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Newsletter
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We complete 13 years today! In these past few months we've been able to expand the scope of the mission of Poveda into new projects and geographies. We have some exciting new collaborations. And we've moved our kindergarten and office into a new space. Come visit us! Well, what do we say?! 13 has been lucky for us!

Gratitude sustains us as we enter each new day and each new project. Humility encourages us to give even more of ourselves in the service of our **motherland**.

Without your support, all this would remain but a dream. Thank you for your time and your efforts, your words of encouragement, your support, financial and otherwise.



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POVEDA KIDS

24 kids have enrolled in the kindergarten this year. Pramila and Manasi, our teachers along with Shobha, our helper have put in countless hours into making the new space appealing to the children both in display and infrastructure and also in content of curriculum.

Intense thought is put into the planning and delivery of lessons to ensure that every single child is able to comprehend and apply all that is being taught.

The richness of the diversity of our country is celebrated in the nursery through the understanding of and events that surround each festivity- Eid, Rakshabandhan, Ganesh Chaturthi, Independence Day, Parents' Day etc.

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After 2 years, the kids are now back in bright uniforms, one for regular use and the other for special occasions.

ENGLISH FOR ZILLA PARISHAD SCHOOLS

Poveda runs classes with 3 Primary Zilla Parishad Schools in Kaamthadi, Degaon and Kambre and 1 private high school in Kambre since July 2022. A baseline assessment was conducted, before the project began, that demonstrated the absence of language skills and gave greater clarity to the goals of the project.

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10, an hour a week, sessions have been done so far and the improvement in the comprehension and spoken English skills of these kids is palpable and evident. The kids respond well to the different topics covered so far. With the high school, the objective has been to integrate life skills with the language and expose the kids to the world beyond the village and the possibilities it offers. It is not easy, but it is possible, and is a model that can be made replicable.

Victor, Manisha and Pratik are our dedicated and creative school volunteers.

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TUITION CLASS

2 years of online schooling created a huge gap in the learning of students from the communities we serve and we realized that our former kindergarten students were struggling in academics. To minimize this interval, Poveda started tuition class in Mohannagar from 4 to 6 in the evenings for kids from grades 1 to 4. Priya, our former kindergarten teacher has returned as teacher in this project which presently has 15 kids enrolled.

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POVEDA MEALS

Ever since we started this project in December, we have served 30 hot meals each on 15 Sundays. The beneficiaries remain persons who live on the street and beggars. Some of them are now familiar with the faces of our volunteers and one can see the joy in their eyes when they spot them get out of the distribution vehicle.

Deepali Jadhav makes the meals for us and Pratik and Atharva help in the distribution.

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COMPUTER CLASS

Through the initiative of Rahul and Sunny, our volunteers, & volunteers from the latter's office- Druva, have signed up to run computer class at Poveda every Sunday morning from 10 to 1. The curriculum followed will be the one designed by NIOS.

Interestingly, there has been also a keen response from a few mothers and fathers of our kindergarten kids. The program at present has a total of 26 kids in 2 batches.

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SPORTS



Responding to a request from the teachers of the Zilla Parishad Primary School in Kaamthadi, Poveda has started sports class on alternate Saturdays for the said school. Janardhan, the instructor, works with the kids on several indoor and outdoor games such as carrom, chess, khokho, kabbadi etc. Sessions are from 8 to 11 am. At the moment, he is preparing them to participate in the ZP matches.



TEACHER and STUDENT DEVELOPMENT



Since June this year Poveda has engaged in teacher formation projects in the following schools:

1. St. Andrew's High School, Chinchwad
2. St. Aloysius High School, Bhusawal
3. Little Flower Convent High School, Solapur
4. Holy Spirit Academy Irosin, Philippines
5. St. Francis De Sales High School, Shaanwadi (ongoing)
6. DCPEMS, Uruli Kanchan. (ongoing)



Poveda has also facilitated sessions for students from grades 8 to 10 in:

1. St. Francis De Sales High School, Shaanwadi
2. Little Flower Convent High School, Solapur



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