

Bhartiya Jan Sewa Ashram

Annual Report
2025-26



From the Director's Desk

Dear Readers and Friends,

I am pleased to present the Annual Report of Bharatiya Jan Sewa Ashram for the year 2025-26 for your kind perusal. This report provides a brief account of the organisation's efforts, achievements and the challenges it faced during the year in a demanding and ever-changing environment. It also highlights the outcomes, impact and achievements of the various activities undertaken during the reporting period.

During the year, the organisation played an active role in the upliftment of Dalits, marginalised communities, women and economically disadvantaged groups, particularly in the districts of Jaunpur, Pratapgarh, Sonbhadra and Sultanpur. Our efforts focused on empowering communities through the effective implementation of important legislation and welfare measures such as the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), the Right to Information Act, the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, the Panchayati Raj Act and laws relating to land and wage rights. We also worked towards the restoration of the dignity and rights of women and Dalits, as well as the improvement of primary education.

The guiding principle of our organisation is to motivate people to help themselves by enhancing their awareness, confidence and capacity to address their own challenges. While government departments and officials have generally extended cooperation and fulfilled their responsibilities, there have also been occasions when support was inadequate and administrative responses fell short of expectations.

We express our sincere gratitude to organisations such as Misereor, Terre des Hommes (TdH), National Land Coalition, Swadhikar/NCDHR/UNDP and Sahbhagi Shikshan Kendra for their generous cooperation and support. We are equally thankful to various international, national and state-level networks, as well as Dalit rights organisations, whose collective efforts and solidarity have provided us with valuable moral strength and encouragement.

We also acknowledge with gratitude the dedicated workers of our organisation, community members, particularly women Panchayati Raj representatives, government officials and employees, media personnel and local organisations who actively participated in our programmes. Their contributions gave meaning to our efforts and strengthened initiatives aimed at advancing the rights and welfare of Dalit and other marginalised communities.

Finally, I extend my heartfelt thanks to all our supporters, donors, collaborators and well-wishers for their financial assistance, guidance and continued encouragement. I am especially grateful to our staff and field workers, whose dedication and commitment have inspired us to move forward steadfastly on the path we have chosen.

Our journey continues...Thank you.

Daulat Ram
Bharatiya Jan Sewa Ashram
Badlapur, Jaunpur

Background

Bharatiya Jan Sewa Ashram (BJSA) is a non-political, non-profit voluntary organisation registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (Act XXI of 1860). For the past 34 years, the organisation has been working with poor, exploited, marginalised and Dalit communities in 160 villages across 15 development blocks, namely Badlapur, Maharajganj, Rampur, Ram Nagar, Barsathi, Madiyahu, Sirkoni, Muftiganj, Khuthan, Baksha, Dharmapur, Machhlishahr, Aspur Devsara, Kadipur and Akhand Nagar, located in the districts of Jaunpur, Pratapgarh, Sultanpur and Sonbhadra in Uttar Pradesh.

Over the years, people who once silently endured oppression and discrimination have gradually come together to overcome their economic hardships and collectively address their social and developmental challenges. Many among them were afraid to raise their voices against injustice due to fear of feudal forces and bureaucratic authority.

Having personally experienced deprivation and social neglect, Daulat Ram, along with a group of committed friends, took the initiative to lead this process of social change. In doing so, they connected with like-minded individuals engaged in social action and community development. Inspired by the writings and ideals of Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar and other great social reformers, they received the moral strength and guidance necessary to pursue their mission.



Participating in a CSR Consultation Meeting

To institutionalise and strengthen these efforts, Bharatiya Jan Sewa Ashram (BJSA) was formally registered towards the end of 1992. Since then, the organisation has been working to address poverty, illiteracy and social discrimination, while promoting positive behavioural change. It strives to empower communities to identify their own issues, raise their concerns and collectively take action to secure their rights and entitlements.

Objectives of the Organisation

- To promote national unity, integrity, peace and mutual harmony.
- To create a conducive environment for the holistic development of boys and girls.
- To undertake scientific and technical research from an environmental perspective.
- To cooperate with and contribute to programmes for national development and social welfare.
- To serve destitute and neglected people and inculcate in them a sense of self-respect and dignity.
- To implement development programmes for the overall advancement of families living below the poverty line and other weaker sections within the organisation's operational area.
- To educate, organise and raise awareness among Dalit, marginalised and poor families so that they can lead dignified lives and become active participants in the mainstream of society.
- To work for justice, equality and social inclusion in society.
- To fight against injustice, inequality, exploitation, violence and hunger.

Vision

BJSA wants to establish an autonomous, self-reliant society with a healthy environment and peace in the world.

Mission

To sensitise and aware people for close cooperation towards development with self-respect and access their services and use own constitutional rights.

Networking and Alliance

- International Land Coalition, Italy
- UPVAN, Lucknow
- VANI, New Delhi
- NCDHR, New Delhi
- PRIA, New Delhi
- NECDOR, New Delhi
- MARG, New Delhi
- Dalit Action Group, UP
- SSK, Lucknow

Enhancing Sustainable Livelihood Opportunities for Vulnerable Communities

Bharatiya Jan Sewa Ashram works to support vulnerable families affected by crises such as economic shocks, natural disasters, health emergencies and other unforeseen challenges. The organisation provides a holistic package of assistance to help affected families overcome these crises and sustain their livelihoods.

Comprehensive support is extended to vulnerable households to address the economic, health and psychosocial impacts of such situations. Through direct assistance, capacity-building and community-based interventions, the organisation enables families to stabilise their living conditions, recover from adversity and rebuild sustainable livelihoods.

Origin of the Organisation

Bharatiya Jan Sewa Ashram (BJSA) was established in 1992 as a voluntary development organisation. Its founder members were deeply influenced by the ideas and teachings of Dr BR Ambedkar, who championed the principles of equality, dignity and social justice.

The founder and leader of the organisation Daulat Ram, witnessed social discrimination and exclusion from an early age. Belonging to the Dalit community, he personally experienced the injustices and hardships imposed by the prevailing caste system. Like many other Dalit families in his village, his family faced severe social restrictions. They were often denied access to basic amenities and were not permitted to fetch water from common sources. They were also discouraged from wearing footwear or using the same roads and lanes as members of the upper castes.

These experiences of humiliation and discrimination left a lasting impact on him. Rather than accepting these injustices, he resolved to challenge them through



constructive social action and community mobilisation. This determination ultimately became the foundation for the establishment of Bharatiya Jan Sewa Ashram.

Daulat Ram was encouraged and supported by friends and well-wishers who shared his vision of creating a more just and equitable society. Together, they initiated a process of community development aimed at ensuring access to better health, education and livelihood opportunities, while promoting social harmony and mutual respect among all sections of society.

To strengthen his understanding of development issues and gain practical experience, Daulat Ram joined the Purvanchal Rural Development and Training Institute, Ghazipur. During his association with the institute, he acquired valuable experience in working with Dalit and marginalised communities, which further shaped his commitment to social transformation and grassroots development.

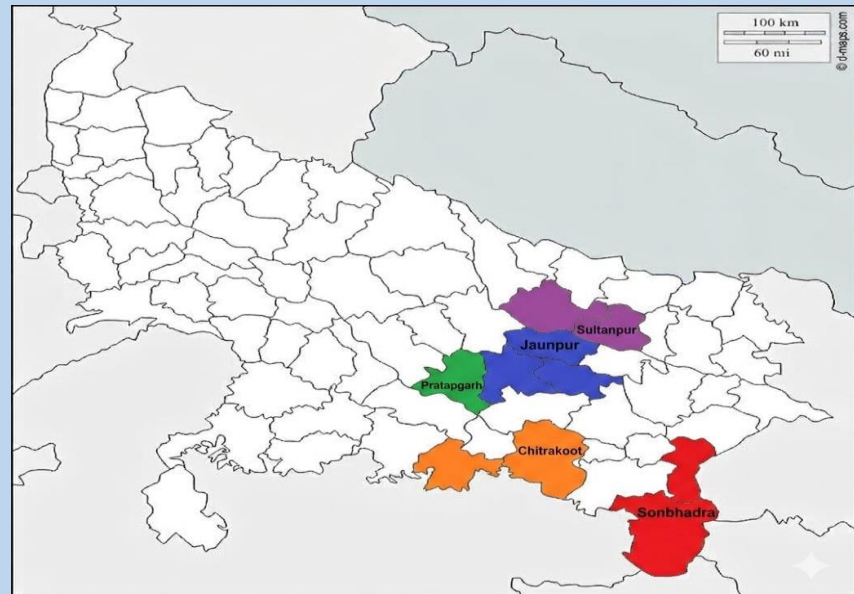
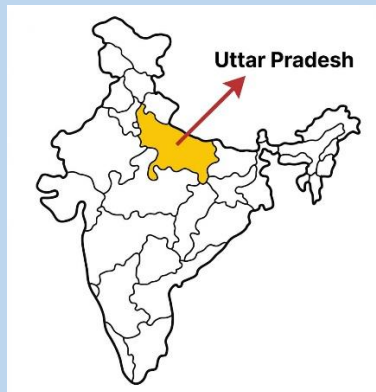
Major Activities

- Community mobilisation, awareness generation and capacity-building programmes.
- Capacity building through training programmes, workshops and seminars at the community level.
- Organisation of children's carnivals, cultural events and exhibitions.
- Management and operation of information and resource centres.
- Capacity-building and training of Panchayati Raj representatives.

- Community-based health education and health promotion initiatives.
- Community-based reproductive healthcare programmes for women.
- Gender sensitisation and leadership training for women.
- Formation and strengthening of women's Self-Help Groups (SHGs).
- Awareness generation and mobilisation for land rights and entitlements.
- Women's empowerment and gender equality initiatives.
- Leadership development programmes for Dalit communities.
- Promotion of sanitation, hygiene and environmental conservation.
- Advocacy for land rights and wage rights.
- Prevention of caste-based discrimination and promotion of the dignity and rights of Dalits.
- Income-generation and skill-development training programmes.
- Life skills education and training.
- Youth leadership development programmes.
- Awareness programmes on laws, legal rights and government entitlements.
- Awareness and capacity-building programmes for elected Dalit women representatives.
- HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention programmes.
- Women's literacy and adult education programmes.
- Livelihood promotion and land rights programmes.
- Educational and developmental programmes for adolescent girls and boys.
- Balika Shiksha Programme for strengthening the education of girls aged 6 to 14 years.
- Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) programmes.
- Watershed management and natural resource conservation programmes.
- Pre-school education and child nutrition programmes.

Geographical Coverage

BJSA is currently working in five districts of Uttar Pradesh: Jaunpur, Sultanpur, Pratapgarh, Sonbhadra and Chitrakoot.



Programmes and Activities

Health Initiative

Bharatiya Jan Sewa Ashram (BJSA) has been implementing this programme in Jaunpur district, Uttar Pradesh, since 2012. At present, the organisation works in urban areas of Jaunpur as well as selected rural communities where vulnerable populations are concentrated.

Under this initiative, BJSA works with key and vulnerable populations, including Female Sex Workers (FSWs), Men who have Sex with Men (MSM), Injecting Drug Users (IDUs) and migrant populations across Jaunpur district. The programme primarily focuses on creating awareness about HIV/AIDS, promoting preventive health practices and facilitating access to healthcare services.

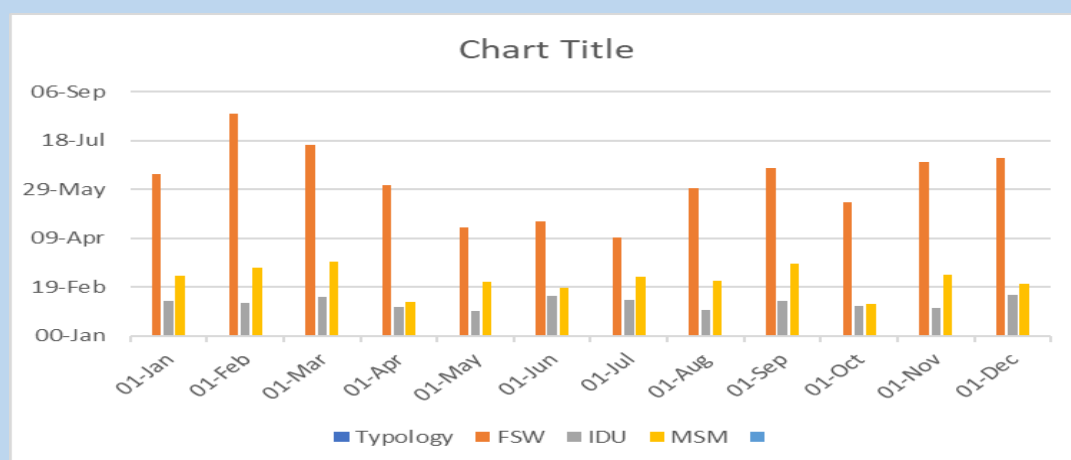
As part of the programme, targeted communities are counselled and encouraged to undergo HIV screening and testing. Individuals who are diagnosed as HIV-positive are linked with the concerned government health departments and healthcare facilities for timely treatment and care through Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART) services. Through awareness generation, counselling, testing and referral services, the programme contributes to improving health outcomes and reducing the spread of HIV/AIDS among vulnerable communities.

HIV Screening

As per programme guidelines, HIV screening of all registered High-Risk Groups (HRGs) is conducted at an interval of six months to monitor their HIV status and facilitate timely access to healthcare services. Regular screening helps in the early detection of HIV infection, promotes awareness and strengthens preventive and treatment measures among vulnerable populations.

During the financial year 2025-26, HIV screening was carried out among registered HRG members as detailed below:

Typology	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26
FSW	154	111	117	101	151	172	137	178	182	166	228	196
IDU	30	25	41	37	26	36	31	29	42	36	34	40
MSM	35	55	49	61	56	74	33	63	53	62	70	76

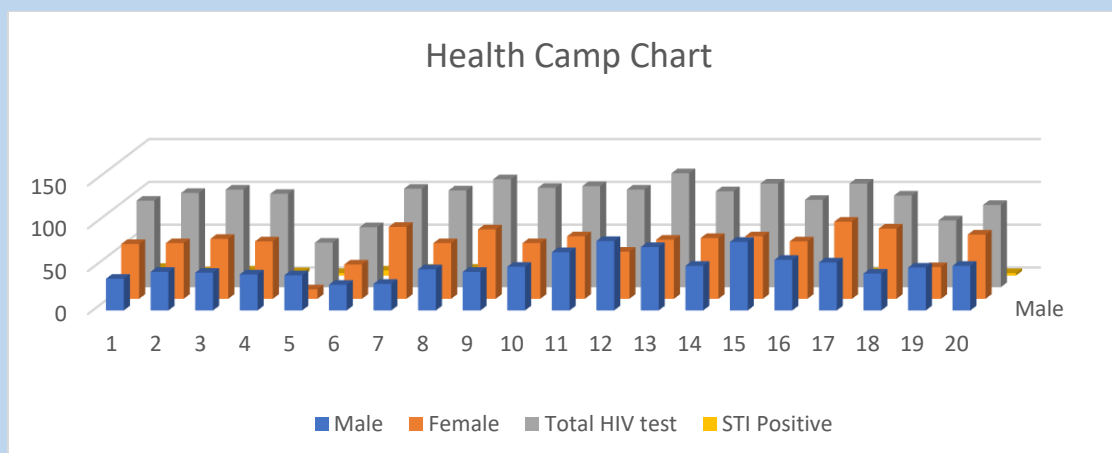


Health Camp Details

This activity is being implemented with the support of UPSACS to identify HIV cases among the general population, particularly among migrant workers and their family members, through HIV screening and counselling services.

A large number of people from the district migrate to cities such as Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata for employment and return to their native villages during major festivals such as Dussehra, Diwali and Holi. Considering the increased interaction and mobility during these periods, special health camps are organised to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and encourage voluntary HIV testing among migrant workers and their families.

The primary objective of this initiative is to promote early detection of HIV infection, facilitate timely access to treatment and counselling services and prevent the transmission of HIV from high-risk populations to the wider community. Through these camps, BJSA seeks to strengthen awareness, reduce stigma and ensure that vulnerable individuals are linked with appropriate healthcare services.



Nutrition and Pre-School Education

Bharatiya Jan Sewa Ashram is working on nutrition and pre-school education in the Badlapur and Maharajganj blocks of Jaunpur district. A total of six centres are operating in the Musahar community. The community was selected because many families do not have ownership or secure possession of land. As a result, their children often do not receive adequate nutrition and calorie-rich food due to poverty. This adversely affects their growth and development. Another reason is their social exclusion and low level of education.

There are 150 children enrolled in the six centres, and they receive milk and biscuits daily. Each child is provided with 150 ml of milk and a small packet of biscuits every day.

Under the pre-school education programme, children learn behavioural skills, participate in play-based activities and receive health education and awareness. The organisation also distributes school kits and uniforms to every child, along with study lamps, so that they can study at home without difficulty due to inadequate lighting.



Samvidhan Se Samadhan

Bharatiya Jan Sewa Ashram organised a community awareness meeting at the organisation's training centre. A total of 75 people participated in the programme. During the meeting, efforts were made to educate participants on how to draft effective applications and official letters to government departments and officials. Discussions were also held on the effective use of constitutional and fundamental rights to address community issues and secure access to government services and entitlements.



Ration Distribution

The organisation distributed ration kits among families in the Musahar community where its centres are operating. Under this activity, a total of 200 families were covered and provided with ration kits twice during the year as part of food security support.

Each ration kit consisted of 26 kg of rice/wheat and 4 kg of pulses, providing a total of 30 kg of food grains and pulses to each beneficiary family.



Three-day Induction Training on Fundamental Rights

Bharatiya Jan Sewa Ashram conducted a three-day induction training programme on 19, 20 and 21 July 2025 at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Baksha, Jaunpur. The objective of the training was to create awareness among participants about their fundamental rights. The training was residential in nature and was attended by participants from Jaunpur as well as neighbouring districts. Bharatiya Jan Sewa Ashram invited resource persons with expertise in the subject to facilitate the sessions. A total of 35 participants attended the three-day training programme.



Awareness Meeting on the Preamble to the Constitution and Fundamental Rights

Bharatiya Jan Sewa Ashram organised a one-day review and awareness meeting on 1 September 2025 at the organisation's training centre. The meeting was held as a follow-up to the three-day training programme on Fundamental Rights and the Preamble to the Constitution of India. The purpose of the session was to review key learnings and further strengthen participants' understanding of constitutional values and fundamental rights. A total of 30 participants attended the review meeting.



Awareness Meeting on Government Schemes

Bharatiya Jan Sewa Ashram organised an awareness meeting on government schemes in the presence of the Labour Commissioner of Jaunpur district on 16 September 2025. The programme was held in Thengaha village of Maharajganj Block.

During the meeting, the Labour Commissioner addressed the community and provided information about various government welfare schemes. Community members were encouraged to enrol in eligible schemes and avail themselves of the benefits provided by the government. The Commissioner also urged people to submit applications and access the services and entitlements available to them.

As a result of the awareness programme, many community members applied for and obtained documents such as Labour Cards and Health Cards.



Celebration of Women's Day

Bharatiya Jan Sewa Ashram celebrated International Women's Day on 10 March 2026 at the BJSA Training Centre. The objective of the celebration was to promote women's rights and create awareness about their rights and entitlements.

A total of 350 women and girls participated in the programme. Various cultural performances, songs and awareness activities were organised during the event. These programmes encouraged and inspired women to realise their potential, strengthen their confidence and actively participate in social and community life.

The celebration also emphasised the importance of gender equality and encouraged women and girls to challenge discriminatory social norms and practices that hinder their development and empowerment.



Organisational Achievements

BJSA Director Daulat Ram was awarded an honorary degree by the World Culture and Education Organisation in recognition of his outstanding contributions to social development and community empowerment.

BJSA has facilitated the rehabilitation of sex workers through awareness and counselling, enabling them to pursue alternative livelihood options and lead dignified lives. The organisation has also supported the rehabilitation of drug users.

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BJSA works to raise awareness among women about their constitutional and fundamental rights. As a result, women are now writing applications using provisions related to their fundamental rights.

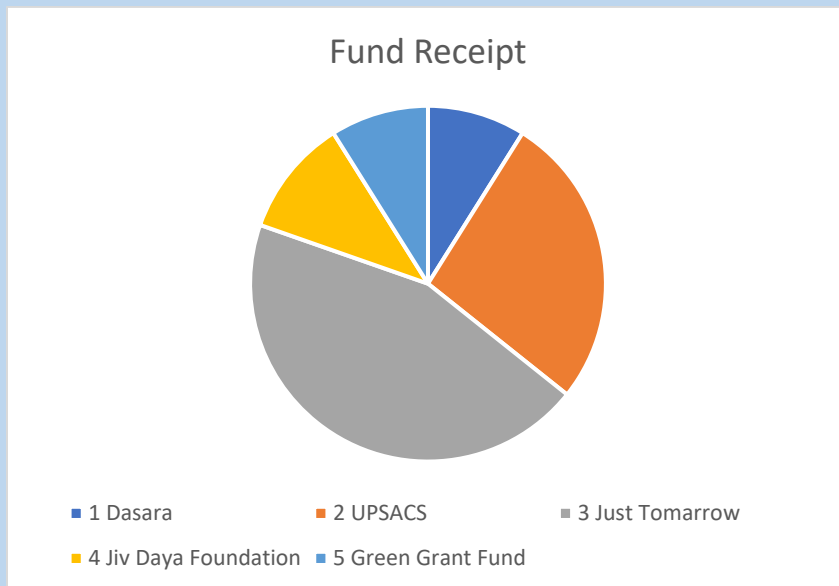
BJSA has supported the formation of several new development organisations. Today, many NGOs have been established with the support and guidance of BJSA.



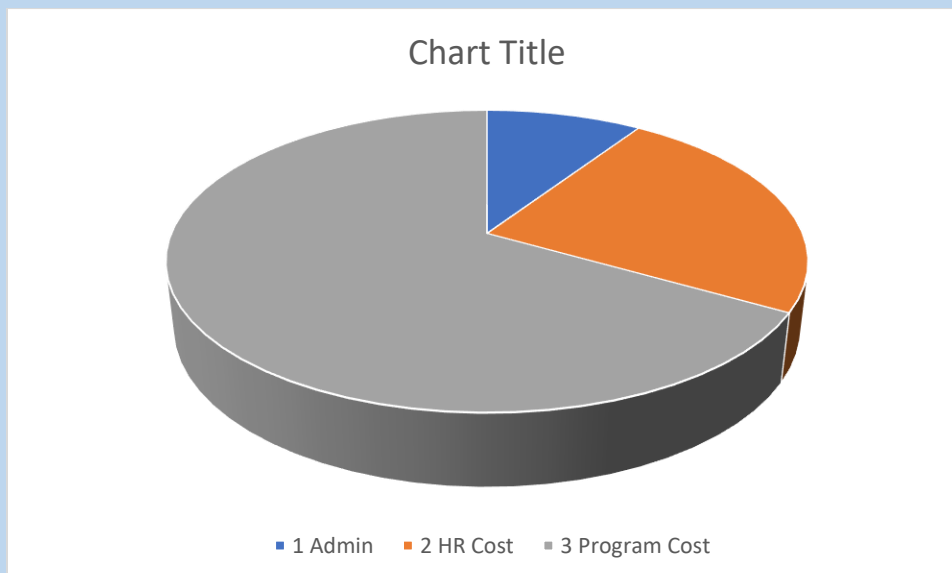
Sources of Funding

During the year under reporting, BJSA received funds from the following funding organisation

1. Dasara
1. UPSACS
2. Just Tomorrow
3. Jiv Daya Foundation
4. Green Grant Fund



Budget Expenditure



Our Past Funding Agencies: -

- Sir Dorab Jee TATA Trust Mumbai.
- Sir Ratan TATA Trust.
- IIMPACT Gurgaon Hariyana.
- UP AIDS Control Society Lucknow.
- DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVE New Delhi.
- IGSSS New Delhi
- OXFAM India
- SWADHIKAR New Delhi.
- Indigenous people forest right act by AIPP Thailand.
- International Land Coalition Italy
- UNDP
- MISEROR Germany
- Azim Premji Foundation.
- TDH Germany.
- Action Aid

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