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Newsletter

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With great joy we bring to you another newsletter from Poveda. This new school year has been very challenging and fulfilling, both at the same time.

Our stories at the end of each day are largely centred around the kids, parents and teachers our lives are interwoven with. And they are stories of hopes, of dreams, of achieving and trying to achieve, of being there and yet not, of laughter and disappointment, of resilience and success.

Hope you enjoy this one.



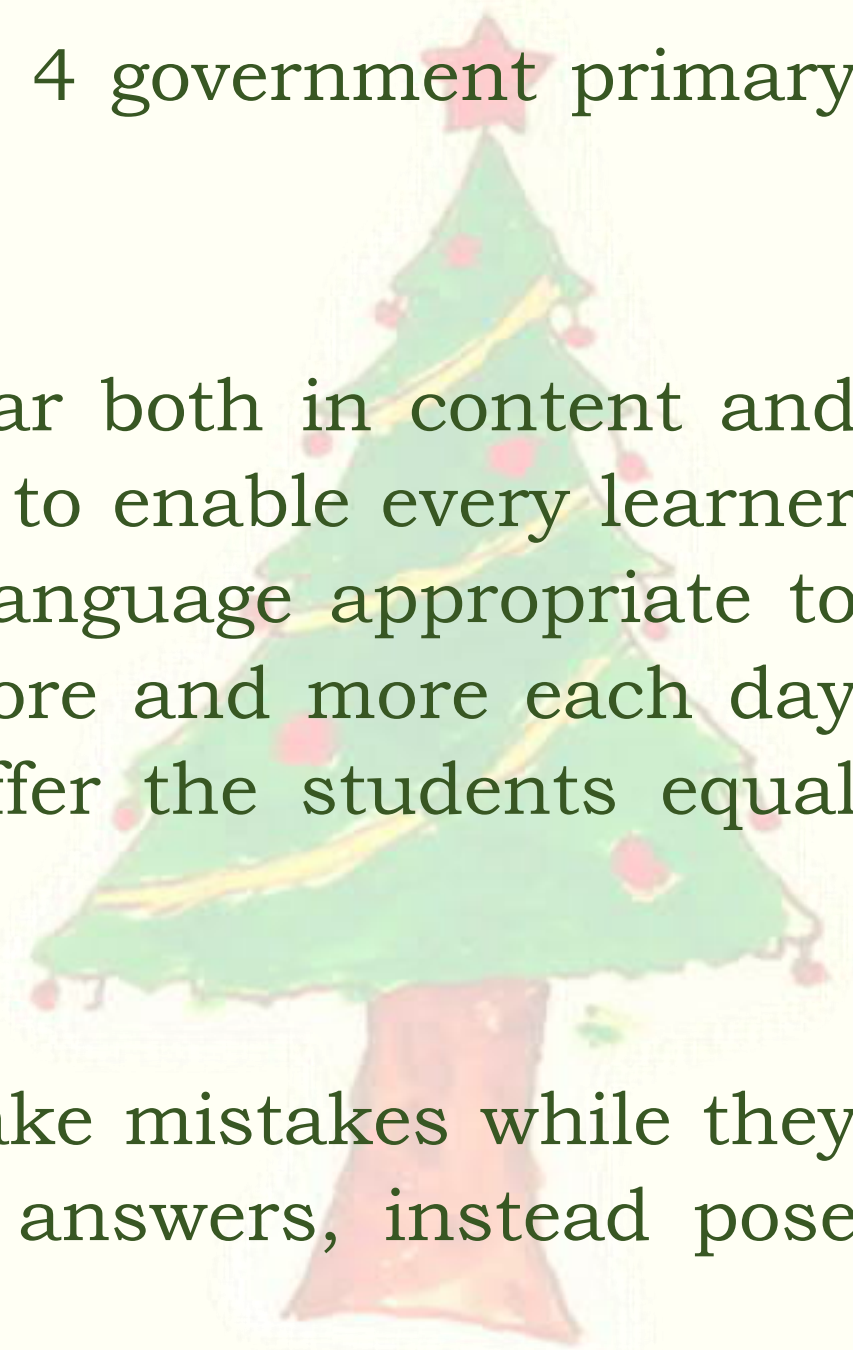


English Classes in Rural Schools

Poveda is engaged with 6 schools in Bhor- 4 government primary schools and 2 private high schools.

With concrete learnings from the first year both in content and method, the aim of the project this year is to enable every learner to comprehend and respond correctly in language appropriate to her/his academic level. We see clearly more and more each day that these classes in the long run will offer the students equal opportunities in the English job market.

We encourage the children to speak, to make mistakes while they speak and we rarely give them the right answers, instead pose options for them to think and choose from.



So, what do our classes look like?

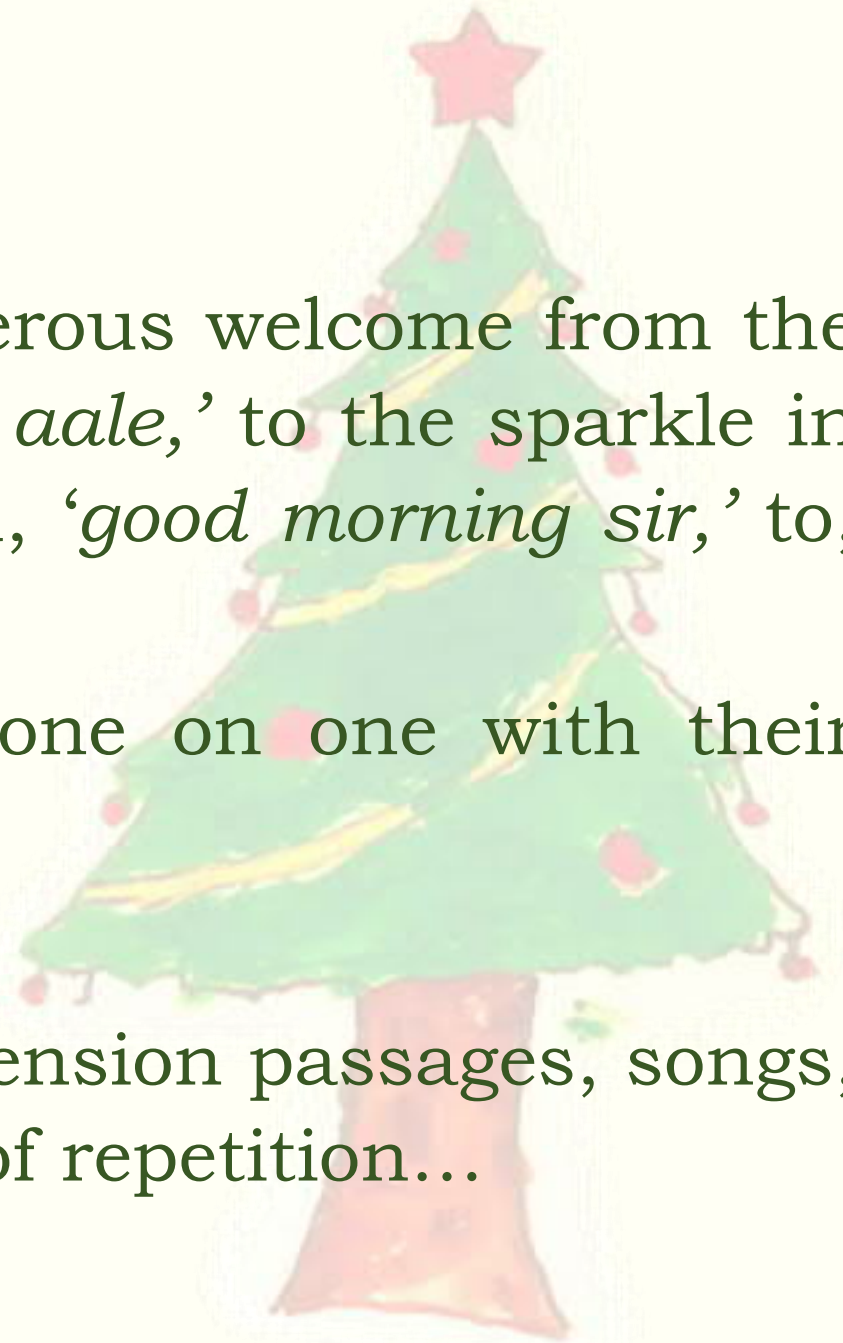
Well, they start with a very warm and generous welcome from the kids which ranges from – ‘*aye, English sir aale,*’ to the sparkle in their eyes, smile from cheek to cheek filled, ‘*good morning sir,*’ to, ‘*Sir, homework*’ and even, ‘*Sir, game.*’

Small teams with team leaders working one on one with their classmates who take time...

Competitions between teams...

Role plays, imagination exercises, comprehension passages, songs, rhymes, powerpoint presentations, tonnes of repetition...

Sentence structure, sentence formulae....



My teachers name is Victor sir and Reeves sir. He lives in Pimpri Chinchwad. During June and July he came to Karandi Kheba school to teach us. On the first day they asked us a little about ourselves. They teach us English in a very simple and straightforward way. He introduced us to teachers from Taiwan to learn what Chinese is like. Taiwanese teachers taught us songs and numbers in Chinese, we learned about foreign people, how they teach, how to read and write important words in Chinese, all because of Reeves and Victor sir. Reeves sir and Victor sir give us very interesting and funny homework. Both those teachers are very disciplined and kind. If we don't understand a word, a sentence we ask them. They ask us to practice as many English words, sentences as possible. Besides learning English, he taught us how to make

Vedant from Z.P. Primary School,
Karandi Kheba.



different crafts. They give us some chocolates. Both teachers understand us. They come to teach us English every week. In order to practice English as much as possible, they gave us the opportunity to do online zoom classes in different countries. In that class, great teachers from Philippines, Russia, India, Spain and other countries teach us. Little did we know that we would be taught by foreign teachers at a young age, all this was possible because of these two teachers. Our school teachers helped us a lot to make all this happen. Reeves and Victor sir are very very good. I sincerely thank Reeves and Victor sir for giving us such a great opportunity to learn English.

Thank you, Reeves and Victor sir.

Vedant Vitthal Pawar Standard-5th

My Teacher name is Reevass sir.

I learn my school, my house, my classroom, my friends and many more. He lives in Pimpri chinchwad.

I speak very good english with reevass sir give stars. read to simple sentence. They teach us chinese language with help victor sir

and Reevass sir. They give us some chocolates. They give us chop-sticks

Reevass sir start my zoom class. Reevass sir and victor sir are very very good teacher

mak you Reevass sir and victor sir!

Name - Amruta vilas Gaikwad

School name - Z.P. Primary school Karandi khe. ba

Standard - 4th

About my spoken english class

My teacher name is Reeves sir.

I learn about my schoolbag, myself, my school and many more.

I speak very good english to Reevass sir give stars.

They teach chinese language.

They give to us simpl simpl sentences

They give us chop-sticks.

If we don't understand a word, a sentence we ask them.

Thank you for teach me Reevass sir and victor sir.

- VAIBHAVI PRADIP KHATAPE

About my spoken English class

My teacher's name is Reeves, Victor.

They live in Chinchwad.

They teach us how to speak in English.

and how to read English. words, my village, my teacher, my school, myself, my house and many more.

Taiwanese teacher teach us to speaking Chinese language with the help of Victor and Reeves sir. and because Reeves and Victor sir we are able to talk with people/teacher in different countries and learn something from them on zoom class.

Sachi Shyam Hedge

class - 2

Z.P.S. School Karandi Kheda

About my spoken English class

My teacher's name is Reeves sir.

I learn about my house, my school, my self, my fridge, my village and many more.

They live Chinchwad.

They teach us: how to speak English.

They give simple simple sentences.

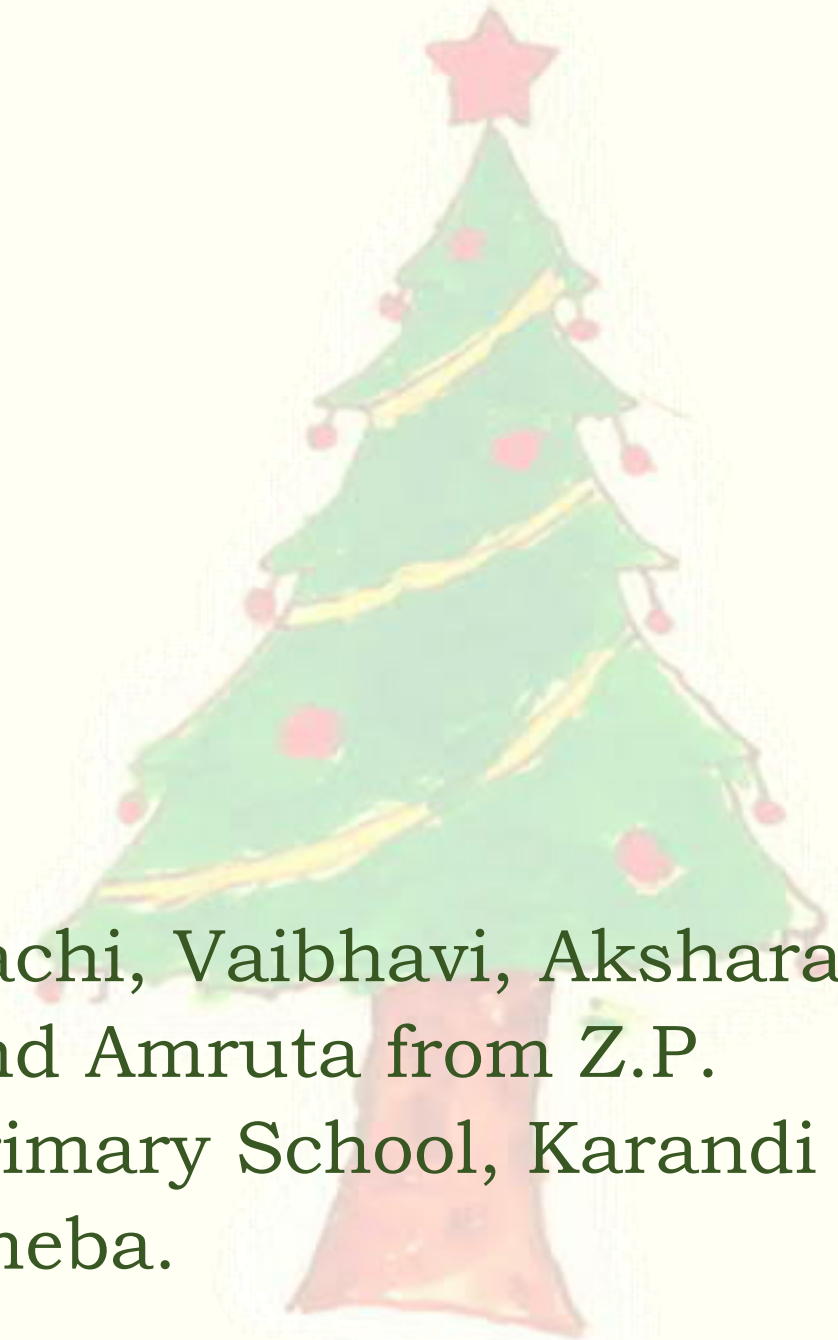
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Thank you Reeves and Victor sir!

name - Akshara Mandhre.



Sachi, Vaibhavi, Akshara
and Amruta from Z.P.
Primary School, Karandi
Kheba.





I am a ^{Indian doctor} cricketer ^{player} Noun
 You ^{are many} are a ^{cricket} cricketer ^{fighter} a, an, the
 He/she/it is a ^{police, inspector} cricketer ^{teacher}
 We are ^{student} cricketers ^{boy}
 They are ^{businessman} cricketers ^{driver} ^{leader} ^{farmer} ^{politician}



Language Workshop for Teachers

At the request of the teachers from the schools we work with, Poveda organized a half day workshop in English for teachers on 5th August at Degaon. We had participants from 4 schools and 1 parent join us. The morning was spent in a lot of conversational exercises- grammar, sentence structure and situational dialogues.

The workshop boosted the confidence of the teachers and shared with them ideas they could bring into their classes. More such workshops will follow.



Inter Cultural Language Classes with EDIW

This October to December, saw the third batch of kids from our schools participate in once a week online class with EDIW teacher volunteers from the Philippines and Europe. While we had 60 kids signed up at the start, it tapered down to around 20 by the end of the 8 week program. The kids enjoyed modules on world monuments, extinct animals, sustainable sources of energy and many others. Since the teacher volunteers do not speak the local language, the kids have no option but to listen attentively, ask for clarification and simply say, 'I do not know' when they do not know an answer. The classes give the kids the confidence to use and practise their language skills with complete strangers.

Good morning ✨

Online education is the process of gaining skills and knowledge through the internet. It helps student to study by their choice at any time or any where. online education is less expensive than offline and has brought an evolution in the education system.

The process of acquiring education using the internet is known as online education. It is a modern method of gaining an education. The concept of online classes existed a few years back. It saves time and money for student. It offers a variety of classes to student their house. It helped to balance



both education and safety during the pandemic. However it can be proved harmful to the health of student health of student. It is challenging to study online in ~~process~~ ^{place} with bad network connectivity. There are many online platforms available like unacademy, byjus etc but I like only our online classes. because all zoom class teachers are very good and teach very nicely and good. features of online education like paragraphs, videos and animation help student understand. I like our zoom online classes.



Aryan from Z.P. Primary School,
Degaon.



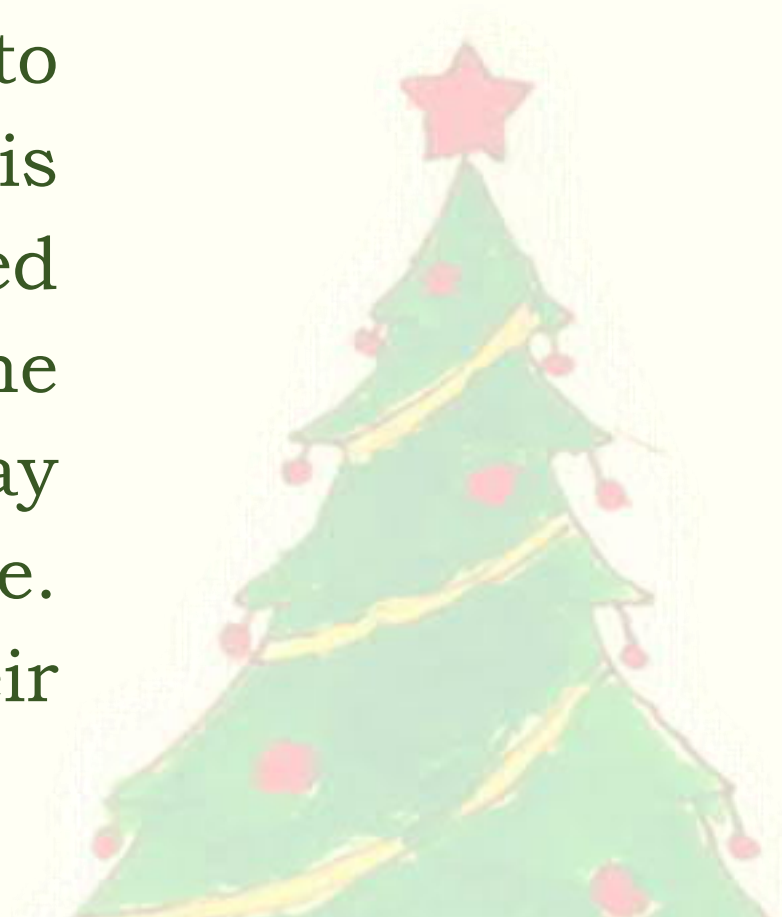
Poveda Kids
Kindergarten

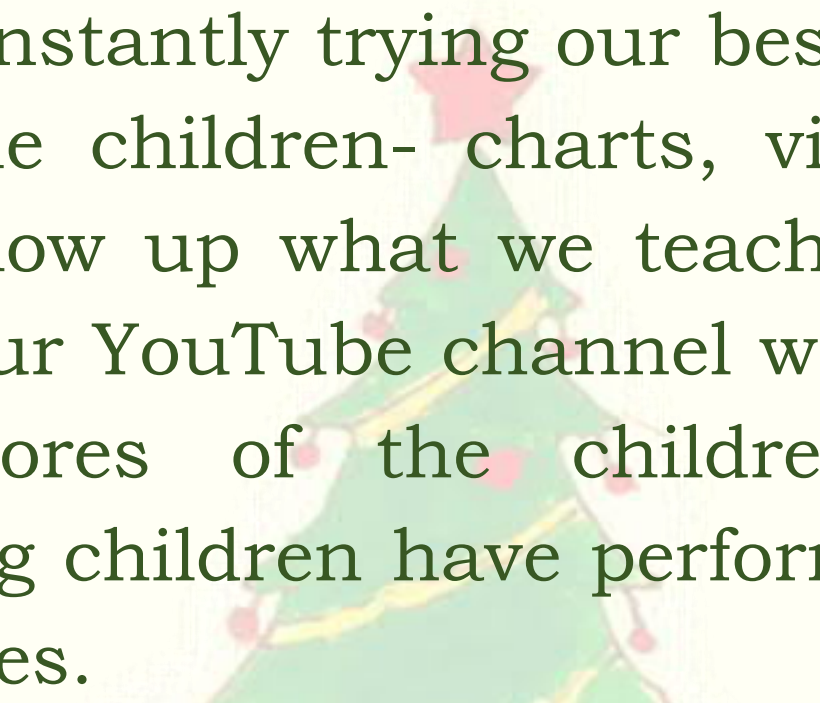
Poveda Kids has a total of 40 kids on roll this year distributed between Nursery (7), Lower Kindergarten (19) and Senior Kindergarten (14). Class schedule is different for different groups- 8.30 to 11.00 for Nursery and 8.30 to noon for Junior and Senior Kindergarten.

We have celebrated all festivals like-Independence Day, Raksha Bandhan, Krishna Janmashtami, Ganesh Chaturthi, Dussehra, Onam, Eid, Diwali and Christmas with the children. We also arranged special events for our parents at Diwali- Rangoli Competition, Healthy Snacks Competition and Lantern Competition. These events help strengthen the parent-teacher relationship and in turn benefit the child's education and development. This also offers the mothers, very often for the first

time, an opportunity to display their hidden talents.

Sometimes, our interaction with the parents is on things as simple as how to teach the child to hold a pencil and write. At other times, it is about how to keep the child creatively engaged at home and away from the mobile. Some of the parents never went to school and so they may not be able to revisit what we teach at home. Some parents take long breaks to stay in their hometown, this affects the child's education.





As teachers, we are constantly trying our best to use a wide range of media, to teach the children- charts, videos, picture books, drawings etc. We follow up what we teach in class by sharing relevant videos from our YouTube channel with the kids. The first term assessment scores of the children have been very encouraging. Returning children have performed better than their previous year end scores.

As teachers, our dream for Poveda Kids is to educate children from low communities, make them strong and responsible citizens, not only with knowledge but also character.

- Manasi and Pramila Didi









Poveda Grocery
Hampers and
Blankets



The last few months of 2023 have been overwhelming with the response of so many generous people to our campaign to reach out to those on the peripheries of society. We raised @207000 on the Give platform and another 20000 in donations directly to Poveda.

And so, Poveda could bring 227 hampers and blankets to:

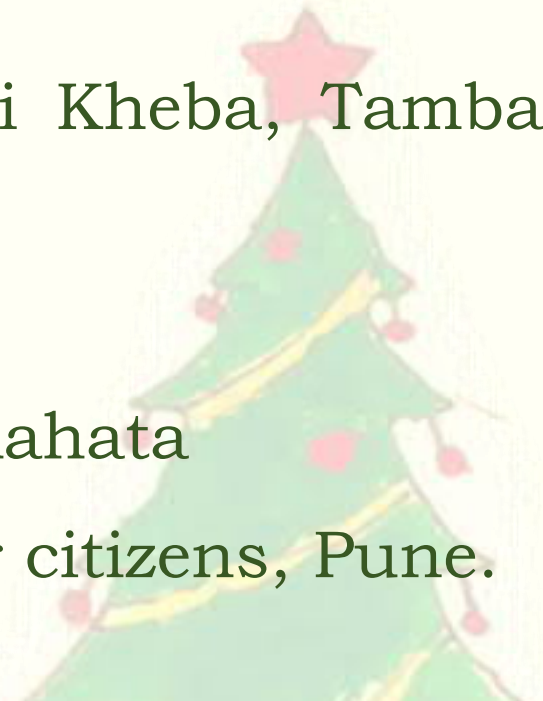
Katkari communities in Karandi Kheba, Tambad, Kasurdi and Kikwi

Tribal communities in Surgana

St. Teresa's Residence for girls, Rahata

Prem Niwas, Residence for senior citizens, Pune.

and Chinchwad



Of course, we are overjoyed by the generosity of all of you. We are humbled by the trust you place in us.

And we feel challenged to reach out to even more, and more often in the year ahead.

A big thank you to our campaign donors!









Poveda Meals

From July to December, Poveda has brought 30 hot packed meals across most Sundays to people of the street.

We are looking for more volunteers to take this program to other locations in the city.



Our gratitude to:

- All our donors, big and small, in kind, in money and in time
- Our volunteers and our staff
- All our collaborators and promoters.





Thank you for journeying with us through
2023.

We wish you a super awesome
2024.

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