

VIDYA JYOTI NEWSLETTER



VIDYA JYOTI JAIPUR

On 11th March we started our daily breakfast programme for the 250 children resident in two slums Bhagraana and Jhalaana, on the outskirts of Jaipur. We are fortunate to have collaborated with an organization Sakhi Bal Niketan - Amar Seva Samithi which is headed by Mr. Gopal Singh Rathore and Sunita Yadav, who started their mission 13 years ago to raise and educate the children of Jaipur city slums. These children who are now in their late teens and achieving academic and moral excellence have come forward to volunteer in our daily feeding programme.

Mr. Rathore who is a retired Police Constable agreed to take our mission forward and he is now planning the next step of providing education for our children in these slums alongside daily feeding. Other aspects such as hygiene and health will also be our focus. We hope to set up our own construction within these slums so that we can run our education classes and daily kitchen from within the slum localities.



VIDYA JYOTI DHOLPUR



We started our feeding programme for malnourished children in the district of Dholpur, Rajasthan in collaboration with Lupin Human Research and Research Foundation on 18th March 2021. 160 malnourished children were identified by medical practitioners from two villages Narayanpura and Bijoli. Kitchens have been set up with local women from the rural self-help groups, who prepare the food on a daily basis.

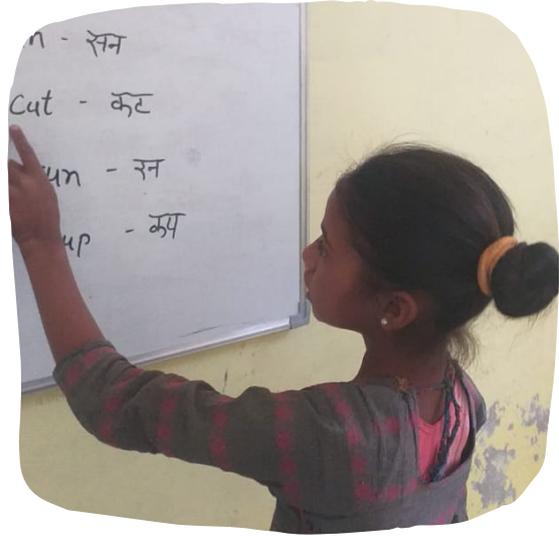
The feeding programme called KHUSHI was inaugurated by the local administrative governing officers for Dholpur district.

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VIDYA JYOTI BHARATPUR

Our children in Bharatpur district enrolled in our daily education programme are still away from school due to the pandemic which has forced the education department to keep classes 1 to 5 closed since March 2020. Vidya Jyoti has been granted permission by the Collector of Bharatpur to continue our classes.

This month, the NGO Hope Foundation donated two desktop computers to Vidya Jyoti Bharatpur as they are closing their computer skills training project in the district. They were so impressed by Vidya Jyoti's work for educating primary school children from poor socioeconomic backgrounds, following their visit to our centres early in the year, that they have offered their support for our project in the future.



VIDYA JYOTI UK

Young people's mental health and wellbeing awareness and support sessions

Our founder Dr. Pamela Kaushal who is a consultant Psychiatrist for Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust has offered mental health wellbeing sessions to a secondary school in West London as part of Vidya Jyoti's work in the UK to support the mental health of young people. Dr. Kaushal has had an initial planning meeting with the school management and the school wellbeing practitioners to arrange individual and group sessions for students who require support with their mental health. This initiative will be taken forward by Vidya Jyoti as its flagship project in the UK in the months ahead. Sherin Varghese, who is Vidya Jyoti's Public Relations officer is also undergoing her CBT therapist training at the University of Oxford will work alongside Dr Kaushal on this project.



As part of Easter celebrations, Vidya Jyoti also donated Easter eggs to the Wycombe Women's Aid. We want to thank all our supporters who made this a possibility.

Wishing you and your family a Happy Easter!

- Vidya Jyoti Family

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