# **NEWSLETTER**

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# A win-win for young graduates!

It was a red-letter day for PARC, TCS and our 155 students, who formed part of Youth Employment Programme since February 2023. With the support of our college partners, Indramani Mandelia Shiksha Niket Rakesh P G College and M K Saboo PG College of Commerce, more than 150 students were trained on 21st Century skills.

The much-awaited visit from the HR department of Tata Consultancy Services was conducted on 15th March at Smt. Indramani Mandelia Shiksha Niket, thanks to the extraordinary support provided by Dr. Ashok, College Principal. After the formal welcome and the lighting of the lamp, the team headed towards the three rooms where students were seated to their full capacity.

While they wrote the tests, the HR team geared up for assessing the sheets simultaneously. Towards the end of the certificate distribution ceremony, the results were announced. We feel extremely proud to announce that 117 students cleared their written exams. Out of this, 59 students have also cleared the interviews. Those who could not clear this time, will get another chance in the coming few months.

#### **All set for Project Catalyst**



With a renewed focus on skill development under the New Education Policy, PARC with the help of CSR support received from Essel Mining Industries Limited has collaborated with GREY SIM Learning Foundation to install ATAL Tinkering labs in four government schools of Pilani. Labs in three schools have been set up fully. In the coming academic session, we will have a lot of activities to promote STEM education





### A Science Exhibition, extraordinaire

It was a sight to behold as students from five different schools gathered at Government Senior secondary School, Thirpali Choti on 23rd January, 2023 for a science exhibition and distribution of science kits donated by Care Today Fund, a CSR initiative of India Today group. The function started with ribbon cutting, welcoming of the guests with flowers, garlands and Saraswati puja. The main idea was to spur the curiosity of the students, instigate them to experiment, and explore the world of science. A few stalls showcasing various science models were organised. Students from Government Senior Secondary School, Thirpali Bari explained various concepts with the help of these models to the students from other schools, their parents, instructors and guests. It was interesting to see children moving from one stall to the other. The feedback chart kept at the end of the exhibition was full of encouraging remarks from the children and the guests. The programme was conducted in the presence of eminent guests from BITS Pilani.

#### Pilani Chapter of Udayan Shalini Fellowship programme launched



It gives us immense pleasure in announcing that Pilani Chapter of Udayan Shalini Fellowship programme has been officially launched on 5th March. Dr. Chandrashekhar, Sr. Prof. Emeritus, BITS Pilani was the Chief Guest. The function was conducted at Rakesh Sr. Secondary School, Pilani followed by a brief orientation and oath-taking ceremony. The chapter began with enrollment of 55 girls, who have been selected after following a rigorous process of a written test, interviews and house visits. We are grateful to the 1991 batch of BITS Pilani for supporting the education of 30 girls in Pilani.





# India Today group fostering curiosity amongst children

It was a memorable day for us as key officials from India Today and TV Today Network visited PARC on 24th January, 2023. The team led by Ms. Jashoda, CSR head of India Today Group visited the campus understand the concept Prayogshala more closely and gain first-hand knowledge of how the project has impacted the school children. After a brief one-hour round of the campus, the team

Government High these visited a small function was organised. reason behind children, who looked at the while using the excitement. Thomas, Programme Manager kits to 1000 children. encouraged the children to use

kits while school, Bajawa Suro Ka, where understand the concept and for distributing chemistry kits. President briefed the students The team was amazed to see about the safety guidelines and the excitement amongst the precautions they have to use chemistry kits, Hindi manual experiment was done to generate and stationery items with a lot of their interest. With their support, Mr. Santhosh we have distributed chemistry

#### A mega health camp for the community





A mega health camp was organised at the Ambedkar Bhawan adjacent to PARC Campus on 5th March 2023 in collaboration with Prateek Hospital and Research Center, Pilani. The camp was inaugurated by Dr. Sudhir Kumar Barai, Director BITS Pilani along with other dignitaries. A total of 296 people registered for the camp. Out of this 159 people took the advice of the orthopedic doctor. More than 40 people also took the benefit of free physiotherapy sessions. Besides, 140 pregnant and lactating women took advice of the gynecologist. All the patients were given medicine free of cost. The health camp was a huge success. We are grateful to the team from Prateek hospital including Dr. Rinku Singh, Gynecologist and Dr. Prashant Singh, Orthopedic for providing their services free of cost.

# **Quarterly Outcomes**

- tailoring course at Swayamshakti Sewing Centre.
- 845 Children studying in government schools participated in • 57 students learnt the nuances of Prayogshala Sessions
- 549 people from marginalised sections got treatment in the Physiotherapy unit
- 975 chemistry kits distributed amongst children studying in government schools while 25 are being used at PARC Campus
- 51 Prayogshala sessions conducted with total outreach of 85 children at • Prayogshala PARC Campus)

- 23 women enrolled for stitching and 189 girls appeared for NAT test for Around 100 children and 50 adults Udayan Shalini Fellowship Programme, out of which 55 have been selected for • Udayan Shalini Programme
  - 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 155 students from various colleges
  - 117 students cleared written exam and 59 students got jobs in TCS after YEP **Training**

- benefitted from Playscape project
- 296 people registered for Mega health camp, 159 people treated Orthopaedic ailments, and 140 women received gynaecological treatment
- 3000 households reached out through door-to-door visits for community mobilisation purposes
- 52 students enrolled in Pratham Vocational programmes, and students got jobs
- 1324 children and 1233 mothers benefited from Pratham's Anganwari intervention in 84 villages & 130 Anganwaris

#### From mud challah to the world of laptops

She was blowing air into the traditional earthen Chulha (stove) when our team was talking to her phone! She was busy cooking food for herself and her family while being wary of catching her train for Delhi in the afternoon.

Incidentally, this woman has made it big at a very small age. She is one of the first women from her village to get into a multi-national company. If anything, the youth in her village aspire for is either government job or a place in the armed forces. She is none other than Parul, who stays in Gadoli Village near Pilani, with her family of five, including her brother and grandmother.

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Her father is a farmer and mother a housewife, who occasionally stitches clothes for meeting her personal needs. When Parul got a call from Rakesh P G College last year, she had no idea about employment programme (YEP). The idea of getting a job was exciting. Her mother motivated her to join the training, which has been brought in a sea change in her personality, communication skills and confidence. The programme helped her in clearing her written exam and interview. For someone, who was always dependent on her father for day-to-day commuting, either for college



or for the training, it was a big feat to visit Noida for the interview. She never thought that she would be selected and will one day work in NCR.

Parul and her parents are certainly are an inspiration for others in their community. She is ever grateful to the support she received from PARC, Anant sir and the entire team at TCS. We wish her the best in her career.

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