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Prayogshala lends a platform for young aspiring scientists

Two science fairs were conducted at Government Middle School, Bajawa on 17th October 2022 and Government Sr. secondary school, Thirpali Bari on 21st December 2022 respectively under our Project Prayogshala.

The students were trained for

two days and equipped with appropriate skills so that they could explain the concept to the visitors. On the D-day, the parents and other community members visited the school to see the models.

The students were excited as this was their first opportunity to

showcase their talent. The student division of PARC also visited one of the schools, interacted with the students and the teachers. Our Prayogshala van is a sight to behold. Equally interesting is the pedagogy which is aimed at arousing curiosity in the students.



Heartfelt gratitude to the 1991 batch

During the month of October, when we were raising funds for PARC Udayan Shalini Fellowship Programme, the 1991 batch of BITS Pilani, came as a saviour for us. They openheartedly contributed to the cause of girl-child education. We don't have words to express our gratitude to all of them.





Awards for extraordinary performance of YEP students

Nine students from our Youth Employment Programme were felicitated at a function organised by M K Saboo P G College of Commerce, Pilani on 10th December 2022. The students were the center of attraction, be it their peers, teachers or the college management as they had received job offer from Tata Consultancy Services. Our Vice President Ms. Jaswant Kaur and Our Director Dr. Vinod K. Dube and Mr. Rohitash Singh Rathore, Vice Chairman of Vidya Vihar Municipality were present on the occasion besides the college management. The students had a sense of pride as they were being called on the stage. It is pertinent to mention that 28 students have already got jobs in TCS. The team is working hard on getting the other students placed.

Childrens' day celebrations at PARC Pilani Playscape



The event "Masti ki Pathshala" was organised by the PARC students' team at the playscape on the occasion of the Childrens' day. Around 100 children from the nearby communities participated in the event. The students were encouraged to participate in a drawing competition and attractive games like the lemonspoon race, hopscotch, In-Out, etc. The idea was to inculcate important life skills and values like discipline, honesty and teamwork. The winners given prizes to celebrate achievements and were given light refreshments towards the end.





PARC Udayan Shalini Felllowship starts with a bang

It was a memorable day for us at PARC when Mrs. Rukmani Haldea, retired bureaucrat and Trustee of Udayan Care, visited Pilani to discuss about the nitty gritty of PARC Udayan Shalini fellowship Programme with the Education Department officials on 8th December, 2022.

The meeting started with a presentation from Ms. Anju from Jaipur chapter of Udayan Care, briefly

discussing about the plan to implement the project. Mr. Pitram Kala, Joint Director Education, Mr. Om Prakash Verma, CBEO Pilani and Mr. Manish Chauhar, ACBEO were present in the meeting and showed a lot of interest in the project. They all promised to give all possible help for implementing the project.

The project shall not only provide financial support to the neediest girls for continuing their education but also groom them into future leaders with the help of several workshops, mentorship and career guidance. The team also visited government schools and distributed more than 200 application forms in the next two days.

A trip for the elderly





With the support of our local donors in Pilani, we conducted a two-day tour for the senior citizens on 7th and 8th December. Around 50 people from the community participated in the trip to Salasar Balaji, Tirthraj Pushkar Dham and tourist places in Ajmer. The trip was flagged off by Dr. Sudhirkumar Barai, Director BITS Pilani, Dr. Chandershekhar, Senior Professor Emeritus, BITS Pilani, Mr. Rohitash Rathore, Vice Chairman, Vidya Vihar Municipality and our Director, Dr. V K Dube.

During the entire trip, we received a lot of support from the officials of Rajasthan Police and local gurudwaras where proper arrangement for their stay and langar was made. We are grateful to everyone, who helped us in making this trip successful by their invaluable contribution.

Quarterly Outcomes

- 21 women enrolled for stitching and tailoring course at Swayamshakti Sewing Centre.
- 1679 Children studying in 26 government schools participated in . Prayogshala Sessions
- 628 people from marginalised sections got treatment in the Physiotherapy unit
- 55 sessions conducted with total outreach of 548 children at Prayoshala (PARC Campus)
- Prayogshala outreach activities conducted with 220 children and 226
- 593 students participated in baseline survey under Prayogshala

- in 39 government schools reached out for filing applications under PARC Udayan Shalini Fellowship Programme
- 23 students learnt the nuances of computer at Digital Learning • Programme being run in collaboration with NSS, BITS Pilani
- Around 500 children and 100 adults benefitted from water cooler installations
- TCS YEP training conducted with 40 students from various colleges
- 40 students completed the YEP Training
- 28 students got jobs in TCS after YEP Training

- More than 200 girls enrolled in Class 11 Around 100 children and 50 adults benefitted from Playscape project
 - Around 1844 people outreached for conducting baseline survey in 64 villages around Pilani
 - 2000 households reached out through door-to-door visits for community mobilisation purposes
 - 199 students enrolled in Pratham Vocational programmes, 152 students completed their training and 128 students got jobs
 - 1305 children and 1208 mothers benefited from Pratham's Anganwari intervention in 84 villages & 130 Anganwaris

Ankur's struggle to get relief, PARC comes as his saviour

Twenty-four-year-old Ankur is a PhD student at BITS Pilani. His for research passion Mathematics and the quality of guidance that he may get from professors at BITS brought him to Pilani from his hometown Ranchi. He comes from a family of teachers.

Students at **BITS** often commute by foot. It is usual to see students walking or cycling from one corner to another. Ankur, too, had a similar routine. However, he had never imagined that the usual one hour of walk and cycling, will When he came back to Pilani, make his life difficult for the next one year. It was just any other day when Ankur came home

after attending his classes. He was studying till late in the night. After a few hours of nap, when he woke up, he found himself in severe pain in his left leg. Initially, he thought, it must be a cramp, but the pain was becoming unbearable.

After a long period of 8-9 months of wrong diagnosis and several rounds to different hospitals, Ankur finally got to know that he was suffering from Ankylosing spondylitis.

someone told him about the PARC Physiotherapy unit. The doctor at the centre listened to



his problem very patiently. The treatment received at the physiotherapy centre helped Ankur in recovering at a much faster pace. Ankur can now walk with minimal support. He is still undergoing at the treatment centre. Physiotherapy centre has actually given a new ray of life to Ankur and his family. We are grateful to HelpAge India and our donors, who have been contributing for such initiatives.

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