

ANNUAL UPDATE

INDIA

RAJDHANI



Together with your sponsorship, children and families are making positive changes in Rajdhani. Learn more about the valuable ways we work with children and communities.

Educational initiatives were key this year. Families participated in the Neev project, which promotes early childhood development. Preschool enrolment increased – as did the transition of children from preschool to primary school. In addition, more than 2,000 children improved in maths, science and English with the help of supplementary school support.

As a result, young people – and their families – have a brighter future ahead.



2,000

Vulnerable families received blankets to protect against cold



13,666

People learned about menstrual health and hygiene



1,736

Youth benefited from career guidance services

“PLAN IDENTIFIED ME AS VULNERABLE TO CHILD MARRIAGE. (THEN) I WAS ENROLLED IN CLASS. I AM HAPPY AND THANKFUL.”

Aarati, 14-year-old Sponsored Child





NAME: KANCHAN

AGE: 19 YEARS OLD

**DREAMS TO BE: A
POLICE OFFICER**

“MY PARENTS SACRIFICED A LOT. IT IS TIME I START WITH SOMETHING THAT SUPPORTS MY JOURNEY.”

Meet Kanchan

Like the child you sponsor, Kanchan is making steps towards achieving her goals and building a stronger future for herself.

Kanchan is an outstanding student who loves to read. Her favourite subject is history, and she's passionate about Indian culture. And while cultural norms may disregard girls' education, Kanchan is on the path to a bright future.

Facing Obstacles – With Support

Kanchan's large family didn't believe girls need to attend higher education, and discouraged her from taking Service Commission exams to get a government job.

Yet Kanchan is active in her Plan India community. She participated in the International Day of the Girl Takeover Event, and has a leadership position. She also has access to Plan India's Paramarsh resources.

Paramarsh is a unique service for career guidance and counselling services, enabling at-risk young women like Kanchan to make informed life choices. Through the programme, Kanchan and her parents participated in a series of dialogues to help facilitate a supportive environment for Kanchan to pursue her dreams.

Leading by Example

Yet even with her parents' eventual approval and Kanchan's acceptance into college, the financial obstacles were still high. Through Paramarsh resources, Kanchan was able to start her academic journey towards higher education: She received a scholarship from the International School of Canada for a 6-month-long course. Now Kanchan is enrolled as an undergraduate in Political Science with Honours from the School of Open Learning University.

In leading by example, Kanchan will help create change in her community so that other girls can pursue their dreams.



Kanchan is a role model

OUR PROJECTS IN RAJDHANI ARE HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE



The Neev project helped increase preschool enrolment and attendance. In addition, parents and caregivers learned the importance of their involvement in children's education.

A SMART START



Early childhood education helps children learn and grow and builds important skills for formal school. This year, families participated in the Neev project, which promotes preschool education, especially for girls.

Through meetings, discussions and outreach, parents learned the importance of early childhood education and how to support their children's learning. A total of 360 sessions reached 2,020 parents and caregivers. The project also included home-based learning and the preparation of low-cost sustainable teaching and learning materials.

As a result of parents' involvement, preschool enrolment increased – as did the transition of children from preschool to primary school. Children were better equipped with improved pre-reading, pre-writing and pre-numeracy skills.

EDUCATION FOR ALL



Supporting children's access to education is vital. This is especially important for children from marginalised communities, or children who are the first generation in their families to attend school.

Project Shikshantar provides supplementary support to students, identifying and engaging pupils who may face challenges because of gender and poverty.

Through the programme's learning support and educational materials initiatives, at-risk students were empowered to access, continue and complete their secondary school education and transition to senior secondary school. As a result, the learning levels of 2,156 children improved in maths, science and English.

“Since Covid, I couldn't focus on studies. The Plan India team contacted me...I managed to adjust in the class and start enjoying my studies. Now I passed my 9th standard exams with good marks and increased confidence.” - **Pratiksha (14) from Rajdhani**



YOUR SUPPORT MEANS BETTER FUTURES



The best is yet to come—and together we will continue to work for a brighter future for the children in Rajdhani.

- Girls and women still lack awareness and knowledge of sexual and reproductive health and rights. We will continue to share information and resources on menstrual hygiene management and equity.
- It's key to engage parents in early childhood development. We will continue to support families with home-based learning materials for children 3-6 years old.
- To help pupils stay in school, we will continue providing supplementary education support. In addition, we will focus on developing students' aptitude in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM).

Thank you for your continued support.



“Your support is helping children to progress towards realising their full potential. Thank you.”

Anamika Sharma
Programme Area Manager

FUTURE CHALLENGES



Your sponsorship commitment is turned into effective long-term change – providing help for self-help. We involve children at the centre of all projects, bringing effective and sustainable solutions to families and communities. With Plan's Effect, your commitment helps empower communities to transform their lives and futures.

THE LAST 12 MONTHS



FEBRUARY



654

Fathers and children participated in Play Day

APRIL



4,058

Children benefited from new mats in 131 preschools

JULY



2,156

Students enrolled in support classes

JULY



550

Parents sensitised to support girls' vocational training