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## 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.

Trisha Bahuguna has been closely associated with us over the last two years. Volunteering with our young students enabled Trisha Bahuguna to further understand their life context and influences where many students shared their desire to have access to some form of recreational academic activity. Fuelled by a desire to help further, Trisha Bahuguna 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. Trisha Bahuguna has also worked closely with us to understand the literacy levels of our students and created a book list that comprised of picture-oriented, large font text focussing on well-loved stories and relevant social issues pertaining to health, sanitation and safety. This book list has been integral to the success of our libraries and also in encouraging young learners to read and build confidence levels in the English language.

In keeping with Anandaya Foundations mission to bring a reading revolution among the underserved youth, Trisha Bahuguna has further worked on authoring books and contributing to the 'Anandaya books set'. Her At the Camp book is imaginatively curated and specific to the needs of the students we work with. The focus has been on primary and pre-primary readers and the book has been authored in a way that it simplifies and helps to decode words while developing skills linked to story sequencing, language and comprehension as aligned with our learning objectives.

With this work Trisha Bahuguna has transformed the lives of children with 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 learning gaps as young students discover their creative energy.

Trisha Bahuguna has strong sense of responsibility and his commitment to solidarity has been a tremendous support for our mission at Anandaya. We wish him every success.

Sincerely,

Jaishree Goval.

Founder Trustee Anandaya Foundation