

THE VEERNI PROJECT

Newsletter

July to September 2023



Dear Friends,

We're thrilled to bring you the latest updates from the Veerni Project's educational centres - the Veerni Institute and the Veerni Balika Centre.

The new academic session unfurled its wings in July, marking the return of our Veerni girls. Their safety is our priority, and we've implemented health measures to ensure their well-being. School is back in session, and our girls are diving headfirst into the ocean of knowledge with our digital literacy programs and supplementary tuition classes at both centres.

In the realm of healthcare, we've been conducting regular health check-ups and camps, ensuring our girls are in the pink of health. Our monthly hygiene kits distribution is like a care package that our girls eagerly look forward to. Uniforms are not just about attire; they are a symbol of unity. The distribution of new uniforms has painted a vibrant picture of unity among our girls.

The sports field is buzzing with energy as our girls participate in various sports activities. Their talents shine bright in various competitions, making us beam with pride.

We've also had the pleasure of welcoming esteemed visitors to our institute and conducting productive meetings with parents and school management.

Our girls have turned into little environmentalists with a plantation drive, contributing to a greener planet. They also embarked on an educational tour, stepping out of the classrooms and into a world full of learning opportunities.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our supporters who have contributed to the success of the Veerni Project. Your support fuels our mission to empower every Veerni girl with education and opportunities.



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Chief Functionary
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Newsletter - 2nd Quarter

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ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

The Beginning of a New Academic Session and the Return of our Veerni Girls: The academic calendar turned a new leaf on July 1st, marking the commencement of a new academic session for all our Veerni students. Veerni's matrons, nurse, and other in-house staff reconvened at the institute on June 21st, ready to welcome the girls back.

In a carefully orchestrated schedule, we invited girls from grades 8, 10, and 12th on 1st July and girls from grades 6,7,9, and 11 were invited on 2nd July at the Veerni Institute. By July 2nd, all 110 scholars had enthusiastically embarked on their academic journey for the new session.

Health and Safety Measures: In line with our commitment to the well-being of our girls, each Veerni girl underwent a comprehensive health check-up under the expert supervision of Dr. Deora. Any hint of potential Covid symptoms led to immediate testing to ensure the safety of all. As an added precaution, each scholar was equipped with hand sanitizers and a new water bottle, reinforcing our commitment to their health and safety.

Resumption of School: Veerni girls from grades 6 to 12 joyfully recommenced their academic journey at the Modern Senior Secondary School on July 3rd, 2023. To ensure a smooth and safe commute, the school arranged three dedicated buses exclusively for our Veerni students. These buses provide reliable transportation, ferrying the girls between the Veerni Institute and the Veerni Balika Centre.

School Kit Handout: As soon as all the Veerni students arrived, they were given school kits. The Veerni team put together these kits, which were full of important school supplies. Each kit had books, a school bag, notebooks, stationery, and study materials for each subject. This made sure the students had everything they needed for their studies.



Digital Literacy and Supplementary Tuition at Veerni Institute

Computer Literacy Classes: Central to our educational efforts are the daily computer classes, which take place at both the Veerni Institute and the Veerni Balika Institute. These classes, which commenced on July 14th, are led by Mr. S.P. Hatilia, a qualified computer teacher. The objective of these classes is to cultivate digital literacy among the Veerni girls, beginning with a basic understanding of computer hardware. Our curriculum familiarizes students with various external components and accessories of a computer system, such as the monitor, keyboard, mouse, and printer. We also focus on essential software skills. Our students learn typing and become adept at using MS Office, a suite of applications that is extensively used in both academic and professional environments.

Extra Tuition and Online Tuition Classes: Starting from July 7th, we have started additional tuition classes at both Veerni centres, supplementing the regular academic curriculum. These classes provide our students with an avenue to explore their subjects in greater depth, resolve any queries, and strengthen their grasp of fundamental concepts. The Veerni matrons shoulder the responsibility of conducting these daily extra tuition and online classes, ensuring a consistent and enriching learning experience for Veerni girls.

First Unit Assessment:

In the week of August 2nd to 8th, 2023, the school conducted the first unit assessment test. The majority of our students showcased commendable performance. However, our newly enrolled students faced some challenges.

Recognizing this as a learning opportunity, both the school teachers and Veerni staff stepped in to provide guidance. They counseled these students, emphasizing the importance of assessments in academic growth. Encouraged by this support, the students have pledged to enhance their performance in the upcoming second unit assessment.

HEALTHCARE

Health Assessments: Under the vigilant care of Mrs. Vimlesh Sharma, a qualified nurse, routine health check-ups are conducted for our Veerni girls. On July 11th, a comprehensive health examination was carried out at the Veerni Balika Centre. This included assessments of vision, hearing, height, weight, blood pressure, and other standard medical tests.

The following day, on July 12th, the same meticulous health examination was replicated at the Veerni Institute. These regular check-ups ensure that our girls' health is consistently monitored and any medical concerns are promptly addressed.

Health Camps: Our Veerni girls are provided with regular medical care by our dedicated medical team, which includes Dr. A.S. Deora, Mrs. Vilmesh Sharma (nurse), and Mrs. Syiona Kalasua (volunteer). We have developed a comprehensive health card for each girl, detailing all health-related information. Dr. Deora conducts weekly visits, while our nurse is available on a daily basis, ensuring that our girls receive consistent medical attention and care. The following health camps were conducted: -

S. No.	Date
01.	11-07-2023
02.	12-07-2023
03.	16-07-2023
04.	23-07-2023



Monthly Hygiene Kit Distribution: Veerni team provided a Hygiene Kit to each girl on a monthly basis. These kits are thoughtfully assembled with essential hygiene products to ensure our girls' well-being. Each kit includes a bottle of hand sanitizer, a packet of sanitary napkins, four washable masks, four bars each of bathing and laundry soap, a toothbrush and toothpaste set, a packet of shampoo, and a bottle of body lotion. This initiative underscores our commitment to fostering a healthy and hygienic environment for our girls.



Uniforms Distribution:

On the 1st of August, a fresh wave of unity swept over the Veerni girls as they received their new uniforms. This year, the uniform has been refreshed with a vibrant shade of GREEN, adding a lively touch to their ensemble.

In addition, sports uniforms were distributed to all, preparing our girls to embrace the spirit of sportsmanship and teamwork.

The Veerni uniforms serve as more than just attire. It is a symbol of unity that brings together all Veerni girls, transcending their social and economic backgrounds. It fosters a sense of belonging among the girls, creating a harmonious community where every individual is valued.

Wearing the Veerni uniform instills a sense of pride in our girls. It is a testament to their resilience, their pursuit of knowledge, and their shared journey towards a brighter future.



SPORTS ACTIVITIES

The sports activities for this year kicked off in the first week of August under the expert guidance of our physical education teacher, Mr. Maan Singh. His dedication and expertise play a crucial role in making these activities both fun and enriching for our girls.

Veerni girls regularly participate in a variety of sports activities, including Kabaddi, handball, badminton, tug of war, P.T. drills movements, and skipping-rope. These activities not only promote physical fitness but also foster teamwork and camaraderie among the girls. Veerni girls are divided into four houses: Alfa, Bravo, Delta, and Charlie. Each house represents a mini-community within our larger Veerni family.



CELEBRATIONS AND COMPETITIONS

At the Veerni Institute, we believe in the power of celebrations and competitions in fostering a sense of community and showcasing the diverse talents of our Veerni girls. These events are an integral part of life at the Institute and are thoroughly enjoyed by our girls.

Here's a glimpse into the events and celebrations that took place:

1. **Songs Competition:** A melodious start to our events on 9th August.
2. **77th Independence Day:** A day of national pride celebrated on 15th August.
3. **Essay Competition:** An opportunity for our girls to express their thoughts, held on 15th August.
4. **Mehndi (Henna) Competition:** A display of artistic talent on 27th August.
5. **Rakhi Festival & Dance Competition:** A day of sibling love and rhythmic expressions on 28th August.
6. **Teachers Day:** A tribute to our dedicated educators on 5th September.
7. **Greeting Cards Competition:** A creative outlet for our girls on 7th September.
8. **Drawing Competition:** An artistic endeavor undertaken on 10th September.
9. **Skit Competition:** A platform for our girls to showcase their acting skills on 28th September.
10. **Birthday Celebrations:** A monthly celebration of our girls' special days.
11. **Motivational Movies:** Inspiring cinematic experiences every Sunday.





In addition, our Veerni girls participated in several events organized by the school management at school.

- **Independence Day** in August
- In September, they celebrated **Teachers Day, Janmashtami Festival, Hindi Diwas**, and the **Ganpati Festival**. They also participated in a **Folk Dance Competition**.

These events not only enrich the girls' school experience but also contribute to their personal growth and development.

Plantation Drive by Veerni Girls

On August 19, 2023, the Veerni girls embarked on a mission to contribute to a greener planet right from their institute. Armed with saplings and a determination to make a difference, they participated in a plantation drive at the Veerni Institute.

The event was not just about planting trees but also about instilling an understanding of why we need to protect our environment. The girls learned about the importance of trees in maintaining the balance of our ecosystem and how each sapling they planted would grow to provide shade, clean air, and a home for various species.

This plantation drive was a small step by the Veerni girls towards a larger goal - creating a sustainable future for all. It was an affirmation of the belief that every small action counts and that we all have a role to play in preserving our environment.



EDUCATIONAL TOUR:

On September 24, 2023, the Veerni girls embarked on an educational tour that was as enlightening as it was enjoyable. The destinations for this special journey were Negana, Asotra, and Nakoda Temple - renowned temples in the vicinity of Jodhpur. These places of cultural and historical significance were suggested by the Veerni girls themselves, reflecting their curiosity and eagerness to learn about their local heritage.

The tour provided the girls with an opportunity to step out of their classrooms and learn in a different setting. They explored the architectural grandeur of the temples, delved into their historical significance, and experienced the serene spiritual ambiance. This hands-on learning experience enriched their understanding of local culture and history.

The Veerni girls thoroughly enjoyed the trip, creating memories that they would cherish for a long time. The laughter and excitement that filled the air were testament to the fun they had.

Accompanying the girls on this journey were the dedicated Veerni staff members. Their presence ensured that the tour was not only educational but also safe and well-organized.

This educational tour was a perfect blend of learning and enjoyment, providing our Veerni girls with an experience that was both enriching and memorable.



VISITORS

Visit from the Sannam S4 Group

On September 17, 2023, we were delighted to welcome a delegation from the Sannam S4 Group at the Veerni Institute. The group, consisting of 8-10 members, was led by Mr. Adrian Mutton.

Upon their arrival, they were warmly greeted by Mr. Mahendra Sharma, the director of Veerni. He provided them with an overview of the project and its objectives. The visitors were then given a tour of the institute's facilities. They visited the computer lab, where our girls acquire digital literacy skills, and the sewing-art and craft room, which fosters creativity among our students. The medical room, a testament to our commitment to the health and well-being of our girls, was also part of the tour.

The delegation also had the opportunity to visit the dormitories and kitchen of the Veerni Institute, getting a glimpse into the daily life of our girls. Some members of the group interacted with the girls, engaging in enriching conversations.

The visit concluded with refreshments served by our kitchen staff. The Sannam S4 Group expressed their admiration for the work being done at Veerni, leaving us with a sense of pride and accomplishment.



A Warm Reunion: Visit by Ms. Carol D. Hanley

On the 27th, we were delighted to welcome back Ms. Carol D. Hanley from the USA to the Veerni Institute. This marked her second visit, following her initial visit in 2022. Her return is a testament to the impactful work being done at Veerni, which left a lasting impression on her.

During her visit, Ms. Hanley had the opportunity to explore the village of Rajwa. She visited the families of our Veerni students and witnessed firsthand the environments from which our girls hail. This experience provided her with a deeper understanding of the backgrounds of our students and the transformative journey they undertake at the Veerni Institute.

In the evening, she visited the Veerni Institute and interacted with our girls. The girls were overjoyed to meet her again, their faces lighting up with smiles.



MEETINGS:

Parental Meetings:

Parent meetings hold a significant place in the Veerni Project's framework. These meetings serve as a platform for parents to visit and interact with their daughters, an occasion that both the parents and the Veerni girls eagerly look forward to.

During these meetings, the Veerni staff also takes the opportunity to present the progress reports of the girls to their parents. This allows for an open dialogue about the girls' academic performance, fostering a supportive environment for their growth.

In the second quarter of this year, we conducted several parent meetings at both the Veerni Institute and the Veerni Balika Centre. The schedule for these meetings was as follows: -

Date	For Classes
06-08-2023	4 th to 8 th Class
13-08-2023	9 th to 12 th Class



School's Parent-Teacher Meetings: A Collaborative Approach to Student Progress

The Veerni team actively participates in the Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTMs) conducted by the school. These meetings provide an opportunity for the team to discuss the progress of the Veerni girls with the school management.

These meetings are crucial as they offer insights into the academic progress of the girls. They also help identify students who may need additional support at the Veerni Institute.

During the second quarter of this year, the Veerni team attended several PTMs. The schedule for these meetings was as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>For Classes</u>
19-07-2023	4 th to 8 th Class
11-08-2023	Board Class 5 th , 10 th and 12 th Class
12-08-2023	4 th , 6 th , 7 th , 9 th and 11 th Class

CONCLUSION:

The Veerni Institute continues to thrive as a beacon of empowerment and education for our girls. From academic pursuits to healthcare initiatives, sports events, and cultural celebrations, the institute provides a holistic environment for growth and learning. The support from our esteemed visitors and the unwavering dedication of our staff further fuels this mission.



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