



Rural Development through Education, Employment & Empowerment of Girls and Women.

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OUR PURSUIT TOWARDS MAKING A BETTER WORLD





"Tomorrow is the day to write your

own story and leave a major impact

on the world. Make sure you write the best"

Dear Valued friends, family and supporters of PPES.

With the start of a new year, we reaffirm our pledge to work towards making this world a better place for girls, where they can dream, work, and play safely.

With a new academic term round the corner PPES once again aims to carry on its task of holistic education and other female empowerment measures. Striving towards that goal there have been remarkable engagements and undertakings that shine through. One of them has been our constant intent to make marginalized women financially independent. This newsletter brings forth the various undertakings, accolades, recognitions, and efforts of the organization and its people.

As you may know from our last update, we have had a majority of the girls back in the school, however, due to a surge in COVID cases in Uttar Pradesh the local government decreed that from 25th March through to the end of April 2021 all schools are to close. This is a fluid situation, ever changing and we will monitor it and keep you informed as and when we know more.

In the meantime, please enjoy the newsletter.

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Wishing you all a very happy and healthy life ahead.

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Adding Colours to Their Dreams

Creating strong independent women and helping them to fulfil their potential is a key pillar on which we have built our goal of creating a socially just and fair society.

We teach our students their rights and how to be as safe as women and to spread this message to help spread the message our students use wall paintings as a medium.



Building Sustainable Women Led Community



SHG groups are now distributing ration and receiving INR 9000 as a stipend

Community development is an integral part of our outreach program in our community and this department works with over 5500 women across 550 SHG's in villages to help them to become financially independent and help them come out from underneath the heel of unscrupulous loan sharks. One government initiative that has come to the forefront during the pandemic is the enrolment of SHGs into running the food distribution hubs within their villages.

We are glad to share that our application has been accepted and as a result, our SHG's are now part of the initiative of running these distribution centres and will be receiving a stipend of INR 9000 per month, which will help our group members to become financially independent.

Financing the Change-Building Hope

A strong foundation of financial literacy can help support various life goals, such as saving for education or retirement, using debt responsibly, and running a business. Keeping this in mind, we have conducted multiple workshops on financial literacy in collaboration with the Security and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) for the members of our SHG groups.







To achieve financial freedom and to create a self-sustaining model for our SHGs, access to funds plays an integral role in building a successful model. That is why we continue to introduce revolving funds into our Self-help groups, where the repayments will be re-distributed amongst other members for the betterment of their group.

From Class to Career

To help PPES girls understand themselves better and to make an informed decision about their careers, a one-day career counselling session has been organized for class 12th students. Several brainstorming sessions encouraged the girls to understand how to apply their unique skills, talents and inner drive to choose the right career path for them.



Giving Spotlight to our Girls.



We not only deliver academic education to our students but we encourage them to experience and explore all opportunities open to them. In the later stages of their time with us, we provide mentorship and personal development classes and on the occasion of the National Girls day one of our students, Radha had the opportunity to act as tehsildar of Bulandshahar for the day. This was a great insight for her on the inner workings of the administration of the district in which she lives.



Showcasing Talent

We are so proud of the girls who were asked to perform at the Khadi-Village Industry Exhibition. An initiative hosted by the government of Uttar Pradesh, to empower women and girls by providing them various opportunities across the village industry. This was a great opportunity for us to showcase the great work that we do, but also a great opportunity for our girls to showcase their singing skills.





Health without Compromise

Vaccination is one of the key tools in the battle to ensure the health and wealth of our students and the community that we serve. It protects them from such diseases as hepatitis, yellow fever, meningitis and many more. That is why in addition to delivering vaccinations we run multiple training sessions to ensure that everyone is refreshed in the health and hygiene best practices. We were honoured to team up with Dr. Dhir and his team who came to the school to administer vaccinations to our students against hepatitis B

Winning on the Court and the Field

We at PPES believe in the power of sport to bring people together but also to bring out the best in people. Playing in a team sport creates trust, respect, teamwork but also the life skill of losing gracefully and being magnanimous winners. This is why we encourage the students to not purely focus on academia but to explore all that we can offer them. We want them to fulfil their potential whether it be in academics, art, or sports. One of the most popular sports is basketball and so to fully allow the girls to pursue their dreams and showcase their skills and potential we have partnered up with the Dribble Academy, which uses Basketball as a medium to develop, extend and stretch the minds of underprivileged kids and gives them a platform to learn and exhibit their skills. It has been such





a success that a number of our girls have been selected for local, state, and national teams.

Self-defence

With crimes against women and girls continuing to make headlines across India we strive to ensure that our girls are equipped with the skills to face the world that they live in. That is why we have partnered up with local instructors to deliver self-defence classes. These classes help develop these girls to be independent and build confidence within themselves. We don't just teach academics, we help them develop-self-discipline, improve their physical conditioning and street smarts through our holistic education program.

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TURNING OBSTACLES INTO OPPORTUNITIES

ASHA - Hope

This is the story of Asha, in Hindi her name means hope. Belonging to a backward and marginalized family she was relegated to a life where she had no independence or freedom. She always had the desire to study and go to school; however all she was relegated to do throughout the day were the household chores. Her life changed in a rather profound manner with the opening up of the PPES School.



This time even her family agreed to let her pursue her studies.

With her time at PPGVS, she not only excelled academically but also started to hone leadership skills. The meaning of her name truly came full circle when she was declared the best student in the class and got an opportunity to visit the United States for a two-month exposure program. It is important to note here that she comes from a family for whom domestic railway travel was an unaffordable luxury.



Having completed her studies, Asha decided to give back to the endeavour that enabled her to write her destiny. She aims to enable other girls to do so too, serving as an excellent role model for countless girls at the school where she now teaches.

In her own words, "I will keep working relentlessly till the time every girl comes to school and gets educated. I will keep motivating and inspiring girls always, says Asha."