

# NEWSLETTER

## Hope Kolkata Foundation

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Hope Kolkata Foundation marked its 25th anniversary on February 11 with a completion ceremony, celebrating a quarter-century of dedicated service to the community. The event highlighted the organization's enduring commitment to empowering underprivileged individuals in Kolkata through education, healthcare, and support services. Supporters and beneficiaries alike joined in the celebration, reflecting on past achievements and looking forward to continued impact in the years ahead.



The Hope Foundation's ambassador **Jasmine Gerhardt** also known as **Miss Ireland**, recently visited various programs of **Hope Kolkata Foundation**, including the **Brian's Way Resource Centre** in Chitpur. Additionally, she attended an art exhibition titled "Colorful Exhibition from the Pure Souls," organized by boys from our residential Children Centers. The exhibition showcased the boys' handcrafted creations, each reflecting their unique perspectives and artistic visions of the world. Jasmine's presence highlighted the Foundation's commitment to empowering individuals and promoting artistic expression among marginalized communities. The event garnered admiration as attendees marveled at the boys' talent and creativity, reinforcing the Foundation's mission of fostering holistic development.



On March 22nd, the Hope Kolkata Foundation, in collaboration with the **Tollygunge Club**, organised **Golf Classic 2024 Edition 6** to transform the lives of children with disabilities. **Jasmine Gerhardt**, accompanied by the acclaimed tennis player **Leander Paes**, graced the occasion as the chief guest and guest of honor respectively. This heartening initiative drew over 130 esteemed golfers from Kolkata, uniting them in a shared mission. Their participation not only exemplified their love for the sport but also their dedication to making a tangible difference in the community. Through their collective support, the event proved to be an overwhelming success.







Holi celebration- at Hope Kolkata Foundation- Students and educators from Ireland engaged in a cultural exchange program hosted at Saini International School in Maheshtala. Meanwhile, the children and faculty from the residential child care center of Hope Kolkata Foundation celebrated Basanta Utsav, immersing themselves in the festive atmosphere of Holi with songs and dances on March 25th.



Hope Kolkata Foundation inaugurated a new branch of **Brian's Way in North Kolkata**, offering therapy sessions and special education to children with special needs. These services are provided free of charge to families from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.



**The School Immersion Programme 2024** unfolded across six slots, commencing with the arrival of the first group on January 26th, 2024, and concluding with the arrival of the final group on April 1st. Throughout their visit, participants observed firsthand the impact of their fundraising and awareness-raising efforts in supporting HOPE's projects aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty for slum children.



Hope Kolkata Foundation recently hosted the **Convocation ceremony for its Lifeskill program**, generously supported by the Blue Dart Project, Indorama, and HSBC Development Programme. A total of 427 students graduated from the program, celebrating their achievements and preparedness for the future.



On March 12th, in celebration of **International Women's Day**, girl students from various HKF projects under Hope Foundation were honored with an award from Vesuvius India Ltd. The prestigious Superstar Women's Award acknowledged the children's outstanding achievements in academics and sports