

VEERNI SANSTHAN

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2025 TO MARCH 2025



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Dear Friends,

Welcome to Veerni's quarterly newsletter! We're excited to share the highlights of an inspiring and eventful start to 2025. From January to March, the Veerni girls have been immersed in exams, cultural events, health camps, and engaging new learning opportunities.

This quarter, we were honored to host special visitors at the Veerni Institute and organize motivational lectures to help the girls manage exam stress. We also welcomed a new team member, who joined us as a coordinator, and introduced activities like personality development and English-speaking classes for our junior students.

An entrance test was held for prospective students for the upcoming academic year, which saw an encouraging number of parents visiting the Institute to enroll their daughters. Meanwhile, the Veerni team traveled to Delhi to participate in the Veerni Run, organized by Acumen (part of the Sannam S4 Group) and APAIE, to support Veerni's mission.

We are thrilled to report steady progress on the construction of the Veerni Institute.

Your support is at the heart of everything we do, and we hope this newsletter offers a glimpse into how we're building a stronger future for the Veerni girls.

Warm regards,
The Veerni Team

THE VEERNI PROJECT

Newsletter – 4th Quarter
January 2025 to March 2025

The past three months at Veerni have been vibrant and eventful, filled with various activities aimed at the overall development of our residents. This report highlights the activities held during this period.

ACADEMIC & EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- The Veerni girls continued their studies with daily classes at Modern Senior Secondary School, building a strong academic foundation. To provide extra support, at Veerni institute, the staff conducted tuition sessions focusing on key subjects. Daily computer lessons, led by a qualified teacher, helped the girls gain essential digital skills. Senior students from Classes 9 to 12 also benefitted from online lessons in a modern smart classroom at the Veerni institute, enhancing their learning experience.
- **Personality Development and English-Speaking Classes:** On February 1st, English-speaking classes were introduced for junior girls to improve their communication skills. Led by Mrs. Meenaxi Rathore, a new staff member, these sessions have already boosted the girls' confidence, and we look forward to seeing their continued progress.
- **Motivational Speech:** On January 30th, Mrs. Amrita Dudhiya gave an inspiring talk to students in Classes 10, 11, and 12 on perseverance, goal-setting, and overcoming challenges. She also taught stress-relief exercises, helping the girls manage examination pressure.
- **Examinations:** The third unit tests and pre-board exams helped students assess their preparation for final exams. Board examinations for Classes 8, 10, and 12 began in March, with transportation arranged by the school for students. Non-board exams for Classes 5 to 7 and 9 and 11 also started in March.
- **School Teachers' Meeting:** On January 05th, a meeting was held with Modern School teachers to discuss the academic progress of Veerni students. Feedback was shared, and the Veerni staff gained valuable insights to support the girls' growth.



Events and Celebrations

At Veerni, cultural celebrations are a wonderful way to bring the Veerni girls together and help the girls learn about different traditions and values. These events create a sense of belonging, foster friendships, and provide a joyful break from daily routines. Here are the highlights of this quarter: -

- Makar Sankranti – January 14: The girls celebrated Makar Sankranti with kite flying and traditional sweets like “Til Ladoos and Gajak”. Storytelling sessions and cultural performances added meaning to the occasion, with Veerni matrons explaining the significance of the festival.
- Republic Day – January 26: The Veerni was filled with patriotic spirit as students hoisted the flag, delivered speeches on India's freedom struggle, and performed dances celebrating the nation's unity. At the end, sweets were distributed to all the girls.
- Farewell Party for Grade 12 – February 23: An emotional farewell for the graduating class featured heartfelt speeches, cultural performances, and fun activities. Sophie Ma'am joined to encourage the students and wish them success in their future endeavors.
- Sports Day – February 24: The girls showcased their energy and team spirit in relay races, tug-of-war, and other athletic games during an exciting sports day.
- Holi – March 12 & 14: While many girls celebrated Holi at home with their families, board exam students enjoyed the festival at Veerni with special treats and festive cheer. Later, a joyful Holi event was held for remaining students and staff, providing a fun break from academic commitments.



These celebrations brought joy, unity, and growth to the Veerni community, making this quarter truly memorable.

Parents' Meetings at Veerni Institute: The following parents meeting held during this current quarter: -

- 2nd February: A meeting for parents of Grades 5-8 focused on academic progress and study guidance.
- 9th February: Parents of Grades 9-11 discussed board exams and career options.
- 2nd March: Junior girls and their parents met to strengthen communication, discuss academics, and foster trust between families and Veerni staff.
- 9th March: Senior girls and their parents addressed academic performance, exam readiness, and personal growth, with Veerni staff assuring support.

These meetings helped build strong connections between families and the institute, ensuring collective efforts toward the girls' success.

Exams Preparations and Birthday Celebrations:

- Exam Preparations: As some students completed their exams and departed in the month of March, those in grades 9 and 11 continued preparing for their upcoming exams in April. Veerni staff and teachers provided them with study materials and guidance to ensure they're ready.
- Birthday Celebrations: Birthdays are a special occasion at Veerni, celebrated monthly. On their big day, the birthday girls share toffees with friends, wardens, and staff, and enjoy a specially prepared dessert to make the day memorable.

Entrance Tests Conducted

- Veerni has 14 vacant seats for the 2025-26 academic year. Since January 2025, over 235 parents have approached Veerni for enrollment, and more than 150 application forms were distributed. After receiving 125 completed forms, Veerni conducted two entrance tests on March 24th and 25th. Four to five more tests are planned in the coming months before the new academic session begins.



HEALTH CARE ACTIVITIES

HPV Vaccination and General Health Camp: We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Ms. Deeya Sharma and WE CARE USA for their generous financial support, which made the HPV Vaccination Program possible. Their dedication to the health and well-being of the Veerni girls has been truly impactful. On February 6th, 2025, Veerni held its final HPV Vaccination Camp, guided by expert doctors from School Health Pro, including professionals from AIIMS Jodhpur. The camp marked the completion of the HPV vaccine doses for all participants, furthering efforts to protect the girls from cervical cancer. The number of girls vaccinated:

- **Class 5th:** 2 girls
- **Class 6th:** 12 girls
- **Class 7th:** 13 girls
- **Class 8th:** 23 girls
- **Class 9th:** 12 girls
- **Class 10th:** 13 girls
- **Class 11th:** 22 girls
- **Class 12th:** 14 girls



This program is a significant step toward improving the health and future of Veerni girls. We are proud of its success and the positive impact it has created.

Sanitation Awareness Drive (February 4, 2025): A campaign was held to educate girls about personal hygiene, sanitation practices, and menstrual health. A hygiene kit was distributed to them to take care of themselves.

Supporting Wellness and Hygiene at Veerni: At Veerni, we regularly distribute refreshments and hygiene kits to support the well-being of the girls.

- **Refreshments:** The girls enjoy a variety of treats that add joy to their daily routines and foster a sense of community.
- **Hygiene Kits:** Essential items like soap, shampoo, hair oil, and toothbrushes are provided to ensure personal cleanliness and health. This regular initiative promotes good hygiene practices and self-care.

These activities are part of our continued efforts to create a happy and supportive environment for the girls.



Visitors at the Veerni Project

The following guests visited the Veerni Project during this quarter:

January 16th, 2025

Mrs. Marion Richardson, a former Veerni volunteer, and her granddaughter Ms. Emanuel Focht visited the Veerni Project. The girls welcomed them warmly at the Veerni Institute and showed them all the activities. Mrs. Marion and Ms. Emanuel spent time talking with the girls and were very impressed by Veerni's work. They also visited villages, met parents of Veerni students, and toured the construction site of the new Veerni building. Mrs. Marion admired how much progress Veerni has made over the years.

February 1st, 2025

Mr. Ramesh Parmar, Mrs. Suba Parmar, and their daughter Ms. Madu Parmar visited the Veerni Project. They were greeted by the girls, who shared their experiences. The guests encouraged the girls to study hard and do their best. They later toured the new building site, talked about the construction work with the contractor, and praised Veerni's efforts.

February 14th to February 28th, 2025

Ms. Sophie Fauchier: We were delighted to welcome Ms. Sophie Fauchier, a board member of Fondation Veerni, Switzerland, to the Veerni Project this February. The girls gave Ms. Sophie a warm welcome with flower garlands, a cultural dance performance, and a rose petal ceremony. The Veerni staff also greeted her with enthusiasm.

Ms. Sophie began her visit by touring the site of the new Veerni building. She took part in a blessing ceremony and planted the first tree, which symbolizes hope and growth. She met some of Veerni's success stories, including Mamta, now a nursing officer at a government hospital, and Priyanka, who works as a Physical Education teacher at a large government school.

Ms. Sophie also checked in on Veerni graduates doing well in their final year of nursing college.

During her visit, she explored remote villages, spoke to parents of current students, and joined important events like the Grade 12 farewell party and the annual sports day. She also handed out prizes to the sports winners.

Ms. Sophie visited the literacy center in M Ki Dhani village, where she met the students and saw how the center helps prepare them for their education.

February 23rd, 2025

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson visited the Veerni Institute. They were welcomed by the team and given an overview of the project by the Director and Ms. Sophie Fauchier. They toured the Institute and spoke with the girls, learning more about Veerni's mission and achievements.





OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THIS QUARTER

New Appointment:

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Meenaxi Rathore joined the Veerni Institute as Program Coordinator on February 1st, 2025. A highly qualified professional, she will dedicate three hours daily to supporting the Veerni project. Ms. Rathore will work closely with the Project Manager and assist the Matrons, while also playing a key role in helping the Veerni girls with their education. Her expertise and dedication will greatly enhance our efforts.

Veerni Run/Walk at Delhi:

Veerni Team Participates in "Run to Support the Veerni Project" Event on March 27, 2025, the Veerni team took part in an inspiring event, "Run to Support the Veerni Project," held at Shiv Nadar School in Gurugram and Delhi. Organized by Acumen (part of the Sannam S4 Group) and APAIE, the event brought together individuals from 15 countries, united in their commitment to driving positive change. The gathering highlighted the power of collective support for Veerni's mission.

Representing Veerni were Mrs. Vimlesh Sharma, Mrs. Syiona Kalasua, and Mr. Mahender Singh, joined by former Veerni student Mrs. Mamta Meghwal. A highlight of the event was Mrs. Mamta's heartfelt speech, where she shared her transformative journey with Veerni. She spoke of overcoming challenges with the organization's support to become a dedicated Nursing Officer, earning admiration and applause from attendees. Her story powerfully illustrated Veerni's role in empowering young women.

The Veerni team extends its deepest gratitude to Mr. Adrian Mutton, Acumen, Sannam S4 Group, APAIE, Shiv Nadar School, and all participants who made this event a resounding success. Your generosity and encouragement fuel our ongoing efforts to create lasting impact. We look forward to building on this momentum as we continue our work.



VILLAGE OUTREACH

Literacy Program at Meghwalon Ki Dhani: The Village Literacy Program in Meghwalon Ki Dhani is continuing successfully, providing extra education and helping girls prepare for the Veerni entrance exam. Led by Mr. Jeevan Ram, an experienced and respected teacher with the Veerni Project, the program supports 20 girls from grades 5 to 9 (ages 7 to 10). The classes focus on reading, writing, basic math, and giving extra help based on the students' needs. They take place daily from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.



UPDATE ON VEERNI INSTITUTE CONSTRUCTION

The construction of the Veerni Institute in Jodhpur, Rajasthan, is progressing well since the project began with a "Puja" ceremony on October 4, 2024.

The foundation and structural framework are complete, with half of the first and second-floor structures already built. Brick partitioning has started on the ground floor, and lift infrastructure has been installed as per government standards. The 9-foot-high boundary wall surrounding the site is now fully constructed.

Efforts to convert the electricity supply to meet educational needs are underway, with electric poles installed and the transformer expected soon. Additionally, a borewell has been dug, providing a reliable source of clean water for the site.

The architect and their team conduct regular site visits and closely monitor the progress to ensure quality and compliance with plans. Mr. Mahendra Sharma, Director of the Veerni Project, visits the site twice daily to ensure smooth execution by coordinating closely with the architect, contractor, and government officials. Regular oversight ensures that the project remains on track and adheres to high standards.



Conclusion: The Veerni Project is making great progress in transforming the lives of young girls through education, healthcare, and community support. From the steady construction of the Veerni Institute to the inspiring achievements of our girls, none of this would be possible without the kindness and support of our friends and well-wishers.

We sincerely thank all our supporters for helping us bring positive changes to the lives of these young girls. Your belief in our mission keeps us moving forward.

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