

# VEERNI PROJECT

## Newsletter

Activities from April to December 2019



**VEERNI**  
EMPOWERING GIRLS



## EXCELLENT EXAM RESULTS:

In April and May, the results of all the classes (6 to 12) were announced and we received very encouraging results. In the academic year 2018-19, Veerni girls have achieved 100% passing results. All 90 girls cleared their examinations with good marks. These incredible exam results show what rural girls can achieve when they have the right support and environment.

Summer Holidays: All the girls went for their summer holidays from mid-April to June 21st

## ENTRANCE TEST FOR VEERNI:

An entrance test was conducted on June 5, 2019 for the new admission. There were 229 girls who sat for the exam for 36 vacancies (16 vacancies for Veerni Institute and 20 vacancies for Veerni Balika). The high percentage of girls failing the entrance exam illustrates the poor quality of the education available in the village schools. However, 36 girls were selected for the academic session 2019-2020. There are various criteria for selection academic preparation is a small part of this.

## INAUGURATION OF THE VEERNI BALIKA (GIRL) PROGRAM:

The second Veerni institute, called Veerni Balika, was opened on July 1, 2019. Twenty new girls were selected for the program. The Veerni Balika program is located near the Veerni Institute.

Veerni organised everything- beds, furniture, food, water and all other facilities- to make it a perfect environment for the new girls. It was hard work establishing the new Veerni Balika but was made easier by the shared effort of the very dedicated Veerni team.

### Staff appointments at the Veerni Balika

The following staff members have been appointed for the Veerni Balika Program.

• Matron • Art and Craft Teacher • Cleaning Staff • Security Guard

A Veerni nurse, Mrs. Vimlesh, and a volunteer Mrs. Syiona (qualified nurse), as well as other Veerni administrative staff from the Veerni institute, provide their services to the Veerni Balika.

## NEW GIRLS WELCOMED

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 Matron.



## VEERNI CABINET

Learning about democracy and living it: In the month of August, we have formed the Veerni girl's cabinet. 11 girls have been selected by the other Veerni girls as cabinet ministers.

### Name of Veerni Cabinet Members

S. No.	Girls Name	Name of ministers	Responsibly
01.	Kiran	Education minister	Managing all the educational related work with all the girls.
02.	Shilpa	Cultural Minister	Responsible for organizing all the cultural events in the Veerni institute.
03.	Dhapu	TV and Other Activities Minister	Responsible for conducting physical activities and TV watching activities.
04.	Baby KR	Environment Minister	Responsible for looking after all the plants outside the institute along with other girls.
05.	Laxmi Vijay	Sports Minister	Responsible for conducting sports activities and managing sports equipment with the help of Wardens.
06.	Nandni	Cleaning Minister	Responsible for keeping the Veerni hostel clean, managing cleaning material.
07.	Seema	Water Minister	Responsible to see water-related issues in the institute and make other girls aware about not to waste water.
08.	Senhlata	Health Minister	Responsible for looking after all the girls related to their health issues, report to the nurse about the illness of other girls.
09.	Deepika	Power Minister	Responsible to make other girls aware about the electricity and encourage other girls to use electronic items appropriately and tell them not misuse electricity.
10.	Baby BR	Food Minister	Responsible for getting girls ready to have their meals on time and make other girls aware of the importance of food and make sure that the other girls do not waste food.
11.	Krishna	Discipline	

## TEACHER DAY CELEBRATION

On 5th September, teachers' day was celebrated at the Veerni institute. The students of class 12th 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.



## SKIT COMPETITION:

In order to spread awareness and provide a platform to young talents, a skit competition was organized on 12th October on campus in which 81 students participated. There were 4 groups each from Veerni 1 and Veerni 2. The competition was adjudicated by Ayushi Parashar (William J. Clinton Fellow of The American India Foundation), Neelam Kanwar (A former Veerni student and one of the residential matrons of Veerni) and Siyona (Health Advisor and Volunteer).

The students performed on various topics including 'Life of an army officer', 'Life of a instructor,' 'Life of a day scholar', 'Diwali celebrations of a poor family', 'On poor person becoming a millionaire', 'Importance of our culture and value system', 'Gender discrimination' and 'Voice of an embryo and female foeticide'. The language of the competition was limited to the Hindi language.

The theatrical representation of these socio-economic issues and different aspects of life were spectacular. The dialogue delivery and timing was unexpectedly impeccable. Some of the skits were portrayed with such precision and emotions that they stirred the souls of the audience while the other plays were hysterical, inspirational and nostalgic. This successful event was organized and managed by the Veerni staff.

## MEHANDI (HEENA) COMPETITION



Mehandi competitions were organized on Aug 14th for the Veerni girls to motivate them, all the Veerni girls have participated in the Mehendi competition.

## DIWALI FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

On 19th October, The festival of lights was celebrated with great pleasure at the Veerni Institute and the Veerni Balika. An Inter-House Rangoli competition was conducted for students. The stunning designs of Rangoli were alluring and fascinated the spectators. Candle and Diya-Making Competition was held for classes, with colourful wall hangings prepared by the students. Sweets were distributed to all the girls.





# INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION (AUGUST 15):

Veerni Institute has celebrated the Independence Day with cultural programs and other patriotic activities.

Parbat Singh performed the flag-hoisting ceremony. All the Veerni girls stood in 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.



## SMART CLASSROOM AND COMPUTER CLASSES

**SETUP OF THE SMART CLASSROOM:** The Veerni institute inaugurated its first Smart Classroom on November 28th 2019. Smart is a unique and the latest way to teach children. In this technique, a broad screen is on the wall (like blackboard) and a projector is fixed on the roof so as its rays reflect upon the screen. Through this technique, it is very easy to learn things. This technique works like a computer screen and also like a blackboard.

The aim of the smart classroom is to make education interesting, to help students in better concept formation and understanding.

**COMPUTER CLASSES:** Computer classes are conducted on a daily basis at the Veerni institute and at the Veerni Balika institute. 20 girls of the Veerni Institute and 20 new girls of the Veerni Balika have been selected this year for the basic computer training. 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. Computer class is conducted one hour daily and monitored by Mr. Shiv Prakash Hatila – a qualified computer teacher.

**AN ART AND CRAFT CLASS:** For the Veerni Balika girls, we have started the Art and Craft class to provide them some creative activities. Ms. Ruchita Bansal comes every day for 3 hours to conduct an art and craft class. She teaches basic drawing, pot painting, water colour painting and card making to the girls. She decorated the building and did wall painting in the building of the Veerni Balika Institute.

**ENGLISH CLASS:** English Language class is conducted on allotted days at the Veerni institute. 20 girls have been selected for the class.

**SPORTS ACTIVITIES:** Sports such as Kabaddi, handball, badminton, tug of war, P.T. drills movements, skipping-rope are organized regularly for the girls. All the girls are divided into four houses called Alfa, Bravo, Delta, and Charlie. Sports uniforms were distributed to all the girls. Inter-house games competitions held throughout the year; all the girls are encouraged to take an active part in sports. Frequent matches are held between them and prizes are given to the winners.

# OUTINGS

**July 13**

## **Fun World**

A trip to the water-park called “Fun World”, was organized for the girls of both the institutes. A bus was hired for the trip. Fun World is a beautiful place nestled in natural beauty with a backdrop of cooling shelter of trees. It has a swimming pool and water slides. The Veerni girls enjoyed swimming in the pool and did a rain dance, it was a life time experience for



them. In the park there are some rides on Sky-trains and Mini-trains. After enjoying an entire day at Fun World, the girls were treated to dinner.

**July 21**

## **Shopping Mall**

A shopping mall visit was organized for all the Veerni girls (Veerni Institute and Veerni Balika). The shopping mall, which was visited by the girls, is the biggest mall in the city. After visiting a shopping mall, they were taken to the cinema hall. The movie called “Super 30” was shown. It is an inspirational movie and a story of a brilliant mathematician who helps 30 underprivileged students to prepare for the entrance test for IIT (Indian Institute of Technology). Veerni girls enjoyed the movie and it was another enjoyable lifetime experience for them.

**September 10**

## **Water Treatment Plant**

All the Veerni girls visited the water treatment plant. Our main purpose for this visit was to give practical knowledge about how raw water is treated and how water is distributed. Veerni girls received the information and practical knowledge about the treatment of raw water and components used in the treatment plant and learned about the detailed process of a filtration process. The visit was enjoyed by the girls.

**September 30**

## **Tour at Pavapuri Temple**

An educational tour to temple Pava puri was organized for the Veerni girls. The Pavapuri temple is situated at the Sirohi district of Rajasthan. This temple comprises a Jain Thirth (Temple complex) and Jeev Raksha Kendra (Animal Welfare Center).

The campus has an Animal Welfare Center that tends to stray cows, buffaloes, dogs, and donkeys. This temple houses more than 5000 stray cattle. All the Veerni girls along with the Veerni staff went to the temple of Pavapuri for the day. Two buses were hired and three meals were provided to the girls. The girls much enjoyed visiting the beautiful Jain temple and the whole excursion.





## November 23 Adventure Park

An adventure park visit was organized for the students of class 6 to 9. The adventure park has wide variety of elements, such as rope climbing exercises, obstacle courses and zip-lines. They are usually intended for recreation. The girls enjoyed the visit.

## November 28 Science Park

The world of science is a mystery in itself. The more one tries to express, the more threads it offers to unravel, which makes it an interesting topic for the students to study and discover. Keeping this in mind, the students of grade 10 to 12 of the Veerni institute were taken on an educational visit to Science Park on dated 28th November.



The students were enthralled and mesmerized to see and understand the various exhibits on Astronomy, Bio-medical Science, working model on applied principles of physics etc. They were aptly explained the concept and mechanism behind each exhibit.

Further on the students enjoyed the scientifically designed swings that operated on scientific principles. They were thrilled to learn about the evolution of medical sciences. The visit enhanced their observational, comprehension, analytical and reasoning skills.

## VISITORS

The following guests visited the Veerni Institute and Veerni Balika Program. They saw the computer lab, the sewing and arts and crafts room, and medical room.

August 6	Ms. Garima Maheswari
November 9 to 14	Mr. Patrick Fauchier
November 9 to 23	Ms. Sophie Fauchier
November 10	Mr. Philippe Diesbach and Mrs. Cathy Diesbach
December 10-11 and 14	Mr. Ramesh Parmar and Mrs. Suba Parmar

## NEW INITIATIVE: A PARENT (MOTHER) STAY AT THE INSTITUTE



A new initiative has been taken at the Veerni Institute in the month of November. We invite girl's mother to stay in the Veerni institute for two days so she can follow and see the daily routine of the Veerni institute. The goal is to make parents aware of how much effort Veerni makes to take care of a girl on a day to day basis.

The first mother who stayed at the Veerni institute was the mother of a class 6 student. She is from the village Guda Vishoniyani and enrolled her daughter this year at the institute. She stayed on November 29th and 30th, 2019. A private room was allotted to her. She was shown all the activities, dorms, food facility, computer, English and Mathematics classes, health care facility and sports. She was very impressed with the way Veerni takes care of all the girls. She said "The environment of the Veerni institute is very positive and safe, each and every activity is conducted on time and with great discipline." she likes the variety of food which is served to the girls.