

# ADVENTURE IN READING: Empowering Young Minds





# CONCEPT

"Adventures in Reading: Empowering Young Minds" is a comprehensive initiative aimed at fostering a love for reading among primary school students.

Since the last three years (Since January 2021), I have been involved in a project at the Nirmal Primary School, D2/4, Shahjahan Road, Pandara Flats, India Gate, New Delhi-110003, This project included setting up a dedicated library, developing a unique curriculum, writing an array of intriguing books, and leading read-aloud sessions to improve literacy levels.

# SETTING UP A LIBRARY

With the intention of giving back to society, I developed a thriving library area within Nirmal Primary School. With comfortable seating, colorful bookshelves, and an extensive selection of books appropriate for all age groups and reading levels, the library is meant to welcome and appeal to young learners.



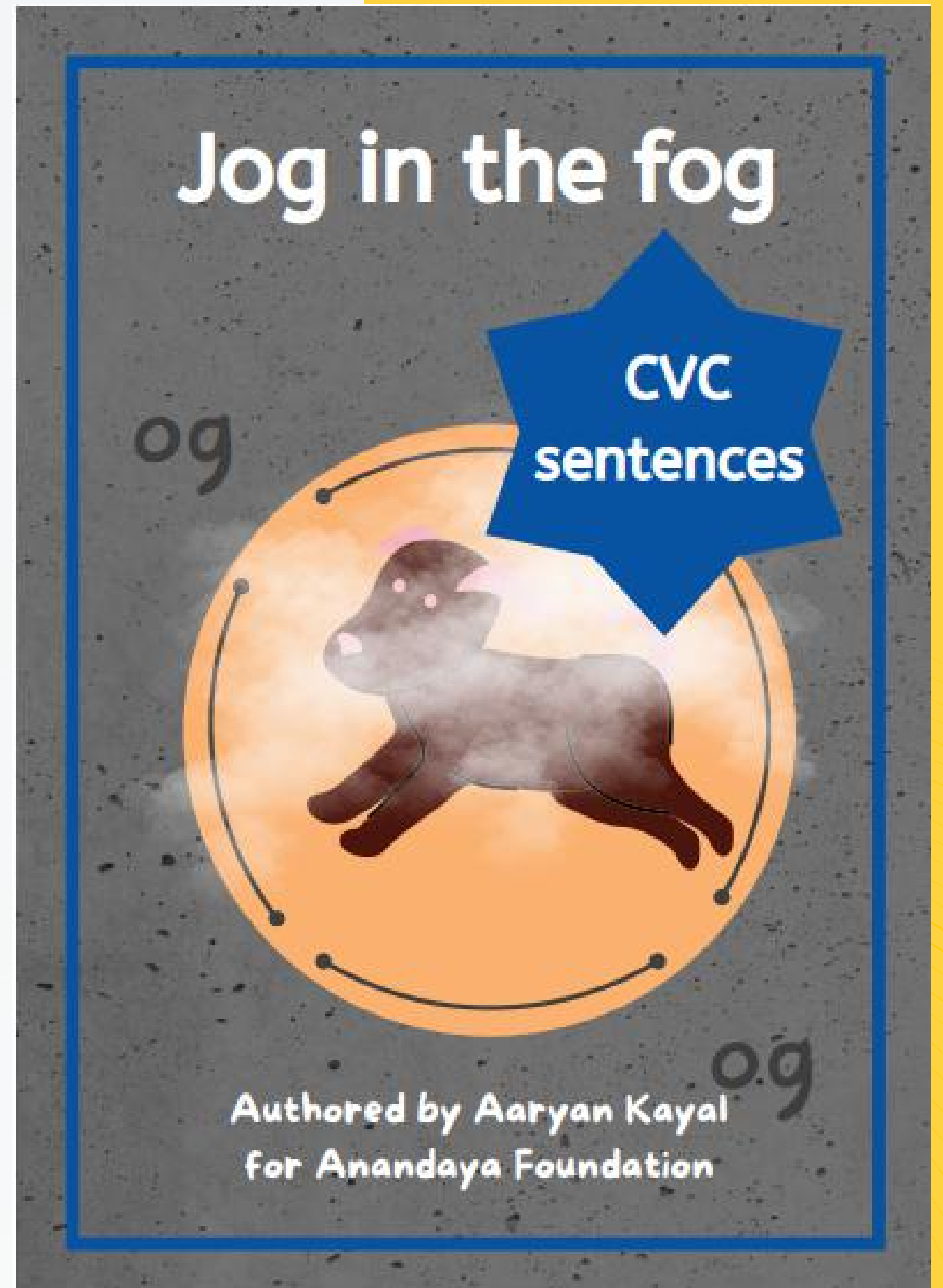
# CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

With the mission Each One Teach One, I developed a specialized curriculum that aligned with Nirmal Primary school's primary educational goals and literacy objectives. The curriculum was infused with interactive reading activities, comprehension exercises, and creative projects to make the learning process enjoyable among the younger students.

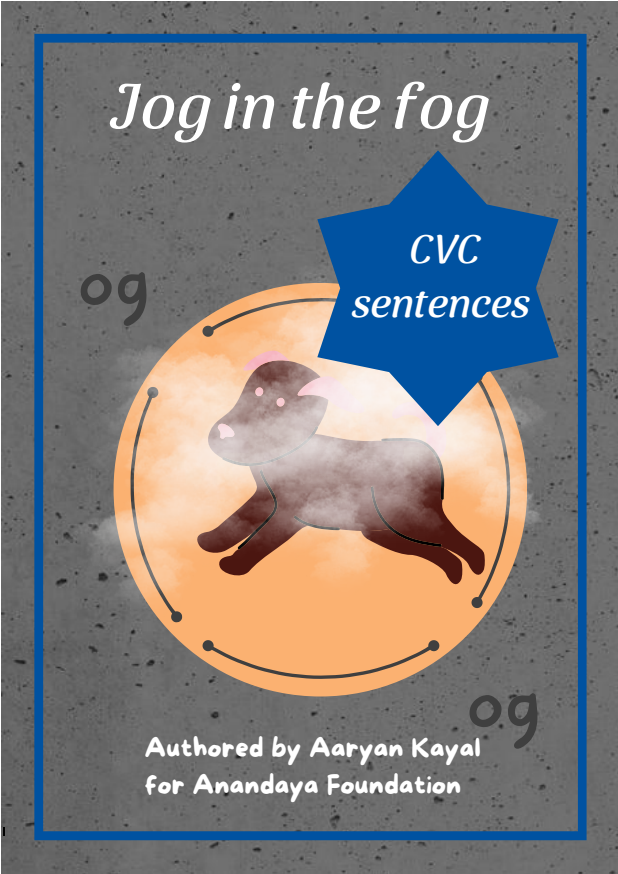


# AUTHORING A BOOK

To enhance my project, I authored and illustrated a book "Jog in the Fog" tailored to the interest and reading abilities of the elementary school pupils. The book covering a range of a vowel series carefully curated has been meticulously planned based on word families, blending techniques and synthetic phonetics. The aim is to provide relevant content which will benefit young learners while keeping them engaged and address learning loss particularly incurred with regard to English Language skills during COVID.



# JOG IN THE FOG- BOOK GLIMPSES



I can read!

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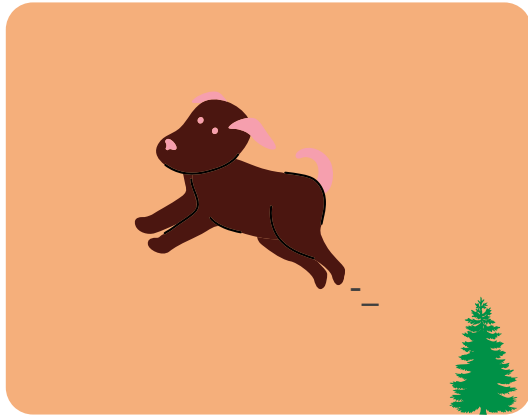
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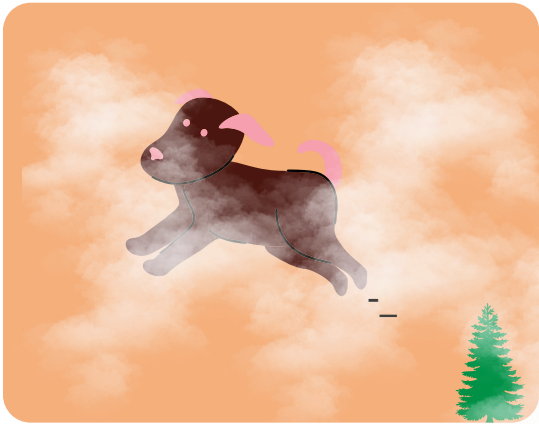
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This is a dog.



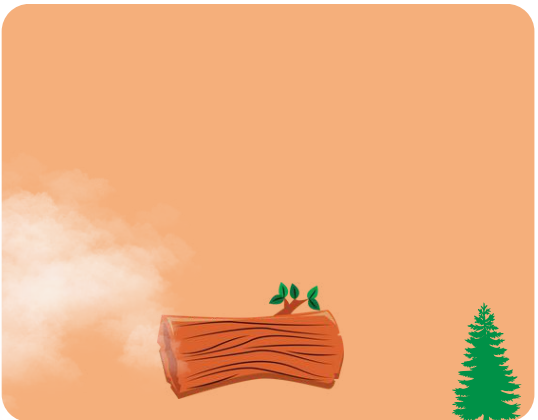
The dog can jog.



The dog can jog in the fog.



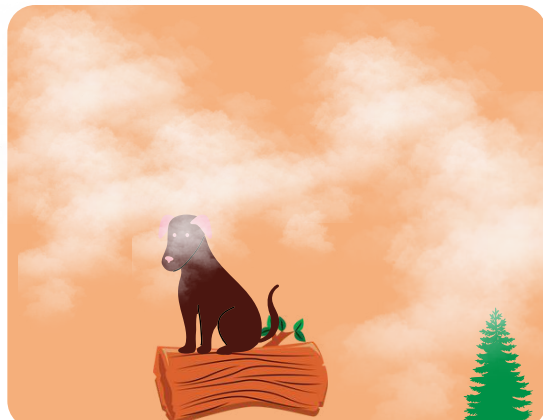
Jog, jog, the dog jogs and jogs in the fog.



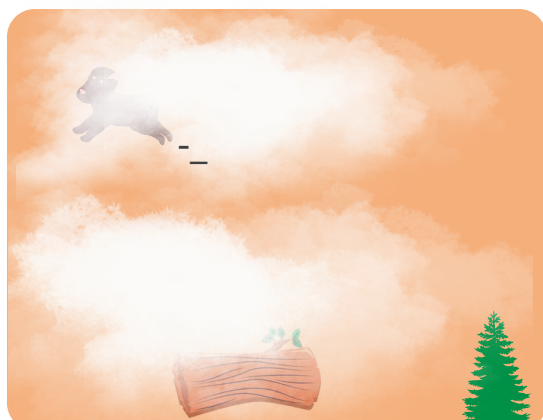
This is a log.



The log is in the fog.



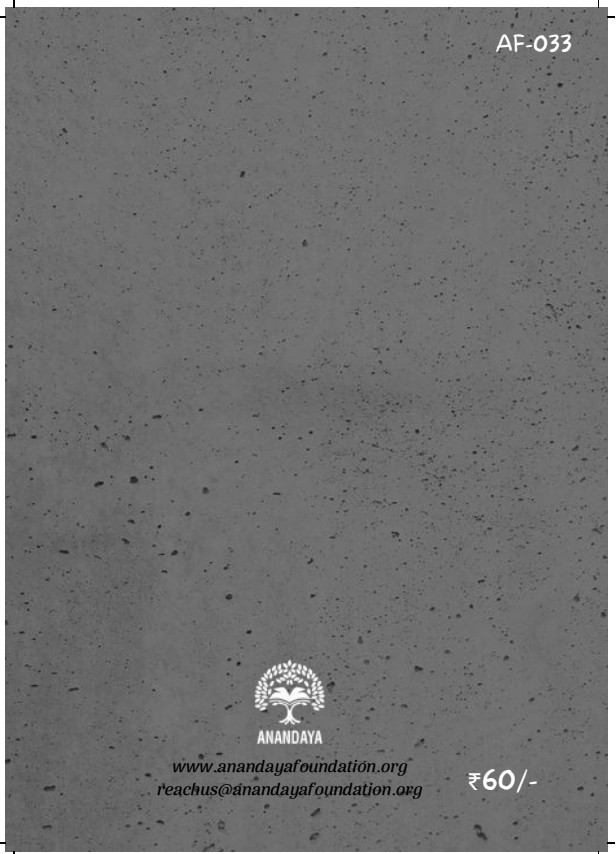
The dog sat on the log.



Can you see the dog?



Can you see the log?



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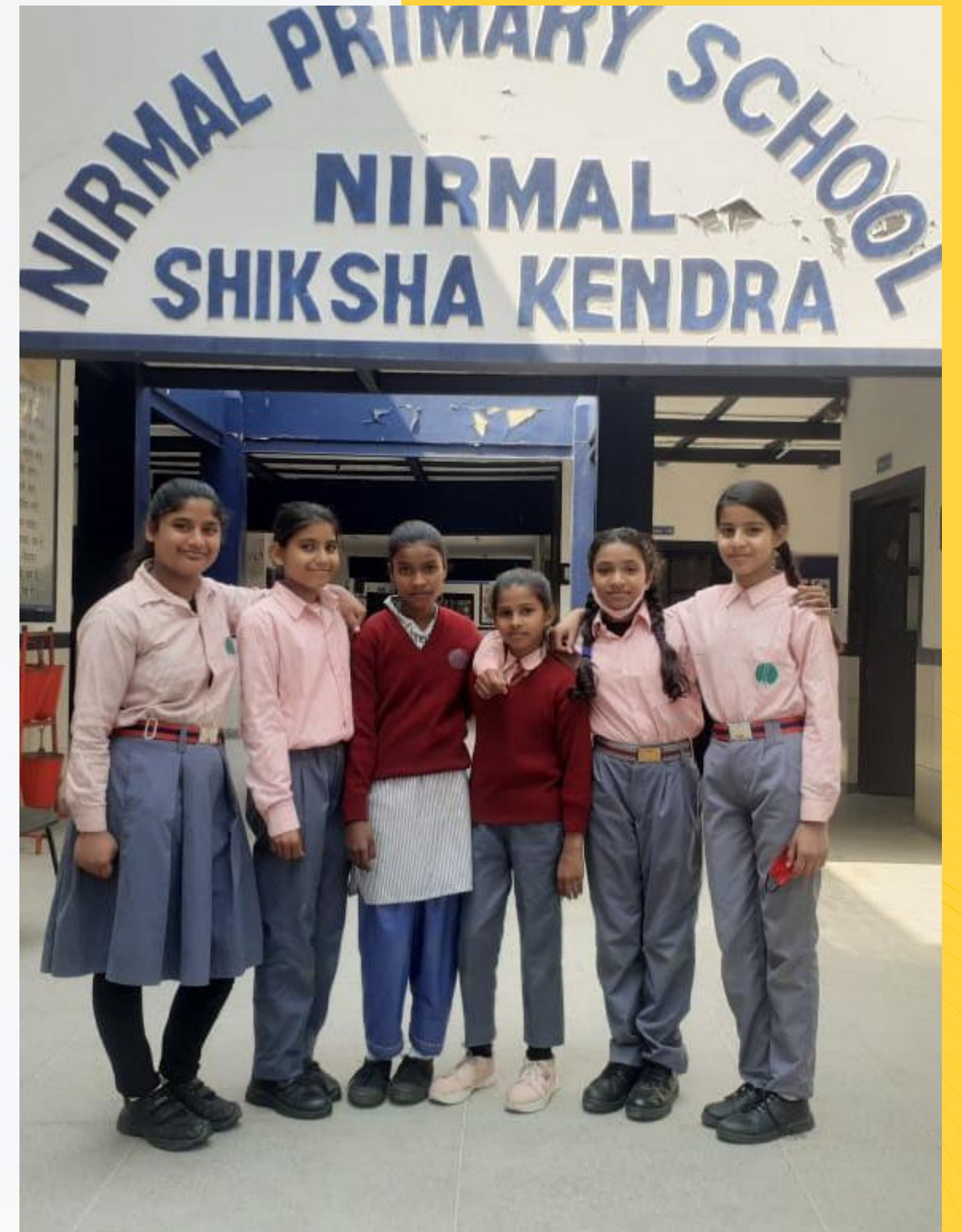
# READ-ALOUD SESSIONS

To engage the students of Nirmal Primary school and cultivate their love for reading, I organized regular read-aloud sessions. During these sessions, I visited classrooms and enthusiastically read the authored books aloud, using expressive voices and gestures to captivate the younger audience.



# ASSESSMENT

The assessments included of tests, reading logs, feedback surveys, and qualitative observations to track progress, identify areas for improvement, to assist the pupils in reaching the objective of the project.





# BENEFITS

The "Adventures in Reading" project offered numerous benefits. It encouraged reading among primary school students, subsequently fostering their imagination, vocabulary, and critical thinking skills. The initiative aimed at promoting the virtues of a positive learning environment by indulging students in various peer-based activities.

My minimal contribution towards society through the project "Adventures in Reading: Empowering Young Minds" has encouraged me to evolve as an individual with an outlook towards the well-being of society and the learners of tomorrow.



### Letter of Appreciation

Anandaya Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation founded in 2015. Anandaya's objective is to maximise the number of underprivileged children that have access to our unique library program that improves their reading with comprehension and expression of thought, enabling them to rise above rote learning and become critical thinkers, thereby improving India's human capital at the grassroots level and making the model sustainable through capacity building and collaboration.

Aaryan has been closely associated with us over the summer of 2023. During this time, he has been integral in leading and organising a group of volunteer students to put together the carpeting, bookshelves, posters and books for our libraries at MCD schools in New Delhi. Aaryan has worked closely with us to understand the literacy levels of the students and created a book list that comprised of a picture-oriented, large font text focussing on well-loved stories and relevant social issues pertaining to health, sanitation and safety. Bonding with our young students enabled Aaryan to further understand their life context and influences. Many shared their desire to have access to some form of recreational academic activity.

Anandaya Foundation is striving to bring a reading revolution by creating decodable readers that are systematic with a rich phonetics base to help child read with ease. Keen to contribute to this endeavour and extend his engagement with education further, Aaryan has worked on authoring books and contributing to the 'Anandaya books set'. Aaryan has authored a book that is rich in phonetics and will help children read with ease. The focus has been on primary and pre-primary readers who have especially lost out on English literacy skills during the pandemic. These books carefully authored by (students name) have been meticulously planned based on word families, blending techniques and synthetic phonetics.

Aaryan has transformed the lives of children his compassion and commitment. We are extremely impressed by the way he has used the transformative power of writing and its potential to enhance cognitive development and social and literacy skills of the vulnerable community. Feedback from each school suggests that these library spaces along with relevant academic reading material will alleviate the learning gap that the pandemic has left in its wake enabling young students to rediscover their creative energy.

Aaryan's strong sense of responsibility and commitment to solidarity has been a tremendous support for our mission at Anandaya and we wish him/her the very best.

  
Jaishree Goyal | Founder Trustee

For Anandaya Foundation

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Authorised Signatory

LETTER OF APPRECIATION