

*It is a story of a girl who with sheer perseverance & courage, transformed not just her own circumstances but also the perception of people around her.*

*Priya was born in Khalaur village in Anupshahr in the Bulandshahr district. Her father works as a farmer and her mother is a housewife. She joined Pardada Pardadi school in the 8th grade. Once she passed out from the 12th grade she was made to sit back at home and not be allowed to pursue higher education. And that is because her parents didn't want her to continue her education, but rather get her married.*

*It is when the school team got in touch with her and encouraged her to continue her higher studies. She decided that just accepting her fate would lead to all her efforts being in vain. Priya along with her teachers convinced her parents to pursue higher education and to the importance of financial independence for every girl.*

*Once they were convinced, she went to pursue a B.Tech course from Banasthali Vidyapith in Rajasthan. Priya's hard work and determination finally paid off. She is one of the highest paid graduates who has been offered a job in a leading global conglomerate, even before her course has been finished.*



**“Earlier my parents felt that I have already completed school and it is time that I should get married.**

**Going for higher education is a waste of time as marriage is the ultimate thing for a girl.”**

**Said Priya while narrating her story.**

Dear Friends,

Priya is today a role model for young girls around her who want to pursue their dreams despite the prevailing patriarchal mindset and family pressures. Her story is a testament to the power of persistence and hard work in achieving success. While this is just one story, every girl at Pardada Pardadi is an achiever in herself and fighting all odds to shape her own path.

Each one of you is a catalyst for change in this journey of empowerment and transformation. We are incredibly grateful for your generous support, and we are counting on you to further support in nurturing underprivileged girls and women to achieve what they aspire to be. Every daughter must get equal opportunities irrespective of their background.

This year, with your support, we not only expanded our infrastructure to have a better outreach but also successfully integrated many new initiatives such as Self-Defence classes, Aspirational Learning Clubs (ALCS) under Education Transformation Program, and many more. I wish you all a happy reading.

Archana Mukharji

CEO

# Celebrations



**New Year Celebrations**



**Women's Day Celebrations**

“ I believe there is only one thing that a woman still needs to learn, and that is believing that there is nothing impossible for her. Ms. Goldi, 11th Grade. ”

## Republic Day

PPES celebrated the 72nd Republic Day with pride and excitement. Various cultural performances were presented by students such as Saraswati Vandana, various dances, plays, and speeches.



## World NGO Day

Various speeches about how different NGOs work and the importance of having civil society organizations.



## World Wetland Day

Painting competition was organized for students on topic of green planet.



## Voter's Day

Awareness rally was organized in Anupshahr regarding importance of voting and voters right.

# Events

## English Debate Competition

English debate competition was held where 13 girls participated from 9th to 11th grade.

The purpose of such competitions is to provide creative platforms and improve public speaking skills.



We can't thank these girls enough for providing blankets to keep us warm in the chilly winters, said a woman at the village.

PPES girls distributed 175 blankets in 19 villages. It has been a yearly practice to inculcate the habit of giving.

## Solar Light Distribution

186 solar lanterns were distributed to the PPES girls. Girls found them very useful, especially during the long hours of power cuts at home.



## Blanket Distribution Drive

## Personality Development Sessions

- A good and bad touch session was conducted with 219 students of the 6th grade to teach them how to be self-aware and protect themselves.
- A personal hygiene session was conducted with 218 girls around the importance of clean clothes and menstrual hygiene.

## Student Speak!

I feel that the purpose of the self-defense classes is to boost self-confidence, build self-awareness, better physical and mental health. By attending these classes, I can stay safe, and my body have become more flexible.

Janvi, 8th Grade



## CPR Training by Tech Mahindra Foundation

40 teachers from the senior wing and 30 teachers from the junior wing attended a CPR training session held by Tech Mahindra foundation.

"It was a very useful session as we learned the first-line treatment for someone having a heart attack. During the workshop, we also learned about heart diseases and precautions for the same."

Ms. Reena- Teacher

## Workshop by UFO Moviez

A fun-filled treasure hunt workshop was organized with grade 11th students by UFO moviez. Through this game, the girls learned about planning, strategizing, resource optimization, collaboration, and overcoming obstacles to ultimately accomplish the goals.



I learned how to work with a team. It is important to plan well and to take advantage of every opportunity when we get it. In addition, I learned how to analyze difficulties and work around them.

Bhavna, 11th Grade



**Menstrual Hygiene Session**



**HPV Vaccinations**

- Conducted a session with the 11th & 12th grade girls on menstrual hygiene and distributed menstrual cups to them.
- Vaccinated 156 students in 11th and 12th grade with HPV vaccines.

## Women Empowerment Program



Launch of 3- year project 'Utthan' in partnership with Ernst & Young Foundation (EYF ). This project aims towards providing livelihood interventions and income enhancement to around 12,000 rural women & their families.

Volunteer for our cause or make donations to educate and empower Anupshahr's rural girls and women.

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