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Empowering women as agents of social change

URJA ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

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. 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.

The following project activities were conducted by URJA in 2020-21:

Balwadi Education- In 2020-21, URJA covered around 10 (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. Lot of our activities were affected due to the Covid-19 outbreak.



Balwadi Pandvala

URJA conducts drawing competition for kids to hone their talents. Here are some pictures.



Drawings by kids

Vocational Training- To make women and girls independent, vocational training on tailoring and stitching is given by URJA to women and adolescent girls. Around 10 women and girls benefitted from URJA's stitching course in 2020-21. The vocational class was affected due to the pandemic girls due to the lockdown phases.



Sewing and stitching class



Products made during sewing and stitching class

Child educational sponsorship

In 2020-21, 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 a private school. She excels in studies & sports, Tanya comes from a very poor background from Perna Basti in Najafgarh.



Lakshika is a fourteen-year old girl who is sponsored by URJA to study in a private school called Bholi Ram Public School in Najfgarh. Her mother was abandoned by her father and she is being raised single-handedly by her mother. URJA is paying her tuition fees. Lakshika is doing very well in her studies and excels in sports. She wants to be a police officer when she grows up.

URJA PURPLE TAG CAMPAIGN

In September 2020, URJA launched a successful online campaign to combat domestic violence titled 'URJA Purple Tag Campaign.' The aim of the Campaign is to spread awareness about stigma, consequences and ill-effects of domestic violence amongst the public, policy makers, media and law makers. The Campaign highlights not to victimize survivors of violence and to hold the perpetrators responsible for their acts. The ongoing campaign has its presence on all social media platforms- Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn. URJA also participated in the UN Women online campaign #16 days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence.

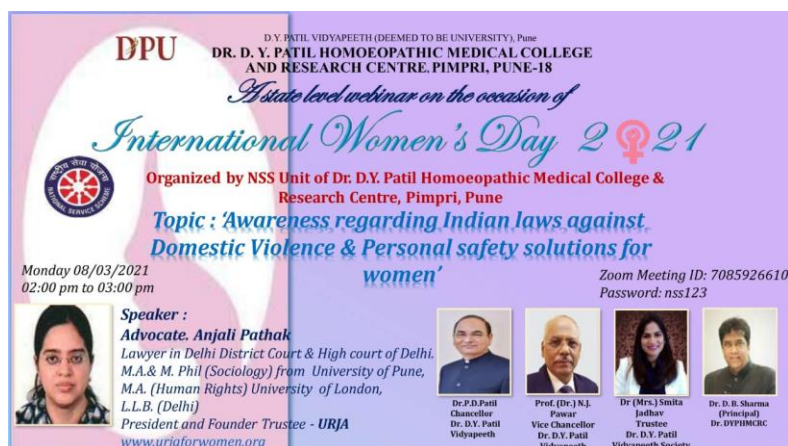


URJA posters on domestic violence



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International Women's Day



Women's Day Celebration- March 8, 2021

President & Founder Trustee, Ms. Anjali Pathak was invited by Dr. D Y Patil Homeopathic Medical College & Research, Pune to deliver a talk on 'Awareness regarding Indian laws on domestic violence and personal safety solutions for

women' on Women's Day. The audience were students, staff, professors and the managing committee members of the college. The talk was followed by a question and answer session.

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