# **QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER**



### **APRIL-JUNE 2024**

### PARDADA PARDADI EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY



### From Rural Obscurity to Empowered Engineer

"I am incredibly grateful to PPES for transforming my life. From a small village with limited education, I was introduced to PPES, where I thrived academically and personally. The free education and support I received enabled me to inspire others in my village, and today I am a Senior Validation Engineer at UST, an Information Technology Company. My education also allowed me to improve my family's living conditions significantly. My father, once taunted for having daughters, now proudly calls himself the luckiest man alive. PPES has shown me and my community that with opportunity and support, amazing things can happen."

Savita's story is a testament to the transformative power of education and the unwavering support of the PPES. Born into a family of modest means in a rural Indian village, Savita's life took a pivotal turn when her uncle introduced her to PPES at the tender age of seven.



#### 10th & 12th Board Result Declared

We congratulate our girls for their outstanding achievement of a 100% pass rate in the 2023-24 batch board exams for grades 10th and 12th. This remarkable success reflects their dedication and hard work. The entire PPES community celebrates this achievement with immense pride and joy. Their success is a testament to the power of education and the boundless potential of the girls.



### CONGRATULATIONS!

CLASS 10TH & 12TH BOARD RESULT- 2023-24



### **Welcoming New Students: A Milestone Achievement**



We are thrilled to announce the enrollment of over 500+ new girls in this academic year, bringing our total student strength to 3,500+. This remarkable growth is a testament to our ongoing commitment to empowering girls through quality education and holistic development.

It is a significant achievement for our community. Each new student represents a step towards a brighter future, as we continue to provide opportunities for learning, personal growth, and empowerment.

# **EDUCATION UPDATES**

### Celebrating the Achievements of Pinki and Sakshi

We celebrate the remarkable achievement of Pinki and Sakshi, who have graduated from New Jersey City University (NJCU) with bachelor's degrees in public health education. Their inspiring journey from rural India to studying abroad at NJCU, supported by a full presidential scholarship, showcases their dedication and resilience.

Pinki and Sakshi's success story is a powerful reminder of the transformative impact of education and the boundless possibilities it can unlock.



#### **PPES Annual Awards 2023**

On June 15th, we hosted our Annual Award Ceremony to honor the dedicated staff and teachers of PPES. This is an annual event to recognize the efforts of teachers and staff, whose contribution is invaluable in empowering thousands of rural girls and women. Thirty-seven staff members were awarded in four categories of service periods: 3, 5, 10, and 15 years, along with the exemplary award.









### **EDUCATION UPDATES: EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS**



### **Mother's Day Celebration**

On May 10th, we celebrated Mother's Day with enthusiasm, honoring the invaluable contributions of mothers towards the education of the girls. Students expressed their gratitude through performances, handmade cards, and heartfelt messages for their mothers.

# Breaking Gender Stereotypes: PPES Girls Perform Ganga Aarti

The Ganga Aarti performance underscores our commitment to gender equality, showing that girls and women can and should participate equally in all cultural, religious, and social activities. On May 14th, a momentous event took place at Ganga Ghat in Anupshahr as our girls performed the mesmerizing Ganga Aarti.

The sight of our girls performing the Ganga Aarti with reverence and accuracy was inspiring and groundbreaking. It highlighted the importance of gender equality in religious and cultural practices, challenging norms that have long restricted such roles to men.

"I loved participating in the Ganga Aarti. Many people praised our school's Aarti. I felt great and always want to be a part of it," shared Maya, a 9th-grade student.



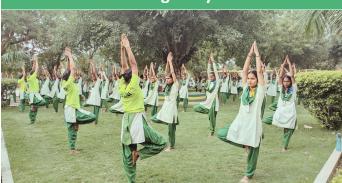


### **World Environment Day Celebration**



On June 5th, PPES celebrated World Environment Day with a tree-plantation drive, cultural programs, and activities promoting sustainable practices. Students planted young saplings in the school premises, contributing to a greener and healthier environment.

### **International Yoga Day Celebration**



On June 21st, the school celebrated International Yoga Day with great enthusiasm. Various yoga asanas were performed, highlighting the importance of physical fitness and mental well-being.

### **PPES Hockey League Tournament 2024**



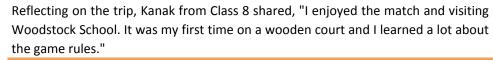


From May 18th to 20th, PPES hosted the U-16 Hockey League Tournament, bringing together seven teams from across Uttar Pradesh and Delhi. The event was marked by incredible enthusiasm and fierce competition, showcasing the young athletes' skills and sportsmanship. The presence of Mr. M.P. Singh, an Arjuna Award (1988) recipient, Olympian, and former captain of the men's Indian national hockey team, as the chief guest has inspired the participants. The tournament not only provided a platform for the students to demonstrate their talents but also fostered a spirit of teamwork and determination.

The winners were the Budaun District Team from U.P. The "Player of the Tournament" was awarded to a PPES hockey player"

### **Exposure Visit at Woodstock School & Wynberg-Allen School**

In April, eleven girls went for a two-day exposure visit to Woodstock School and Wynberg-Allen School in Mussoorie, where they engaged in friendly basketball matches with the students. Vansh Raj Singh, an enthusiastic volunteer for PPES and a student of Wynberg-Allen, played an instrumental role in organizing the visit.





### **Girls at Basketball Tournaments**



Girls showcased their talent and passion in several significant events, underscoring the transformative impact of sports in their lives. From April 16th to 20th, our girls competed at the UP-State Junior Basketball Championship, displaying determination and passion as they faced seasoned teams and earned recognition for their performance.

Fiza from Class 9 remarked, "I enjoyed the competition and learned new basketball rules."

In June, eight outstanding girls represented Bulandshahr at the Sub-Junior U.P. State Basketball Championship in Meerut, securing the runner-up position and the silver medal in the U-14 Basketball Championship. This achievement brought pride to PPES and highlighted the girls' potential for a promising future in sports.

As our students continue to excel in basketball, they inspire others and break barriers. Through sports, they build a foundation for personal growth and create pathways to greater opportunities.



### **SPORTS**



On May 2nd, 55 girls aged 12 to 14 from class 9 took part in the National Cadet Corps (NCC) cadet recruitment drive. Out of these, 23 were selected for their outstanding skills and dedication. The selection was conducted by JCO Maher Singh, Subedar Nirvaip Singh, and Havaldar Anil Kumar. The process included a written test and physical tests, which measured the students' height, weight, and running ability.

The main objectives of the NCC are to develop character, comradeship, discipline, a secular outlook, the spirit of adventure, and ideals of selfless service among young citizens.

This initiative will also pave the way for girls who want to pursue a career in the Indian Armed Forces.

### **UP State Inter-School Karate Championship**



On April 28th, our girls participated in the UP State Inter School Karate Championship at Seth Anandram Jaipuria School in Greater Noida. All 14 participants emerged victorious, winning medals and showcasing remarkable talent and sportsmanship.



### **HEALTH & HYGIENE**

### **ENT Checkup of PPES Girls**

On May 10th, Dr. Rajesh Dhir, a senior ENT Specialist and former president of the Chandigarh chapter of the Indian Medical Association (IMA) organized the ENT check-up drive for the girls. 178 students participated were treated.





## **HEALTH & HYGIENE**

### Promoting Menstrual Health and Hygiene: Empowering Young Girls at PPES





Menstrual health and hygiene are vital for women's wellbeing, especially for young girls. At PPES, we are dedicated to raising awareness and empowering our students and their families.

In April, Menstrual Cup Awareness Session was conducted for 83 girls in the 10th class and distributed 31 menstrual cups. This session highlighted the importance of hygiene and infection prevention.

On World Menstrual Hygiene Day, we also educated girls about menstruation and broke associated taboos, promoting positive norms and ensuring that periods do not hinder education.

"World Menstrual Hygiene Day was eye-opening for many of us. It's important to talk about these things openly and support each other," said Priya, a student from 9th grade.

# **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION (CDD)**

### **CDD Team Exposure Visit**



On April 23rd and 24th, 11 CDD staff members participated in a field exposure at HCL Foundation in Hardoi. They gained valuable insights into sustainable livelihood strategies and community development. The exposure visit was supported by EY Foundation.



## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION (CDD)**

#### NRLM Team Visit- Project Utthan



On May 30th, the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) team, including the Deputy Commissioner of NRLM, the District Mission Manager, and the NRLM representative, visited us. We discussed our operations and challenges and agreed to hold future joint meetings to develop community institutions and livelihood activities further. This partnership is poised to significantly benefit the community by enhancing livelihood opportunities and promoting self-reliance.

By collaborating with NRLM, we aim to empower the community, providing them with the tools and resources to create sustainable livelihoods. The visit is an important milestone under the project 'Utthan' supported by EY Foundation, under which we are working with 10,000 Self Help Group (SHG) women to enhance their incomes.

### **EMPOWERING CHANGE**



My 50th Birthday Fundraiser for Pardada Pardadi Educational Society

### A Special Fundraising Effort by Mr. Anoop Aggarwal

PPES is delighted to highlight the remarkable fundraising initiative led by our invaluable supporter, Mr. Anoop Aggarwal. To celebrate his 50th birthday, Anoop chose to make a significant difference in the lives of our students by raising funds.



# **Empowering Change: Shivani and Team Paul Hastings Conquer the National 3 Peaks Challenge for PPES**

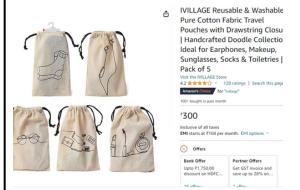
"Wow, we did it! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported us on this incredible challenge.

Together, we have exceeded our target beyond imagination! Your unwavering support is making a real difference in the lives of vulnerable girls and women in rural India. This generous donation will have a profound impact on Pardada Pardadi, and we are filled with immense gratitude. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts," Shivani Bajpai, PPES supporter.

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#### **Boost in Amazon Sales**



A remarkable increase in the online sales, particularly on the Amazon platform. Customers have responded enthusiastically to our offerings, providing positive feedback that has allowed us to continuously improve and innovate.

Several IVillage products have earned the prestigious Amazon's Choice designation, and we are proud to rank among the top 10 in the bags category on Amazon.

### **Re-starting with Blackberry Order**





We are thrilled to announce the successful completion of a significant order from the Blackberry for suit covers. This accomplishment is a testament to the quality of products and the strong relationship with Blackberry.

After a three-year hiatus during the pandemic, we have restarted our suit cover production.

### **VOLUNTEER FOR OUR CAUSE OR MAKE DONATIONS TO EDUCATE AND EMPOWER RURAL GIRLS AND WOMEN**

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