

Dear friend,

Greetings from Pardada Pardadi Educational Society!

In this edition of our Newsletter, with extreme excitement, we are bringing you the news of selection of Pardada Pardadi girl in National U14 Women Basketball team, starting of Pardada Pardadi NTTFCentre for Computer literacy, initiating Phase II of Community Health & Education Initiative and many more exciting highlights. Read on to find out more about our achievements and events of this quarter!

Happy Reading!!

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Education

Hygiene Education Initiative

On 1st October, 2018 Satya Bharti School, Anupshahr and Satya Bharati School, Bichola in collaboration with Bharti Foundation organized School Swachata (Cleanliness) And Hygiene Education Initiative to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti. 100 girls participated and all of them took an oath of leading a hygienic life both in personal and public space. They took out a rally to spread awareness and educating people on leading a healthy and hygienic life and maintain cleanliness in their surroundings. Teachers and Staff of Pardada Pardadi, parents and community members all signed and pledge to maintain healthy and hygienic habits to keep the environment clean.

Awareness Program

On 8th October, 2018, Pardada Pardadi girls carried out an Awareness program in Jiroli Village. 52 students and 2 teachers participated in the Awareness campaign. Through the medium of Street play our girls spread awareness on the issues of women's empowerment and loneliness of elderly parents and why it is important for both sons and daughters to take care of their parents. They also staged a street play to create awareness on Hypertension and Diabetes, two of the biggest epidemic of modern time. The aim of the street drama is to create awareness on why Hypertension is called a Silent Killer and what measures to be taken to prevent these diseases and detect them early.

Annual Inter School competition

On 29th November Pardada Pardadi School successfully hosted 8th Annual Inter School competition. Students of 11 schools from Anupshahr and neighbouring area participated in the tournament to showcase their dancing, acting, singing, fine arts and craft talents. 45 Pardada Pardadi girls participated in the competition and also bagged trophies in different categories.

19th School Annual Day

On 26th January, Pardada Pardadi School celebrated 19th School Annual Day. Mr. Sanjay Sinha, Senior Executive Editor, Aaj Tak, and Mr. Rakesh Arakere, Chief Financial Officer, TaeguTec India, Bangalore, graced the occasion as Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively.

The event featured a variety of cultural programmes by PPES students. A special choir was presented on the theme of 'Unity in Diversity' by the senior girls. A musical play by primary section girls enthralled the audience that gave a message of child labor. Another dance performance by the primary section

too enthralled the audience that gave the message of sanitation and personal hygiene. Senior girls presented a synchronized dance that spoke about increasing sexual assaults and violence against women and girls. Senior girls also presented a musical play 'Gandhi Ji' that summarised Mahatma Gandhi's journey from South Africa to Quit India Movement with non-violence. School achievers were also awarded on the event.

International Human Rights Day

On 10th December, International Human Rights Day was observed in Pardada Pardadi School. Through the medium of songs, dance and Theatre, Pardada Pardadi girls interpreted the meaning and importance of Human Rights. The program was also anchored by our talented girls.

National Girl Child Day

On 24th January, National Girl Child Day is celebrated in Pardada Pardadi School. 294 Pardada Pardadi girls participated in the event. The theme of this National Girl Child Day is "Empowering Girls for a Brighter Tomorrow". Through the medium of dance and two short dramas, our girls presented this year's theme. On this occasion, 'Komal', an animation film by ChildLine India was also shown to them. The film deals with the subject of child sexual abuse sensitively and it was empowering for the girls.

Silent Prayer

On 16th February Saturday, a silent prayer was observed at Pardada Pardadi School for the CRPF soldiers martyred in the terrorist attack in Jammu & Kashmir's Pulwama district. Both students and teachers also lit candles to pay homage to the brave hearts, who died for the country.

International Women's Day Celebration

On 8th March Pardada Pardadi School celebrated **International Women's Day**. Fifty girls participated in the cultural show. Through dance, drama and a powerful skit, our girls presented this year's IWD theme #BalanceForBetter.

Capacity Building of Pardada Pardadi Girls

The Hour of Code

On 5th December, 25 Pardada Pardadi girls from class 9th to class 12th and 3 former students got an wonderful opportunity to participate in a web based training program "The Hour of Code". This training is designed by Code.org, an US based non-profit working towards educating women, underrepresented minorities and underprivileged students of more than 180 countries in computer science and Information technology. In this training session three schools from the USA, one school from South Africa and from India Pardada Pardadi School participated. This was a unique experience for our girls and they learnt how to do coding and designed a minion game using coding.

Visit to HelpAge India

On 7th December, five students from class 5th to class 11th visited HelpAge India. We are thankful to Mathew Cherian ji for facilitating this visit and brief our girls on the devastating Kerala flood and the way it affected the disadvantaged elderly people. This exposure trip was organized to let our girls know about the importance of giving back to society. They learnt how HelpAge India has been working

towards the betterment of the elderly people of the most vulnerable section. As a step towards giving back to the society our girls handed over a cheque of Rs. 40,000 for the Kerala relief fund that will be used for the rehabilitation of the affected elderly people.

Life-Skill workshop for class 11th

Dr V P Singh, is a distinguished professor at Dr. KN Modi University & Kaziranga University, Assam and an ex- advisor at Dev Patanjali. He is also a certified life coach, public speaker and a mentor. We are really honoured that Dr. Singh conducted a special Life-Skill workshop for our girls of class eleventh on 2nd March 2019. In the workshop he shared his own challenges and narrated how he overcame them. He motivated the girls with his unique narrative style and inspired them with anecdotes from his own life. He further stressed on the importance of three letters H (ardwork), R(espect) and D(iscipline), which according to him is the basis of Human Resource Development.

Visits to School

Pardada Pardadi School-the favourite destination

During the month of March and April three schools from the USA visited Pardada Pardadi School as part of their Summer Field trip. On 21st March students of Chatham Hall School, Virginia visited Pardada Pardadi School. On 26th March, students of St Paul Academy and Summit School, Minnesota visited Pardada Pardadi School. On 3rd April students of Mount Madonna School, California, visited Pardada Pardadi School as part of their MAITRI PROJECT to India.

All the visiting students got a taste of Indian culture in the *Mehendi* sessions specially organized for them. They were intrigued by the beautiful mehendi patterns and designs made by our girls.

Inauguration of Pardada Pardadi NTTF Center

On 11th February 2019, a computer learning center was inaugurated at Pardada Pardadi School, Anupshahr in collaboration with NTTF, Bangalore (Nettur Technical Training Foundation). The center was inaugurated by Mr. Christopher Raj, Honorable Director of NTTF. Mr. Pari and Mr. Alok Kumar, in-charge Learn & Earn program, NTTF also graced the occasion with their presence. Mr. Deendayalan, Mr. Satyendra Sharma and Mrs. Sumita Sharma, friends of Pardada Pardadi also graced the inauguration event.

The Center will offer NTTF certified six months Certificate Program in Computer Applications (CPCA), and it will cater to the growing demands of the rural girls living in the remote part of Anupshahr. Any 12th pass out girls between the age of 17 and 24 can apply for the course. This six months course will give a technical mileage to the rural girls who can't move out of their villages to pursue higher studies for various reasons.

Construction of Two New Classrooms

On 13th December, 2018 two new classrooms were inaugurated for the students of class two, catering to the needs of 71 students. Now students enjoy their beautifully decorated classrooms, and it made learning experiences a lot happier for them.

Sports

Budding Sports Star

Our Pardada Pardadi girls have made us proud once again. This time they shine bright with their sporting talents. We are extremely proud that eight of our students have been selected for different State level Sports championships. Minakshi, class 10th A and Meena, class 8th B are selected for State level Athletic Competition. Gunjan, class 8th A and Kamroon, class 8th A are selected for state level Table Tennis competition. Priyanshi of 8th C is selected for state level Badminton competition. Sudha, class 9th A, Aarti class 8th C and Himani of class 8th C are selected for state level Kho Kho championship.

UP State Junior Basketball Championship

Beating Agra Mandal by 40-9 Meerut Mandal won UP State Junior Basketball tournament on 26th October. Four of our Pardada Pardadi girls Mamta, Deepika, Nandini and Bharti are part of the winning team and played crucial role in defeating Agra team. The four star players and their coach received warm welcome at the school. We are really proud of you girls.

Selection of Pardada Pardadi Girl to U14 Indian Women Basketball team

What an excellent way to start the New Year!!! One of our Pardada Pardadi girls Mamta, a student of class 8 is selected for U14 Indian Women Basketball team. Mamta and Deepika, another class 8 student participated in U14 National School Basketball league representing Uttar Pradesh and Mamta's excellent performance in the School Games sealed her spot for the National team.

Run For Her Marathon

On 3rd March Sunday, fifty Pardada Pardadi girls participated in *Run for Her*, a special marathon organized by Canadian High Commission celebrating Women's Day (March8). This year's theme for *Run for Her* was Women's Rights and health.

Beating many seasoned runners, Mamta, class VIII won third position in the 5 KM run and Sakshi, class VIII won second position in the 10 KM run. Congratulations girls, you have made us proud once again.

Higher Education

Bangalore Alumni Meet

On 20th January Pardada Pardadi Educational Society organized a grand Alumni Meet in Bangalore. More than 60 Pardada Pardadi graduates working or studying in Bangalore, participated. Their presence made the event a mega success.

Our founder Sam Singh who couldn't attend the event sent his blessings to the alumni through a special video message. A small documentary on the life of Pardada Pardadi girl was shown in the event. After that, some of the girls shared their journeys at Pardada Pardadi and also shared how their Alma mater helped them in achieving their dreams and make them self-sufficient. The main objective of the Alumni Meet was to meet the girls to discuss their struggles and motivate them to lead their lives confidently.

Delhi/NCR Pardada Pardadi Alumni Meet.

On 17th March Pardada Pardadi Educational Society hosted its maiden Delhi/NCR Pardada Pardadi Alumni Meet. The event was graced by all the Pardada Pardadi graduates studying or working in Delhi/NCR. We also appreciate all the distinguished guests who attended and made the event successful and memorable.

Padma Bhushan Dr. Mrityunjay Athreya, Indian author and educationist and Dr. V.P. Singh a distinguished professor at Dr. KN Modi University & Kaziranga University, Assam and an ex- advisor at Dev Patanjali were the key speakers of the event. Dr. Mrityunjay Athreya spoke on 'The Dharma of the Alumni' and appealed the Alumni to keep in touch with the Institution, and keep discharging their responsibilities towards the development and sustainability of Pardada Pardadi School.

Community Development

Capacity Building Training

On 26th October a capacity building training session is organized in Tulsigarhi village by Pardada Pardadi Community Development team. Tulsigarhi is one of the most backward and poorest villages of the region. There are four Self Help Groups in the village, and there are 12 women in each group. The training session was attended by all the SHG members. Tulsigarhi is not only fighting against poverty, but here the womenfolk are also fighting against domestic violence. Majority of the male members of the village is alcoholic and domestic violence and apathy towards women is a burning problem in the village. Instead of appreciating the womenfolk for joining the SHG and creating financial resources, the husbands would accuse them of being disrespectful because they are working. Through the audio visual medium the community women were taught how to combat these situations at home and strengthen their financial situations.

Community Development/ Skill Development

In the month of February 2019, Panjab National Bank Rural Self Employment Training Institute (PNB RSETI), Bulandshahr organized a month long Stitching Training Program for self-help group members of Pardada Pardadi Educational Society. The skill development training was attended by 28 group members.

On 12th March, all the participants were felicitated with a Certificate for the successful completion of the training session. The felicitation ceremony was attended by representative from PNB RSETI who presented the certificates.

Second Phase of CHEI

On 2nd April 2019 the second phase of CHEI (Community Health & Education Initiative) is initiated in Chaturiya village. Just like the first phase, second phase will also cover twenty selected villages, and the community women and Self-Help Group members will be trained on two important health topics of Fever Care and Asthma. Pardada Pardadi social workers have conducted a baseline survey before implementing the project to learn the awareness level of the Self Help Group members on the selected topics. We have also proposed to conduct a post project survey once the project phased out to measure the awareness level of the trained women.

Dr. Brian Gee and his team of health volunteers including Dr. Kanan Maniar Gupta, specialist in Rheumatology, Mara Darian and Anneliese Petersen, medical students conducted an orientation session in village Chaturiya to implement the second phase of Community Health & Education Initiative.

Health & Hygiene

Annual Immunization Camp

In the month of March, 2019 Pardada Pardadi Educational Society organized its annual Immunization camp. In this camp all the 1400 girls from Primary to Senior Secondary section were vaccinated against Typhoid. From 27th to 29th March the immunization camp was led by Dr. Rajesh Dhir Senior Otolaryngologist of Government Multi Speciality Hospital, Chandigarh. The other doctors of the team were Dr. Monika Dhir and Dr. Rajesh of Government Multi Speciality Hospital, Chandigarh and Dr. Sudhir Sharma Visiting Consultant, Prana Health Centre. The team was assisted by health volunteers Gaurav and Himesh Prabhakar.

On 1st April another immunization camp was led by Dr. Brian Gee and his team of medical volunteers.

Media Coverage

Leader Spotlight: Renuka Gupta | Leader Spotlight featured by WorldWideWomen on 13th November. Click the link to read more: <https://bit.ly/2Qftexl>

"Pardada Pardadi Educational Society has worked selflessly towards the welfare of women and we appreciate their progressive efforts." Special NEWS feature by Dainik Jagran telecasted on their digital platform and their official FB page Betiyon Ki diary on 14 November. Click the link to watch:

<https://goo.gl/cfeTXA>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJ-DzS65xhc1WiG9vGFzngw>

Human Resource

Financial Training of PPES Staff

On 6th October, A Financial literacy training was facilitated by Dr. Akeel Urr Rehman Professor of Aligarh Muslim University. The training was conducted under the aegis of SEBI as part of their World Investor Week celebration. More than 50 Pardada Pardadi staff and teachers attended the workshop. This was the third such financial workshop conducted by SEBI for Pardada Pardadi Educational Society. The first two training sessions were conducted for SHG women.

Exposure trip to British Council

On 27th October, eight English teachers of Pardada Pardadi Schools (Pardada Pardadi Inter College, Satya Bharti Anupshahr, Satya Bharti Bichola) and PPES Manager, Training and Development attended an exposure trip to British Council New Delhi. This trip was very generously sponsored by Pardada Pardadi friend Mary Anne Browne. During the trip our teachers visited the grand British Council Library and interacted with senior management of British Council.

Team Building Exercise

"All work and no play makes jack a dull boy". Keeping this in mind, on 9th February, a 'Team Building Exercise' was organized at Pardada Pardadi Educational Society, Anupshahr campus.

This event covered host of games, different fun activities along with delicious food. From founder Sam Singh to CEO Renuka Gupta, from Department Heads to project coordinators, from Pardada Pardadi School bus drivers to our lovely cooks, the event was attended by all Pardada Pardadi staff. Mr. Lokender Singh, Board member Pardada Pardadi Educational Society facilitated the event.

Volunteer

From October 2018 to March 2019, 18 volunteers worked with us. We extend our gratitude to Jhangiani Bindu, Spector Sivan , Mary Ann Brownie, Lizzy Twigger, Dr. Iana Gueorguieva, Velitchka A Andonova, Andrew Girdher, Juliet Girdher, Priyanka Singhal, Leslie Siron, Aadesh Poddar Anantatv, Kim Lewis, Dr. Brian Gee, Dr. Kanan Maniar, Mara Darian and Anneliese Petersen, Mary Cairns and Caroline Ricardo who volunteered and helped us in school education, personality development classes, community health, self-help-groups, Prana Health centre, English Lab, Fundraising and Communication work and in many more. Special shout out to our youngest volunteers Amelie, Priya and Mani who also raised £ 2,000 for PPES. Our best wishes to the young kids for their compassion to social causes.

Fund Raising

Celebrating the Invaluable Joy of Giving, BT (India) Private Limited joined hands with Pardada Pardadi and celebrated Daan Utsav on 3rd October, 2019. BT Group very generously gave us the opportunity to utilise their office space to spread awareness about Pardada Pardadi's works and engage with their employees. We were overwhelmed by their response and excited to meet many potential volunteers and supporters.