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Dear Friends,

Greetings, to all the well-wishers of the Veerni Project. In this edition of the newsletter, we are bringing news of the Veerni Project from the period of July 1st, 2022 to September 30th, 2022.

All students at the Veerni Institute and the Veerni Balika Program have settled in completely and both centres are functioning at full capacity during the second quarter of the year.

After the entrance exams, new girls have been selected by the Veerni team and they have joined the Veerni Institute. The Veerni staff, along with the senior girls, help them adjust to the new environment of the Veerni Institute.

A new initiative regarding English Medium Education for the Veerni girls has been taken by the Veerni staff. Girls in grades 6 to 8 have shifted to the English medium mode of education. This was a historic decision from the management of the Veerni Project and is greatly appreciated by the parents and the girls of the Veerni Institute.

The Veerni girls organized a lot of events during the second quarter. A welcome party for the new girls was organized by the senior girls and in return, the new girls gave a “Thank-You” party for the senior girls. Activities such as general health camps, computer classes, sports, song competitions, parent meetings and many more have been organized by the Veerni team.

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(Mahendra Sharma)
Director -Chief Functionary
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ACTIVITIES OF THE VEERNI PROJECT

Annual Staff Meeting

An annual staff meeting of the Veerni staff was conducted on July 1st, 2022. The Director of the project, Mr. Mahendra Sharma, organized the meeting for the planning of the coming academic year. Mrs. Vimlesh Sharma, Ms. Saroj Kanwar, Ms. Geeta Devi, Mr. Mahender Singh, and the team of catering staff, drivers, and cleaners attended the meeting. The following points have been discussed for the academic year 2022-2023:

- Dealing with new girls and parents
- Preparation of the yearly plan of the Veerni Institute
- Distribution and proper monitoring of the stationery and hygiene kits to the girls
- Preparation of the Daily Time-table of the Veerni Institute
- Coordination with the schools
- Health Activities for the girls
- Create a daily food menu for the Veerni girls

Mr. Mahendra Sharma expressed that for this academic session, the holistic development of the Veerni girls, must be the aim of the Veerni staff. For that, we need to work as a team and contribute to the betterment of the Veerni girls. He urged all the staff members to focus on the current academic year so the Veerni girls achieve good academic results. Mr. Sharma also thanked all the staff members for their work during the time of Covid-19.



Academic Activities

New Academic Session and Arrival of the Veerni Girls:

The new academic session started on July 1st for all the Veerni girls. Veerni matrons, nurse, and other in-house staff joined the institute on June 25th. The class-wise girls were invited to the Veerni institute. Classes 6 to 8 were invited on June 26th and 27th and the girls of classes 9 to 12 were invited from 29th to 30th June. All 112 girls started their schooling on July 1st.

Each Veerni girl underwent a complete health check-up as instructed by Dr. Deora. If there was the slightest suspicion of Covid the girls were sent for testing. The girls were invited to arrive accompanied by a parent at specific times to avoid crowding. Each girl has been provided hand sanitizers and a new water bottle.



New Initiative - English Medium Education for the Veerni Girls:

In this current academic year, the Veerni team took a new initiative regarding the Study Medium of the Veerni girls' education. After the successful completion of Veerni's first-ever summer school program during the first quarter of the year, the demand for English classes was raised by the Veerni girls and their parents. This prompted the Veerni staff to take a new initiative for the Veerni girls to provide English Medium education. The students from classes 6 to 8 have shifted to the English Medium education system. This new initiative will not only improve the level of education but will also create positive competition in the education environment of the Veerni Institute. It will directly benefit Veerni girls. For this new initiative, Veerni collaborated with a good English medium school The Saviour's Academy Secondary School. Veerni enrolled girls from classes 6 to 8 in this new school. The parents of the Veerni girls are also very happy to hear about this new initiative.



Veerni's Associate Schools

The Veerni Project is currently associated with two schools called Modern Senior Secondary School and The Saviour's Secondary School. The girls from classes 6 to 8 are attending The Saviour's Academy and 9 to 12 are attending Modern Senior Secondary School.

New Classes Added at the Veerni Institute:

This year, Veerni conducted three entrance tests for new girls' admission at the Veerni Institute. More than 450+ applications were received for just 14 vacant seats. Veerni came across some families who were affected badly during the hard time of Covid. Due to the terrible condition of these families, Veerni enrolled girls from classes 3 to 5. Normally, Veerni caters girls from classes 6 to 12 but this year, Veerni added new classes in the Veerni Institute due to some exceptional reasons.



Distribution of School Kits:

On arrival of all the Veerni girls, school kits containing books, school bags, notebooks, stationery, and subject-wise study material have been provided to the girls by the Veerni team.



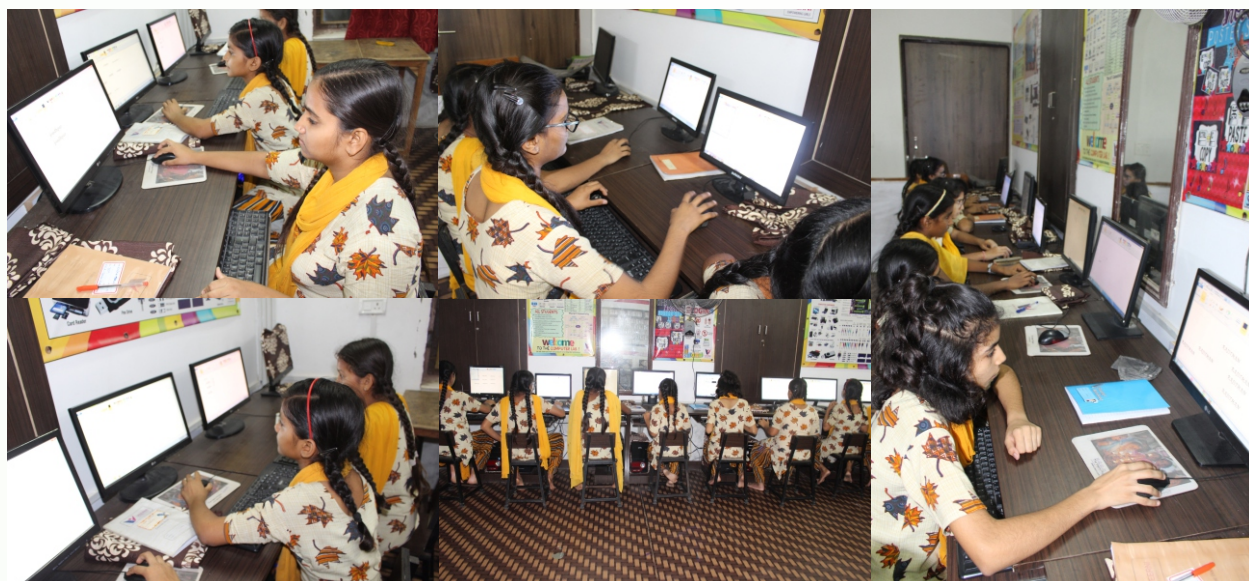
School Classes Conducted

The following classes of the Veerni students conducted: -

Classes	Conducted at	
3 rd , 5 th , and 6 th to 8 th	In-House at the Veerni Institute	The Saviour's Secondary School: English medium classes have been conducted at the Veerni Institute for the girls of classes 3 rd and 5 th and 6 th to 8 th . The administration of the school has agreed to send their teachers to the Veerni Institute for daily classes.
9 th to 12 th	At School	Modern Senior Secondary School: The girls of the classes 9 th to 12 th have been going to Modern Senior Secondary School on a daily basis. The school provides round trip transportation on two buses for the Veerni students.

Computer, Online Tuition and Extra Tuition Classes

Computer classes are conducted on a daily basis at the Veerni institute and at the Veerni Balika centre. The course is about a basic understanding of the external components and accessories of a computer such as a monitor, keyboard, mouse, and printer and also teaches them about typing and MS Office. Similarly, extra tuition and online tuition classes are conducted regularly at both Veerni centres.



Sports Activities

At the Veerni Institute, girls are encouraged to take an active part in sports. Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, handball, and table tennis are the games girls enjoy the most. Girls wear tracksuits and take great interest in all the sports events. The Veerni girls hit the ground at 5:30 a.m. every day. All the girls are divided into four houses, frequent matches are held between these houses, and regular prizes are given to the winners.



Health Care Activities

Health Camps:

Regular medical check-ups are given to the girls by the Veerni medical team comprised of Dr. A.S. Deora, Mrs. Vimlesh Sharma (nurse), and Mrs. Siyona Kalasua (Volunteer). A complete health card has been developed for each and every girl, in which all the details related to health are mentioned. Dr. Deora visited once a week and the nurse is available on daily basis.

Health Camps were conducted at the following dates:

S. No.	Date		
01.	July 14 th , 2022		
02.	July 15 th , 2022		
03.	July 16 th , 2022		
04.	July 17 th , 2022		
05.	July 24 th , 2022		

Note:- A Veerni girl called Sunita d/o Raju Ram age fourteen from village Birdawas was complaining of pain in her right breast. Dr. Deora examined and found a lump. She was immediately referred to MDM Hospital for further investigation by Dr. Deora. On September 21st, she underwent a lumpectomy and we are awaiting biopsy results. On September 30th, she was discharged from the hospital. Currently; she is at home and on the path to recovery.

Health Education Lectures

Health education lectures are given regularly in the Veerni Institute and Balika Centre. The topics covered were eye problems, seasonal diseases, and the use of sanitary napkins, skin diseases, a healthy diet, and other important health items. The lectures were given by Dr. A.S. Deora and by Mrs. Vimlesh Sharma. They also gave a talk on Dengue, Covid, and Swine flu explaining the signs, symptoms, prevention, and treatment.



Distribution of Hygiene Kits:

On a monthly basis, the Veerni Project has been providing a Hygiene kit to all Veerni girls. This kit contains a hand sanitizer (1 bottle), a sanitary napkin (2 packets), washable masks (4), bathing soap (4 soaps), and laundry soap (4 soaps), toothpaste & brush (1), shampoo (1 packet), and body lotion (1 bottle).



Celebrations and Awareness Raising Events & Other activities

Events and Celebrations:

Celebrations of important days, weeks, and festivals were done for awareness-raising purposes in both centres. During such “programs”, educational lectures on selected celebrations were taken. To test the girls' knowledge, quiz programs were held and question answers were put up, to which the girls responded with interest. These events serve as an excellent intercommunication medium for the Veerni girls.

'Celebrations' are one of the key things to the Veerni girls' success at the Veerni Institute. The following celebrations were held from July to September 2022 were:

New Girls Welcome Party

The auspicious welcome ceremony for the new Veerni girls was organized on August 12th, at the Veerni Institute. The ceremony began with a beautiful gesture from the senior girls of 10th standard, as they welcomed the “freshers” (new girls) with garlands and applied traditional mark on their forehead commonly known as 'Tilak'. A group dance performed by the Veerni girls and new girls was also performed during the ceremony. The new girls were asked to introduce themselves mentioning their name, father's name, class, residence and their respective area of interests. The ceremony came to an end after a "Veerni Daily Routine" speech by Mrs. Vimlesh.



Independence Day:

India celebrated 75 years of Independence on August 15, 2022; Independence Day was celebrated at the Veerni's campus on 15th August 2022 at 8.15 am. All the Veerni staff was present, and a flag hoisting was performed by Mr. Mahendra Sharma. Mrs. Vimlesh gave a speech on "the importance of girls' participation in the workforce for nation-building". The importance of "Cleanliness" was also briefed to the girls by the Veerni matron on the occasion. All the Veerni girls stood at attention to give a salute to the flag. After the flag ceremony, the Indian national anthem (Jan Gan Man) was sung. Sweets were distributed to all the girls on the occasion.



Teachers Day:

On September 5th, 2022, teachers' day was celebrated at the Veerni institute. The students of class 12th and 11th had played the roles of teachers and staff of the Veerni Project. The girls prepared a cultural program of dancing, singing, and plays. During the event, prizes were distributed to the students who achieved good marks in their last academic year. The entire Veerni staff members have been invited to the program. The program was enjoyed by everyone.



Thanks Party:

On September 20th, 2022, new enrolled girls organized a “Thanks Party” for the senior girls, under the guidance of the Veerni team. They performed cultural dances and songs. New girls were very happy that because of the senior girls, they have been able to adjust well to the Veerni Institute. They promised to follow rules and regulations of the Veerni Institute. They said, with the help of senior girls and the matrons, they would try to achieve good academic results and will make their parents and the Veerni project proud of them.



Other regional festivals and events were also organized by the Veerni girls, details are given below:

S. No.	Name of regional festival / event	Month/Date
01.	Kajari Teej (regional festival)	August 14 th , 2022
02.	Ubchhat (regional festival)	August 18 th , 2022
03.	Ganesh Chaturti (festival)	August 31 st , 2022
02.	Songs Competition	September 18 th , 2022
03.	Birthday celebrations of the girls	Every month
04.	Motivational movies showed to the girls	Every Sunday

Meetings

Parent Meetings:

Parent meetings are an important part of the Veerni Project. Parents visit with their daughters, and Veerni girls look forward to these meetings to see their parents. Veerni staff also present progress reports to the parents during these meetings. The following parents' meetings were conducted at the Veerni Institute and the Veerni Balika Centre during the second quarter of the year:-

S. No.	For Classes	Month/Date
01.	Classes 3 rd and 8 th	September 4 th , 2022
02.	Classes 9 th and 12 th	September 11 th , 2022



Parent/Teachers Meetings (PTM) at Schools:

PTM at Modern Senior Secondary School:

Modern School organized PTM on September 21st. Mrs. Vimlesh and Ms. Neelam from Veerni attended the PTM. School teachers expressed that the Veerni girls are doing well in their studies. The first unit test results were also shared by the school management in which Veerni girls have done well. The girls were very happy to achieve good results on the first unit test.

PTM at The Saviour's Academy Secondary School:

The Saviour's Academy School organized PTM on September 23rd. Mrs. Vimlesh, along with both the matrons, attended the meeting at school. Results of the first unit test for all the classes were announced and the Veerni students have done well.



Excursion

Educational visit to Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Jodhpur:

An Educational trip to the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) - Jodhpur was organized for the Veerni girls on September 25th. Union Minister of Jan Shakti has inaugurated the Centre for Sustainable Drinking Water, Dhaohar – the Phygital Craft Museum and Craft Exhibition and Sale. Veerni girls visited a Craft Exhibition and Museum where they saw innovative projects, handicraft items, and Indian Art and Culture. Two buses were hired to take all the girls to the IIT center. This educational trip was a good learning experience for the Veerni girls. They were very excited to see the big and innovative campus of IIT Jodhpur. The aim of the visit was to develop scientific awareness and creativity among the Veerni students.



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- Mr. Maan Singh: A highly qualified physical education teacher was also appointed in the month of September to train the Veerni girls in different games.

Village Visit

A Class of 2022 Veerni graduate, Soniya, called Mrs. Vimlesh and expressed her desire to pursue higher education but said her father is not allowing her to attend college because of safety reasons. Mrs. Vimlesh visited village Mortuka on August 19th, 2022. She met Soniya and her father. Mrs. Vimlesh spoke with Soniya's father and encouraged him to allow her to attend college. He agreed and Soniya is now enrolled in Kamala Nehru College for a Bachelor of Arts degree. Soniya thanked Veerni for their support.



Thanking all the supporters

After a couple of difficult years being challenged by the Covid pandemic, we are so excited that the Veerni Institute and the Veerni Balika are now running at full capacity. All the Veerni girls are very happy to know that they have finally returned to their classrooms for a full academic year. Veerni is thankful to its donors and supporters for their continued support.

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