



NEWSLETTER

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"Be the change you wish to see in the world." — M. K. Gandhi

At this exceptional juncture of finishing our 5 years' journey, with much humility, we SwaTaleem Team look forward to more initiatives, learnings, and sources of joy from our Girls, esteemed stakeholders and all of you. We could not have reached this celebration without your unwavering encouragement and support. For us as a Team, year-end has always been a remarkable time to integrate all of our experiences, and insights learned and combine them into a meaningful chain of ideas and thoughts that drives structured planning for the upcoming year. 2023 was incomparably special; it brought us a ton of focus, accomplishments, and the stronger foundation our Team had been seeking. Looking forward with great anticipation for another amazing year!

On December 12, 2023 we completed 5 years of serving our Girls in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas. What started as a vision to serve the most underrepresented rural adolescent Girls across India on December 12, 2018, has shaped into a solid Team of 30 members and 100+ volunteers with a common mission of creating thriving communities of rural adolescent Girls. Upon finishing 5 years, we as a Team want to take a moment and express our gratitude to every believer and supporter of SwaTaleem who has been with us through thick and thin and has made this journey exciting and joyful.

Transitioning into the next phase of our journey, we are committed to move forward with greater resolve and grit. We hope to see the tribe of SwaTaleem grow in this mission of creating a gender equal world through education.



SwaTaleem's 5-year Journey!

2024 with a deep reflection space for all our Team Members. These thought-provoking, informative and interactive sessions inspired us to do our absolute best to strengthen the bonds that unite us as Team Members and our objectives. Additionally, this forum created a mutual learning platform that gathered everyone's viewpoints and perspectives on different topics pertaining to our efforts. Reflecting on last year's efforts and planning for upcoming months unlocked this year's long path as a Team. The Step Back gave our Team a fresh start and exciting goals to strive for in the academic year 2024-2025.





Endline Survey 2023-24

We completed the Endline Survey in 10 districts of Haryana-Bhiwani, Fatehabad, Hisar, Jind, Kaithal, Mahendragarh, Mewat, Palwal, Panipat, and Sirsa. 2600 Girls and 90 Principals, Teachers, and Wardens participated in this survey. This was a fully digital tablet-based survey to understand and evaluate the improvement in Socio-Emotional skills (SEL) development of Girls (themes on which they are assessed include decision-making, agency, emotional regulation, and sense of belonging) as well as their improvement in English language (which covers quality English, reading and comprehension). This survey also aims to change existing programs and implement more based on the gaps and needs. All our Field Team Members conducted this survey.



Our Field Coordinator giving Endline survey instructions to Girls



Girls doing tablet based Endline survey



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Sports Program- RunToFly

In September 2023, we started our Sports Program - RunToFly, in all 5 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBV) of Mewat, Haryana. Onboarded 3 female Running Coordinators to these KGBVs; they cover the 5 KGBVs and coordinate all the sports efforts for our Girls. We have conducted orientation and training for the Field Team and School Team. The training for the Girls has started, activities for the upcoming months have been shared with the School Team, and the Field Team has been appropriately guided on this.



SwaTaleem's Sports Program- RunToFly updates

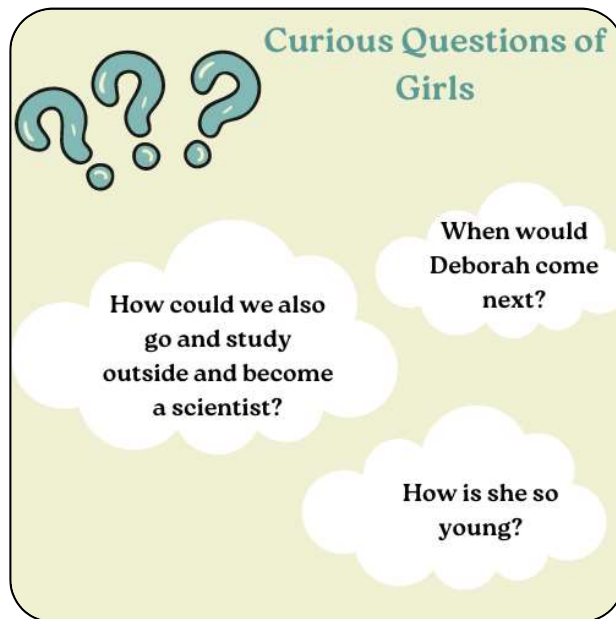
Deborah Sweet's visit to KGBV Jalmana



Deborah Sweet, the Vice President of Nature Journals, visited our KGBV Jalmana on October 27, 2023. It was a wonderful day for her, the Girls, the Teachers, and us. She visited the grades 6 - 8; each class was doing different projects at that time.

Grades	Projects
6	Learning about plants
7	Making cloth pads
8	Learning about menstruation

Deborah observed their learnings very keenly. The Girls were ecstatic to hear that their project (Science Gender Program- Mai Bhi Curie) had won an



Deborah Sweet is the Vice President of Nature Journals at Springer Nature Group. A scientist by training, she worked for many years as a Journal Editor before taking on other broader roles. She also worked as the Vice President of Editorial at Cell Press and led the Cell Press Editorial Team.



Case Study

We have been engaging on different projects and programs for our Girls in KGBVs, and the impact of it is visible through our case studies. Presenting to you one of the case studies, read more about our Girls and their overall experience.

To read, click [here](#)



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Zama's Case Study

Meet our Team Members!



Tamanna Singhroha

Associate Cluster Lead- Kaithal

Tamanna is from Jind district in Haryana. She has done her Master's in Chemistry from Banasthali University of Rajasthan. After completing her education, she joined Chegg, worked as a Subject Matter Expert in Biology, and started her career in the education sector. She also worked as a volunteer at the Language and Learning Foundation (LLF). Then, she joined Vardey Devi Cosmo Public School, where she taught Science to students of grades 6 - 8 for one academic year. She is passionate about empowering minds through education.



Dev Rani

Field Coordinator- Mewat

Dev Rani is from Kondal in Haryana. She has done Master's in Hindi from Goswami Ganesh Dutt Sanatan Dharam College, Palwal, Haryana. She has done Computer course and Yoga course from Kota University in Rajasthan. Dev Rani also taught subject Hindi in Government Girls School in Hathin, Haryana for students in grades 6 - 9 for six months. She wants to improve Education among children and likes engaging them through activities.

A Note from our Field Coordinator

satisfying it is to educate someone.”

- Jumman, Field Coordinator, Hisar, Haryana

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