

“ Dear Pardada Pardadi Family,

This month, we celebrate Kirti's inspiring journey toward achieving her dreams. We also bid a heartfelt farewell to Mr. Shajan Jose, whose contributions over the past 25 years have significantly shaped Pardada Pardadi's journey. Our girls continue to achieve new milestones in sports at the national level. The teachers and staff travelled to Manali for an annual retreat to promote team spirit.

## STORY OF THE MONTH

### From Dust To Building Blocks - Kirti's Inspiring Journey



In the village of Khalour, the walls of Kirti's 'mitti ka ghar' didn't just hold a roof; they held a suffocating weight. Inside, the air was thick with the scent of grain dust from her father's gruelling shifts at the flour mill and the silent pain of losing her mother.

At an age when other girls played, Kirti carried the survival of five siblings on her small shoulders. The world told Kirti that girls from Khalour didn't need to dream; they only needed to endure.

But Kirti chose to fight back and shape her future.

[\(Click here to read her full story\)](#)

### A Grateful Farewell to Mr. Shajan Jose



Parting ways is never easy, especially with someone who has been an integral part of our journey. Since Pardada Pardadi's inception in 2000, Mr. Shajan Jose has played a pivotal role in its growth. As he embarks on a new chapter, we sincerely acknowledge his incomparable contributions and enduring impact.

### Remembering our First CEO - Ms. Renuka



To honour the birth anniversary of our first CEO, Late Ms. Renuka, we organised a tribute assembly, tree plantation, and a pledge ceremony uphold her values. To celebrate her leadership and dedication to empowering rural girls and women, the students shared inspiring reflections from their interactions with Ms. Renuka.

## ACG Junior NBA National Basketball Championship



Four girls participated in the ACG Junior NBA 3x3 National Championship finals at Indira Gandhi Stadium in New Delhi. Qualifying for the second consecutive year, they gained significant national-level exposure.

## Indian Coast Guard Run



54 girls participated in the 'Indian Coast Guard Run 2026' on 8<sup>th</sup> March Noida, competing in the 5 km and 10 km categories. One of our students secured first position in the 10 km run, while another ranked second in the 5 km category. Both girls received a cash prize.

## Women's Day Celebration



Women's Day was celebrated on 8th March with affirmations such as "Main Shakti Hun" and "Main Himmat Hun," along with cultural performances, a self-defence demonstration, and helpline awareness activities.

## Girls Win UP Rural Sports League



Our football team defeated Varanasi 1-0 in the finals of the Uttar Pradesh Rural Sports League. The organisers also announced a cash prize to celebrate the girls' consistent performance throughout the tournament.

## AIPL Women 10K Run



52 girls participated in the 11<sup>th</sup> Edition of 'AIPL Women 10K Run' in Gurugram, Haryana on 1st March. Our students expressed gratitude for being invited to participate in the event.

## Advancing Community Health



Under the ICF project, notable progress was made in community health: 251 girls received cervical vaccinations, 30 health camps reached 30 villages, 450 SHG women received menstrual kits, and 27,083 sanitary napkins were procured for year-round support.

## Special Visits

### UK Donors Visit the School



Zak, Adam, and Harry, supporters from the UK, visited Pardada Pardadi. They inaugurated three new classrooms, for which they had raised funds, interacted with the girls and attended the Ganga Aarti.

### Photography sessions with the Girls



Roshini Khatri, a New York-based professional photographer, volunteered at the school for three days, engaging with students and mentoring those interested in photography.

### Moments from Manali: Annual Retreat 2026

For the annual retreat, the Pardada Pardadi team travelled to Manali, Himachal Pradesh. Since its inception, this annual trip has been a longstanding practice, offering the team valuable exposure and an opportunity to bond while celebrating shared successes.



### A Journey Celebrated, A Mission Honoured

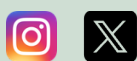
Following the annual trip, the team celebrated 25 years of impact, reaffirming Pardada Pardadi's culture and values of respect, dignity, and empathy. Each member received a jacket with Pardada Pradadi's logo to mark this milestone.



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