



Saptavarna

Signifying hope and optimism

Vision : Education of the under privileged – Towards a more empowered India

Mission: Supporting access to education through direct intervention and improving infrastructure for the under privileged.

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COMMUNIQUE

In the current financial year, Prachesta has disbursed a total of Rs 3.04 lakhs, empowering 46 students from Maher Ashram, Koparkhairane, and Vivekananda Kalyan Kendra Jatiya Shikshaniketan (VKKJS), Guwahati, to continue their education. Of these, 28 students received funding for half of the academic year, while the remaining funds cover the full academic year for others. This financial support plays a crucial role in ensuring these students can access the education they deserve.



Prachesta also celebrated its 7th anniversary on September 28, 2024, with the children of the 'Tree of Life' foundation. This milestone event marked a significant commitment as Prachesta pledged to support 50 children from the foundation, guiding them through their educational journey from kindergarten to class 12. Ongoing discussions with the trustees of the 'Tree of Life' foundation are focused on formalizing this long-term partnership.

Prachesta's annual day was covered by the prestigious news channel AWAAZ TODAY. Pls click on the link to view the same.

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In addition, Prachesta has successfully finalized and audited its accounts for FY 2023-24. Key highlights from the financial year include:

- Administrative expenses represent **2.5%** of total donations received, well below the regulatory limit of 15%.
- **97.5%** of funds have been directed towards Prachesta's core mission—ensuring access to quality education for underprivileged students.
- Educational support has been provided to **98 students**, enabling them to pursue their academic goals with the resources they need.

These achievements reflect Prachesta's unwavering commitment to transforming lives through education and ensuring that every child, regardless of their background, has the opportunity to succeed.

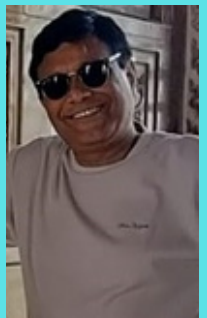
COMMITMENTS TILL MARCH'25

- Total outlay of **Rs 4.94 lakhs** as follows:
Anugraha Vidya Mandir, Badlapur – Rs 2.40 lakhs for 40 students
VKKJS, Guwahati – Rs 2.00 lakhs for 20 students
Maher Ashram – Rs 0.54 lakhs for 21 students
With this, projected disbursement on education would be a minimum of circa 8 lakhs by March 25.
- **Project:** Project plan being finalised for 2 projects in Murbad and Panvel to create a sustainable, financial and infrastructure support for needy children to ensure their induction and continuity in the formal education system.
- **Events:** The following events have been planned in the quarter
Nov'24 – Essential kit distribution for slum children in Belapur
Jan'25 – Eye Camp at Pragati Andh Vidyala, Badlapur

TRUSTEE SPEAKS

PRATYUSH CHATTOPADHYAY – TRUSTEE

Prachesta has been founded on the principles of transparency, accountability, and commitment, began with a 13-year-old girl's bold aspiration to become an IPS officer despite her family's meager monthly income of Rs 5,500. This moment captured the essence of determination and self-confidence, which is the guiding mantra for all our beneficiaries.



Prachesta's journey started informally through efforts to help the underprivileged with food and clothes but later shifted focus to education as a long term solution to the country's socio-economic challenges. The founders recognized that illiteracy was at the root of many societal issues and saw education as the key to lasting change.

Over the past seven years, Prachesta has faced numerous challenges, including limited funds, logistical hurdles, and manpower constraints. Despite these obstacles, we remain steadfast in our mission.

Prachesta stands out for its strict governance: all transactions are processed through banks, and donors must provide PAN details, ensuring transparency. Furthermore, 100% of donations go directly toward the intended cause, with administrative costs covered by the trustees.

The selection of beneficiaries is rigorous, with a focus on those from Below Poverty Line (BPL) categories, and each beneficiary's progress is closely monitored until they become economically independent.

Prachesta is fortunate to have the support of its partner community. The commitment to the cause is driven by the belief that every small contribution—whether time, money, or ideas—helps pave the way for a better future. Prachesta's journey is a testament to the power of collective action and the difference one can make when driven by a deep sense of purpose and responsibility toward society's most vulnerable.

BENEFICIARY SPOTLIGHT.....

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Ankita is the only child of her parents and hails from Sreerampore, a Mofussil town about 40 kms from Kolkata. Her father is a cycle rickshaw mechanic and works in a garage with a meagre income.

Ankita came in contact with Pratyush, one of Prachesta's Trustees, when he was visiting native place Sreerampore way back in 2017. She was studying in Class 8 then. In spite of coming from a very humble background, Ankita's sincerity and clarity of thought about her career impressed Pratyush. Her ambition was clear, she wanted to become an IPS officer or a doctor.

We started working with her since then, supporting her financially for her studies by arranging for tuitions in science subjects and also ensuring that she has proper nutrition as she braced with her academic preparations.

Ankita excelled in her 10th and 12th Board exams scoring 96% and 94% respectively in aggregate.

Covid came in between her dream of becoming a doctor as her family faced increased financial hardships due to the lockdown. She didn't give up and took a pragmatic decision to join a B.Sc. Nursing course in one of the most prestigious nursing institutions in West Bengal. Prachesta provided Ankita with a laptop to help her pursue her goal. She is in the final year now and has plans to do a masters in Nursing.

All these years, she has been steadfast in her resolve of becoming self sufficient and independent and is in course of achieving that.

Prachesta is proud to be associated with Ankita's journey and we are committed to support her achieve her goals.

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This has been possible only because of your support and encouragement....

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