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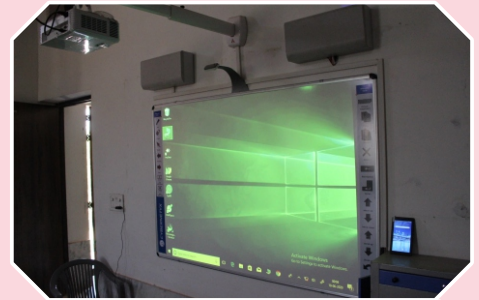
Preparing for the return of the wonderful Veerni girls

Dear Friends,

It's a great pleasure to connect with you again. Over the last few weeks, a great deal has changed. India has been in a lockdown mode for two months. The pandemic has spread to all major cities and towns. Today we stand on the verge of a new phase, as the lockdown is being gradually lifted across many safe zones and districts across the country. An unprecedented global emergency, COVID-19 has created turbulence for people around the world, challenging the health and livelihoods of individuals from all walks of life. It will be a huge challenge to come out of this disaster and rebuild, and it will take more than government efforts to meet the challenges arising from this catastrophe.

Veerni Project during the Covid-19 pandemic:

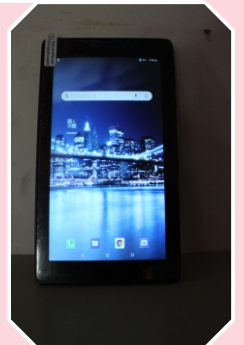
The Veerni team is constantly in touch with all the girls through the WhatsApp groups. The WhatsApp groups were created by the Veerni team during the nationwide lockdown so that girls in classes, 10 and 12 could continue to revise for their exams end of June. Online classes have been conducted for class 10 girls.



Girls of Veerni Institute and Veerni Balika have been doing well with their families in the villages.

Summer Vacation:

The government of Rajasthan has announced the summer vacation till 30th June 2020.



Reopening the schools in Rajasthan:

As per the recent latest update, Rajasthan Government has decided to reopen schools across the state from 1st July 2020 if the situation around Coronavirus pandemic normalizes. Due to Coronavirus spread, the dates may change but for now, these are the finalized tentative dates for the school opening in Rajasthan.

The dates of the board examination:

The decision on the pending board examinations (class 10 and 12) have been taken by the Government of Rajasthan. The exam of class 12th will be held from June 18 to 30, 2020. For class 10th, exams will be held on June 29 to 30 June. Veerni team has informed the examination dates to the board students.

News about Lockdown:

Rajasthan government has issued fresh guidelines for new phase of lockdown that has begun from 1st June and will last till 30th June on in the containment zone. These containment zones will be demarcated by the government depending upon the severity of the coronavirus outbreak in an area.

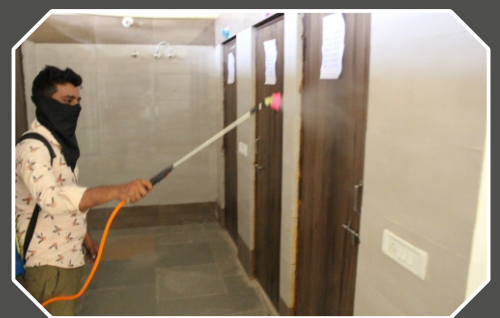
The Ministry of Home Affairs of India had released its guidelines for the fifth phase of the national lockdown, rather Unlock, allowed almost everything to open outside the containment zones. As per the latest guidelines released by the Rajasthan Home Department, all government, private offices have been allowed to operate. However, schools, colleges, educational institutions and coaching institutes will remain close till 30th June.

Veerni office reopened:

After getting relaxation from the government in fresh guidelines, the Veerni office has started functioning from 01st June, 2020. However, two security guards and some kitchen staff members have been staying at the Veerni institute during the entire period of lockdown. Disinfectant spraying has been done of the Veerni office and the building of the Veerni Institute. Disinfectant spraying at the building of Veerni Balika will be done later.

Making strategy for reopening the Veerni Institute and Veerni Balika:

As per the latest update received from the government, the schools will be reopening from 1st July across the state. We are working on how to operate both the institute and the Veerni Balika boarding house when all the girls will join the both locations. Veerni's priority is to keep the both buildings and the girls safe and is constantly seeking advice and reviewing processes as Covid-19 evolves. Veerni has to follow whatever the guidelines government will issue for the educational institute. We recognize how important it is to contain the virus. This means we need to put more effort into cleaning, hand sanitization, social distancing to keep our structures and girls safe from the virus.



Action Plan for the month of June:

Since the lockdown is over now, we have to do the following work on urgent basis: -

1. Minor repairing work of the Veerni building.
2. The organisation of the kits for school (Books, school bags, notebooks and other stationery), and uniform.
3. Dealing with new parents who are approaching us to enrol their daughters for the new academic year.
4. Conduct meetings with the Veerni doctor and taking his advice on how to operate smoothly when the new academic session starts in the month of July.
5. Organize a meeting with the school management to frame the plan of the schools being fully operational from 1st July.

Village Health Outreach Program:

In coming weeks, the team will start visiting Veerni's villages, and getting to know the problems they are facing if any and assisting in solving their problems.

Our priority will be to ensure understanding and awareness of Covid-19 amongst villagers so that people know how to keep themselves and their families safe.

If necessary, we will develop and deliver training to Veerni's old promoters (former village workers trained by Veerni). This will cover: general information about Covid-19; actions to prevent spread of the virus; what to do if you become unwell or suspect someone has the virus; how to engage and support community members. We could create information packs for all villagers to share health advice and information. These will be distributed along with support packages containing soap, detergent and washable masks. Hand-washing stations will be set up in the villages.

We will keep you posted on the Veerni Project and we are hoping for better times, as Veerni as always in the past, keeps playing its part in helping villagers.

History is testimony to the undying spirit of humanity. Together, we will battle the pandemic to emerge stronger, more resilient and ready for a better tomorrow.

