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Happy Diwali

2019-20 Mid Year Newsletter





## Poveda Kids

Our kindergarten now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year, continues to impact the education of children at an early age. 28 large hearts with their little hands come to class every morning to express themselves, to have fun and to learn. We have 2 new teachers at the centre this year- Manasi and Pramila and both quick are learning the ropes and giving the children their best. We teach the children to work hard, play nice and stay kind.

Many celebrations came our way in the first term- Rakshabandhan, Independence day, Friendship day, Ganesh Chaturthi, Dusshera and Diwali to name a few.

At the close of this term, our assessments are enabling the teachers understand what the children have learnt and what they need to be taught again. Given the family and community background of our beneficiaries, learning takes time and practice and a lot of persistent effort from the teachers.

While we have developed in the past 3 workbooks for our children- Pre School, Kindergarten and General Knowledge, the centre is now in the process of compiling teacher manuals for each level and each term.



The parents of our children are essential partners and therefore regular engagement and participation of parents in the life and activities of the kindergarten is essential to create the impact we desire to achieve.



It is also important that our children are rooted in the rich culture of our country.



Our teachers and helper are not just staff but go beyond their roles to ensure that learning really happens.



# Computer Class



Sunday computer classes are at a whole new level this year with the ratio of computer to kids being more efficient and each child getting to spend a lot more individual time with the laptop.

24 kids under the enthusiastic and ever encouraging guidance of our volunteers Rahul and Harshada have been busy creating their own business profiles. The amount of thought that they have been investing in it is incredible, checking their grammar, their spellings (which is quiet unusual for them), thinking of the pros and cons and problem solving for themselves. It's infectious!



# UPS Grant



Towards the close of the last financial year, Poveda received a grant from the UPS Foundation towards certain capital expenses. This grant has been so profitable for the beneficiaries- soft boards, tables, chairs, a new TV and 6 new laptops for kids in computer class! A huge and big hi five to Gopal at UPS for working hard to make this come true!

## Group from Taiwan

Each year a group of junior and senior high students from Taiwan comes to experience the richness of our country. They visit schools to understand the educational system here and have a first hand experience of the culture. Poveda facilitates this process for them. This year too, the group visited our kindergarten and the slum communities our children come from and witnessed for themselves the terrible inequity in our country between those who have and those who do not. As always, they left overwhelmed by the warmth and generosity of the poor. A big thank you to Benita for coordinating the group's interaction in school.



# Collaborations...



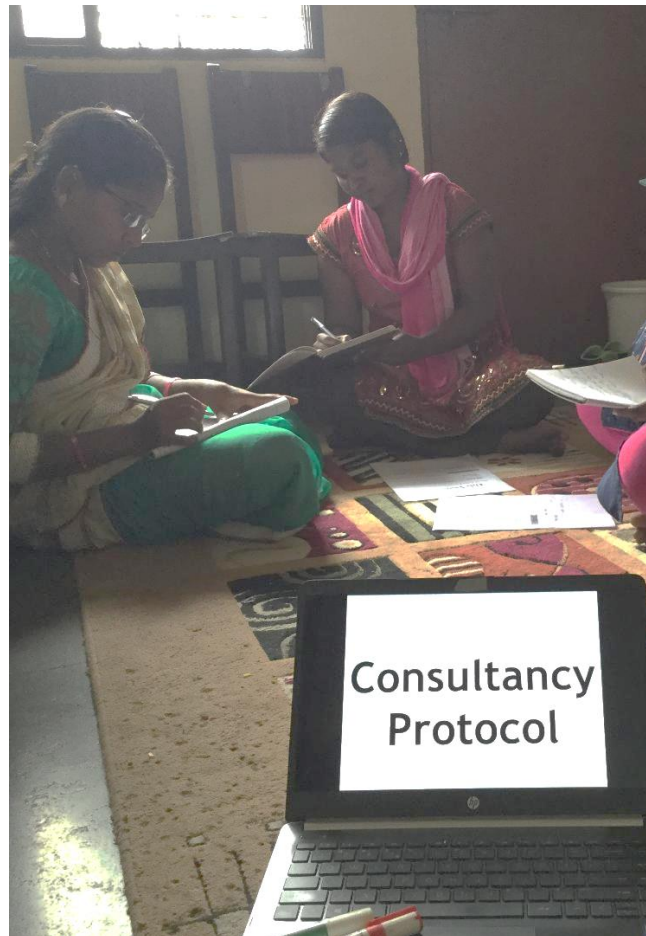
## Peepal Foundation

Peepal Foundation offers CEDE (Child Education, Development and Empowerment) Intervention in several public schools. At the start of the school year, Poveda organized two workshops with the School Animators of Peepal on class management and games to teach and assess kids' learning.



## SCOPE

SCOPE works to develop village communities by ensuring that its beneficiaries men, women, youth and children are trained in various activities, which enhance their lives. After a preliminary visit in April, Poveda visited SCOPE in October and led the first of a half day workshop series with the teachers on lesson planning and games to teach and assess kids' learning.





## Donate to Poveda

Make a donation to Poveda this Diwali. You cannot imagine how precious your contribution is towards sustaining the work we do. It is not easy to raise funds and while we try our best to run a low cost program, non capital expenses on staff and rent are a huge cost. Whatever you give, goes a long way.



## FCRA

Poveda is registered with the FCRA and we are now eligible to receive foreign donations. Please spread the word!

Help us, talk about Poveda to your family, friends and colleagues.

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