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**Empowering women as agents of social change**

### **URJA ANNUAL REPORT 2019-20**

#### **VISION STATEMENT**

To end all forms of violence against women and children by creating an environment where women, youth and children can develop themselves to be agents of their own change and where opportunities/spaces are created to enable them to participate fully in achieving their rights.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of URJA is to empower, educate and enable marginalized women and children and to advance their status by advocating for their educational, economic, social and legal rights.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

1. Provide women and girls, especially women migrants, and women in distress with life choices and access to opportunities and resources
2. Encourage leadership amongst women and to build awareness of their rights.
3. Promote economic self sufficiency of women
4. Advocate collectively for educational opportunities, economic resources and legal protection of marginalized women and children.
5. Lobby with policy makers and government to pro-actively address gender based violence and discrimination

**URJA** is a registered non-governmental organisation (NGO) based in New Delhi, India. Founded in 2011, it is working with the migrant community in Pandvala Kalan in Najafgarh, located near the Delhi- Haryana border. The village is predominantly inhabited by the Yadav and Jats , who own vast farmlands and employ migrants from other states to work in their fields. As per Population census 2011, Pandvala Kalan village has a population of 3779 of which 2012 are males while 1767 are females. The

migrants of the village settled in the early 1990s. Initially, a handful of them came to the village without their families in search of jobs and gainful employment.

Low education, poor health and growing unemployment are the major problems faced by the migrant people. Both, men and women work to supplement the household income. Almost 85% of migrant women are working in low paying jobs such as agricultural workers or construction site workers.

In November 2017, URJA started another Centre in Jaffarpur Kalan in Najafgarh, New Delhi. Here, the organization is implementing the 'Mahila Panchayat' programme under the aegis of Delhi Commission for Women( DCW). The programme aims to combat gender violence and provide victims of domestic violence, harassment, eve teasing and marital disputes with legal aid, counseling and advice. The programme is covering 22 villages surrounding Jaffarpur Kalan.

**The following project activities were conducted by URJA in 2019-20.**

**Balwadi Education-** In 2019-20, URJA covered around 11 (3-5year old) children for pre school education in Pandvala kalan village. The aim of the Balwadi is to prepare children for formal schooling. URJA's Balwadi provides them a positive environment for their full motor, physical, mental, social and emotional development. The Balwadi class makes learning fun and is filled with activities such as painting, dancing, colouring, singing and alphabetical knowledge. To enhance their physical growth morning exercise, outdoor games are conducted.



*Balwadi Pandvala*

**Vocational Training-** To make women and girls independent, vocational training on tailoring and stitching is given by URJA to women and adolescent girls. Around 9-10 women and girls benefitted from URJA's stitching course in 2018-19.



*Sewing and stitching class*

**Beauty Parlour Class-** URJA's beauty parlour class in Pandvala Kalan village teaches young girls employability skills so that they can learn skills through which they can earn some income and support their families. In 2019-20, there were almost 6 girls who benefitted from the course. The girls are taught basic make up, cleaning, waxing, pedicure, manicure and bridal make up.



*Beauty parlour class in progress*

**Supplementary Classes-** In Pandvala Kalan, migrant children are first generation learners. Their parents are illiterate and school going children face many problems in their studies because they don't have a conducive environment at home for education. They receive no guidance from home as their parents are not educated. Through Supplementary Classes, URJA is providing them with a positive/motivational environment and is helping them to continue their school education and to curb drop outs among migrant children. Almost 22 children are benefitting from URJA's supplementary class programme in 2019-2020.



*Supplementary class Pandvala*

## **Child educational sponsorship**

In 2019-20, URJA provided full educational sponsorships to children from poor families namely Bharti, Tanya and Lakshika. Bharti is sponsored from Pandvala Kalan village. Tanya was sponsored for private education from Rewla Khanpur. Another girl called Lakshika from Najafgarh was sponsored in a private school called Bholi Ram Public School.



*Bharti, is a 10 year old daughter of URJA's Balwadi teacher, Kavita. Bharti's mother has gone through hell raising her family with practically no support from her husband. Kavita, Bharti's mother was handicapped at an early age, is unable to walk and is wheelchair bound. Her husband, who is a mason, squanders all his money on alcohol giving nothing for the running of the household. Kavita wanted to work hard and give a better future to her kids. This sponsorship will help her in that direction.*



*Tanya was sponsored by URJA in 2018-19. She is studying in Rao Convent School and excels in both studies and sports.*



*Lakshika is a thirteen year old girl who is sponsored by URJA to study in a private school called Bholi Ram Public School. Her mother was abandoned by her father and she is being brought single handedly by her mother. URJA is paying for her tuition fees.*

## **B- Monthly Activities**

**Centre meetings-** Regular centre meetings are conducted on centre progress. Work performance of staff is regularly reviewed and reported.

**Parent Teacher Meeting-** Parent teacher meeting is organized once every two months. Parents come to the Centre and the staff informs them about their children and progress. The aim of the activity was to inform them about the importance of education, personal hygiene and cleanliness in the Centre.

## **JAFFARPUR KALAN**

URJA started a Centre in Jaffarpur Kalan in November 2017. The Centre is implementing the 'Mahila Panchayat' programme under the aegis of Delhi Commission for Women (DCW). The Mahila Panchayat Programme is reaching out to 22 villages (and one colony) of Jaffarpur Kalan . All 22 villages have been surveyed under the programme and a comprehensive data compiled regarding the number of men, women and children in each village has been compiled. The Mahila Panchayat Programme is aimed to prevent gender based violence, spread gender awareness, and provide legal counseling, aid and advice to victims of domestic violence, eve teasing, sexual harassment, assault and other kinds of violence against women. Community meetings and Mahila Panchayat meetings along with counseling sessions are held every month in the Centre. Women

are also made aware of the various government schemes available and are provide assistance for getting widow pension, old age pension, PAN Card and Aadhar Card.

In the year 2019-20, under the Mahila Panchayat programme community meetings were held on gender awareness and laws, Panchayat meetings and cases on verbal and physical abuse and other cases related to violence against women were registered.



*Mahila Panchayat Meetings at Jaffarpur Kalan*

## **Meetings & Conferences**

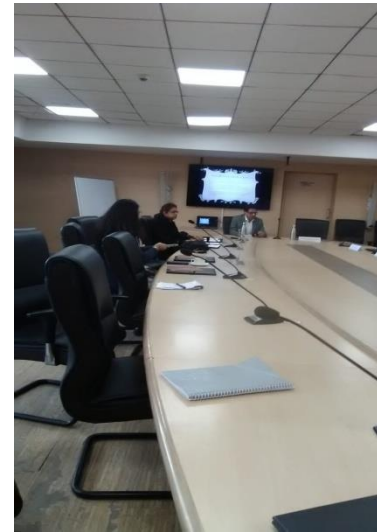
URJA attended a PVR Nest function on “A Day on Social Inclusion” with PVR NEST and Ummeed-Ray of hope Society’ on 29th January, 2020 at PVR PLAZA at 10:00AM – 12:30PM . The event focused on disability rights and stressed on the need to focus on accessibility and inclusivity of disabled people.



*URJA attended a function by PVR Nest on disability rights.*



A 'Symposium on Victim Advocacy' was organized by National Law University (NLUD), on 9th December, 2019. Issues and challenges faced by victims of violence were discussed at the meeting chaired by Sh. G.S Bajpai, Registrar, NLUD.



*NLUD organized a 'Symposium on Victim Advocacy'.*

A legal awareness cum fundraiser event (Musical Night) was organized by URJA in collaboration with Coven Code, a talented group of female musicians at Auro Kitchen and Bar, Aurobindo Market Marg, New Delhi on Sunday, 10th November, 2019. The event was an awareness initiative to let women know about their legal rights, how to approach the police and seek counseling and legal help. The event was covered by 'The Wire' and featured in their online edition on Nov 13, 2019.



*Legal awareness cum fundraiser event by URJA and Coven Code*

### Visit to URJA Centre by Coven Code

On 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019, Coven Code visited URJA's Centre and interacted with children and adolescent girls.



### Visit to URJA Centre by Alka Singh

Ms. Alka Singh visited URJA on 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 to distribute blankets knitted by women for URJA's children. The blankets which were knitted by Alka's friends in Dubai were stitched together and the whole blanket was featured in the Guinness Book of World Record. The finished blanket could cover an entire stadium.



Distribution of blankets at URJA Centre

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