



Muheem

NEWSLETTER

Year 2021-2022



Our Program

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- Pathshala In Basuhan
- Pathshala In Tendui
- Pathshala In Chitrasenpur
- Pathshala In Chitrasenpur (Dera)
- Pathshala In Khargupur

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- Sui Dhaga In Badaura
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(Educational Support & Free Library Center)

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Muheem is a community based organisation which works with marginalised community in Varanasi district (UP-India). Muheem advocates for positive social change and sustainable development in our society. At present, Muheem is working in rural areas with issues related to women's health, gender and intersectional feminism.

The goal of the program is to create a society free of discrimination, where no community is compelled to make a living on marginalization, so that by using equality of all their rights, the society can contribute further in the positive direction.

Through education feminist leadership, skill development and cultural activism organisation has started working with the Dalit (especially with the Mushar community) & Minority. In the education program it not only include the literacy but also the lifeskill and livelihood based skill development program. Here is the six month progress report of organisation's initiative.



PATHSHALA

In Sep 2020, we were started Pathshala program in Mushar community of Basuhan village (Sevapuri block, Varanasi). It's a informal education program to mainstreaming Mushar community (known as a one the most deprived Dalit community of India) children. And now this program expanded more in the context of number and its impact. It has started works as first and firm step of social change in the community. Here are some glimpses of the expansion :

Highlights

Total Children – 152
Total Village – 5

- **Admission In School** – Most of the children are get admission in government school
- **Daily Classes** - Now children has started joining classes everyday in every Pathshala center
- **Developing Girl's Leadership** - With the help of this program many girl's has started leading for their education and challenging gender stereotype
- **Literacy Classes for Pathshala Mother's** - Pathshala children become a change maker in their own family through promoting their mother for literacy classes. So in four center women has started learning to write their name and basic mathematics.
- **Promoting Game & Healthy Practices** – In every Pathshala program we are promoting game and healthy practices among children everyday. We have included game like – roop jumping, hula hoop and many other physical activities which also help them for engaging and learning.
- **Monthly Hygiene Kit** – Through advocacy with the government, now all families get their ration card and they have started getting dry ration from government food center every month. So now we have started providing hygiene to all Pathshala children to promote hygiene practices.
- **Creative Learning & Artwork** – Under the Pathshala program we are keep working to promote the imagination and creative skill of children. And for this once in week we organise art and craft classes. And one day for pottery.
- **Monthly Mother's Meeting** – Women condition in this community is more worst because of the patriarchal structure. So every month our teachers organize a meeting with all the mother's and women member of our Pathshala children's family to raise awareness about education and skill development.
- **Make My Place Beautiful** – Through Pathshala program we are keep promoting our children to make their community more beautiful, for which sometime they do plantation, do wall writing and many other cleaning activities.
- **First Time Women Get Chance Flag Hosting** – In India, Mushar (One of the most deprived Dalit community of India) community still facing the problem of untouchability. And with the Pathshala program we are working with this community. As we know when caste comes to women it become dual burden for them because of the gender discrimination. So we use different method to promote women at grassroot. We have started to invite Mushar women for flag hosting in Independence and Republic day in every Pathshala center. It was the first time when these women get this respectful opportunity.
- **Developing & Implementing Podcaste Storytelling** – We have started making podcaste story for our Pathshala children and community to spread awareness about social problem like – child marriage, gender stereotype, child labor, child abuse and gender based violence. Once in week we organize a session with our children to listen these story where we have develop a character of story teller in local language. And yes we are also using this technique for education like to make rhymes of week name or month name for children.
- **First Handpump For Clean Drinking Water** – In Pathshala's Chitrasenpur (Chhateri Center), there was no source of clean drinking water from last 35 years. And because of this many families get infected. Our organization with the help of Mushar women collective started advocacy for government and finally we win and now there is first handpump has installed in community for clean drinking water.
- **Pathshala In Khargupur Village** – From Nov 2023 in Khargupur village, we have started our regular Pathshala center.
- **Library & Educational Support** - We have started library and educational support center in Tendui village where more than 45 children get benefited with this program
- **Design Thinking** - This year with the collaboration of Chalk Piece organisation our teacher get online training of design thinking online.



Siksha Kendra

Siksha Kendra is a free library and educational support center in Tendui village (Sevapuri Block). Everyday evening classes going on to provide educational support. More than 50 rural children become a part of this program.

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”
- Nelson Mandela

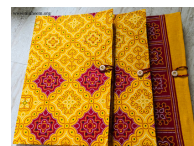
Sui Dhaga : Towards Sustainable Development

Sui Dhaga is a livelihood based skill development program for under resourced rural women. In which different kind of skill based training, workshop and stitching center are going on. Around fifty young women are become a part of this project in three different center (Badaura, Tendui & Chitrasenpur). Here are some highlights of the project-

Highlights

Total Center – 3

- **Skill Development Of Pathshala Girl** - After the classes of Pathshala some young girls and women of Mushar community has joining this program for their skill development in stitching work.
- **Mainstreaming & Challenging Caste Discrimination** – In every Sui Dhaga center Mushar women and other caste women are coming to learn stitching skill. And now with the help of this center women has started communicating and developing their women collective without any caste discrimination. This also helps Mushar women and girl's confidence development.
- **Eco-Friendly Handmade Product** – Under the Sui Dhaga program our mentor has started designing and making different handmade eco-friendly product like cotton bag, file folder, documentation file and many more.
- **Dress Designing For Pathshala Children** - In Sui Dhaga center women are designing different creative dress for Pathshala children.
- **Talk On Menstruation & Making Cotton Sanitary Pads** – Muheem is known for its work on menstruation and especially for its designed eco-friendly cotton pad named Apna Pad. Now in Sui Dhaga center women has started learning making cotton pads and while learning and making it they also talk about the menstrual health and hygiene. With the help of it our Pathshala girls also get aware about it.



Women & Girl's Collective

To promote feminist leadership at grassroots level we are keep working with women and girl's collective in twelve different village of Sewapuri & Arajiline block (Varanasi district). Here are some highlights of the year -

Highlights

- **Women's Kite Festival** - In Jan month we have organised women's kite festival in Tendui village to promote women and girl's mobility through kite flying and challenge the stereotype.
- **First Women Kabadi Program** - This year on the occasion of women's day (8 March) we have organised first women's kabadi program in Basuhan village where six women's team where participated from different village. It was the first time when women from different caste and class where participated in any game.
- **Quiz On Menstrual Health** - To promote awareness about menstrual health this year on menstrual hygiene day (28 May) we have organised a quiz competition on menstrual health where more than fifty young women and girls were participated.
- **Women's Folk Singing Program** – On the occasion of Bhimrao Ambedkar Jayanti (14 April) we have organised women's folk singing program in Deipur village where different women's where participated.
- **Bangle Making Training** - In the month of Oct we have organised a bangle making training where young women and girls leader where participated.
- **Starting Women's Resource Center** - This year we have started a SRHR & development based resource center in Badaura village for young women and girls. Where they can get capacity building resources and training.
- **Election Of Community Leader** - In the Oct month we have organised a meeting with all women and girl's collective to elect their community leader. In this women from eight village were participated and choosen their leader.
- **Formation Of Street Play Group** - This year our young women and girls collective were form a street play group to promote leadership and activism through cultural practice. It named Satrangi Street Play Group.
- **16 Days Activism Program** - This year under the 16 days activism we have organised a event in Chitrasenpur village. In which Mushar and Muslim women were participated.



"Every woman's success should be an inspiration to another. We're strongest when we cheer each other on." - Serena Williams

OUR BOARD



Swati Singh
Founder & Director



Snigdha Kumari
Secretary



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General Secretary



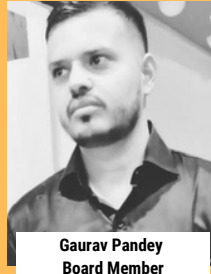
Shubham Singh
Board Member



Savita Upadhyay
Board Member



Anjani Kumar
Treasure



Gaurav Pandey
Board Member

New Board Member

Now in Muheem there are 80 percentage of women in board. This year Snigdha Kumari has joined Muheem as Secretary, Sanjana Maurya as General Secretary and Shubham Singh as board member who will works with us towards social change through strengthening feminist leadership and mainstreaming of marginalised.

OUR TEAM



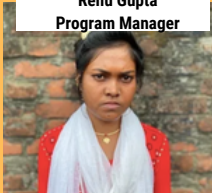
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"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success." – Henry Ford

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