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From Conversations to Community Action

The idea of the community space emerged through continuous discussions with different groups within the community. While mapping local challenges and aspirations, it became clear that communities already hold strengths and potential solutions within themselves. This created the need for a community-owned space that encourages participation, collaboration, and collective action.



A Shared Space, Restored Through Shared Effort

Apollo Club, a 45-year-old community space inactive since the pre-COVID period, was revived on 4th January 2026 through the collective efforts of youth and community members. Once used only as a storage space, it was transformed into a lively community owned space



Collective Dreaming for the Apollo club



Addressing youth **dream deprivation**, a dream mapping exercise encouraged young people and community members to express their aspirations and future goals.

creating a space for collective dreaming, reflection, and participation.



Can Collective Action Give Life to Dreams?

To transform their shared dream into reality, the community stepped forward by organizing a local fundraising event, while Mitraja walked beside them as a supportive companion in the journey.



Turning Dreams Into Reality: A Journey in Motion



RENOVATION OF CLUB SPACE

The learning space was renovated through funds raised locally, with community members contributing bamboo, labour, and financial support, reflecting strong community ownership and participation.



WATER TAP INSTALLED IN CLUB

Reflecting the spirit of collective ownership and a core value of Mitraja, a water tap was installed at the club through local resources and support mobilized from community members and local youth.



BUILT LEARNING SPACE

A fully functional learning space was developed using locally available resources and community contributions.

Apollo program ~Learning, Leadership, and Livelihood

Apollo program is Work-Learning and Community Leadership Initiative emphasizes the connection between education and livelihood. While formal education imparts academic knowledge, many young people lack essential practical skills like communication, leadership, and problem-solving. The program fosters experiential learning, community engagement, and skill-building, helping youth discover their strengths and gain practical experience. By aligning education with community needs and resources, it aims to develop socially conscious, self-reliant leaders who can create meaningful livelihoods and contribute to community development, transforming youth from job seekers into community builders and changemakers.

Youth Capacity Building and Leadership Development



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Photography Workshop



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Community library inaugurated



A community library was build through local resources, community participation, and collaboration with the Dedicated Free Library Network Collective, Delhi. Regular reading sessions and library-based learning activities are being planned to nurture a culture of reading and learning among children and youth.