

## ***Energy Efficiency Champions: Shri Kahaan Khaitan***

**“House of Hope”** is a humanitarian project with a focus on nurturing the emotional development of underprivileged children housed at various orphanages across the city. To achieve this, they work with various organizations and assist these children to find a creative medium (through art & theatre) to express their innermost feelings and shed their inhibitions, which primarily exist due to the atrocities faced by them in their childhood. Along with helping the less fortunate/orphan children, they also focus on social welfare activities that bring hope to one and all.

**“Small Things can make a big difference”!** A Delhi-based NGO, House of Hope founded by social entrepreneur Kahaan Khaitan, undertaken the initiative of distributing 1,000 nos. 9-watt UJALA LED bulbs to 250 underprivileged families in the JJ clusters of East Delhi under their project **“Bringing Lights, Bringing Hope”**. The NGO procured LED bulbs from Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) after raising funds through a campaign. This project of distributing LED lights, which will help to not only bring lights into their homes that will help kids study after dusk, ease the workload of people, etc but also save on existing electricity costs, is mainly out of the concern for the environment.



On that occasion, words by Shri Kahaan Khaitan, **“We also got inspired from two boys supported by my NGO who used to live in darkness because their mother could not afford huge electricity bills. So we at House of Hope decided to light up their home as well as of those living in the neighborhood, by raising funds and distributing free LED bulbs purchased from EESL. We are honoured that officials from BSES-Yamuna are supporting us with the noble cause.”**

A street play was also held to spread awareness regarding usage of energy efficient LEDs among the residents in the cluster. The play was directed and enacted by the children supported by the NGO.

