. She is currently waiting to be employed.



Name : **HEMLATA**  
 Date of Birth : **02/12/1996**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **JAIN MANDIR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **30/05/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **21/11/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Hemlata lives with her mother and 3 brothers. Her father passed away when she had cleared only her 10th standard and she could not study further after that. Her mother has partial paralysis and Hemlata has to take care of her as well. Her elder brothers earn but they do not contribute any money in the house. She joined Azad in order to help her mother and younger brother. She likes the training and wishes to be like other women who are working as chauffeurs. She wants to see the world and travel the world.

Name : **GEETA**  
 Date of Birth : **05/09/1993**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **NEW SEEMAPURI**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **12/09/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **04/01/2017**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Geeta enrolled in the WoW training through one of the fellows of the Feminist Leadership programme. Her father did not consent to this, but her mother wanted her to join. Therefore, her mother also enrolled in the training so that her father would let her do this. Now her father is supporting both his wife and daughter to complete training. He shared that before joining training, Geeta was very shy but now she speaks with confidence and he is proud of her. Geeta says that she had never thought that she would move around the city, but after training, she has got the confidence to do so. Her dream is to do something for her parents as she feels they have sacrificed a lot to give her the opportunity to train. She is currently under training and hopes to be a chauffeur soon.



Name : **JHANVI**  
 Date of Birth : **18/03/1994**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **KHICHDIPUR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **13/01/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **27/09/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Part-time employee at a major carbonated drinks maker, Jhanvi lives alone in Delhi. Juggling between her job and her training, Jhanvi has successfully attained her Permanent License, and is now practicing her skills on the road. She credits the gender training programme for making her more knowledgeable about her rights, and now hopes to become a successful driver and return to her village with a unique livelihood that no one else possesses. Another aspiration of Jhanvi's is to make the switch from the small marketing position at her current job, to driving the massive delivery trucks, within the same company.





Name : **KAVITA**  
 Date of Birth : **12/02/1992**  
 Education : **5TH PASS**  
 Locality : **KHICHRIPUR**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **1**  
 Date of Joining : **11/04/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **08/09/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Kavita had the desire to do something different in life. When she found out about the training at Azad, she felt this was an opportunity to explore a new field. Her family is supportive and wants her to become a successful lady driver. She says that the training has boosted her confidence and motivated her to move ahead in life. During her training, she was also very actively involved in the women's rights campaigns. She wants to become a professional chauffeur and fulfill her dream.



Name : **KUSUM**  
 Date of Birth : **20/02/1984**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **KALYANPURI**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **2**  
 Date of Joining : **04/01/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **08/07/2016**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Kusum started her training with Azad with the hope of finally getting a job and being able to earn her own money. While in training, she says that she felt very happy to be receiving this training, which she would not have got anywhere else. However, some months into the training she started facing problems as her children were very young. No one would take care of them at home and she would constantly worry about them. Therefore, she left training in order to take care of them.

Name : **KHUSHBOO**  
 Date of Birth : **06/07/1998**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **RAJBEER COLONY**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **20/12/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **24/03/2017**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Khushboo loves to dance and to read. She has completed her 12th standard and is currently pursuing her graduation through correspondence from Delhi University. She found out about Azad through the mobilization team, which was conducting surveys in her community. She decided to join as she thought that driving is a skill that would make her confident. She likes the trainings she is receiving and enjoyed the Sexual and Reproductive health training the most. She says that it taught her about her body and she did not know this before. She says, "I want people to change the way they think and recognize that women can also be good drivers."

Name : **LEENA**  
 Date of Birth : **19/08/1984**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **KALYANPURI**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **24/02/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **08/07/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Leena has completed her graduation and currently lives with her mother and siblings. She found out about Azad from a friend who knew one of the women driving the Sakha cabs. She joined along with her sister with the support of her family. She liked the English class as it helped her spoken English. She wants to be a woman who speaks English well and with confidence. She also liked the First Aid class as it made her aware of what to do in situations of medical emergency. Her dream is to work as a driver in the Delhi Transport Corporation.





Name : **MADHU**  
 Date of Birth : **05/12/1976**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **KHICHRIPUR**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **2**  
 Date of Joining : **11/5/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **03/08/2016**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Madhu works as an LIC agent in order to support her family. Her husband works, but earns very little which is not enough for to sustain them. She joined Azad with the hope of getting a permanent job, which would pay her well and regularly. She also joined because she likes learning new things and this was a good opportunity. While in training, she continued her work part time. However, it was not enough and she was facing a lot of financial issues. Hence, she walked out of training to continue her work full time.



Name : **MAYA**  
 Date of Birth : **04/10/1981**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **KHICHRIPUR**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **4**  
 Date of Joining : **11/05/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **08/09/2016**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Maya is the eldest of six siblings. As such, she always felt that she was the responsible one and had to take care of her family. She was married at the age of 16 and thus could not do much for them. She has four children and she wants to work for them now. Her financial situation is not good and she feels she should get a job and earn so that her children can study in good schools. Joining Azad was for her a step towards fulfilling this wish. She wants to start her education again so that she can help her children in their studies too. Unfortunately, she had a medical emergency at home and had to walk out of the training.

Name : **MAMTA**  
 Date of Birth : **12/05/1989**  
 Education : **7TH PASS**  
 Locality : **SEEMAPURI**  
 Marital Status : **DIVORCED**  
 Number of Children : **1**  
 Date of Joining : **25/08/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **03/11/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Mamta lives with her mother and son. Her husband was abusive and her in-laws were not at all supportive towards her. In this situation her mother stood up for her and asked her to return home. She did so and filed for divorce and has now broken all ties with him. Living with her mother was also a challenge as the financial situation of the home is very poor. She was looking for work when she met the mobilization team from Azad who told her about the WoW programme. She came to the office and was very happy to see women like her there. These women were very confident and strong and inspired Mamta to join. She says that she is doing this so that she can give her son a better future. She is proud to be training as a driver.

Name : **MONIKA**  
 Date of Birth : **26/05/1997**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **GAZIPUR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **1**  
 Date of Joining : **04/03/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **08/08/2016**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Monika came to Azad along with a friend who was also taking admission into training at that time. She was pursuing her bachelors at that time through correspondence. She found the WoW programme interesting and her parents allowed her to join because they also knew her friend and felt that it was good for them to go together. She had completed all her non-technical modules and was about to complete her training, her friend stopped coming and Monika's parents also forced her not to continue. She fought with them to keep coming. The team from Azad also met with the parents and spoke to them, but to no avail. She ultimately was forced to quit because they wanted her to earn and contribute to the income of the family.







Name : **NEETU SINGH**  
 Date of Birth : **20/08/1986**  
 Education : **GRADUATE**  
 Locality : **TRIOLKPURI**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **06/08/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **30/09/2016**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Neetu joined Azad with her elder sister. She wanted to study further but the family's financial condition was poor and hence she could not continue. She thought that it would be a good idea to start working and earn her own money. She thought that then she could fund her own education. She liked the trainings she received at Azad. However, she could not continue as her parents got her married and she moved to another State.



Name : **POONAM**  
 Date of Birth : **1988**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **JAIN COLONY**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **16/05/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **07/03/2017**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Poonam came to know of Azad through two of her friends who were joining the WoW training. She decided to join, as she did not want to study further and thought that this would be her way to avoid questions from her family of studying further. Her parents support her in doing this. She faced a lot of trouble to get her permanent license made and had to take four attempts to finally clear it. She has made a lot of friends in training and prefers to spend time with them in office rather than going home. She is currently under training and hopes to be a professional chauffeur one day.

Name : **NISHA SINGH**  
 Date of Birth : **26/01/1997**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **KARAWAL NAGAR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **05/5/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **27/07/2016**  
 Current Status : **ON JOB**

Nisha wanted to be a police officer. Poor financial condition and poor nutrition did not let this turn into a reality. She found out about Azad from a friend while she was pursuing her graduation. Nisha has to face a lot of violence at the hands of her mother- both physical and emotional. This started when her father passed away and Nisha was left with the mother along with her two younger sisters and one brother. Her mother neglects her daughters and only pays attention to their brother. Due to this, Nisha has to face a lot of stress. She was very dedicated in her training and says that it gave her the confidence to raise her voice against injustice and discrimination, especially to the injustice at home. She has completed her training and is currently working as a professional chauffeur. She wants to give a good education to her younger sisters and give them a better life.

Name : **PINKI**  
 Date of Birth : **01/12/1995**  
 Education : **5TH PASS**  
 Locality : **NEW S. A. COLONY**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **30/01/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **26/10/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Backed by her parents, Pinky enrolled in Azad's WoW programme with the intention of getting a job and supporting her family, which she believes is her duty. Staying with her ailing father, mother, and siblings, the financially insecure home relies on the goodwill of fellow relatives to get by. The mobilisation team's community meetings inspired her to train as a driver, and alleviate her family's situation. A courageous woman, Pinky has overcome the discomfort she first felt on interacting with her fellow trainees - a discomfort she attributes to the burn scars that cover her face & body, and which she feared marked her as different from everyone else. However, with the constant help of her peers, she now rightly believes that she is as beautiful as any other woman. She also greatly enjoyed the Gender and Legal Rights Module, as it has made her socially aware, and helped broaden her understanding of other religions.





Name : **PRIYANKA SHARMA**  
 Date of Birth : **22/07/1996**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **KALYANPURI**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **24/02/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **05/05/2015**  
 Current Status : **ON BENCH**

As a child, Priyanka had seen her father drive a big loaded truck. Since then, she has dreamt of being able to drive. On finding out about Azad, she did not hesitate in enrolling in the programme. Her elder sister also joined with her. In the first few months of training, she was shy and did not make any friends or talk to anyone. Whatever she had to say to anyone, even the training team, she would ask her sister to convey to them. It was because of her attire that she felt different from everyone else. This situation changed after she took most of the trainings. Today she has many friends and doesn't need her sister to speak for her. She also became more regular in training after this. She has completed her training and is waiting to be employed.



Name : **RAKHI**  
 Date of Birth : **20/10/1990**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **TRIOIKPURI**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **1**  
 Date of Joining : **06/08/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **04/11/2016**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

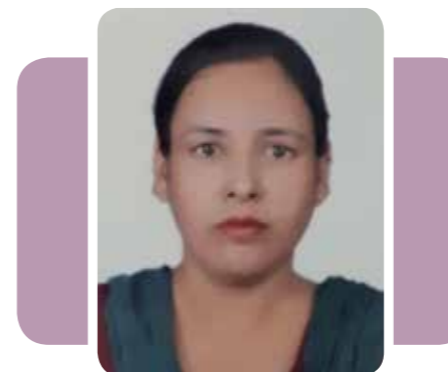
Rakhi found out about Azad through her friend, who had received a pamphlet from the Azad team. She lives with her family and wanted to do something for her child. She decided to join along with her friend. She says that after joining, she made many friends at Azad and they helped her in her training. Unfortunately, she had to walkout of training soon after getting her permanent license.

Name : **PRIYANKA YADAV**  
 Date of Birth : **28/04/1996**  
 Education : **GRADUATE**  
 Locality : **BHAGIRATHI VIHAR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **05/06/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **03/11/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Priyanka wanted to study further, but her financial condition did not allow for this. Hearing about the training at Azad, she decided to join. Her father did not support her as he felt that this is not a job for women. Her mother on the other hand, supported her and was proud of her decision. The idea of her daughter driving a four-wheeler was a great thing she thought and said that not many mothers get to see that. Priyanka decided to break the stereotype that only men are meant to take up driving as a profession and pursued her training seriously. She is working hard to complete her training.

Name : **REHANA**  
 Date of Birth : **05/07/1979**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **KALYANPURI**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **2**  
 Date of Joining : **06/05/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **17/10/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Rehana used to work at a nutrition health club before joining Azad. Here she got a very low salary and she was looking out for a better option. She had aspired to be a chef, but the untimely death of her father and the financial condition of the family forced her to give up her dream, as she could not take the training. When she heard about Azad, she found it a good option. She says that the training she has received here has strengthened her confidence and she feels that if a woman puts her mind to something, she can surely do it. Her dream is to purchase a relatively big house for her family and visit different places with them.





Name : **RESHMA BANO**  
 Date of Birth : **30/06/1998**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **KALYANURI**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **12/09/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **23/12/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Always having dreamt of doing something new, something different from the role that her family had assigned to her, Reshma decided to join Azad when she got the opportunity. She had to face a lot of resistance from her family and community for the same as they felt driving was not a profession for women. When she got her Learner's License, her family started supporting her a little. She continued training, as she wanted to show her brother that she could do anything. She says that she trusts that after training she will become a professional chauffeur and will be able to help her mother and the family. She is currently under training and is moving close to her dream of becoming a driver.



Name : **RUKSANA**  
 Date of Birth : **22/10/1991**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **GAZIPUR**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **19/02/2015**  
 Date of Permanent License : **03/01/2017**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Ruksana is the primary breadwinner in her house. She lives with her mother and younger sister and takes care of them. She came to Azad in search of a job with the mobilization team. She joined training instead. She had to walk out during her practice in 2015 because her financial situation was poor and she needed immediate work to support the family. After many months, she joined training again and started her practice. She is currently undergoing training and her dream is to make her own house so that she can give a safe and protective environment to her mother and sister.

Name : **RITU VISHKARMA**  
 Date of Birth : **13/02/1995**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **JAIN MANDIR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **20/06/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **06/01/2017**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

A shy person by nature, Ritu never dreamed of driving a car. When she came to know of Azad's programme, she was intrigued with the idea. Her mother however, did not want to send her for training as she felt that this was not a job for women. The mobilization team at Azad met her mother and convinced her to send Ritu to train and she agreed. Through her training, Ritu has transformed into a confident individual who has her own voice. She says that people in her locality now recognize her as the girl who learns driving and she was very proud of that. She also says that she was earlier like other women, but now she has a identity of her own.

Name : **SHAMEEM**  
 Date of Birth : **01/01/1993**  
 Education : **5TH PASS**  
 Locality : **KALYANPURI**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **19/09/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **23/12/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Shameem aspired to do something for her mother, as she is the one who has supported her always. She joined training so that she could earn and contribute to the family income. Her father was not supportive, but after meeting the Azad team, he let her come for training. She says, "I want my mother to know that her son did not do anything for her, but her daughter has made a name for herself." She feels that the training has made her realize that women are not inferior to men. They can do anything they want. She says that she wants to be known as a chauffeur and be independent so that she can support her family.





Name : **SANTOSH**  
 Date of Birth : **26/05/1990**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **TRILOKPURI**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **21/04/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **22/06/2015**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Santosh joined Azad with the motive to train as a driver and be independent. She already had a permanent license at the time of joining. Her family did not support her in this and she had to go against them in order to train. She says that she wants to establish an Old age home for those elderly people who do not have a home. She also wants to do something for the street children and it is for this that she wants to earn. She is currently under training and hopes to soon start working as a chauffeur.



Name : **SEEMA**  
 Date of Birth : **11/01/1979**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **KALYANPURI**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **2**  
 Date of Joining : **22/02/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **08/08/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Seema lives with her husband and children. She found out about Azad through the mobilization team, which was conducting surveys in her area. She expressed her desire to join to her husband, who readily agreed and is mostly supportive of what Seema wants to do. After joining training, she felt free and confident. She says that she feels she can do anything now. She wants to complete her training quickly so that she can start working and supporting her family. She is currently under training and due to go for her employability test very soon.

Name : **SAPNA**  
 Date of Birth : **24/08/1988**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **KALYANPURI**  
 Marital Status : **DIVORCE**  
 Number of Children : **1**  
 Date of Joining : **16/12/2015**  
 Date of Permanent License : **30/08/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

For Sapna, attending her training sessions has been an uphill struggle. After her husband married a second time, Sapna decided to leave him, and returned to live with her parents. Due to her precarious financial situation, she took the hard decision to leave her son with her husband. She joined Azad Foundation with the help of our mobilization team - a decision which she has kept a secret from her parents, as she fears they shall not support her. To keep up appearances, she used to work as a housemaid in a few households and save money to pay for her conveyance to the training centre at Azad. Her plan came undone when after some days, her employer relocated out of the state. She now gets social security from Azad which pays for her conveyance. In spite of these challenges, Sapna has successfully cleared her PL test and is now at the Road Practice stage, after which she shall go on to drive on her own.

Name : **SHEHNAAZ**  
 Date of Birth : **01/03/1978**  
 Education : **7TH PASS**  
 Locality : **HARIJAN BASTI**  
 Marital Status : **DIVORCE**  
 Number of Children : **2**  
 Date of Joining : **06/08/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **21/03/2011**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

It was dream for Shehnaaz to one-day drive a car. She already had her permanent license at the time of joining Azad. She was able to convince her parents to let her join and began her training. Though she already had her license, she took some time to learn the basics and then picked up fast. She says that she thoroughly enjoyed the non-technical training as well. She is now more aware of her body, her rights and herself. She is dedicated in her training and wants to complete it soon.





Name : **SHAMA**  
 Date of Birth : **14/02/1979**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **MOTI MASJID**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **3**  
 Date of Joining : **03/01/2017**  
 Date of Permanent License : **28/05/2009**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Shama heard about Azad through the mobilization team in her area. She was very enthusiastic from the first day of training and since then has liked the various trainings that she has undergone at Azad. She wants to show her children that she can achieve something and earn for them. She says that she now feels that not studying further is not much of a problem because she knows she can still drive. However, she does want to start studying again once she starts earning. She is currently under training and hoping to get a job soon.



Name : **SHOBHA**  
 Date of Birth : **01/12/1978**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **NEW SEEMAPURI**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **2**  
 Date of Joining : **12/09/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **16/01/2017**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Shobha joined Azad because her daughter wanted to become a driver and Shobha's husband would not allow it. She thought that if she would also join along with her daughter, her husband would not say anything and would let them come to training. She wanted her daughter to be able to train without any problems and avoid discontinuity. The training also helped Shobha boost her confidence and she is training regularly. Her dream is to first and foremost see her daughter become a driver and she says she will do anything to support her and help her be independent.

Name : **SHASHI**  
 Date of Birth : **19/03/1992**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **KALYANPURI**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **08/07/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **25/02/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Shashi likes to work and help others. She does the same for her family with whom she lives. When she found out about Azad, she wanted to join as she saw this as an opportunity for her to do something good and make a name for herself. She wants to have a unique identity and help her family in any way possible. She says, "I like Azad because here we find a way of addressing our problems, which is a very big thing for us." She feels proud to be part of this organization. She is currently under training and wants to complete soon so that she can start working.

Name : **SONAM**  
 Date of Birth : **25/09/1997**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **JAIN MANDIR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **31/05/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **21/11/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Sonam finds happiness in helping others. She helps out people in her neighbourhood to fill out forms and also reads for them, as they are not very educated. Her father is the only earning member in the family and his job is seasonal, hence there is no source of a stable income. Sonam takes care of the household. Her elder brother remains sick and younger one is studying, hence the household responsibilities fall on her shoulders. Her mother was the one who encouraged her to join Azad and do something different, which would also get her a good job. Sonam likes to see new places and meet new people. While in training, she got the chance to do both and was very happy. She wants to complete training to become a driver with a stable income and help her parents financially.





*Name* : **SONI SINGH**  
*Date of Birth* : **1/1/1996**  
*Education* : **8TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **VISHWASNAGAR**  
*Marital Status* : **UNMARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **0**  
*Date of Joining* : **07/06/2016**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **28/10/2016**  
*Current Status* : **UNDER TRAINING**

Soni wanted to continue her education, but her family's poor financial condition did not allow it. When she decided to join Azad, her mother was not supportive initially as she was skeptical of what people would say. She also did not know the kind of job that Soni would be doing and was afraid that she would have to be out at night when the streets are not safe for women. Soni was initially unable to voice her thoughts in front of her family but after 3-4 months of training, she had the confidence to speak her mind in front of her family. She also participated in the One Billion Rising campaign and also spoke in public. Her mother saw her speak in front of a thousand people and she was very proud of her. She supports her completely now. Soni is currently under training and her dream is to make a house for herself and travel with her family.



*Name* : **SUDHA RANI**  
*Date of Birth* : **19/11/1978**  
*Education* : **GRADUATE**  
*Locality* : **TRILOKPURI**  
*Marital Status* : **MARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **1**  
*Date of Joining* : **06/08/2016**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **02/01/2017**  
*Current Status* : **UNDER TRAINING**

Sudha learnt about Azad through a canopy in her area, which was put up by the Azad mobilization team. She wanted to join and spoke to her husband of the same. He was supportive and helped her join training. She says that she used to be a very shy person and not confident about her skills or knowledge that she possessed. After training with Azad for a few months, she says that she has started believing in herself. She is currently under training and wants to soon get a job and help her family financially. She also dreams to one day buy her own car and drive it as a cab.

*Name* : **SUDESH**  
*Date of Birth* : **01/04/1983**  
*Education* : **12TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **KALYANPURI**  
*Marital Status* : **MARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **2**  
*Date of Joining* : **28/01/2016**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **27/06/2016**  
*Current Status* : **WALK OUT**

Sudesh's household faces almost constant economic scarcity as there are no permanent earning members in the family. Composed of her, her husband, their children, and her mother-in-law, the family's tight finances convinced Sudesh to join the training programme, in the hope of getting a job, and some much need economic security. It was not an easy journey for her, and things became even more difficult when her mother-in-law was diagnosed with cancer. Things deteriorated to such an extent that, Sudesh had to walk-out of the training programme, after having just gained her Permanent License. However, the silver lining is her intent to return and complete her training, as soon as, her mother-in-law's health improves.

*Name* : **SUNITA KAUR**  
*Date of Birth* : **23/08/1979**  
*Education* : **GRADUATE**  
*Locality* : **MAYUR VIHAR**  
*Marital Status* : **MARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **2**  
*Date of Joining* : **27/02/2017**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **04/04/2013**  
*Current Status* : **UNDER TRAINING**

Sunita started working at a very young age owing to the need of the family. Her father passed away when she was 3 and her mother had to take care of the children. She had no formal education and hence could not get a decent job. Sunita being the elder child, had to start working part-time at the age of 13 as a domestic help. She was married soon and the road has not been pleasant since. She says that apart from facing financial issues, she also lost confidence in herself. She has joined Azad to learn a skill that would help her get a dignified life. She hopes to be able to live on her own terms and make a name for herself. She wants to give her children the childhood that she did not have by getting them a good education.





<i>Name</i>	<b>YOGITA SHARMA</b>
<i>Date of Birth</i>	<b>21/01/1978</b>
<i>Education</i>	<b>12TH PASS</b>
<i>Locality</i>	<b>GAZIPUR</b>
<i>Marital Status</i>	<b>MARRIED</b>
<i>Number of Children</i>	<b>3</b>
<i>Date of Joining</i>	<b>21/11/2015</b>
<i>Date of Permanent License</i>	<b>16/08/2016</b>
<i>Current Status</i>	<b>UNDER TRAINING</b>

Yogita has three daughters and a very supportive family. When she expressed the desire to join the training programme, they agreed for her to come into training. She is determined to do something good in life and therefore wanted to complete her training. Her husband says that his dream is to see Yogita drive a car with confidence and go anywhere in the world that she wants to.

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*Name* : **SANGITA**  
*Date of Birth* : **30/04/1997**  
*Education* : **10TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **MADANPUR KHADAR**  
*Marital Status* : **UNMARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **0**  
*Date of Joining* : **21/12/16**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **29/01/15 (WALK IN FROM PREVIOUS BATCH)**  
*Current Status* : **ON BENCH**

Sangita has been adopted by her aunt and lives with her. Her aunt is aged and mostly remains ill. She gets her mother's pension through which the house runs and there is usually a lot of financial stress. It is because of this and with the desire to be independent that Sangita joined Azad. She found out about Azad through Jagori, an organization working on women's rights in the community. She is currently also pursuing her graduation. She has completed her training and is waiting to get a job.



*Name* : **JYOTI**  
*Date of Birth* : **05/01/1984**  
*Education* : **5TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **DAKSHINPURI**  
*Marital Status* : **MARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **2**  
*Date of Joining* : **31/12/15**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **06/01/17**  
*Current Status* : **UNDER TRAINING**

Jyoti is a migrant from madhya Pradesh. When she had moved to delhi with her family, her mother fell ill and as a result, Jyoti had to drop out of school to take care of her mother and younger siblings. She currently lives with her husband and children. He was the one who told her about azad and encouraged her to join. She was nervous during training and feared driving. Due to this, she took a lot of time to get her permanent license made. However, she was ultimately able to pass and since then her confidence has increased tremendously. She is currently under training. She wants to get a job and one day be able to buy her own car so that she can take her children to visit different places.

*Name* : **SUNITA**  
*Date of Birth* : **20/02/1983**  
*Education* : **10TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **SRI NIWAS PURI**  
*Marital Status* : **MARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **2**  
*Date of Joining* : **02/08/16**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **29/01/15 (WALK IN FROM PREVIOUS BATCH)**  
*Current Status* : **WALK OUT**

Sunita lives in a joint family with her children, husband and in laws. She joined Azad a year ago as well but had to leave due to issues in the family. However, she was determined to complete training and joined again in 2016. She was a very quiet person initially, but slowly became more vocal and would mix with other trainees. She managed her time well while in training and was close to passing her employability test. However, she had to leave training due to differences in her family regarding the institution. She hopes to come back when the situation is resolved.



*Name* : **REKHA**  
*Date of Birth* : **01/03/1991**  
*Education* : **12TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **MADANPUR KHADAR**  
*Marital Status* : **UNMARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **0**  
*Date of Joining* : **29/01/16**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **21/04/16**  
*Current Status* : **ON BENCH**

Rekha has seen her elder sister train in Azad and then work as a driver. She was inspired to do the same and joined the WoW training programme. Her father is a daily wage earner and is supportive towards his daughters. He is proud to see them become professional drivers and earn for the family. Rekha says that she is now able to express herself clearly as a result of training. She has cleared her employability test and is waiting to get a job. She wants to warn and fund her younger sisters to pursue the course for a beautician from a reputable institute.







*Name* : **BHAWNA**  
*Date of Birth* : **26/02/1996**  
*Education* : **10TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **SWAMI NAGAR**  
*Marital Status* : **UNMARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **0**  
*Date of Joining* : **15/03/16**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **8/6/2016**  
*Current Status* : **ON BENCH**

Bhawna's mother is a domestic worker and father a vegetable vendor. They have been supportive towards her and want her to learn new things. When she expressed the desire to join Azad, they readily agreed. She says, "earlier I did not go anywhere as I was scared, however, now I have gained the confidence to go to places freely." After joining training, she has started her studies again. She is pursuing her 12th standard through correspondence. She has cleared her employability test and is waiting to be employed.



*Name* : **MEENA KUMARI**  
*Date of Birth* : **12/8/1996**  
*Education* : **12TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **GOVINDPURI**  
*Marital Status* : **UNMARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **0**  
*Date of Joining* : **15/03/16**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **17/06/16**  
*Current Status* : **ON BENCH**

Meena lives with her parents and siblings. Her father works as a labourer and the mother also works sometime to supplement the income. She found out about Azad through a survey in their area and her father encouraged her to join the programme. She says that the training on gender has helped her gain knowledge about legal services and issues of caste and religion. She also liked the communication classes as they gave her confidence to speak in public. She has cleared her employability test and is currently waiting to get a job.

*Name* : **MAMTA**  
*Date of Birth* : **02/05/1994**  
*Education* : **5TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **MADANPUR KHADAR**  
*Marital Status* : **UNMARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **0**  
*Date of Joining* : **15/03/16**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **21/06/16**  
*Current Status* : **ON BENCH**

Mamta lives with her mother, who has been the primary bread earner in the house for the last many years. She is a domestic worker and in order to support her, Mamta has also been working as a domestic help for the past 5 years. She says that she did not like people calling her 'maid'. Her thirst for creating an identity on her own drew her to Azad and she joined the training programme. Her family is supportive towards her and wants her to do a dignified job. She says that she wants to be known by her own name and not any other term attached to it. She has completed her training and is waiting to be employed. She wants to start studying again once she gets a job.

*Name* : **POOJA SAROJ**  
*Date of Birth* : **08/12/1997**  
*Education* : **12TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **GAUTAMPURI**  
*Marital Status* : **UNMARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **0**  
*Date of Joining* : **15/03/16**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **14/07/16**  
*Current Status* : **ON BENCH**

Pooja lives with her parents in Gautampuri. Her father is a plumber and mother works as a domestic help. She is currently pursuing graduation through correspondence. She saw a Sakha driver in her locality and inquired about her. She was inspired and joined Azad in order to be independent. Her parents supported her decision. She shared that with gender training, she was able gain knowledge about legal rights and develop an awareness regarding violence. She also shared that the communication training has helped her learn how to present herself in a job. She has cleared the employability test and is currently waiting for a job placement.





Name : **RAJBALA**  
 Date of Birth : **01/07/1992**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **SWAMI NAGAR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **15/03/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **13/06/16**  
 Current Status : **ON JOB**

When Rajbala's mother handed her a pamphlet about women being professional drivers, she could not believe that such a profession existed for women. She thought the programme would be a fraud. She came to Azad's office to confirm what it was about and was soon convinced that it was genuine and wanted to join. She faced opposition from her brother who thought that this was not meant for women. However, Rajbala joined with the support of her other family members. When she started training, her neighbours would taunt her. When she started talking about what she had learnt during training at home, her brother slowly adjusted to the idea of her taking this up. Soon her neighbours also stopped taunting her. During training she worked in a shop to support herself. She is currently employed as a driver and is earning to support her family. She is also pursuing her graduation through correspondence.



Name : **MAMTA**  
 Date of Birth : **16/08/1991**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **OKHLA**  
 Marital Status : **SEPARATED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **14/04/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **17/06/16**  
 Current Status : **ON BENCH**

Mamta lives with her brother's family in Delhi. She was married but her husband was abusive so she left him to lead a separate life. When she heard about the WoW training in Azad, she decided to join. Her father, who lives in Mumbai, supported her to join the training as he wanted her to be independent. She says, "earlier I was afraid of going out of the house and had no knowledge of roads. Whenever I had to go out, I would be dependent on my brother. Now I have learnt to travel by bus and am not scared anymore." She also says that she feels more confident and is able to express herself freely. She has completed her training and is waiting to be employed.

Name : **MANPREET**  
 Date of Birth : **11/02/1998**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **NEHRU NAGAR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **14/04/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **15/07/16**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Manpreet heard about Azad through a friend. She was interested in the programme and decided to join. She also wanted to gain some skills. She was quick in getting her permanent license made and was doing well in overall training. However, she decided to pursue higher education and walked out of the programme when she got admission in B. Tech.

Name : **INDU AHUJA**  
 Date of Birth : **25/12/1984**  
 Education : **5TH PASS**  
 Locality : **NEHRU NAGAR**  
 Marital Status : **SEPARATED**  
 Number of Children : **3**  
 Date of Joining : **14/04/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **21/06/16**  
 Current Status : **ON BENCH**

Indu is a single mother who lives with her two sons, an adopted daughter and old mother. Her mother sells eggs on the street and Indu does part-time work. She was able to join Azad as her sons take care of the household work and their baby sister. She says that the communication training has been very effective for her. She has been able to understand how to communicate in the family and with children, so as to avoid developing sour relationships. She also learnt that effective communication is important to keep away from problems at the workplace. Ever since their teacher in school showed interest in her training, Indu's children feel very proud of what she is doing. She says, "they are waiting for me to drive them around the city and buy them a cycle with my salary".





Name : **NEETU**  
 Date of Birth : **01/01/1980**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **GOVINDPURI**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **4**  
 Date of Joining : **30/05/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **05/05/16 (CAME WITH PL)**  
 Current Status : **ON BENCH**

As a child, neetu learnt how to ride a bicycle. As she grew up, she started driving a two-wheeler. When she shifted to Delhi after her marriage, she dreamt of driving a four-wheeler. Her dreams found wings when she hear of the WoW programme. She wanted to join but could not as her children were very young and she had to take care of them. She joined Azad in 2016 ultimately, when her children were a little older. She was an enthusiastic learner. She has completed training and is waiting to get a job.



Name : **POONAM**  
 Date of Birth : **30/12/1992**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **GOVINDPURI**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **2**  
 Date of Joining : **15/03/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **23/06/16**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Poonam is a domestic worker who joined Azad in order to change her profession and earn a decent income. She lives with her husband and two children. Her husband is abusive and troubles her a lot. He also does not contribute to the household income. Once Poonam joined training, she picked up the skills fast and acquired her permanent license in her first attempt. She continued to do part-time domestic work with her training. However, she had to leave training as her toddler needed care and she could not do that along with training and work. She is hopeful that she will return for training once her child grows little older.

Name : **POOJA**  
 Date of Birth : **23/07/1994**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **TIGDI**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **21/06/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **03/11/2016**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Pooja found out about Azad Foundation through the mobilization team which was surveying her area. She expressed interest and wanted to join. Her husband supported this decision and she came into training. During training, she was very influenced by the gender classes as they gave her knowledge regarding her legal rights, violence and its types and she feels that it is imperative for everyone to know this. She says that in the future if she sees any violence happening, she will raise her voice against it. However, she walked out of training after acquiring her permanent license in order to take care of her sister who is suffering from epilepsy and there is no one else to take care of her.



Name : **REKHA RAJ**  
 Date of Birth : **23/05/1982**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **DAKSHINPURI**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **30/06/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **20/12/16**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Rekharaj worked as a domestic help before joining Azad. Her employer of many years told her about Azad and encouraged her to join. She found this opportunity of value as she had also not been able to study beyond the 8th standard as her mother needed assistance with her work. This opportunity would give her skills, with which she could hope to earn a better income. She joined and wanted to become a professional driver. However, in this duration, her brother passed away and her mother constantly kept falling ill. Amidst all this, she could not manage her training and eventually had to leave.





Name : **JUMMO**  
 Date of Birth : **01/01/1996**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **MADANPUR KHADAR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **02/08/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **20/12/16**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Jummo lives with her mother and siblings. Her father passed away when she was very young and her mother has since been supporting the family by working as a domestic help. Her elder sister also worked and contributed to the family income. Jummo heard about Azad through one of the mobilization activities that Azad was conducting in her basti. She joined with the support of her family and started her training. After she got her permanent license made, her sister got married and moved to another house. Due to this, her contribution to the household income stopped and Jummo had to take over the same work to run the family. Therefore, she had to leave the training.



Name : **KAJAL GUPTA**  
 Date of Birth : **08/08/1989**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **MADANPUR KHADAR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **02/08/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **09/09/15 (WALK IN FROM PREVIOUS BATCH)**  
 Current Status : **ON BENCH**

Kajal lives with her friend Sarita. The relationship between her and her parents had soured and remained so for many years. It is during this time that she found out about Azad's training programme and decided to join. During training she learnt fast and showed leadership skills. Staying away from home had its own challenges and she found it difficult to manage home and training at the same time. However, she did not let this deter her from completing her training. She has passed her employability test and is currently waiting to get a job.

Name : **KAJAL VARMAN**  
 Date of Birth : **10/07/1997**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **SARITA VIHAR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **02/08/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **19/10/16**  
 Current Status : **ON BENCH**

Kajal lives with her mother and 2 younger sisters. When her father separated from her mother, she and her mother were forced to work in an export company in order to get some money for sustenance. Due to this, she had to discontinue her studies. Her friend's mother handed her a pamphlet one day which she had received from the Azad mobilization team. She was interested and expressed the desire to join. While in training, Kajal started enjoying herself and liking driving more and more each day. Shae says that she found the communication classes very stimulating and she feels happy that she can now present herself with confidence in public spaces. She has completed her training and is currently looking for a job. She wishes to resume her studies once she starts earning.

Name : **LAXMI PATHAK**  
 Date of Birth : **14/03/1998**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **LAL KUAN**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **1**  
 Date of Joining : **02/08/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **23/11/16**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Laxmi works to support her family. She takes tuition for children and also works as a beautician. Her father works in an iron factory and is the only other earning member. Due to this financial stress, Laxmi could only study till the 8th standard and is now pursuing higher studies through correspondence. She found out about Azad through her neighbour who was undergoing training at Azad. Whenever she would see people driving on the road, she would dream of driving herself. This dream seemed closer as she joined Azad. She says that the gender training has helped her express her opinion confidently. She has completed training and is waiting to be employed.





Name : **POONAM**  
 Date of Birth : **07/10/1997**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **MADANPUR KHADAR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **02/08/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **23/11/16**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Poonam heard about the WoW training through a mobilization activity which was taking place in her area. She expressed interest and asked her parents for permission to attend the training. They were supportive and agreed for her to join. She has made many friends in training who help her out whenever she needs. Apart from the technical training, she likes the non-technical trainings as she feels they teach her something new every time. She is currently undergoing training and wants to support her family once she starts earning.



Name : **SHIVANI**  
 Date of Birth : **11/05/1998**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **SHRINIVASPURI**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **02/08/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **06/01/17**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Shivani lived in Shrinivaspuri with her family. Her father works as a peon in a government office and is the only earning member. She heard about Azad Foundation through a woman who was training with Azad at the time. She found it interesting and joined in order to gain skills to get a job. She says that the communication training has helped her learn to express herself in the workplace. Gender training has taught her about her rights and the mindset of society towards women, which has given her strength to face different situations. However, she left after getting her permanent license as her grandmother expired and she had to go back to her village.

Name : **RANJEETA**  
 Date of Birth : **19/08/1995**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **MADANPUR KHADAR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **02/08/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **18/02/17**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Ranjeeta was introduced to Azad through a camp which was taking place in her neighbourhood. At that time. She was pursuing her graduation through correspondence. Her parents, whom she lived with, agreed to send her for training and she joined. She was irregular in training and therefore took a long time to get her permanent license. She is excited to complete her training soon and start working and is making an effort to be regular for classes. She wants to earn and support her mother financially as she is currently the only earning member in the family.

Name : **RASHMI**  
 Date of Birth : **08/10/1994**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **JAITPUR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **19/09/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **06/01/17**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Rashmi lives with her family and is pursuing graduation through correspondence. Her father works and mother is a home maker. She came across a mobilization activity in her area which was being conducted by Azad Foundation and expressed interest to join once she heard about the WoW programme. She joined training with the support of her family. She says that the communication training has helped her develop skills to communicate in the workplace which she feels will be very helpful for her. However, she walked out of training as she felt the need to concentrate more on higher studies.





Name : **TULSI**  
 Date of Birth : **17/03/1996**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **MADANPUR KHADAR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **19/09/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **06/01/17**  
 Current Status : **ON BENCH**

Tulsi lives with her mother and they take care of each other. She used to work as a cook in people's homes before joining Azad. She now continues to work part-time so as to support herself during training. She says that she liked the Sexual and Reproductive health classes the most as they have taught her how to lead a better, healthier life. She has completed her training and is waiting to get a job.



Name : **CHANDANI**  
 Date of Birth : **10/12/1995**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **GAUTAMPURI**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **07/11/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **03/02/17**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Chandni enrolled for the WoW programme when she saw a woman in her neighbourhood who is a driver with Sakha. She was inspired to see her work and wanted to do the same. Her mother runs a small stall selling daily items. Her brother works in a car workshop and sister works with a private company on contractual basis. Thus, it was not very difficult for her to convince her family to let her train. While in training, she liked the self-defense classes the most as they gave her skills to protect herself. She is currently under training and wishes to soon become a professional driver.

Name : **UPASNA**  
 Date of Birth : **25/09/1994**  
 Education : **Graduate**  
 Locality : **Jaitpur**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **19/09/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **06/01/17**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Upasana was always interested in studying. She wanted to do her higher studies and become a teacher. She found out about Azad through a friend and thought it might be useful to also learn a skill which could then help her family by contributing to the household income. She started training with the support of her parents and acquired her permanent license, while doing a course through correspondence. However, she left training as she felt she needed to concentrate on her B.Ed. full time.

Name : **SHIBI**  
 Date of Birth : **11/11/1997**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **LAKHPAT COLONY**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **07/11/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **03/02/17**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Shibi wanted to enrol for the WoW programme the moment she found out about it. She expressed her desire to learn a four-wheeler to her family members, but her uncle opposed this saying that it did not suit women to take up such professions. Her mother however, supported her and she managed to start training. She says that earlier she was afraid of travelling alone, but not anymore. The programme has helped her gain the confidence to be out and do something for oneself. The gender classes have helped her gain knowledge about women's issues. She shares all that she learns with her family and now they have started supporting her as well. She is currently under training and hopes to become a driver soon.





Name : **SHILPEE**  
 Date of Birth : **01/07/1987**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **JAITPUR**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **1**  
 Date of Joining : **07/11/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **03/02/17**  
 Current Status : **ON BENCH**

Shilpee lives with her husband and daughter in Badarpur. She was very keen to study and completed her 12th standard after her marriage. Her husband is supportive and encourages her to learn new things. One day while returning home after dropping her daughter to school, she came across a camp which was organized by Azad Foundation. She however could not think of driving a car and said that she didn't even know how to ride a bicycle. With encouragement from her husband and the Azad team, she joined the training. She says the self-defense training has given her confidence. She wants to help her family financially as her husband also does not have a regular job. She says that he is eagerly waiting for the moment when she will bring a car home and others will see her drive. She has completed her training and is waiting to get a job.



Name : **VIDYA**  
 Date of Birth : **01/03/1992**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **MADANPUR KHADAR**  
 Marital Status : **SEPARATED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **07/11/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **03/02/17**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Vidya lived with her husband, but since he was abusive, she left him and moved to her parents' house. Her father works as a daily wage labourer and mother earns sometimes by doing domestic work. She is not able to contribute to the income that much because she frequently falls sick due to poor health. Vidya's father does not support her driving training as he feels that there is no need for his daughter to go out and work since he is earning for her. But Vidya does not want to be a burden on the family and wanted to be self-reliant. Therefore, she does not take any money from them. Azad also provides her social security for the same. She is dedicated and wants to earn money through a stable job.

Name : **TULA**  
 Date of Birth : **12/11/1980**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **C.R. PARK**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **1**  
 Date of Joining : **07/11/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **20/10/12 (CAME WITH PL)**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Tula lives with her husband, daughter and mother-in-law. She used to work as a sales person with Yakult company before joining Azad. She worked there for 3 years but left as the pressure for targets was mounting and she was not comfortable with that. Once while on duty, she saw women drivers and this caught her interest. With her family's support, she joined the WoW training. She wants to complete her training soon and become a professional driver so that she can have a stable job.

Name : **POONAM**  
 Date of Birth : **28/02/1994**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **MADANPUR KHADAR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **21/06/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **18/02/17**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Poonam was pursuing a course to become a beautician, when she heard about Azad Foundation from the same place. She expressed her desire to learn and her parents supported her in joining the training. Her father works as a peon, mother as domestic help and younger brother does a small job in Nehru Place. She wanted to contribute to the household income and therefore decided to train and work. She says that the wholistic training at Azad has helped her speak her mind openly. She also does not fear going out of her house alone anymore. Her family is proud to see a 'confident' Poonam.





*Name* : **PREETI JHA**  
*Date of Birth* : **03/05/1980**  
*Education* : **GRADUATE**  
*Locality* : **UTTAM NAGAR**  
*Marital Status* : **MARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **2**  
*Date of Joining* : **15/03/16**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **04/08/16**  
*Current Status* : **ON BENCH**

Preeti is married and has two children. Her husband is abusive and has been such since she got married. She is living with him and her in laws. She was encouraged to join Azad by her brother, who came to know about Azad Foundation through a tv show, 'Satyamev Jayate'. He support her emotionally and financially along with her mother. She joined training as she wanted to earn for herself and get away from her husband, who created a lot of truble for her even while she was in training. Despite all the challenges at home, she has completed her training and is currently waiting to be employed. She wants to be economically independent and raise her children away from her husband and in-laws and in a relatively peaceful environment.

*Name* : **LEELA SAHNI**  
*Date of Birth* : **01/04/1988**  
*Education* : **5TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **MADANPUR KHADAR**  
*Marital Status* : **MARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **3**  
*Date of Joining* : **15/03/16**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **17/06/16**  
*Current Status* : **ON BENCH**

Leela lived in Sonipat with her husband and children. He was abusive towards her and was an alcoholic and gambler. So, she moved to Delhi to live with her sister who helped her get domestic work to support herself and her children. Her husband soon moved in with her. Though she remained the primary bread winner, there was no change except that she was able to put her children in school and also pay off her husband's debt. Her niece, Jayanti, had trained with Azad and was a driver. She encouraged Leela to join. Initially Leela felt that she could not learn how to drive. When she visited the office and saw other women driving, it generated trust and excitement in her and she decided to join. She somehow convinced her husband by saying that she will be able to pay the rent and school fees for her children. Once she joined training, she dedicated herself to it. She has passed the employability test and is currently waiting for a job.



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*Name* : **AARTI**  
*Date of Birth* : **15/7/1995**  
*Education* : **5TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **SAMAYPUR BADLI**  
*Marital Status* : **UNMARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **0**  
*Date of Joining* : **21/1/2016**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **15/6/2016**  
*Current Status* : **WALK OUT**

Aarti joined Azad along with her friend. They were both interested in driving and their parents had agreed for them to come as they felt safe if both went out together. Aarti acquired her permanent license and was almost going to complete her other modules, when her friend walked out of the programme due to parental pressure. Due to this, aarti's parents also insisted that she leave, but she fought with them at first. Azad's team intervened and did a home visit to try and convince her parents to let her continue, but to no avail. Hence, Aarti left the programme.



*Name* : **AJMERI**  
*Date of Birth* : **1/1/1990**  
*Education* : **5TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **BHALSWA DAIRY**  
*Marital Status* : **MARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **2**  
*Date of Joining* : **5/10/2016**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **20/12/2016**  
*Current Status* : **UNDER TRAINING**

Ajmeri used to work at a beauty parlour before joining azad. Her husband is an auto driver and both of them earn for the family. When she found out about Azad, she expressed the desire to join and her husband supported her. She is enjoying her training and after the English class she feels proud to be able to give her introduction in English. She also likes the Sexual and Reproductive Health module as she has learnt about her body through that. Her dream is to become a professional driver and enroll her children in a private school.

*Name* : **AARTI**  
*Date of Birth* : **1/10/1989**  
*Education* : **12TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **BURARI**  
*Marital Status* : **MARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **2**  
*Date of Joining* : **21/1/2016**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **15/6/2016**  
*Current Status* : **ON BENCH**

Aarti lives with her husband and children. Her husband is a driver and the only earner in the family. Her friend is also a driver and she works with Sakha Consulting Wings as a commercial chauffeur. It is from her that Aarti got to know about Azad Foundation and decided to take training to be a professional driver. Her husband has also supported her in this. Amongst the various trainings that she has received in Azad, she is most fond of the Gender classes as they have helped her know more about the law and the rights of women and as a result, be more confident. She has passed her employability test and is waiting to get a job. She aspires to join the Delhi Police force in a few years.

*Name* : **ANITA**  
*Date of Birth* : **1/5/1989**  
*Education* : **12TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **SAMAYPUR BADLI**  
*Marital Status* : **MARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **3**  
*Date of Joining* : **26/8/2016**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **10/10/2016**  
*Current Status* : **ON BENCH**

Anita is married and has 3 children. She stays with them and her husband in the house her father has given her. She found out about Azad Foundation through the members of the Feminist Leadership Programme which Azad runs in some of the communities. She attended a meeting with them and became interested in doing something for herself. Her husband was reluctant at first, but she slowly made him understand her desire to do this and he agreed. She has completed her training and is waiting to get a job.





Name : **ASHA**  
 Date of Birth : **10/3/1995**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **MADIPUR**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **23/11/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **26/10/2016**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Asha was married at the early age of 14 and therefore did not get a chance to complete school. She did not know anything about married life and would feel lost in her in-laws' house. However, her husband was supportive and when she expressed her desire to come to Azad for training to become a chauffeur, he encouraged her. During this time, she had a miscarriage and her health deteriorated. She tried hard to continue training, but could not. She is currently not in training and is taking care of her health at home. She has expressed the desire to continue training once she has recovered fully.



Name : **BABLI**  
 Date of Birth : **1/8/1982**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **SANT NAGAR**  
 Marital Status : **WIDOWED**  
 Number of Children : **2**  
 Date of Joining : **5/10/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **10/3/2017**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Babli and her daughter currently live with her sister's family. Her husband passed away a year ago and hence she had to move out of the rented house they lived in. She did not want to take financial help from anyone so she started working as a caretaker. She found out about Azad from one of the drivers in Sakha who had taken training in Azad. She wanted to join in order to gain skills and get a job. She says that all the modules are good as they help her in learning something new always. But English classes are her favourite because they have made her confident to speak out in front of people. She wants to earn and save for her daughter's education.

Name : **BABLI**  
 Date of Birth : **7/8/1989**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **PRATAP BAGH**  
 Marital Status : **SEPARATED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **29/2/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **3/6/2016**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Babli was married at an early age. She was facing problems with her husband and therefore moved away from him. She now lives with her parents and is fighting her case for divorce. It is at this time that she got to know about Azad Foundation through its mobilization team and decided to join training. She liked the time she spent here, especially what she learnt in the various modules. She liked self-defense and Gender classes the most as they gave her confidence to face her circumstances and gain more clarity of her situation. However, the court case was taking up more and more of her time after she got her permanent license, and she decided to leave the training to give more attention to her divorce case.

Name : **BALA DEVI**  
 Date of Birth : **25/6/1979**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **MALIKPUR**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **21/1/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **19/5/2016**  
 Current Status : **ON BENCH**

Bala has had to face violence at her in-laws' house where she lives with her husband. He is unsupportive and taunts her often. She faces all these struggles and is also vocal about them. However, she is not being able to leave them as she is not financially independent. She thought Azad would be a way for her to become independent and earn for herself. She enrolled for the programme but had difficulty in training due to problems at home. She had to also live according to her husband, so that she could continue in training and he would not stop her. Thus, she would be irregular. She says that it is due to these issues that she lacks confidence and is unable to perform well, especially in the employability test which she passed in her third attempt. She is now waiting for a job and is happy that soon she will be able to earn and become a good driver.





Name : **BINA**  
 Date of Birth : **20/08/1986**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **SWAROOP NAGAR**  
 Marital Status : **SEPARATED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **21/02/17**  
 Date of Permanent License : **29/01/14 (JOINED WITH PL)**  
 Current Status : **ON BENCH**

Bina lives with her mother. She decided to separate from her husband few years back because he was an alcoholic and abusive towards her. She had joined Azad in 2014 but had to leave her training midway as her father passed away and she had to start working. She restarted her association with Azad once her sister started supporting her financially. It was due to this that she was able to turn her full time work to part time and join training. She says that she liked the Legal rights module as it made her more aware of her rights. She wants to start earning and help her mother financially. She has completed her training and is waiting to get a job.



Name : **CHANDNI**  
 Date of Birth : **22/7/1992**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **MUKUNDPUR**  
 Marital Status : **DIVORCED**  
 Number of Children : **1**  
 Date of Joining : **5/10/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **1/2/17**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Chandni lives with her daughter in her mother's house. Her husband was abusive and left her with her daughter. Her mother in law also did not support her and she had to leave the house. She legally took divorce from him and took custody of her daughter. She wanted to be independent and earn money to support her daughter when she heard about Azad Foundation and she enrolled for training. She liked the gender and legal rights classes as she got information about women's rights and laws. She wants to complete her training and start earning so that she can send her daughter to a private school.

Name : **CHANDNI**  
 Date of Birth : **21/5/1993**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **JAHANGIRPURI**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **26/8/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **30/11/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Chandni enrolled in Azad in order to help her family financially. Her father is unable to work as he has asthma and cannot take the stress of regular work. Her sister and brother earn to support them. When she found out about the WoW training through a member of the Feminist Leadership programme, she decided to join. She was unable to clear her Learner License test in the first attempt and became demotivated. Her mother encouraged her to continue training and she is doing well now. She likes gender classes the most as they have helped her develop a new perspective. She feels confident that she will be able to help her family and be a good driver.

Name : **DEEPIKA SEHGAL**  
 Date of Birth : **7/11/1992**  
 Education : **POST GRADUATE**  
 Locality : **SANT NAGAR BURARI**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **17/5/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **18/1/16 (CAME WITH PL)**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Deepika joined Azad with the support of her parents. Her sister also joined with her. She already had a permanent license at the time of joining. Her training was going well when her parents told her to quit. She resisted, but they found a boy for her to get her married. They fixed the wedding and Deepika was forced to leave within three months of joining.





Name : **DEEPTI**  
 Date of Birth : **5/7/1995**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **WAZIRPUR VILLAGE**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **25/7/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **10/11/2016**  
 Current Status : **ON BENCH**

Deepti was encouraged to come in to Azad by her brother. He knew a Sakha driver and was very impressed by her work. He supported her to join training while she was pursuing her final year of graduation from Open School. She liked the English modules and the first aid classes and feels that she can now help people in emergency situations. She wants to be a good professional driver and wants to eventually apply to the delhi police for the post of a chauffeur.



Name : **GEETA**  
 Date of Birth : **12/03/1992**  
 Education : **GRADUATE**  
 Locality : **BHALSWA**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **28/12/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **29/03/2017**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Geeta found out about Azad through the Feminist Leadership Programme. She decided to enroll in order to help out her family financially. Her father is a vegetable seller and elder brother is an electrician. Currently the home runs from their income. Geeta wants to contribute to this income and thus enrolled in the Azad training programme. She says that she liked the English classes the most as they have helped her in becoming confident in interacting with people. She is currently under training. She wants to work as a professional driver with the DTC and drive a bus.

Name : **GEETA**  
 Date of Birth : **1/1/1986**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **ASHOK VIHAR**  
 Marital Status : **SEPARATED**  
 Number of Children : **2**  
 Date of Joining : **25/7/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **28/9/2016**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Geeta was married at a young age. Her husband was abusive and would constantly fight with her. She left him and started staying with her mother, who earns a meagre income which is not enough to support the Geeta and the children. Therefore, Geeta decided to take up training and start earning soon for the family, especially her children's education. She also wanted to help her mother repay an ongoing debt. With no one else to earn, her mother helped her out with conveyance for coming to the training. However, her circumstances did not permit her to continue and she walked out.

Name : **JYOTI**  
 Date of Birth : **14/12/1995**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **MUKUNDPUR**  
 Marital Status : **SEPARATED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **24/7/2015**  
 Date of Permanent License : **24/6/2016**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Jyoti was temporarily separated from her husband when she decided to take training at azad. She had also filed a case against him in court during this period. She used to come for training and liked her driving classes. While in training, she was in touch with her husband and slowly the matter between them was sorted. She thus went back to living with him. She wanted to continue in training, but he did not support her. She finally went back with him to their village and left training.





Name : **JYOTI**  
 Date of Birth : **20/6/1997**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **WAZIRPUR VILLAGE**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **26/4/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **23/6/2016**  
 Current Status : **ON BENCH**

Jyoti's mother works as a helper in a company and is the only earner in the family. Jyoti decided to join the training at Azad as she wanted to lend a helping hand to her mother. Her mother was reluctant to let her join at first as she did not feel confident to send Jyoti out for training or work. The mobilization team of Azad convinced her to send Jyoti and she agreed. As the training progressed, Jyoti's confidence also grew and she started going to government offices to get her work done. She got the widow Pension activated for her mother, got a gas connection and also opened a bank account. Jyoti says that the classes on Gender helped her. She wants to be economically independent and also help out her mother and her siblings. She is currently waiting to be employed.



Name : **KETKI**  
 Date of Birth : **12/6/1986**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **HAIDERPUR**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **2**  
 Date of Joining : **21/1/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **18/5/2016**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Driving was not unthought of for ketki as a profession, since her husband is a driver. But she had never thought of being a driver herself. When the opportunity presented itself in front of her in the form of the WOW training programme, she was interested to delve into it. Her husband also thought it was a good idea and encouraged her. She came into the programme and was enjoying the various modules and the driving training. Her favourite class was Gender and legal rights because she learnt about her rights and legal provisions. However, while in training she developed severe back pain and thus had to leave to take care of her health. She wants to rejoin once she feels better.

Name : **KANTA**  
 Date of Birth : **01/01/1996**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **JAHANGIRPURI**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **29/02/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **21/03/2017**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Kanta lives with her parents and siblings. Her father works as a salesman and is the primary bread earner. Due to financial problems, Kanta could not study beyond the 8th standard. When she got to know about Azad, she decided to enroll in the training as she thought this was her chance to learn a skill as she did not trust that she would get a job otherwise due to her low education. Her parents supported her to take the training and she joined. She says that she likes English classes the most as the discussions that happen in the training teach her a lot. She now feels confident to speak to other people. She wants to become a professional driver and hopes that some day she will be able to apply for a government job.

Name : **KIRAN**  
 Date of Birth : **1/4/1993**  
 Education : **GRADUATE**  
 Locality : **PRATAP BAGH**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **25/7/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **24/6/2016**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Kiran has completed her graduation but could not study further due to financial stress in the family. This meant that she had to start working to contribute to the household income. She found out about azad from a friend who was considering joining the WoW programme. She was inspired and they joined together. She is under training and working part-time to support herself to stay in the training. She wants to be independent and support her family financially.





Name : **LALITA**  
 Date of Birth : **16/2/1992**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **WAZIRPUR VILLAGE**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **26/4/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **23/6/2016**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Lalita stays with her mother and siblings, with their mother being the only bread winner. She wanted to contribute to the family financially and thus decided to join training. She saw this as an opportunity to get a well paying job. Once she started her training, she realized that this was not her cup of tea. She wanted to work, but did not want to work as a chauffeur. Hence, she left training to try and look for some other options which were better suited to her interests.



Name : **LUXMI**  
 Date of Birth : **12/6/1986**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **HAIDERPUR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **5/10/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **20/12/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Luxmi started working at a young age in order to pay for her education. Since her father is the only earner and does not make enough by selling fruits, she took up stitching and even gave tuitions to children to earn. She saved money and enrolled for a Bachelors programme. She also contributes in the family income as needed. She wanted to gain a skill and hence joined Azad. She likes to meet different people everyday and attends the various trainings with interest. She wants to become a driver and get a commercial license. She dreams of working at the airport one day.

Name : **LUBINA**  
 Date of Birth : **21/2/1988**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **BURARI**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **29/8/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **CAME WITH PL**  
 Current Status : **ON BENCH**

Lubina lives with her mother and the only source of income is the pension her mother gets after the passing of her father. She found out about Azad through the internet and approached the office in order to join the programme. She liked the English, First Aid and Self-Defense classes as they have built her capacity and given her the confidence to face people for work. She is waiting to get a job. Her dream is to one day become a Delhi Transport Commission bus driver.

Name : **MALTI**  
 Date of Birth : **19/5/1982**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **PRATAP BAGH**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **4**  
 Date of Joining : **28/2/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **13/6/2016**  
 Current Status : **ON BENCH**

Malti used to work in a parlour to supplement her family income. She stays with her husband, children and mother-in-law. Her husband works in a theatre company. She found out about Azad Foundation through Azad's mobilization activities in her area and expressed her willingness to join. Her eldest daughter was opposed to the idea because she felt embarrassed that her mother was learning driving as it is not considered a good profession in their neighbourhood. She was also trying to influence her father about the same, but he supported Malti in coming for the training. During training, she liked the self-defense classes the most as they gave her confidence to act in adverse situations. She has cleared the employability test and is waiting to get a job. She wants to earn and help her family financially.





Name : **MANISHA**  
 Date of Birth : **30/11/1991**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **AZADPUR**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **1**  
 Date of Joining : **25/7/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **30/9/2016**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Manisha lives with her husband and in-laws. She did not think of working as her husband does a private job and her in-laws are not in favour of her doing a job. Her brother informed her of Azad's programme and encouraged her to join. Her husband was supportive but in-laws were reluctant to send her. She brought them to the office to meet with the staff, after which they let her come for training along with her sisters. She was a fast learner and was able to get her permanent license in the first attempt. She subsequently started facing difficulties in her training as no one looked after her small baby at home. She had to eventually quit in order to take care of the child.



Name : **MONIKA GUPTA**  
 Date of Birth : **26/10/1998**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **SONIA VIHAR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **29/9/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **20/1/2017**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Monika lives with her parents and sister. Her sister informed her of Azad's training programme, which she found out about through her school. She thought it would be a good idea to join and convinced her parents for the same. She was initially very reserved and shy. She recalls that when she joined, she used to be so nervous that she would cry if anyone would ask her for her introduction. As the training progressed, she became more open. She says that the classes on gender helped her open up by making her aware of her rights. She wants to become independent and help support her family. She dreams of one day getting a government job.

Name : **MANJU**  
 Date of Birth : **22/09/1993**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **MALIKPUR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **21/1/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **21/4/2016**  
 Current Status : **ON BENCH**

Manju lives with her parents and siblings in Malikpur. She is pursuing her bachelor's degree from Delhi University. She herself had never seen a woman driver, but wanted to prove to herself and the world that she could become a driver as well once she found out about Azad. She says the self-defense classes were very useful as they taught her skills to protect herself and gave her the confidence to face any situation. Her neighbours tried discouraging her by saying that 'women are not meant to be drivers'. She retorted by saying, "It is my dream and decision to take the training and my parents are there to support me." She also shares all that she learns with her mother and younger sister. Her dream is to join the Delhi Police force. She is currently waiting to be employed.

Name : **NAZRIN**  
 Date of Birth : **15/3/1998**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **BHALSWA**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **26/8/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **10/10/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Nazrin lives with her sister and brother-in-law. Having no financial support to study further, she had to drop out of school. She took up training in Azad so that she could be financially independent and be able to fulfill her dreams. She says that she has become more confident after Self-defense training. Gender training has helped her understand herself more and has also made her speak up about her feelings, which she earlier did not do. She wants to be a driver to be able to earn and support her education further.





*Name* : **NEELAM**  
*Date of Birth* : **5/1/1998**  
*Education* : **8TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **JAHANGIRPURI**  
*Marital Status* : **UNMARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **1**  
*Date of Joining* : **22/8/2015**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **27/5/2016**  
*Current Status* : **ON BENCH**

Neelam saw a street play with her mother in her basti. The play talked about women coming into professions like driving. This inspired both of them and their curiosity led them to the Azad mobilization team present there. Her mother felt that women being trained as drivers was a good idea and encouraged Neelam to join. Neelam's father is a daily wage labourer and she felt that this would also supplement the household income. While in training, Neelam enjoyed the Sexual and Reproductive health classes as they helped her know more about her body. She also liked the openness of the discussions during the sessions and felt that after attending them, she had become more comfortable with herself. She is currently waiting for a job and wants to earn so that she can support her education as well.



*Name* : **NEETU**  
*Date of Birth* : **1/1/1980**  
*Education* : **10TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **JAHANGIRPURI**  
*Marital Status* : **WIDOWED**  
*Number of Children* : **3**  
*Date of Joining* : **14/9/2016**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **30/12/2016**  
*Current Status* : **UNDER TRAINING**

Neetu is a single mother. Her husband passed away three years back. She is now the only caregiver and provider for her three children. She used to work with an NGo before she found out about Azad through a street play in her community. She decided to enrol for the programme and turned her job to a part-time one. She likes the training in that it helps her build her confidence. She is facing some difficulties due to a property dispute with her brother-in-law. She wants to complete her training fast so that she can get a job and provide for her children.

*Name* : **NEELAM DEVI**  
*Date of Birth* : **22/7/1993**  
*Education* : **10TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **SAMYAPURBADLI**  
*Marital Status* : **SEPARATED**  
*Number of Children* : **0**  
*Date of Joining* : **23/11/2016**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **10/2/2017**  
*Current Status* : **UNDER TRAINING**

Neelam's mother encouraged her to join Azad. She had separated from her husband as he wanted to control every aspect of her life, which was not agreeable to her. When she joined, she was shy and did not talk to many people. While training for her learner's license, she stopped coming for training because she felt that the other women made fun of her and told her not to wear sarees as it leads to difficulty in driving. The mobilization team convinced her to come back. As she underwent the various trainings, she adapted to the needs of the training. She also became more outspoken and started interacting in group processes as well. She also participated in the One Billion Rising Campaign as part of a dance group and says that this has given her a lot of confidence. She wants to be a professional driver and earn money to support herself.

*Name* : **NEHA**  
*Date of Birth* : **22/9/1993**  
*Education* : **12TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **JAHANGIRPURI**  
*Marital Status* : **UNMARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **0**  
*Date of Joining* : **25/7/2016**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **CAME WITH PL**  
*Current Status* : **ON BENCH**

Neha lives with her mother and siblings. The only source of income for them is their house which they have rented out. She is currently pursuing her graduation from the School of Open Learning. She was part of the WoW programme in 2012 but had left to pursue her education. She came back to take training as she felt that she needed technical skills in order to earn money and be able to support her family. During training, she liked the Gender class and the Sexual and Reproductive Health training the most as she felt they helped her gain more control over her rights and her body. She wants to be a driver and be independent so that she can fulfill her other dreams as well.







Name : **NEHA**  
 Date of Birth : **22/09/1993**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **JAHANGIRPURI**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **25/07/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **23/08/12 (JOINED WITH PL)**  
 Current Status : **ON BENCH**

Neha is pursuing her graduation from Delhi University through correspondence. She had enrolled in Azad in 2012, but she left then as she wanted to complete her studies. She says that she realized later that in order to pursue her dream, she needed to have some technical skill. This is how she decided to walk back into the programme. Her wish to be financially independent nurtured her passion to pursue driving professionally. She says that she liked the Gender and Legal rights module and the Sexual and reproductive health training as they made her aware of her body and rights. She wants to earn and also enroll for a course in Fashion Designing. She is currently waiting to be employed.



Name : **NITIKA**  
 Date of Birth : **21/1/1995**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **BHALSWA**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **25/7/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **30/9/2016**  
 Current Status : **ON BENCH**

Nikita had the desire to pursue higher studies, but having failed twice in the 12th standard, she couldn't continue. She found out about Azad through a woman in her neighbourhood who had completed the WoW training. She inspired her to join the programme. Her father was reluctant to send her because he had found her friend spending time with a boy outside the house. He thought that Nikita would do the same if allowed to venture out of the house on her own. He agreed later and she started her training. Now she has completed training and her father is very happy. He even gave her his blessing when her Permanent License reached her home by courier. She wants to become a professional driver and wear the sakha uniform. She wants to inspire other women in her community to take control of their future and follow their dreams.

Name : **NISHA**  
 Date of Birth : **10/8/1998**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **JAHANGIRPURI**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **29/9/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **25/1/2017**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Nisha joined Azad to help her family financially. Her father is a washerman but his work is irregular due to ill health. Her brother works in a factory and earns a meagre salary and it is difficult for him to make ends meet as the family is also under debt. Under these circumstances, Nisha decided to join Azad in order to get a stable job and earn. She liked the classes on gender as they made her aware of the inequalities she has had to face. However, she is irregular in her training as she is facing health problems.

Name : **POOJA PANDEY**  
 Date of Birth : **7/7/1982**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **MUKUNDPUR**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **2**  
 Date of Joining : **26/4/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **23/6/2016**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Pooja lives with her husband and two children. Her husband owns a small toy shop through which they earn their sustenance. She found out about the WOW programme through the Azad mobilization team conducting a survey in her area. She joined with the support of her husband. However, once she started training, she faced several problems as she felt that she was not being able to give time to her household responsibilities. Her husband also started opposing her coming for training. In the midst of this, her sister was hospitalized and Pooja had to take care of her. Thus, she left the training after acquiring her permanent license.





Name : **POONAM**  
 Date of Birth : **24/4/1996**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **KABIR NAGAR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **29/2/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **3/6/2016**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Poonam lives with her parents and brother. Her parents encouraged her to join the training at Azad as they thought it would help her learn something new and take up an earning job. She came into training, but did not continue after acquiring her permanent license. She was detected with depression and her parents tried, but could not get her to come out of the house, even for training.



Name : **PRABHA DEVI**  
 Date of Birth : **01/02/1992**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **BHALASWA**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **2**  
 Date of Joining : **28/12/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **21/03/2017**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Prabha saw a street play in her locality one day which spoke about women drivers. She was curious to know what this was about. This drove her to a member of the Feminist Leadership Programme who then gave her the details about the WoW training. She was inspired and wanted to enroll. She consulted with her husband and he supported her to join. The English training has led to an increase in her confidence to give her introduction to people and also interact with people outside her immediate family. She wants to be a professional driver and help her husband by contributing to the family income. She says that her dream is to buy her own house in Delhi.

Name : **POONAM**  
 Date of Birth : **25/10/1992**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **PRATAP BAGH**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **25/7/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **16/9/2016**  
 Current Status : **ON BENCH**

Poonam has taken computer classes at Smile Foundation and was also offered a job in telemarketing. During this time, she heard about the Azad programme from the mobilization team at Azad. She was so inspired that she rejected the job offer and took up driving training. She says that since she has started training, she has felt more confident about going out of her house on her own, which she was earlier afraid to do. She wants to help her family financially once she gets a job.

Name : **PRAVEEN**  
 Date of Birth : **10/9/1997**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **BHALSWA**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **05/10/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **7/1/2017**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Parveen was introduced to the WoW programme through a meeting in her community conducted by the members of the Feminist Leadership programme. She wanted to enrol, but her mother was against it as she felt that driving is not for women. She also wanted Praveen to study further. Praveen took her mother to attend a play in the community which was being conducted as part of Azad's Outreach programme. During the play, her mother was influenced by the following statement, "don't keep money for her dowry but make her self-dependent for her future." It is from then on that the mother started supporting her and agreed to send her for classes. During the gender class in training, praveen says that she understood the reality of the world for women. She wants to be independent and achieve something in her life.





Name : **PRIYANKA SHARMA**  
 Date of Birth : **1/4/1993**  
 Education : **GRADUATE**  
 Locality : **ASHOK VIHAR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **26/8/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **30/11/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Priyanka is an independent woman who stays with her mother in her own house. In order to help with her further education, she took tuition for children. She has also taken training in sample collection for medical purposes and used to work in a clinic for the same before joining Azad. She got to know of the WoW training programme through one of the women in the Feminist Leadership Programme. The daily wage in the clinic was proving to be tedious and she joined Azad in the hope of earning a regular salary. Her mother is very supportive and wants her to increase her skills. She likes the training at Azad and wants to work in the driving profession. Her dream is to earn and enroll for a Bachelors course in Law.



Name : **PUSHPA**  
 Date of Birth : **11/3/1996**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **AZADPUR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **23/11/2015**  
 Date of Permanent License : **23/6/2016**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Pushpa was staying with her parents in Delhi when she found out about Azad through the mobilization team. She had always wanted to lead an independent life and saw this as an opportunity to be able to do so. She joined with the support of her parents and started her training. She expressed her interest in Gender classes as they helped develop her understanding of violence. However, she was not very regular in coming for training and eventually left as she had to go back to her village due to some issues in her family.

Name : **PURNIMA**  
 Date of Birth : **10/12/1997**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **ASHOK VIHAR**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **25/7/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **16/9/2016**  
 Current Status : **ON BENCH**

Purnima is married and stays in her parents' house. Her husband lives in his own house, but is very supportive towards Purnima. Her mother is an anganwadi worker and she encouraged Purnima to join Azad once she found out about the training. Once Purnima joined, she started enjoying the training and her interest in driving grew. She says that she enjoyed the Sexual and Reproductive health classes the most as they helped her know about her own body. She also liked the First Aid training and loves to drive on the road. She wants to be a professional driver and contribute to the family income.

Name : **RAKHI YADAV**  
 Date of Birth : **1/3/1995**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **KHILONA BAGH**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **29/2/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **14/6/2016**  
 Current Status : **ON BENCH**

Rakhi learned about Azad through a mobilizer who came to her house while conducting a survey in her community. She stays with her parents and her house runs with the pension of her father, who is a retired government employee. When they heard about the WOW programme, they were intrigued with the idea and wanted Rakhi to join. As her training progressed, she grew more fond of driving. Through the English and First Aid classes, she has been able to gather knowledge and build her confidence. She has also learnt to be more independent as she claims that she can now stay without her parents as well and does not feel scared in doing so. She has completed her training and is currently waiting to be employed. She wants to become good at her job and then apply in the Delhi Police for the position of a driver.





Name : **RASHI**  
 Date of Birth : **23/08/1989**  
 Education : **GRADUATE**  
 Locality : **ROHINI**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **21/02/17**  
 Date of Permanent License : **24/9/16 (JOINED WITH PL)**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Rashi worked in a private company before joining Azad and was the only earning member in her household. She supports her mother who lives with her and even after joining training, she continued working part-time so that there would be regular income in the house. She wanted to do something permanent and get a regular income and therefore joined Azad. However, while in training, it was getting difficult for her to manage both and she had to leave to take care of the house by taking up a full time job.



Name : **REKHA KOHLI**  
 Date of Birth : **14/09/1988**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **RANA P BAGH**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **29/02/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **4/9/2015**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Rekha wanted to join the WoW training as it was a way for her to help her family get a stable income. Her father works in a canteen at the airport and is the only earner in the family. She says that she liked the Sexual and reproductive health training as it gave her the confidence to express herself and she also learnt about her own body. Her neighbours and relatives constantly discouraged her to come to training as they felt that driving was not a job for women. She tried to fight them for some time, but had to eventually leave because of this.

Name : **REETA**  
 Date of Birth : **12TH PASS**  
 Education : **01/04/1990**  
 Locality : **MUKUNDPUR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **21/10/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **21/03/2017**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Reeta used to work as a beautician before joining Azad. She left that job because it was too far for her. In this time, the income of her mother and brother was not enough to sustain the house and she was looking for other opportunities. It is then that she found out about Azad from a friend who was working as a driver with Sakha. She was inspired to join and enrolled herself in training. She liked the Gender training the most as it motivated her to live on her own terms. In order to address the financial problem at home, she has decided to start a beautician course at home to help the family till the time she becomes a driver. She is currently under training.

Name : **REKHA DEVI**  
 Date of Birth : **1/8/1983**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **MALIKPUR**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **4**  
 Date of Joining : **21/1/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **27/5/2016**  
 Current Status : **ON BENCH**

A mother of four, Rekha stitches clothes to supplement the family income. Her husband works as a shopkeeper and is the primary bread earner. When Rekha found out about Azad, she felt inspired to learn driving and expressed her desire to join the programme and her husband supported her in this decision. She thought that this would help her in knowing the various routes of the city and be able to move freely out of her home. The training has been fruitful in making this happen and today Rekha is able to drive around the city. She knows the routes and her driving practise has made her confident to take on the roads of Delhi! She is also confident in doing so as the self-defense classes have helped her learn new techniques through which she feels that she can protect herself in various situations. She is currently waiting to get a job.





Name : **REKHA KOHLI**  
 Date of Birth : **1/1/1993**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **ADARSH NAGAR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **21/12/2015**  
 Date of Permanent License : **22/7/2016**  
 Current Status : **ON BENCH**

In the hope of helping the financial situation of her family, Rekha joined training with Azad Foundation. She was encouraged by Azad's mobilization team to start training as it would help her gain a livelihood through which she would be able to contribute to the family income. Her mother works as a domestic help and is currently the only earning member of the family. Her father was in an accident and it is difficult for him to find work. She had difficulties in completing her training and also had to take leave for 2 months in the middle to take care of her sister who had been injured and hospitalized. While in training, she liked the Gender classes the most as they helped her in understanding the rights of women. She has completed her training and is currently waiting to get a job.



Name : **RINA TYAGI**  
 Date of Birth : **02/07/1982**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **BURARI**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **28/2/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **JOINED WITH PL**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Rina lives with her brother and takes care of him through her earnings. She used to run a parlour and that was her primary source of income. She started training with Azad with the hope of becoming a well earning professional. She was initially quiet and stayed aloof from the rest of the trainee women, but as she progressed in the modules, she became more comfortable. She also progressed well in her training. While training, she was also in the process of selling her house and this was causing problems for her at home. Due to this, she left training before her employability test.

Name : **RESHMA**  
 Date of Birth : **02/03/1994**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **SAMPUR BADLI**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **21/12/2015**  
 Date of Permanent License : **24/06/2016**  
 Current Status : **ON BENCH**

Reshma aspires to be independent, to work and earn for herself and lead a confident life. Her parents, however, on whom she is dependent, do not want her to work. They want her to get married as soon as possible even if it is against her wishes. While looking for ways to work, she came across Azad and decided to join the training in the hope of a better future. Her parents constantly put pressure on her to stop coming for training, but she fought with them and continued to learn. They said that they wanted her to quit as she has started arguing with them since her training started at Azad. According to her, it is an expression of demanding her rights and what she believes in. However, Reshma had to quit Azad as her parents stopped supporting her financially, which forced her to start working elsewhere.



Name : **RINKI**  
 Date of Birth : **1/3/1995**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **MUKUNDPUR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **17/11/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **1/1/2017**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Rinki lives with her parents, grandfather and siblings. Her father is a fruit vendor and the only earning member in the house. Their family is in debt and hence under immense financial strain. She lost her brother and this also placed a lot of emotional stress on her parents. She joined the WoW training because she wanted to help her family financially. She likes the Gender classes as they have helped her build her confidence to deal with her situation. She has also increased her mobility since she has started coming for training. She wants to become a driver and help stabilize her situation.





Name : **RUBY**  
 Date of Birth : **14/11/1996**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **BHALSWA**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **5/10/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **30/12/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Ruby was never inclined towards study. She decided to leave school after the 10th standard and pursue tailoring. She went on to work in a company for manufacturing LED bulbs. She realized that she is better and happier learning and doing technical work. She heard about Azad through an FLP member and decided to join. Her parents were not inclined to send her for training as they felt it is not a job for women. She however remained fixed on what she wanted and enrolled in Azad. She was initially scared as she had to operate a computer and there was reading involved. She thought she would not be able to clear her Learner's License test. However, once she cleared, she became more confident. Now she wants to become a commercial driver and make her parents happy in whatever she does.



Name : **SALONI**  
 Date of Birth : **31/1/1997**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **GURGAON**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **21/12/2015**  
 Date of Permanent License : **21/4/2016**  
 Current Status : **ON JOB**

Saloni lives with her sister, who works in a hotel as a supervisor and stays in rented accommodation. Her parents live outside the city and are unable to provide much support for her education. She was looking for some work to support herself when she came to know about Azad through her cousin. She found the idea exciting and decided to join. She did her training diligently and liked what she learnt from the various modules. During this time, she stayed with her maternal uncle as his house was closer to the training centre. He was supportive and helped her with her finances during the training period. She passed her employability test and is currently working. She aspires to be a commercial driver and drive a taxi on the roads of Delhi.

Name : **RUKSHANA**  
 Date of Birth : **25/5/1993**  
 Education : **GRADUATE**  
 Locality : **MALIKPUR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **21/1/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **18/5/2016**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Rukhsana stays with her parents and 4 siblings. Her father and brother are drivers and her mother runs a small grocery shop with the help of her sisters. She found out about the WOW training programme and convinced her parents to let her join. While in training, she liked the Sexual and Reproductive health classes as they made her aware of her body and rights. She was very interested in completing training and taking up a job as a professional driver, but her parents wanted her to study further and stopped her from coming.

Name : **SAMREEN**  
 Date of Birth : **15/2/1996**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **BHALSWA DAIRY**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **5/10/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **20/12/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Samreen lives with her parents and siblings in her house. Her father does not work owing to ill health and the family runs with the help of their relatives. Her mother sometimes earns money through making documents. Samreen enrolled in the WoW programme after attending a meeting in the community which was organized by the Azad mobilization team. Her elder sister and her cousin also enrolled in the training with her. She liked the Gender and legal Rights modules as they have increased her awareness towards the society and helped broaden her thoughts. She wants to work and support her family and she feels responsible for them.





Name : **SANTOSH**  
 Date of Birth : **1/5/1977**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **PRATAP BAGH**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **3**  
 Date of Joining : **16/6/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **29/9/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Santosh lives with her husband and three children. Her husband is the only earner in the family. She found out about Azad through a street play in her community. She expressed the willingness to join in order to learn and contribute to the household income. Her husband supported her in this decision. She was initially not confident about coming for training as she was not used to going out on her own. As she started coming for training, she became more independent and confident to move out of the house. She is learning and wants to soon become a professional driver and earn money.



Name : **SAVITA**  
 Date of Birth : **19/3/1993**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **WAZIRPUR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **25/7/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **13/10/2016**  
 Current Status : **ON BENCH**

Savita wanted to study further, but was shy to go to school as all her friends were in higher classes. She learnt stitching to earn her pocket money as she felt that she did not want to be a burden on her parents. But her work was limited and she was unable to meet her expenses. She decided that she would do something which would help her be more independent and that is when she came across the WoW programme. She has completed her training and is waiting to get a job. She says that she will start earning for herself before she gets married.

Name : **SAPNA**  
 Date of Birth : **11/6/1994**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **DHIRPUR**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **26/8/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **3/11/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Sapna lives with her parents and siblings. She is the eldest sibling and feels that due to this she has more responsibility towards the family. She couldn't continue her education due to financial stress and had to drop out of school. The sources of income in the house are her father who is a driver and brother who is a mechanic. When she learnt about Azad, she decided to join and her family supported her decision. She says that the one major thing that she has learnt in training apart from driving is how to manage her anger. She used to get angry at very small things but now she has learnt to control it. She wants to complete training soon and become financially independent.

Name : **SHALU**  
 Date of Birth : **22/08/1990**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **UTTAM NAGAR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **25/7/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **23/01/2017**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Shalu used to live with her parents, who were not supportive towards her. She was facing problems living in their house and moved to a shelter home with the help of an NGO. It is through this channel that she found out about Azad's training programme and decided to join. She liked the training and felt more confident with each day. She wanted to be financially independent as her family was not providing for her. However, some time into the training she was diagnosed with Chikungunya followed by other infections and as a result had to withdraw from training for almost 4 months. She wants to come back and continue training.





Name : **SHALU**  
 Date of Birth : **15/8/1992**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **BHALSWA DAIRY**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **2**  
 Date of Joining : **21/10/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **17/1/2017**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Shalu lives with her husband and two children. She found out about Azad from a street play in her community. The doubts she had regarding the training were cleared by an FLP member who visited her house. She discussed this with her husband and he encouraged her to join. She then joined training and is now regular in her classes. She wants to learn new things in life and this training gives her the opportunity to do so. She wants to become a driver and earn money to take better care of her children.



Name : **SUNITA**  
 Date of Birth : **11/11/1979**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **JAHANGIRPURI**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **3**  
 Date of Joining : **14/9/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **21/12/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Sunita lives in her father's house with her husband and children. Her husband is a driver. She found out about Azad from a member of the Feminist Leadership Programme and told her husband about it. He supported her in taking training. She has developed confidence to stand up for herself. She says that she has also enjoyed the various modules apart from driving. She likes English the most as she has learnt to read and speak. She has learnt to fill up bank forms and admission forms for her children. She says that she is now confident to give her introduction in English in front of a gathering. She wants to become a professional and support her children.

Name : **SIYA DEVI**  
 Date of Birth : **10/12/1997**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **ASHOK VIHAR**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **25/7/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **16/9/2016**  
 Current Status : **ON BENCH**

Purnima is married and stays in her parents' house. Her husband lives in his own house, but is very supportive towards Purnima. Her mother is an anganwadi worker and she encouraged Purnima to join Azad once she found out about the training. Once Purnima joined, she started enjoying the training and her interest in driving grew. She says that she enjoyed the Sexual and Reproductive health classes the most as they helped her know about her own body. She also liked the First Aid training and loves to drive on the road. She wants to be a professional driver and contribute to the family income.

Name : **SUNITA**  
 Date of Birth : **13/6/1987**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **JAHANGIRPURI**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **29/9/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **10/3/2017**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Sunita lives with her mother and siblings. Her mother is the only earner and works in a private company. After completing her 12th standard, she enrolled for the WoW training programme through the mobilization team. Her favourite module is First Aid as it has taught her what to do in the case of an emergency. She says that she is more confident about going to places outside her house and is able to commute to different places. She is currently undergoing training and wants to become a professional driver.







*Name* : **TAIYABA**  
*Date of Birth* : **15/3/1998**  
*Education* : **12TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **BHALSWA DAIRY**  
*Marital Status* : **UNMARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **0**  
*Date of Joining* : **5/10/2016**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **20/12/2016**  
*Current Status* : **UNDER TRAINING**

Taiyaba joined Azad with her younger sister. Her parents do not earn and the family runs with the help of relatives. She enrolled with her sister when both of them attended a meeting organized by the Azad mobilization team which talked about women becoming drivers through training. She wanted to become an air-hostess but due to the poor financial condition, she could not pursue this. She wants to complete her training and become a professional chauffeur. Her dream is to work in a five-star hotel as a driver.



*Name* : **URMILA KUMARI**  
*Date of Birth* : **1/4/1993**  
*Education* : **5TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **SAMYAPUR BADLI**  
*Marital Status* : **SEPARATED**  
*Number of Children* : **4**  
*Date of Joining* : **14/9/2016**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **17/1/2017**  
*Current Status* : **UNDER TRAINING**

Urmila has separated from her husband as she faced a lot of violence from him. She moved temporarily to her parents' house, but now lives separately with her children. She gets partial financial support from her parents and earns the rest by doing part-time domestic work. She joined azad in the hope of getting a regular job. She likes the training and says that she is now learning to open up and not be shy like she used to. She liked the Gender classes the most as they taught her about identifying violence and how to protect oneself. She wants to be a driver and be financially stable so that she can give her children a good life.

*Name* : **TAMANNA**  
*Date of Birth* : **6/3/1979**  
*Education* : **10TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **MALIKPUR**  
*Marital Status* : **MARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **3**  
*Date of Joining* : **21/1/2016**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **CAME WITH PL**  
*Current Status* : **WALK OUT**

Tamanna stays with her children and an unsupportive husband. She wanted to be independent but could not find a way. When she found out about Azad's training programme, she decided to join and earn for herself and her children. She came for training but would always be worried about her children as they had no one to look after them. Her husband did not help in any household work, so she had to do everything herself, which was burdensome. Along with these, her husband was constantly pressuring her to leave training and she walked out.

*Name* : **YAGHWATI**  
*Date of Birth* : **14/6/1992**  
*Education* : **12TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **JAHANGIRPURI**  
*Marital Status* : **UNMARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **0**  
*Date of Joining* : **23/11/2016**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **17/2/2017**  
*Current Status* : **UNDER TRAINING**

Yaghwati wanted to be independent and earn for herself. Her brother is the only bread earner in the house and his income is not enough to supplement their needs. She engaged with an FLP member and enrolled in the training programme at Azad. She likes the first aid training as it has taught her the necessary basic steps for giving medical aid. She says that she was not comfortable travelling alone in public transport, but she does now. She has also participated in the One Billion Rising Campaign and it has given her confidence to speak her mind. She wants to earn and continue her education.



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*Name* : **ANU MEENA**  
*Date of Birth* : **10/6/1986**  
*Education* : **12TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **JHAWAHAR NAGAR**  
*Marital Status* : **UNMARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **0**  
*Date of Joining* : **10/5/16**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **4/2/16 (CAME WITH PL)**  
*Current Status* : **UNDER TRAINING**

Anu learnt about Azad through FICCI. She had undergone training for two months at the Maruti Driving School where she was assured of a job. But since her driving wasn't upto the mark, she couldn't get a job. She then enrolled for training at Azad where she gained confidence through the training provided in other things apart from just driving. Anu was no longer scared to drive or do things on her own. Currently, she is living with her Uncle and Aunt and they are also very supportive of her. They even let Anu drive them around in their car. Anu has completed her training and is working as a professional driver.



*Name* : **AARTI DEVI**  
*Date of Birth* : **18/10/1992**  
*Education* : **8TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **JHALANA**  
*Marital Status* : **MARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **1**  
*Date of Joining* : **29/8/2016**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **30/12/2016**  
*Current Status* : **UNDER TRAINING**

Aarti is a resident of the kacchi basti in Jhalana. Ushe is married but her marriage is not a happy one as her husband is very abusive. He spends the whole day either drinking or playing cards and does not bother about Aarti or their 3 year old son. There have been days when Aarti has had to go off to sleep empty stomach. She has had enough and has decided to take a step towards making a secure future for herself and her son. She wants to send her son to school but doesn't have money for the same. On hearing about Azad, she decided to join the training and is undergoing the same. But every day is a task for her with the troubles going on at home. She has managed to attend her training regularly and wishes to complete soon and start earning.

*Name* : **ANITA REGAR**  
*Date of Birth* : **8/5/1983**  
*Education* : **5TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **JHALANA**  
*Marital Status* : **MARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **2**  
*Date of Joining* : **29/2/2016**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **9/5/2016**  
*Current Status* : **UNDER TRAINING**

Anita had a difficult childhood. Her father was a driver but couldn't bring back enough money home. Whatever he would earn, he would spend most of it on alcohol. Anita's mother used to work in the field and earned a very low daily wage. Anita and her sisters dropped out of school to help their mother by doing odd jobs. They all got married into the same family to 3 brothers. Their husbands used to spend all the money in drinking, and the wives had to run the house by stitching clothes. Anita heard about the Azad training programme and thought about pursuing the same in the morning while continuing to stitch at night. She doesn't want to be dependent on her husband and wants to start earning for herself and the children. She has acquired her permanent license and plans to start working soon.

*Name* : **ANU SAWARIYA**  
*Date of Birth* : **20/5/1985**  
*Education* : **12TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **JHAWAHAR NAGAR**  
*Marital Status* : **UNMARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **0**  
*Date of Joining* : **10/5/16**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **12/11/13 (CAME WITH PL)**  
*Current Status* : **ON JOB**

Anu got to know about Azad through FICCI. She was sent to the Maruti Driving School where she learnt how to drive and even got her permanent license from there. She realized after two months that she still wasn't very confident about driving and that's when she joined Azad. At Azad, along with driving, she also took other classes for English, legal rights etc. This not only helped her to venture out alone but now she could also talk to people with confidence. She has completed her training and is currently working as a professional chauffeur.





Name : **CHANDANI YADAV**  
 Date of Birth : **8/2/1996**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **JAJATPURA**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **7/7/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **7/9/2016**  
 Current Status : **ON JOB**

Chandini had to drop out of her school due to problems at home. She decided to start working so that she could help her family. She tried for a job in a couple of places but nothing seemed to suit her. Her three elder brothers are married and are not able to give any money back home. Chandini wanted to work so that she could help her parents. She learnt about Azad from a woman who lived next-door and managed to convince her parents for the training and finally enrolled. She says that she wanted to prove her potential to her brother who had been against her taking training. She is currently working as a driver and she wants to encourage more women to enroll and be independent like she is.



Name : **JONITA**  
 Date of Birth : **6/5/1998**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **JAJATPURA**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **7/7/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **15/9/2016**  
 Current Status : **ON JOB**

Jonita comes from a small family which consists of her parents and a sister. Her father is a laborer and yet, he had managed to make both his daughters study till the 12th standard. Jonita wanted to study further, but did not have enough money. Apart from this, she always dreamt of driving a car but she knew that her fateh rwill not be able to buy her a car. So she says that she wants study further and work side by side in order to help her father. One day, she met a few members from Azad in her basti and was delighted at the idea of learning how to drive and then later, even getting a job. She joined training and had the suport of her family in doing so. She is currently a successful driver and contributes to the family income.

Name : **JHOOMA SARKAR**  
 Date of Birth : **5/4/1998**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **JHOWARI BAJAR**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **2**  
 Date of Joining : **8/6/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **29/8/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Jhooma got married at the age of 16 and shifted from West Bengal to Jaipur. After marriage, she faced domestic violence as her husband used to beat her almost every other day. She started working as domestic help in other people's houses to make ends meet. One day, Jhooma's husband expressed his willingness to get separated from her but Jhooma did not want that to happen till she became financially independent. She met a Sakha driver at the place where she worked who told her about Azad. Jhooma came to Azad office and enrolled herself for the training. She had a problem with conversing in the Hindi language but she's made an effort to overcome this hurdle as well. Currently, her permanent license has been made and she is undergoing her training. She hopes to complete soon and earn for heself and her children.



Name : **KALPANA AHUJA**  
 Date of Birth : **26/3/1996**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **JHAWAHAR NAGAR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **10/5/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **8/10/2015**  
 Current Status : **ON JOB**

Kalpana lives with her family in Jawahar nagar. She came to take training at Azad by hearing of it through a friend. She already had her permanent license and had taken training at the Maruti driving school. While in training, she liked the non-technical trainings provided by Azad and was regular. However, her family pressured her into leaving training and told her to work somewhere else as they needed the money. She also left that job after some time as her family ultimately wanted her to get married.





Name : **KANTA SENI**  
 Date of Birth : **28/9/1980**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **SHAKAR MARG**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **3**  
 Date of Joining : **4/2/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **21/4/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Kanta lives with her husband and three children. Her husband was the bread earner and Kanta managed the household and would look after the children. She barely went out of the house for any work. One day, someone in her neighbourhood informed Kanta about Azad. When she spoke to her husband about the same, he couldn't believe that Kanta could go out there, drive a car and get a job. But Kanta was determined. Her husband also gave in and let her come for the training. While in Azad, she liked the English classes the most. She was initially shy and did not talk to other women, but she started opening up through the course of the training. She says that she got to learn a lot just by talking to the other women at Azad. She is currently on job and is earning and takes care of her family.



Name : **KHUSHBU SHARMA**  
 Date of Birth : **13/7/1998**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **SANGANEAR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **14/12/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **31/3/2017**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Khushbu comes from Sanganer in Jaipur, where she lives with her parents and 5 siblings. Her family's financial condition was bad and with her father having suffered from an accident, not only her, but even her siblings couldn't take their studies further. Khushbu wanted to do something for her parents and siblings. Each time she used to get out of her house to work towards the same, people used to talk behind her back but she didn't bother. She joined the training under Azad and people continued to say how it is not safe for women to drive but Khushbu was determined. Currently, she has got her permanent license, her family is very supportive of her and she is hoping to become a driver soon.

Name : **KAVITA SHARMA**  
 Date of Birth : **15/10/1994**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **DURGAPURA**  
 Marital Status : **WIDOWED**  
 Number of Children : **1**  
 Date of Joining : **29/2/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **13/5/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Kavita used to work for 12 hours a day at the Fortis Hospital where she earned Rs. 4500 in a month. After the death of her husband, she has been living on rent in Durgapura with her mother and her son. Kavita was not happy with her job and needed a change. She heard about Azad's training from someone who worked at her landlord's place. She came and enquired about the same at the Azad office the very next day and was willing to join the training. At first, it was difficult for Kavita to manage her job as well as the training but she was enjoying the training and wasn't willing to back out. On getting her permanent license, she was very happy. Her mother also said that now she wouldn't have to work in the hospital at night. Kavita is now waiting to finish her training successfully and get a job soon.



Name : **MADHU VERMA**  
 Date of Birth : **20/5/1985**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **JHAWAHAR NAGAR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **10/5/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **12/11/13 (CAME WITH PL)**  
 Current Status : **ON JOB**

She is a resident of the Tok Phatak Basti in Jaipur. She lives with her parents and an elder brother who is extremely insecure about her going anywhere alone. Her brother is still not aware about her training at Azad and she wishes to tell him only once she's got a job. Her experience at Azad so far has been very enjoyable. She likes talking to other women in her batch and feels she has benefitted from the training. She is no more scared to venture out on the roads alone and can talk to strangers with confidence. She has now completed her training and wishes to spread awareness about Azad amongst the other girls in her basti as well. Her dream is to drive her parents around in the car and prove to the others that girls can achieve whatever they aspire and are no less than boys. She is currently working as a professional chauffeur.





Name : **MAMTA DHANKA**  
 Date of Birth : **15/2/1997**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **DURGAPURA**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **21/12/2015**  
 Date of Permanent License : **4/4/2016**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

18 year old Mamta lives with her parents and is youngest of the 3 siblings. She couldn't study beyond class 10th as her parents wanted her to do the household chores, whereas, she wanted to open her own boutique which she couldn't because of lack of money. Her father being an alcoholic would often get violent with her mother. This decreased as the children grew up, but did not stop. Mamta's family wants her to get married as her father is now getting old. But she wants to marry someone only on the conditions that he will respect her family and allow her to pursue her career as a driver. Unfortunately she has had to leave training on account of financial difficulties.



Name : **MANJU DEVI**  
 Date of Birth : **1/12/1986**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **JAJATPURA**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **2**  
 Date of Joining : **7/7/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **6/9/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Manju lives in a joint family with her in-laws and her two children. She wants to help her husband by going out and working. She had never been out and was restricted to the four walls of her house. When she met members from the Azad Foundation, they made her believe that even she can do something. She made up her mind to join Azad and is very happy that apart from driving they provide training for other things as well like English classes and legal and gender rights classes. She wants to soon become a driver and give a good education to her children.

Name : **MAMTA SHARMA**  
 Date of Birth : **4/3/1986**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **JHAWAHAR NAGAR**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **3**  
 Date of Joining : **20/9/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **1/12/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

After the death of her mother at an early age, Mamta used to stay at her relative's place while her dad went for work every day. She only managed to study till class 8 and was married at the age of 15. In a span of 5 years, she had 3 children but survival was difficult since her husband didn't work and used to come home drunk only to beat her. She decided to come back home to her father with her kids. Her husband asked her to forgive him and come back to Madhya Pradesh. So she did but the situation didn't get any better. Meanwhile, her father also passed away. She was left alone and was forced to come to Jaipur. In Jaipur, she met the Azad mobilization team which introduced her to the WoW training. She soon joined Azad and is currently undergoing the self drive training. She hopes to complete her training and start working soon.



Name : **MISHRA DEVI**  
 Date of Birth : **24/10/1971**  
 Education : **5TH PASS**  
 Locality : **TOKAPHATAK**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **2**  
 Date of Joining : **29/2/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **3/6/2016**  
 Current Status : **ON JOB**

Mishra Devi lives with her husband and 2 children in Jaipur. She only managed to study till class 7th and was married off at an early age of 18. Due to the death of her mother-in-law, the entire responsibility of the household was on her shoulders. Since her husband didn't have a job, she had to make ends meet by working at an electrical shop. Soon, her father-in-law decided to open an electrical shop for her husband but he chose to spend all the money earned on alcohol and was usually never present at home either. Mishra wanted to give her children a better life. When she learnt about Azad Foundation, she told her children about it and they encouraged her to become a professional driver. She enjoyed the training as she got to talk to other women and share her experience with them. She has completed her training at Azad and is currently working as a chauffeur.





*Name* : **NARBADA DEVI**  
*Date of Birth* : **5/4/1990**  
*Education* : **5TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **LAL KOTHI**  
*Marital Status* : **MARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **2**  
*Date of Joining* : **21/12/2015**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **9/5/2016**  
*Current Status* : **ON JOB**

Narbada Devi was married off at a very young age of 15 years. She is now 27 years old and has two children and lives with her husband and mother-in-law. Her husband works as a laborer and she used to work at home, barely getting out ever. One day, her neighbor told her about Azad and she sought her husband's permission to join the training to which he agreed.

Talking about her experience on driving a car, she says that initially, she was very scared but with the help of her trainer she managed her way to pass the test. Her family is also very happy with her achievements and she aspires to be a successful driver and bring about a change in her life. She is currently working as a chauffeur.



*Name* : **POOJA BAIRWA**  
*Date of Birth* : **3/4/1995**  
*Education* : **12TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **JAJATPURA**  
*Marital Status* : **UNMARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **0**  
*Date of Joining* : **19/11/2016**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **22/2/2017**  
*Current Status* : **UNDER TRAINING**

Pooja comes from a very poor family where she lives with her parents and 4 siblings. After finishing her class 12th, she and her sister wanted to study further but Pooja wanted to also help her father in running the house while studying at the same time. She met members from Azad who told her about the WoW programme. They spoke to her family of the same and they let Pooja enroll for the training. She also saw this as an opportunity to improve her family conditions and joined. She says that she has learnt a lot from the trainings, especially the non-technical trainings. She is currently undergoing training and wishes to start work soon.

*Name* : **NEETU MAHAWAR**  
*Date of Birth* : **1/8/1988**  
*Education* : **5TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **AAGRAROD**  
*Marital Status* : **UNMARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **0**  
*Date of Joining* : **14/12/2016**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **28/3/2017**  
*Current Status* : **UNDER TRAINING**

Neetu lives in a household of 6 members. Her father is the only bread earner and thus their financial situation is not good. She found out about Azad through the mobilization team and they informed her that she could join and be independent and get rid of some of her fears. She joined in the hope of getting a job and helping her family. When her permanent license was made, she was very happy and says that her family was also proud of her. She is currently under training. She wants to complete soon and be able to help her father financially.



*Name* : **POOJA KUMARI**  
*Date of Birth* : **20/7/1997**  
*Education* : **10TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **JHALANA**  
*Marital Status* : **UNMARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **0**  
*Date of Joining* : **10/5/2016**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **27/6/2016**  
*Current Status* : **UNDER TRAINING**

Twenty year old Pooja lives in the Kacchi Basti of Jhalana with her four siblings and her father, who is the breadwinner for the entire family. She had always wanted to improve her family conditions by doing a job and starting to earn but didn't know how to go about it. One day, she heard people in her basti talking about Azad, which provides training to women to become professional drivers. After learning more about the training programme, she was willing to join Azad and arranged for the required documents soon after that. She says that she learnt a lot of different things in training and is excited to complete it so that she can get a job.





Name : **POOJA MEENA**  
 Date of Birth : **17/7/1996**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **JHAWAHAR NAGAR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **10/5/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **27/5/2016**  
 Current Status : **ON JOB**

Pooja lives with her family in Jhawahar Nagar. Due to the poor financial condition of the family, Pooja had to leave her studies after class 10. She joined Azad through FICCI and had already taken some training, hence she could get her permanent license very fast. She liked the various trainings at Azad, especially English as she says it has given her the confidence to speak in public. She has completed her training and is currently working as a private chauffeur.



Name : **POONAM PAREVA**  
 Date of Birth : **20/8/1996**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **AGRA ROAD**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **14/12/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **10/3/2017**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Poonam lives with her parents who are very supportive of her. When she heard about Azad, they encouraged her to join so that she could learn something new and do well in life. When her permanent license was made, she felt very happy. She says that she did not ever imagine that she could drive on the road, but taking training has increased her confidence. She says that she has also learnt how to travel out of her house on her own and she is hopeful that she will learn a lot more while training. She wants to earn so that she does not have to be dependent on anyone else and can live life on her own terms.

Name : **POOJA NAINIWAL**  
 Date of Birth : **12/9/1997**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **JHALANA**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **23/9/2015**  
 Date of Permanent License : **21/4/2016**  
 Current Status : **ON JOB**

Pooja could only study till class 8th. Her mother was the only one who earned in the family and her father used to keep sick. Pooja was asked by her mother to stay at home and take care of her younger brothers due to which she used to skip school often and couldn't even study further. Her mother used to go for work at 6 in the morning and come back home in the evening, so all the household responsibilities were on Pooja's shoulders. One learning about the training that Azad provided Pooja thought about becoming a professional driver and helping her mom out with running the household. Initially, Pooja was scared to drive but she went about it gradually and slowly got rid of her fear. Today she is earning by working as a professional chauffeur and is happy that she is able to contribute to the house.

Name : **PRIYANKA BAIRWA**  
 Date of Birth : **1/1/1998**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **JAJATPURA**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **19/11/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **24/3/2017**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Priyanka is the youngest of all the five siblings in her family. It has always been her dream to become a professional driver. She didn't get an opportunity to study much since her father was a daily wage laborer and there were seven people in the family that had to be fed. She had an elder brother who was the only child whose needs were taken care of by her parents. Priyanka saw Azad as a medium to fulfill her dreams and become independent. She is currently under training. She also encourages other girls to join Azad who haven't got the opportunity to study further.







Name : **PUSHPA DEVI**  
 Date of Birth : **15/3/1984**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **JAIPUR**  
 Marital Status : **WIDOWED**  
 Number of Children : **2**  
 Date of Joining : **20/9/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **21/12/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Pushpa lives in the kacchi basti of Hasanpura with her two sons. After her husband passed away, she lost all hope in life. She didn't know what to do and where to go with her sons who were quite young. She felt helpless. Pushpa was not allowed to leave her house or even wear new clothes on occasions. She wanted to start working so that she can lead a new life but didn't know what to do. One day she met the mobilization team from Azad who told her about the WoW training. Her family didn't let her join the training at first but when Pushpa came to the office, she was very impressed with the environment Azad had. She decided to join despite everything. She is currently undergoing training. She says that she is an "Azad Parinda" that is ready to spread its wings and fly.



Name : **RAJNI TANWAR**  
 Date of Birth : **5/9/1993**  
 Education : **5TH PASS**  
 Locality : **AGRA ROAD**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **14/12/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **27/3/2017**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Rajni studied till class 7th and is the eldest of the 5 sisters and 2 brothers in her family. Her mother is a house-wife and her father is an auto-driver. Rajni got married a year back but came back to her parent's house within a week of her marriage. Her husband used to get drunk and get violent quite often. She heard about Azad from an lady in the neighbourhood. It had always been a dream for Rajni to learn driving and she was happy at the prospect of learning a lot of things apart from just driving. Her parents were also extremely supportive of her and she joined the WoW programme. She says that training at Azad is like a dream come true!

Name : **PUSHPA MEENA**  
 Date of Birth : **30/8/1985**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **AGRA ROAD**  
 Marital Status : **SEPARATED**  
 Number of Children : **2**  
 Date of Joining : **23/1/17**  
 Date of Permanent License : **25/11/13 (CAME WITH PL)**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Pushpa is the only one who earns in the family after she got separated from her husband. She has 2 children and all their responsibilities lie on her shoulders. Before joining Azad, Pushpa used to work as a home guard in a Police Station but that job involved a lot of exploitation. She decided to leave the job. Her brother insisted that she continued so that the job becomes permanent but Pushpa had had enough of her job. While she was searching for another job, she got to know about Azad. Pushpa had arrived with a permanent driving license but she didn't know how to drive a car. After joining Azad, she not only has learnt how to drive but believes that now she can bring about a change in her life.

Name : **RAJNI**  
 Date of Birth : **3/11/1988**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **JHAWAHAR NAGAR**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **1**  
 Date of Joining : **4/2/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **11/4/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Rajni's father passed away when she was very young and her mother did not have the financial resources to support her studies. She was married at the age of 15 and moved to a place where her husband did not even have a proper house. He did not want to be with her and left her at her place to never come back again. She was then married to a truck driver who would get drunk and often hit her, but after her son was born she decided to take a step. She came back to her mother and started stitching to make ends meet. One day, she met a lady driver from her basti who told her about Azad. Rajni too got herself enrolled for the training and is currently undergoing her MDS training along with English classes. She is very happy and is hopeful that she will be able to provide a better future for her son by becoming a professional driver.





Name : **REENA NAYAK**  
 Date of Birth : **12/4/1998**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **AGRA ROAD**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **2**  
 Date of Joining : **14/12/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **28/3/2017**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Reena lives with her mother and two brothers. She is married, but has not moved to her in-laws' house as yet. Her elder brother works in a shop and the younger one is still in school. This is not enough for her family needs. Reena learned stitching from an NGO near her house and it was there that she found out about Azad Foundation. Reena discussed this with her mother and she eventually agreed. Her neighbours often used to tell her mother that driving is not safe for girls but her mother told everyone that if boys can do this job, the so can girls. Reena likes her training because she is learning lots of things, apart from just driving. It is actually her first experience of coming out of the house all alone and when she comes for her training, she forgets all her family problems. She wants to soon complete and become a professional chauffeur.



Name : **SAPNA DHANKA**  
 Date of Birth : **22/2/1998**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **DURGAPURA**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **29/2/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **13/5/2016**  
 Current Status : **ON JOB**

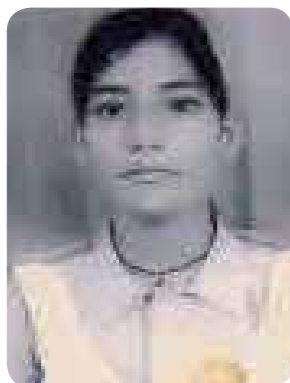
Sapna is the eldest of her 3 siblings. Her father is a laborer at the airport and her mother is a housewife. She lives in a joint family with her grandparents and her uncle and aunt as well. Her father, uncle and grandfather drink often due to which the environment at home is usually disturbed. Sometimes they even get violent with the female members at home, which makes Sapna cry and she does not wish to go through the same after her marriage. Sapna was never interested in studying but always wanted to do something to financially help the family. When she heard about Azad foundation, she agreed to join the training and enrolled herself. She was very happy when she got her permanent license. Soon she completed her training and is currently working as a chauffeur.

Name : **REKHA M**  
 Date of Birth : **7/10/1995**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **TOKAPHATAK**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **1**  
 Date of Joining : **4/2/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **18/4/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Rekha used to fall ill very often as a child. Her family had to come to Jaipur to get her treated. Her father was an alcoholic and it was up to the mother to provide for the family. She would work as a labourer and get her treatment done. Rekha also started workign as she grew up in order to support her mother. She was soon married and went to live with her in-laws. She realized later that her husband was epileptic and the family was not supportive of him. Her in-laws started creating trouble for her and her husband and they had to separate from the family. She started looking for a job to support her husband and children. It is then that she found out about Azad and decided to enroll for training. She is currently undergoing training and wants to soon get a job so that she can start earning.

Name : **SEEMA DEVI**  
 Date of Birth : **1/1/1985**  
 Education : **5TH PASS**  
 Locality : **JHALANA**  
 Marital Status : **SEPARATED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **7/7/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **21/9/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Seema was married at the age of 10 and went to live with her husband and in-laws at 15. As a result of this, she could not even complete 8th standard. She did not have kids even a few years after her marriage and her neighbours and relatives tortured her for that. Her husband also turned violent and this continued for a long time. She decided to go back to her parents but didn't want to become a liability on them. She heard that Azad is an organisation which provides women the chance to live a life with dignity and security. Seema decided to enroll immediately. She is currently under training and says that she has left the past behind and looking forward to a better future.





Name : **SHARMILA MEENA**  
 Date of Birth : **7/12/1991**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **DOUSHA**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **2**  
 Date of Joining : **20/9/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **22/12/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Sharmila belongs to a poor family but she managed to study till class 12. At the age of eighteen, she got married and started living with her in-laws in a joint family. She had two children and then she shifted to Jaipur with her husband. Her husband was the one who told Sharmila about Azad and asked her to enroll herself. He even wants her to start working in the future. Currently, she had finished her MDS training and doing her permanent license training. She aspires to become a successful driver and make a name for herself.



Name : **SUMAN**  
 Date of Birth : **25/2/1990**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **NEHRU NAGAR**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **2**  
 Date of Joining : **8/6/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **6/9/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Suman stays with her husband and 2 children. Her husband works in a factory and does not earn much. It gets very difficult for the family to make ends meet. One day, Suman met a few members from Azad. Suman expressed her desire to work and help her husband to the members who then told her about their own objective. Suman didn't take much time to think about the same and agreed to enroll for the training. Suman has been very enthusiastic about the training. She has now got her permanent license and will soon be ready for her first job.

Name : **SONAL BANSIWAL**  
 Date of Birth : **5/2/1997**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **JHAWAHAR NAGAR**  
 Marital Status : **SEPARATED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **7/7/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **6/9/2016**  
 Current Status : **ON JOB**

Sonal has separated from her husband and lives with her parents. She always wanted to study further but couldn't do so because of her father who didn't let her. She says that her father always wanted a boy instead of her but she never lost hope and made sure she helped her mother around the house. Her father didn't give any money at home so Sonal, in order to help her mother, took tuitions and worked at a boutique. She heard about Azad from the people in her basti and she enrolled herself for the training. Sonal is very happy now that she is able to make independent decisions and gets to learn so much from the training. She is currently working as a driver and is earning for her family. She wants to prove to all the people that a girl can do anything.

Name : **USHA**  
 Date of Birth : **22/3/1990**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **ADARSH NAGAR**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **3**  
 Date of Joining : **8/6/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **24/8/2016**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Being the only child in her family, Usha had been pampered a lot. Her father got her married off at a very young age and she soon became a mother as well. Her marriage was a troubled one. Her husband was an alcoholic and used to beat her often. Once, he even tried to kill her but she managed to save herself somehow and came back to her father's place. She was pressured into going back to her husband and so she did. When she found out about Azad, she decided to join as she wanted to give her daughter a better future. She did not want her to suffer the same fate as herself. She was training well, but her mother-in-law suffered a fracture due to which Usha had to leave to take care of her and the house.





*Name* : **VARSHA MAHAVAR**  
*Date of Birth* : **4/1/1997**  
*Education* : **10TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **SITARAMA NAGAR**  
*Marital Status* : **UNMARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **0**  
*Date of Joining* : **29/3/2016**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **21/6/2016**  
*Current Status* : **WALK OUT**

Varsha has been the eldest in her family. After her mother passed away, she had to take all the household responsibilities. Her father was an alcoholic and never gave any money at home. Varsha started doing odd jobs to feed herself and her younger siblings. One day, she met members from Azad Foundation who told her about the 6 months training. She agreed to enroll herself. During the initial training period, she couldn't give adequate amount of time because she had her siblings to look after. But once she got her permanent license, she seemed confident about herself and her future. She started facing a lot of problems because there was no one to support her in household work and had to eventually leave training.



*Name* : **NEETU**  
*Date of Birth* : **6/10/1997**  
*Education* : **8TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **JAJATPURA**  
*Marital Status* : **UNMARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **0**  
*Date of Joining* : **28/7/2016**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **22/11/2016**  
*Current Status* : **UNDER TRAINING**

Eighteen year-old Neetu had started dreaming at a very young age and wanted to achieve something significant in life. Due to her financial condition, she could not study beyond Class 8. But to fulfill her dreams, she made two attempts to clear class 10th but failed both the times. By now, Neetu had been disheartened and saw no way to fulfill her dreams. One day, her friend told her about Azad. This opportunity seemed like a new ray of hope for her. Her father, who was a taxi driver himself was happy to see Neetu enrolling herself for the training at Azad. Neetu says that she would like to continue her training even after marriage, no matter what, and will become a successful driver.

*Name* : **SONAL BANSIWAL**  
*Date of Birth* : **5/2/1997**  
*Education* : **8TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **JHAWAHAR NAGAR**  
*Marital Status* : **SEPARATED**  
*Number of Children* : **0**  
*Date of Joining* : **7/7/2016**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **6/9/2016**  
*Current Status* : **ON JOB**

Sonal has separated from her husband and lives with her parents. She always wanted to study further but couldn't do so because of her father who didn't let her. She says that her father always wanted a boy instead of her but she never lost hope and made sure she helped her mother around the house. Her father didn't give any money at home so Sonal, in order to help her mother, took tuitions and worked at a boutique. She heard about Azad from the people in her basti and she enrolled herself for the training. Sonal is very happy now that she is able to make independent decisions and gets to learn so much from the training. She is currently working as a driver and is earning for her family. She wants to prove to all the people that a girl can do anything.

*Name* : **BABITA DHANKA**  
*Date of Birth* : **3/1/1981**  
*Education* : **10TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **DURGAPURA**  
*Marital Status* : **MARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **3**  
*Date of Joining* : **21/12/2015**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **22/11/2016**  
*Current Status* : **UNDER TRAINING**

Babita is the youngest amongst her 4 siblings. Her father works at the Municipal Corporation and her mother is a housewife. Her father only allowed her to study upto class 10th after which he wanted her to do the household chores. She got married and had 3 children but it was difficult to earn a living since her husband didn't work and often used to beat her up after coming home drunk. She used to work as a domestic help to feed her children and the entire family. When she heard about Azad foundation, she decided to join. Currently, she is undergoing training and she is very happy about the prospect of driving professionally.





Name : **MEENAKSHI**  
 Date of Birth : **7/12/1991**  
 Education : **5TH PASS**  
 Locality : **SANGANEAR**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **2**  
 Date of Joining : **28/7/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **30/11/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Meenakshi's family faced a lot of financial stress while she was growing up as her father was the only bread earner and used to work as a labourer to make ends meet. Due to this, she couldn't complete her studies beyond class 8. Her father also just wanted her to get married and not study further. Things were fine in the beginning of her marriage, but the situation at her in-law's place began to worsen after a couple of years. She was thrown out of the house along with her two children with nowhere to go. She started to work at a factory to feed herself and the children but there was never enough money. When she learnt about what Azad was offering, she immediately joined the training. Meenakshi now feels assured that her children can have a better future and the same motivates her to work hard in her training.



Name : **SAVITRI**  
 Date of Birth : **1/5/1989**  
 Education : **5TH PASS**  
 Locality : **JHALANA**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **28/7/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **23/9/2016**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Savitri started working at the young age of 12. She would always be able to earn her pocket money through this, but could not study beyond 5th standard. She found out about Azad through her friend who worked with her. She thought that this would be a good opportunity for her and decided to join. She says that the trainings have benefited her a lot and she is now confident that she will be able to work and earn for herself and her family. She is currently under training and wants to start working soon.

Name : **SANJU DEVI**  
 Date of Birth : **1/1/1993**  
 Education : **5TH PASS**  
 Locality : **SANGANEAR**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **3**  
 Date of Joining : **28/7/2016**  
 Date of Permanent License : **30/9/2016**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Sanju migrated to Jaipur with her husband in search of work. They both started doing petty jobs to get by. She heard of Azad through the mobilization team and thought this was an interesting opportunity for her. She decided to join and was very happy taking the training. However, while training, her husband fell sick and was not recovering. So, she had to leave and go back to her native place.



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*Name* : **ANITA ORANG**  
*Date of Birth* : **01/01/1991**  
*Education* : **8TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **KASHIPUR, DIST**  
*Marital Status* : **UNMARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **0**  
*Date of Joining* : **20/6/16**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **2/12/16**  
*Current Status* : **UNDER TRAINING**

Anita lives with her family which runs through her father's income as a farmer. She too helped her parents out with farming before she joined Azad. She found out about the WoW programme through TF and joined. She says that she used to stay at home and maximum go to the field with her parents, but now she not afraid to go to other places as her training teaches her that. She wants to become a driver, earn money and visit each part of Kolkata. She wants to make a small home for herself where she can live in peace.



*Name* : **DEEPA MAHATO**  
*Date of Birth* : **05/11/1993**  
*Education* : **10TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **TILJALA ROAD**  
*Marital Status* : **UNMARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **0**  
*Date of Joining* : **24/8/16**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **17/2/17**  
*Current Status* : **UNDER TRAINING**

Deepa is a determined woman who has always wanted to work. She lives with her husband and mother-in-law and used to work at a call centre before joining Azad. However, she did not like it very much as it was not challenging enough for her. She found out about Azad through Talash and decided to enroll. Her husband and her own family did not like this idea, but she was determined and somehow joined in the training. She says that after the gender and Sexual and Reproductive health trainings, she has realized that one should respect one's own feelings and also the feelings of others. She wants to be a good driver and prove her worth to her family.

*Name* : **ANU DAS**  
*Date of Birth* : **16/02/1993**  
*Education* : **12TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **LAKE GARDENS**  
*Marital Status* : **UNMARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **0**  
*Date of Joining* : **16/3/16**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **21/9/16**  
*Current Status* : **WALK OUT**

Anu lives with her parents who are both daily wage labourers. She says that they do not earn much, but try to keep her and her brother happy. They have encouraged her to complete her school education and she wants to help them by earning through work. She was made aware of the WoW programme at Azad through Thoughtshop Foundation. She decided to join with the support of her family. She says that she liked english training the most because it gave her confidence. Her dream is to earn money and be able to buy anything and go anywhere she wants. Unfortunately, she had to walk out of the programme because she needed to work and earn immediately.



*Name* : **ESTONARA BIBI**  
*Date of Birth* : **12/08/1991**  
*Education* : **10TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **MAGRAHAT - II**  
*Marital Status* : **SEPARATED**  
*Number of Children* : **2**  
*Date of Joining* : **16/3/16**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **20/10/16**  
*Current Status* : **UNDER TRAINING**

Estonara has two children. She left her husband's home as he was violent and abusive and she did not want to take the torture anymore. She is trying to shift to a working women's hostel. Her daughter lives in a hostel and son stays with her and her parents. She joined Azad through the Thoughtshop Foundation. She says that apart from the driving training, she likes self defense also. She feels she can now fight against violence, take legal action against her husband, talk without fear, dress up as per her wishes and go wherever she wants. She wants to earn money and make a home for herself so that no one can tell her or her children to move out of the house.





Name : **FALGUNI CHANDA**  
 Date of Birth : **28/02/1996**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **HARIDEVPUR**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **16/3/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **20/10/16**  
 Current Status : **ON JOB**

Falguni lives with her parents who support her in her decisions. They motivated her to study and earn for herself. After passing her 12th standard, she was looking for a job when her father found out about the driving training at Azad from one of his friends. He encouraged her to join training and she agreed. She had always wanted to drive a car and was very thrilled to be sitting in the driving seat for the first time while training. Thus she enjoyed this aspect of her training the most. She feels proud and confident now to be driving. She is now working as a professional chauffeur. She wants to save money and look after her parents.



Name : **JHARNA PRAMANIK**  
 Date of Birth : **05/11/1993**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **NONADANGA**  
 Marital Status : **SEPARATED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **20/6/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **02/12/16**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Jharna makes a living by stitching clothes at home. Her mother and brother are supportive, but she does not want to be a burden on them after separation from her husband. Before joining Azad, she was frustrated with many things in life and her weak financial condition added to the burden. Once she found out about Azad, she decided to join. She also started studying again and was happy with the trainings she received. She wanted to be a successful driver, but her financial condition did not allow that and she left training to take up a job in the health department.

Name : **HASNUTARA K/BIBA**  
 Date of Birth : **15/03/1994**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **MAGRAHAT**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **16/3/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **20/10/16**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Hasnutara lives with her parents and siblings in a small village. She started working from a very young age for pocket money. This involved doing tailoring and Zari work. She would also give some money to her father for family expenses. Once she found out about Azad, she was inspired to join the training. She likes driving and is also happy to be able to learn English and Self defense. She is currently under training and does part-time care work for the elderly to manage her finances. She says she wants to become a good driver and show people that women can do anything.

Name : **MALATI HALDER**  
 Date of Birth : **01/01/1984**  
 Education : **5TH PASS**  
 Locality : **LAKE GARDENS**  
 Marital Status : **WIDOWED**  
 Number of Children : **2**  
 Date of Joining : **20/01/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **16/9/16**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Malati has seven siblings. Her father was the only earning member and this put their family under a lot of financial stress. Therefore, she could only study till class 5 and her father got her married soon. She is now a widow and has two sons. Her elder son stays in the hostel and she lives with her elder brother and sister-in-law. She came in touch with Thoughtshop Foundation who told her about the WoW training programme. She used to think that she will not be able to do much in life and this feeling had especially come to her after her husband's death. After joining Azad, she feels that she can work and go to different places. She liked the gender class and the english class as she was very keen to learn English. She says it gave her confidence. She is eager to complete training and start work so that she can make her own house and live peacefully with her children.







*Name* : **MAMPI SARDAR**  
*Date of Birth* : **13/07/1995**  
*Education* : **5TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **JADAVPUR**  
*Marital Status* : **UNMARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **0**  
*Date of Joining* : **20/4/16**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **2/12/16**  
*Current Status* : **UNDER TRAINING**

Mampi belongs to a large family with few earning members. Since childhood she has faced a lack of financial resources and thus when she grew up, she tried to earn something to contribute to the income. She used to sing in 'kirtans' but this did not get her enough money. Her father is also not supportive and does not want her to work. She decided to join Azad because she felt that this would be a way for her to earn well and also prove to her father that she could work as well as her brother. She is dedicated in her training and wants to be a professional driver and one day drive her own car.



*Name* : **MOUSUMI BASU**  
*Date of Birth* : **29/10/1993**  
*Education* : **10TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **NORTH DUM DUM**  
*Marital Status* : **UNMARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **0**  
*Date of Joining* : **16/3/16**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **2/9/16**  
*Current Status* : **UNDER TRAINING**

Mousumi is a young enthusiastic girl who lives with her family. Both her parents work, but the income is not sufficient to fulfill their needs. Her brother is studying and elder sister does not work. Mousumi was determined to do something to help out the family. This is when she came across Azad's WoW programme through Thoughtshop Foundation. She has become more confident since she joined training. She says she likes the english classes a lot because they have helped her in interacting with others more openly. Earlier she was afraid to go out and would be nervous to do any work. Now she says she can travel alone. Her dream is to become self-sufficient and also help her family financially.

*Name* : **MANASI**  
*Date of Birth* : **30/04/1985**  
*Education* : **8TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **KALARIA**  
*Marital Status* : **SEPARATED**  
*Number of Children* : **2**  
*Date of Joining* : **4/2/16**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **2/12/16**  
*Current Status* : **UNDER TRAINING**

Manasi married a second time after her first husband passed away. She has two sons and her second husband deserted her after the birth of the younger child. Her relations with her family are also strained and they do not keep in touch with her. Her financial situation is very weak and she does domestic work in two households to help her sustain. Her sons are in the hostel and she lives alone. She was informed about Azad by a lady in the church she would go to. She immediately visited the office and enrolled herself in the programme. She liked the trainings on Gender, Legal rights and Self-defense. She feels confident now and aspires to be self-sufficient. Her dream is to be financially independent, make a house for herself and her sons and live with dignity in the society.

*Name* : **NANDITA C**  
*Date of Birth* : **23/06/1980**  
*Education* : **5TH PASS**  
*Locality* : **NONADANGA**  
*Marital Status* : **MARRIED**  
*Number of Children* : **1**  
*Date of Joining* : **20/6/16**  
*Date of Permanent License* : **2/12/16**  
*Current Status* : **UNDER TRAINING**

Nandita lives with her husband and her sons. Her husband is abusive and violent, but she has not been able to leave him. She used to run a tea stall and make some money for her children. She learned about Azad from 'Talash', an organization working in her community and decided to join. While in training, she realized through the different classes that a woman has the right to live by her own choice. She says she was very happy when in the self defense class, she was able to break a wooden block with her bare hands. She faces problems in coming for training due to her husband, but wants to complete and become a driver. She wants to make her own house with her money.





Name : **NIVA**  
 Date of Birth : **05/03/1982**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **NONADANGA**  
 Marital Status : **SEPARATED**  
 Number of Children : **1**  
 Date of Joining : **20/6/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **2/12/16**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Niva lives with her son and works as a part-time domestic help. Her husband left her when their son was just 3 months old. She took care of him by doing full time domestic work. She used to go to work and then come straight home. She would also not interact with anyone outside her house. But she harboured a dream to do something different and make an identity for herself. When she came to know of Azad through the Thoughtshop Foundation, she decided to enroll for the programme. The trainings she received changed her views and perceptions about life. She says that now she feels proud to be a woman and is not ready to tolerate any violence. Her dream is to drive her own car with her son next to her.



Name : **PINKI NASKAR**  
 Date of Birth : **28/10/1996**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **NONADANGA**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **20/01/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **16/9/16**  
 Current Status : **ON JOB**

I am from Nonadanga area. In my family there are my father mother my elder sister and my nephew. although my father and mother both are working but our family income is not sufficient for our family. So I always thought that after completion of my education I would try for a job. And my mother always wanted to see me to drive. She heard about Azad and inspired me to take this opportunity. I joined Azad to be a driver professionally. Here I have gone through several non technical training but SELFdefence, Dance Movement Therapy. and Gender and VAW training were more effective for me. Because I after Self Defence and Dance movement training I am confident enough to move freely. And after Gender training I feel that women can do anything that she want. My dream is to continue my study and want to help my family after getting a job as a professional driver.

Name : **PALLAB C**  
 Date of Birth : **11/12/1992**  
 Education : **GRADUATE**  
 Locality : **MAGRAHAT, DIST**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **26/9/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **17/2/17**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Pallab lives with her family. She is a transgender and has to face fight for acceptance at home in the society everyday. She started looking for a job after graduation in order to be economically independent, but did not find anything. She heard about Azad through an organization called 'Pratyaya' and decided to join. She has completed her non-technical training and is feels confident about driving now. She wants to establish herself as a capable driver and be able to put her identity in front of society without hesitation. She wants to support her family with her earnings.

Name : **PRITAM HALDER**  
 Date of Birth : **19/08/1989**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **KUNDARALI, DIST**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **26/9/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **17/2/17**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Pritam was encouraged to join Azad by an organization, 'Pratyaya'. She joined because she wanted to support herself financially and be independent. She also wanted to support her mother who had encouraged her to join the program in the first place. Due to the fact that she is a transgender, she has had to face many problems in her neighbourhood and other public spaces. She wants to make an identity for herself by being a good driver. She says that passing the Permanent License exam was the most memorable moment for her and took her closer to her dream of becoming a driver.





Name : **PUJA MONDAL**  
 Date of Birth : **07/05/1996**  
 Education : **5TH PASS**  
 Locality : **NONADANGA**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **20/6/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **2/12/16**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Puja lives with her husband in Nonadanga area of Kolkata. She has not received much formal education and hence her job options were limited. So, she started working as a domestic help as she could not think of doing anything else. When she found out about Azad through the organization Talash, she became hopeful that this could get her a dignified job even with low qualification. She was very excited about this and enrolled for WoW. She says that joining Azad has changed her life. She used to be fearful of public places and going out too much, but this has changed. She is confident to go anywhere now because she thinks that with the self defense training that she has received, she can protect herself. She wants to show every man that she can also do work like them. Her dream is to be a professional driver and break the barriers which currently stand in her way.



Name : **REBA K (MONDAL)**  
 Date of Birth : **10/01/1977**  
 Education : **GRADUATE**  
 Locality : **BISHNUPUR**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **20/6/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **2/12/16**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Reba was married at the age of 30. Her in-laws were putting pressure on her to have children and due to this she also had to face violence. She moved from their house into her prents' home and her husband moved with her. Her elder brother always told her that she could not do anything and this evoked a burning desire in her to do something challenging. When she came to know of Azad, she took the opportunity and joined training. She says that she has learnt a lot and has enjoyed self defense classes the most. She feels more confident, her mobility has increased and she feels like she is doing something which is good for her. Her dream is to drive and earn for her mother and herself. When she drives, she feels like a free bird who can fly anywhere.

Name : **PUJA**  
 Date of Birth : **27/08/1992**  
 Education : **5TH PASS**  
 Locality : **TILJALA**  
 Marital Status : **SEPARATED**  
 Number of Children : **1**  
 Date of Joining : **16/3/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **20/10/16**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Puja lives with her daughter in her parents' house. Her husband was abusive and never gave her the permission to work, so she moved away from him. She came to know of Azad through the Thoughtshop foundation and decided to join so she could earn for herself and her daughter. She likes the self defense training as it gives her confidence to go anywhere without fear and protect herself from any type of violence. Unfortunately, in the middle of her training, she walked out. She is currently missing from her home and efforts are on to find out where she could be.



Name : **REZINA KHATOON**  
 Date of Birth : **06/12/1996**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **ELLIOT ROAD**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **20/4/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **20/10/16**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Rezina is a hockey player. She plays for the Bharani NGO Hockey club and wants to be a successful sportsperson. She is an orphan and has been living in a welfare home since she was 6. For her it is important to also start earning along with continuing playing sport. She came to know about Azad through a meeting being held in her area by Thoughtshop Foundation. She joined because she felt that this was her chance to work and earn for better living. She has completed her non-technical training and liked English and self defense the most as they have helped her gain confidence to go out into the world. She says that she is now confident to talk to people who do not speak her native language. Her dream is to earn and build a home for herself.





Name : **RIMPA MODAK**  
 Date of Birth : **01/08/1994**  
 Education : **12TH PASS**  
 Locality : **NONADANGA**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **20/6/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **2/12/16**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Rimpa lives in a hostel and works part-time to earn her living. She is also completing her graduation. Her parents live in a village adjacent to Kolkata and her mother is the only earner in the family. She found out about Azad through an NGO, Justice and Care and decided to join. She says that she likes the changes she feels in herself since she joined training. She used to be very shy but now is confident in talking to people. Her dream is to become a good driver and prove to people that women can do anything.



Name : **SAJIRA LASKAR**  
 Date of Birth : **01/01/1988**  
 Education : **5TH PASS**  
 Locality : **MALLIK PARA**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **2**  
 Date of Joining : **20/01/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **16/9/16**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Sajira lives with her husband and in-laws. When she decided to join Azad's training, her husband and mother-in-law both encouraged her and helped her to take care of her young children and household chores so that Sajira could reach the trainings on time. She was regular and attentive and had the desire to make a name for herself. Once training became regular she started having some problems at home and she had to put her daughter in the hostel so that her studies do not get affected. Soon the problem escalated and her husband asked her to leave training. The mobilization team from Azad intervened and went to her house to talk to the family, but she couldn't come back and thus left training.

Name : **RINA DHARA**  
 Date of Birth : **26/01/1988**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **K SANNYASIBAGAN**  
 Marital Status : **UNMARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **16/3/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **2/9/16**  
 Current Status : **WALK OUT**

Rina fondly remembers some days of her childhood when her father had a well paying job. She says that he suddenly lost his job and this put them in a situation of deep financial stress. She felt the need to start working to support the family. Her brothers work, but one earns very little and the other does not give money in the house. Hence, their situation has not improved. She got to know about Azad through Thoughtshop and joined the programme. She liked the various trainings she received, especially gender. She says that she realized that men and women are both equal and women can do anything they want. She wanted to become a driver and support the family. However, her family was also in debt and the pressure to earn was mounting. Therefore, she had to leave the training and find a job immediately.

Name : **SAMPA PRAMANIK**  
 Date of Birth : **03/04/1992**  
 Education : **5TH PASS**  
 Locality : **VIP NAGAR**  
 Marital Status : **SEPARATED**  
 Number of Children : **0**  
 Date of Joining : **06/10/15**  
 Date of Permanent License : **16/9/16**  
 Current Status : **ON BENCH**

Sampa lives with her mother. After her father passed away a few years ago, her family started facing financial problems as her mother was the only earning member. She got Sampa married at the age of 19. Her husband and in-laws were abusive and did not let her go out of the house. She was not even allowed to visit her mother. She finally left her husband and came back to her mother's house. Before she found out about Azad through Thoughtshop Foundation, she worked as a cook and also in a bag making factory. She left this and joined the WoW programme because it was exciting for her. She says that this decision changed her life. She feels her mobility has increased and she is able to talk to new people. The Dance Movement Therapy classes and Gender and VAW training have helped her have more faith in her abilities. She wants to become a good driver, earn money and make a house for herself.





Name : **SANCHITA MITRA**  
 Date of Birth : **03/03/1984**  
 Education : **5TH PASS**  
 Locality : **HARIDEVPUR**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **2**  
 Date of Joining : **16/3/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **20/10/16**  
 Current Status : **ON JOB**

Sanchita lives with her in laws, husband and children. Her husband has been undergoing psychiatric treatment for the last 10 years and thus does not earn. Her father-in-law is the principal earner in her house and is a rickshaw puller. She was encouraged to join Azad by a trainer who lives in her area. She enjoyed most of her trainings, but most of all, she liked English and communication training. She says that it has made her confident to speak to people from all classes. She has also learnt about various different routes and is not afraid to go around the city. She is currently working as a professional chauffeur and wants to earn enough money to give her children a good life. She wants to buy a car and take her family on vacation.



Name : **SHARMISHTHA P**  
 Date of Birth : **25/02/1988**  
 Education : **OTHER**  
 Locality : **VIJAY COLONY**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **2**  
 Date of Joining : **24/8/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **17/2/17**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Sharmishtha has completed her Masters and used to give tuitions to children to supplement her husband's income and run the house. This was good to earn money, but she wanted to do something new. She found out about Azad at a mobilization camp being held in her community by Talash. She found this new and interesting and decided to join. She says that she used to be shy of talking to new people and going out of her house, but this has changed. After the non-technical training, mainly english, gender and VAW, she feels confident to deal with any situation. Her dream is to become a good driver as she feels there is an essence of freedom in this profession.

Name : **SHANKARI HALDER**  
 Date of Birth : **18/09/1978**  
 Education : **8TH PASS**  
 Locality : **SONARPUR, DIST**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **3**  
 Date of Joining : **20/4/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **22/5/15**  
 Current Status : **UNDER TRAINING**

Shankari lives with her husband and three children. In order to supplement her husband's income, she joined a chit-fund agency. But after the chit-fund scam, she had to face a lot of trouble and she left and started working as a domestic help. She came to know of Azad through one of her employers and decided to join. She likes the trainings and has also participated in various women's movements. She particularly liked what she learnt from the training on Sexual and Reproductive Health. This training changed her view of her own body. She used to be shy, but is more vocal now and takes a stand for what she thinks is right. She wants to be a good driver and be able to travel a lot.



Name : **SUSHAMA MIDDEY**  
 Date of Birth : **16/9/16**  
 Education : **10TH PASS**  
 Locality : **BALLY MUNICIPALITY**  
 Marital Status : **MARRIED**  
 Number of Children : **1**  
 Date of Joining : **16/3/16**  
 Date of Permanent License : **27/6/13 (JOINED WITH PL)**  
 Current Status : **ON BENCH**

Sushama works as a beautician to supplement her husband's income. He is physically challenged and works at a jute factory where his salary is not regular. She found out about Azad through a newspaper article and decided to visit. After enrolling for the programme, she felt more confident as she learnt new things. She also became more confident in going to different places on her own. Due to her confidence, she was able to fight to get her commercial license which was initially being denied on the grounds that she did not have a marriage certificate. Knowing her rights helped her to get this done. She has completed her training and is waiting to get a job. She dreams of having her own car one day and taking her family out.





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