

PRATIBHA: An Educational Initiative of Vivekananda Welfare Foundation

MOTTO: Serving for Education for the Youth of Tomorrow



PRATIBHA

- An initiative as well as dream to educate the underprivileged children and to enhance their lives.
- Pratibha was an action to turn this dream into reality of educating the needy children undertaken by Vivekananda Welfare Foundation(VWF) on 15th February 2019
- To help them grow in affection and awareness.

Aims and Objectives

- Education is a Human Right and should be imparted at no cost. So, the project aims to provide free primary education accessible to the under-privileged children and to spread literacy among the masses.
- It aims on the all-round development of the children apart from classroom teaching.
- To spread awareness about the importance of education among the ignorant.
- To eradicate the evils of Child Abuse and Child Labour by providing education.

Why is Education Expensive?

➤ **Causes:** One of the main cause behind high cost of education is infrastructure cost and payment of faculty and staffs.

➤ **Solutions:**

a) Existing universities and community service centres can be used to provide education to the needy children after the working hours.

b) Teachers can work as volunteers. University students can teach the needy children after their classes or working hours in spare time.

OUR CLASSROOM

- The classes of Pratibha are conducted regularly at Burma Camp.
- Currently the project is benefitting the children around the area of Burma Camp, Dimapur.



OUR FOCUS

- Our primary focus is to at least impart basic education to children from Lower Kindergarten(LKG) to class 10 or age group 5 to 16 years.
- To give the child a healthy atmosphere to learn.
- To teach them the importance of health and hygiene.
- To teach basic manners, behaviour and discipline.
- To make them aware of their personal rights and safety.

Our Management and Conduct

- The classes are conducted three days in a week, i.e., Friday to Sunday.
- The management of the classes are monitored by the official body of VWF.
- We have assigned volunteers for the respective days. They help in the regulation of the classes.



Our Helping Hands

The funds for managing Pratibha are being raised by Vivekananda Welfare Foundation. We also manage to get some funds through Public Appeals and donations done by the kind hearts.

Pratibha needs many more such helping hands to contribute towards the betterment of the needy children.



Pratibha as a Step Towards Youth Empowerment

- Pratibha is not only helping the underprivileged children but it is also encouraging the young volunteers to practice their skills and use their education in the best possible way.
- It is providing them with a platform to explore, interact and develop their personality.
- It is the best opportunity for the female volunteers to step out of their homes and impact the society.
- The volunteers shall be provided with *certificates of appreciation* for their selfless contribution.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

- The volunteers from all caste, religion, sex, etc. come to teach the children of Pratibha.
- The volunteers are university, college, higher secondary level students. Also, individuals from different professions.
- We have more than 20 volunteers. Some of the volunteers take classes all the three days a week.



OUR CHALLENGES

- Lack of funds.
- Lack of effective volunteers.
- Lack of smart classes.
- To provide the volunteers with minimum transportation facility or transportation expenditure.
- To provide the children with better resources and facilities.
- Medium of language is a major problem as most children do not understand English or Hindi.

Our Efforts to Overcome the Challenges

- By spreading the idea and aims of this project among the masses in order to get more help (both physical and financial).
- By convincing more volunteers and universities to help us in this project.
- By using sign language and visual learning to deal with the problems of language.
- By training the volunteers for efficient teaching.

OUR IMPACT

- Pratibha initially started with only 30 children and currently it is affecting around 100 to 120 children.
- It helped the children in becoming smart, confident and disciplined.
- The children are provided with opportunities to show case their talents in different fields.
- The learning is not only confined to classroom teaching. Extra-curricular activities like dancing, singing, games, sports, etc. are also encouraged.
- The children are also made aware of important subjects like health and hygiene, waste management, personal safety, etc.
- The children are provided with light refreshment at the end of every class.

Our Future Goals

- To provide better Infrastructure for the children.
- To enlarge this project and spread awareness about the role of education in one's life.
- To provide nutritious food to the children.
- To provide digital education and basic computer knowledge to cope up with the modern world.
- To extend our branches around the city.
- There are more than 500 children at the current centre of Pratibha needing educational aid and thousands of children in the entire city. So, in the upcoming days we are hoping to benefit more children.

Photo Gallery with Description

SURVEY

at

Slum Area of Dimapur

by the Team, Pratibha, VWF

- Survey was the first step towards realising the idea of Pratibha.
- The Volunteers of Pratibha collected the data and proper information about the children before admitting them in Pratibha.
- The door to door survey was very much successful and Pratibha got its first batch of students.
- The survey provided an insight about many children in our society for whom going to school is still a dream.
- Initially, Pratibha started with 30 children and now we have more than 120 children.



During Survey at Slum area of Dimapur by the team Pratibha, VWF



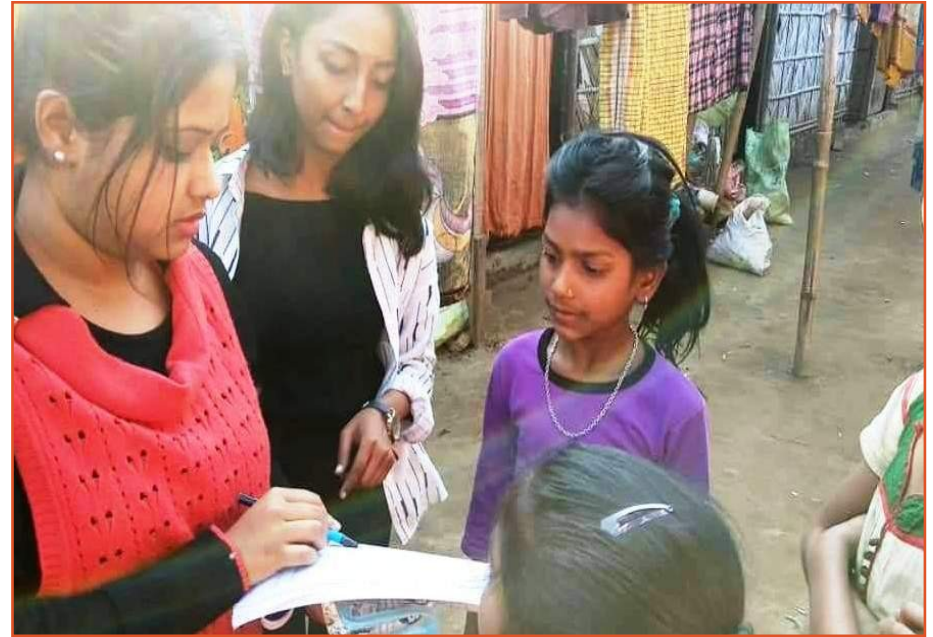
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First Introductory Class

- The initial classes of Pratibha was very interesting and challenging at the same time.
- Accommodating a bunch of unruly children who had no idea of basic mannerism inside the classroom was indeed a great challenge. But as children are like moist clay and can be moulded into any shape.
- The volunteers of Pratibha, vwf with their love and care moulded them into well behaved and disciplined children.
- The children were overjoyed to receive their first set of study materials and excited to join their new study center.



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Group Study

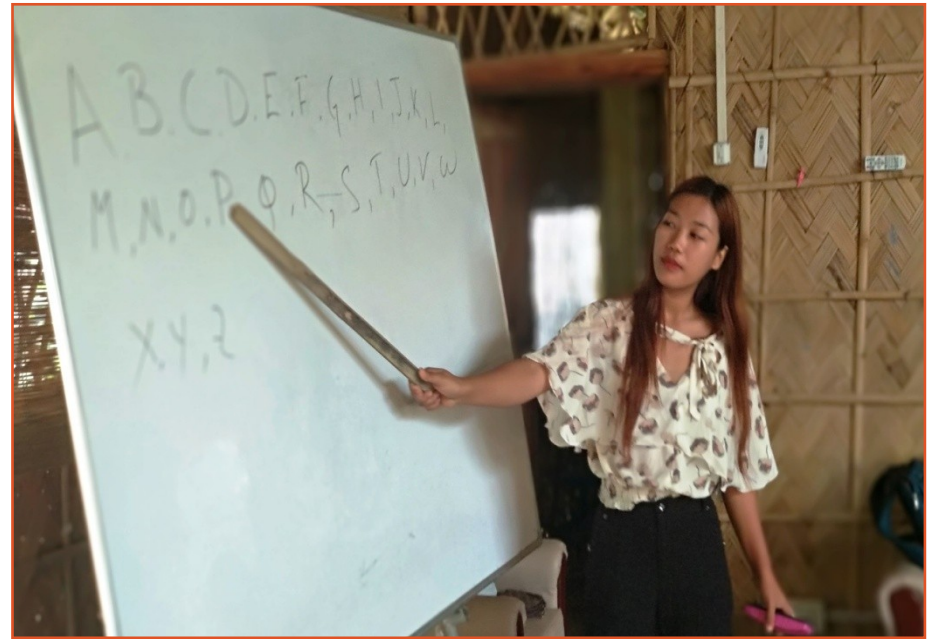
- Most of the children of pratibha can not afford formal school education.
- The group studies with the same age group provides them with a classroom like atmosphere.
- The children of pratibha belongs to different age groups from 4 to 14 years and categorizing them into different groups make it easier to impart education in a more effective manner.
- Join group studies helps them to learn to ignore their surroundings and disturbances and focus on studies.
- It helps them to learn classroom behavior , sharing and learning together with mates.



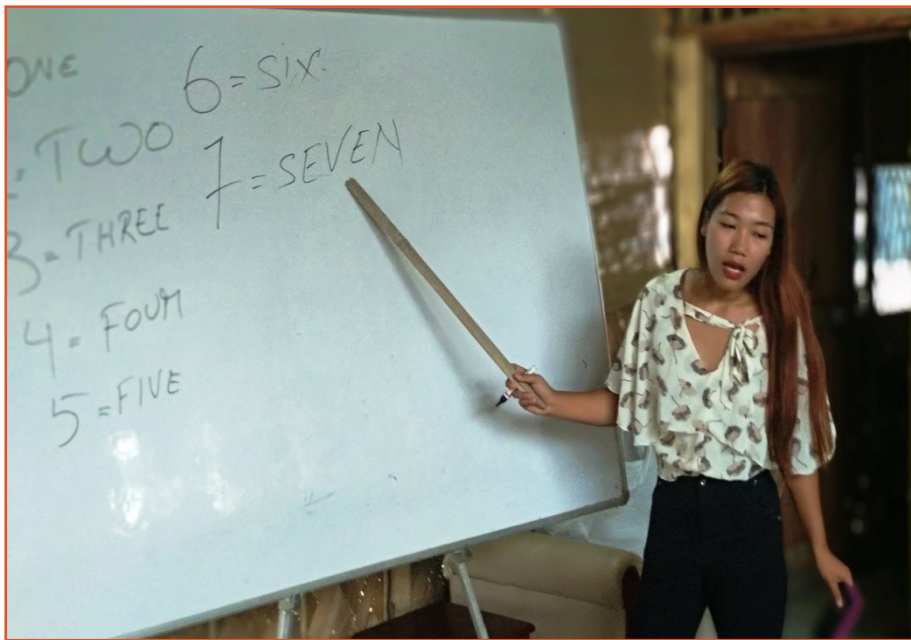
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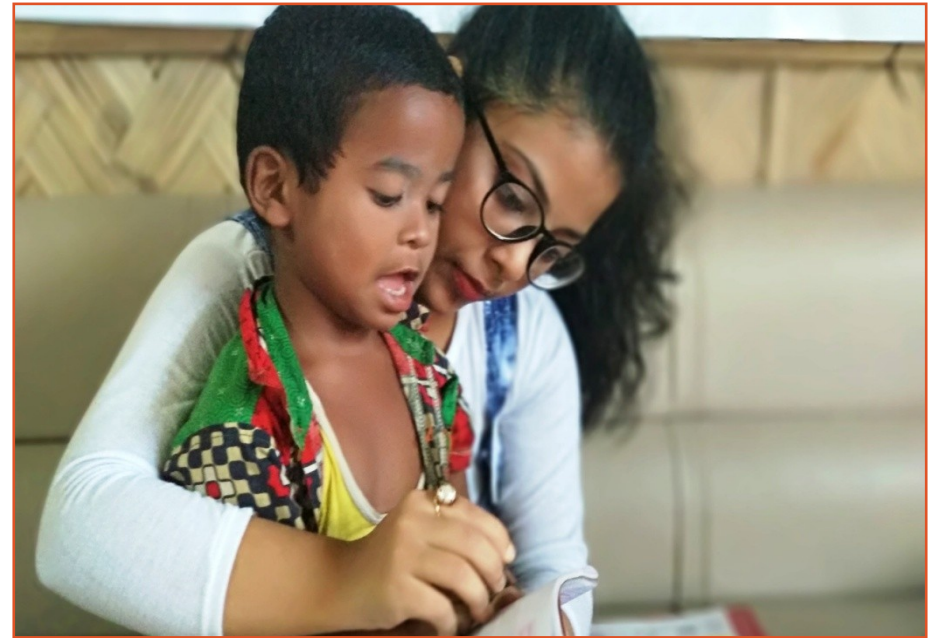
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Individual attention given to children

- Individualized instruction strategy is practiced at pratibha.
- The class room practices of teaching at pratibha includes identifying the uniqueness of each student and thus provide adequate tutorial guidance to the children.
- Pratibha adopts individual education planning process to help a student meet individual goals beyond his/her current skills.



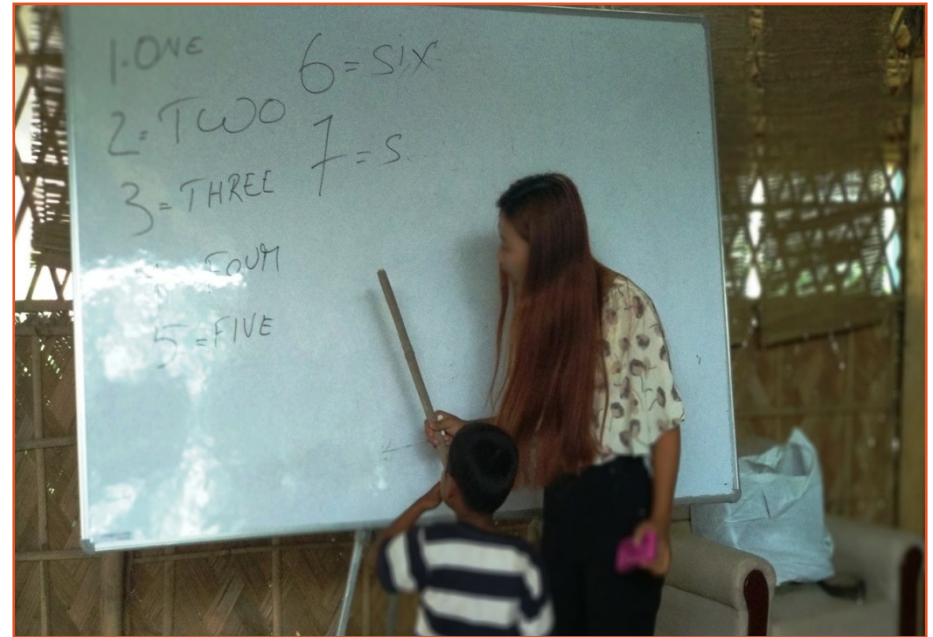
Individualised learning strategy



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Study with fun

- At pratibha , vwf , the mental health and mental development of the child is given due importance.
- The study atmosphere of pratibha is children friendly where the children can express themselves freely.
- The volunteers of pratibha give their best efforts to build the child's interest towards studies.
- The volunteers of pratibha are well aware of the impact of Love , care and concern on the very crucial for the all round development of a child.



Healthy atmosphere for proper mental development of the children



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Physical Activity **&** **Games and Sports**

- Sports experiences and help building self- esteem in children . In addition , participating in sports can be a helpful way of reducing mental stress and increase feelings of physical and mental well being of and child.
- It also helps in fighting against juvenile delinquency, conflict and aggressive out burst. So , indoor and outdoor activities are arranged for the children from time to time at Pratibha .



Importance of Games and sports in formal education



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**Various Programme
conducted
at
Pratibha**

International Womens' Day celebrated at Pratibha

- Celebrating International Women's Day at Pratibha on 8th March 2020 was an attempt to educate the children about Gender issues by means of which we can forge equality.
- Teaching Children and young adolescents to actively question and challenge stereotypes and bias is important because it helps forge a more inclusive world.



Our members & volunteers celebrating International Womens' Day



Our female members in happy mood as they are being celebrated.



Our members & volunteers celebrating International Womens' Day

Sit & Draw on Mothers' Day

- At Pratibha, we give wings to the child's imagination through Art.
- Children are visionary thinkers .
- A child's mind is full of imagination and colour and art as a medium helps them express themselves in an uninhibited manner.
- Every child has a very different perspective and an innovative way of thinking and we allow them to be more creative.



Art and creativity



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Platform provided to the children of Pratibha to showcase their talents

- The children of Pratibha were given an opportunity to perform a Dance Drama on the theme : " Fight against Child Labour and Child Abuse & Propagate the right to Education "during the 2nd Annual Felicitation Ceremony of HSLC and HSSLC Programme, held on 9th June, 2019 organised by Vivekananda Welfare Foundation where Shri Swapneel Paul, IAS was invited as the Chief Guest of the programme.
- This opportunity provided the children to learn new skills and introduce them to the outside world.
- The children were motivated and inspired by the speakers, dignitaries, and meritorious students. This encourages the children to study and perform well in their Academics. Such an exposure really motivated the students positively.



A dance drama was being presented by the children of Pratibha, vwf

Independence Day being celebrated at Pratibha

- Independence Day was celebrated at Pratibha to teach them about our freedom struggle , and arouse the feeling of unity and patriotism.
- The children were taught to respect our freedom fighters and leaders of our nation.
- The children are the greatest assets of any nation and hence they show know about their nation.



Independence Day being celebrated with cake cutting, Speeches & Patriotic song



Our active volunteers presenting some special numbers on Independence Day



Our senior members, lovely audience & children enjoying the Independence Day programme



Our members & children performing dance & songs on Independence Day



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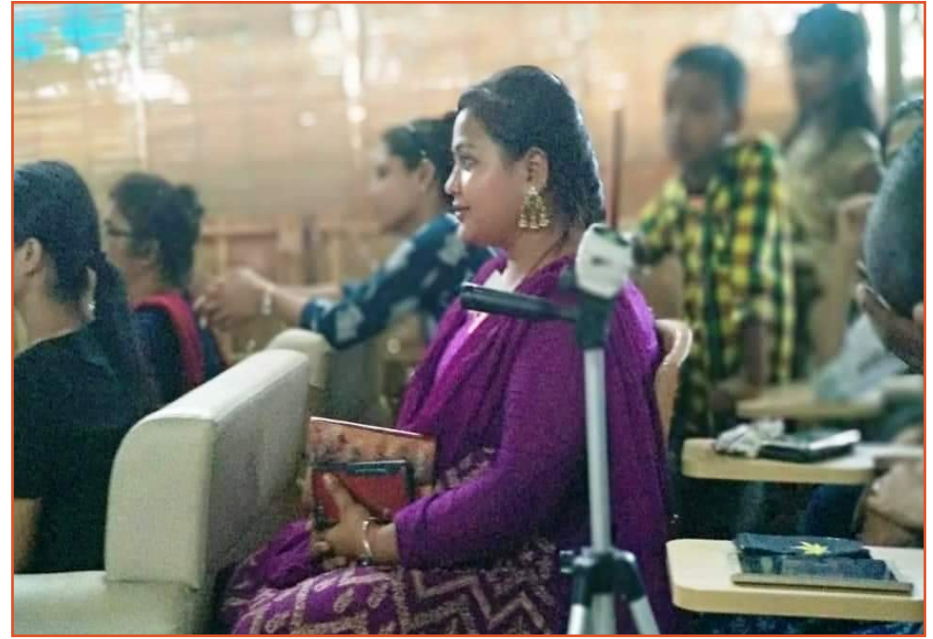
Group photo of our volunteers & members during Independence Day celebration

Teachers' Day celebration at Pratibha

- The Children of Pratibha for the first time took initiative , responsibility and organised a Teacher's day Programme for their loving teachers to pay tribute for their selfless efforts and contribution.
- The Children were given the freedom and allowed to arrange the Teachers' Day Programe in order to build the leadership quality and to teach them the skills of time management and discipline.



Teachers' Day being celebrated by the children of Pratibha, vwf



Volunteers & children performing various events on Teachers Day



Audiences enjoying the performance of our children on Teachers Day



Our children presenting beautiful dance & song on Teachers Day



Teachers Day being celebrated by the children of Pratibha

Cloth distribution on the occasion of Durga Puja

- The Official member of VWF, Shri Ashish Deb and his family distributed Clothes to the Children as gifts on the occasion of Durga Puja.
- Such a gestures and initiative from Shri Ashish Deb was to show the children they are special and loved. This act of benevolence taught the children to always share their blessings with the people around.
- It taught them the value of kindness and generosity.
- The volunteers were also given some special gift as a token of love by Shri Ashish Deb for their selfless service.



Cloth distribution going on for two days at Pratibha on the occasion of Durga Puja



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Our official member Mr. Ashish Deb presenting gifts as a token of love to all the volunteers for their selfless & dedicated service towards the underprivileged children of Pratibha during Durga Puja.

Childrens' Day celebration at Pratibha

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- Children are the world's most valuable resources and its best hope for the future.
- So, VWF organised Children Day Celebration at Pratibha to celebrate Childhood and make the children feel special.



Childrens Day celebration being observed by the volunteers & members of vwf



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Birth Day of our volunteers, members & well wishers being celebrated with the children of Pratibha, vwf

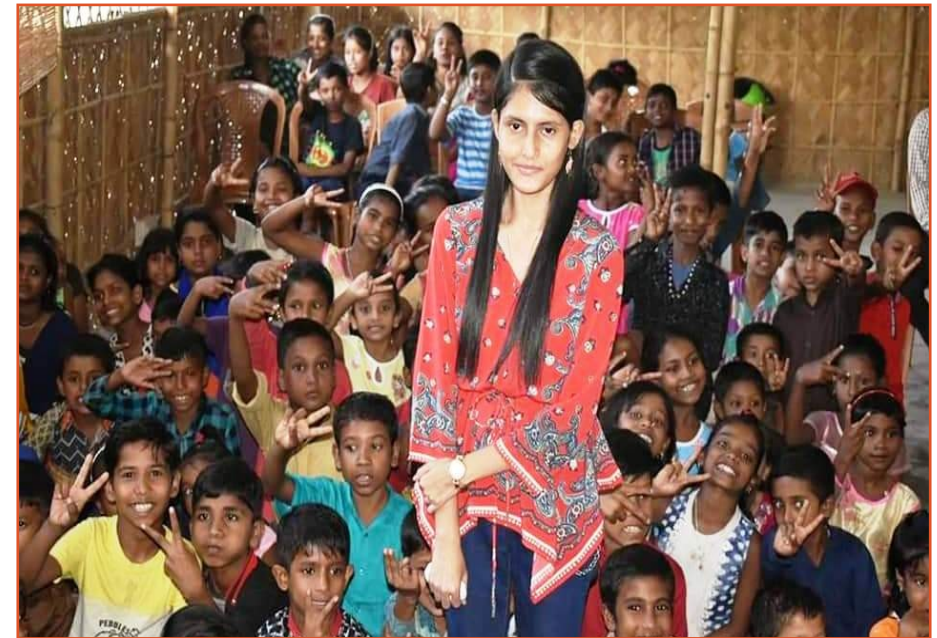
- Birthday Celebration are organized at Pratibha to make the children feel important, loved and special.
- Many volunteers, members of vwf celebrate their birthday at Pratibha with the children which helps to create a bond between them.
- The children enjoy the attention and feel secured and loved in a fun loving atmosphere which internet them to come to class as Pratibha is a place where they not only learn but also enjoy and have fun.



Childrens enjoying the birthday celebration of our members, volunteers & well wishers



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Educational Input For Children

- If we think education is expensive, it's nothing but ignorance. Vivekananda Welfare Foundation with the help of the kind contribution from its members managed to arrange various resources and educational inputs for the children of Pratibha.
- The children of Pratibha are motivated and encouraged to study by providing them all the basic educational materials, gifts and toys.
- It makes them feel loved, privileged and blessed.



Educational Resources and study materials



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Digital Class **on** **Waste Management**

- Practical education boosts a student's self - esteem, knowledge and skills and enhances their transition into working life.
- Practical work promotes experiential learning . So various learning activities are organised time and again at Pratibha, as the children learn better when they do something with their own hands.
- Students at Pratibha have access to digital education as it ensures quality learning . It allows high engagement , learning and help in personalized and learning .



Practical and digitalized learning for children



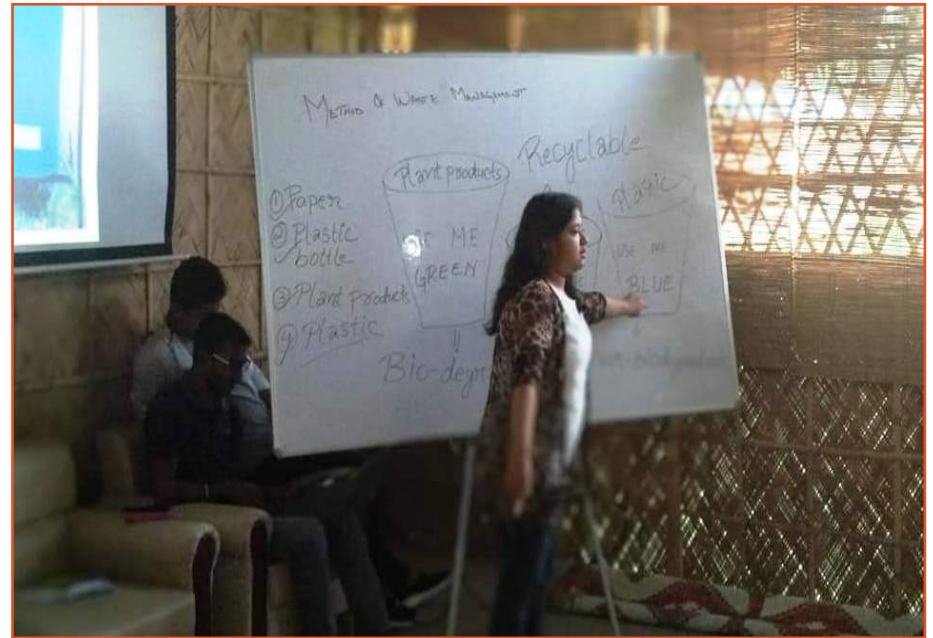
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Cap distribution **to** **Children**

- Visitors , distinguished personalities and guests from different walks of life are welcomed and allowed to meet and have interaction with the children. This makes the children feel loved and more important .
- The gifts and love that the children receive motivates them to dedicate themselves towards learning.



Interaction with the outside world



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Awareness Programme **by** **Childline Team**

- Various Awareness programme are organised for the children to make them aware about their Rights and Safety.
- VWF in association with Dimapur Childline organised campaign on different topics titled " Good and Bad Touch" and "Child's Rights" with the help of the volunteers of Pratibha.



Educative Awareness Classes



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Light refreshment given to children **after every class**

- Light refreshment are provided to the children in the form of sweets , biscuits , juice , cakes, etc daily after the classes of Pratibha to appreciate their hard work, and obedience .
- They are taught the idea of gift of labour through this simple reward that they receive.



Light refreshment being provided to the children to lighten up the mood of the kids

Mid day Meal **Given to Children**

- The children of Pratibha comes from humble background and poor financial status.
- They don't receive nutritious food in their daily lives which is very much essential for the proper mental and physical development of a child. Mid day meals are provided to the children as a hungry stomach cannot learn or absorb quality education . The providing of food encourages them to come to class and concentrate in their studies.



Children enjoying mid day meal at Pratibha



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Parents' Meet

- Understanding the problems of the children and conveying the importance of education to the ignored and unaware parents, VWF is playing the role of mediator between the needs of the children and their parents.
- VWF organised parents - teachers interaction session , educative and awareness seminars for the parents to educate them.
- During the seminars the parents spoke about their challenges in dealing with the children and their inability to give time and attention to their children which they deserve due to lack of time as most of them are daily wage earners .
- The interaction session helped to create a deep bond and understanding between the parents and teachers and in turn helps to guide the children more appropriately.



Volunteers of Pratibha interacting with partents



Volunteers of Pratibha interacting with partents



Co-ordinator of Pratibha interacting with partents



Volunteers of Pratibha interacting with partents



Registration of Children being done by the Volunteers



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President of VWF sharing of some motivational words to the parents

Plantation by Children & Volunteers of Pratibha

- The future generation needs to learn the importance of conserving Mother Earth.
- The children of Pratibha are taught about the importance of cleaning the environment , proper waste management and planting tress.
- Their learning includes environmental education , cleanliness activities, proper waste disposable and plantation activities.
- Children are taught to learn respect the environment , develop emphatic feelings towards every creatures and care about mother nature.



Plantation being done by the children & volunteers of Pratibha, VWF



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Our Children in Uniform

- Most of the Children of Pratibha cannot afford formal schooling and so school uniforms and books are like luxury goods and amenities for them.
- VWF in its humble attempt to give the children a formal schooling experience provided uniforms to make the children happy and fulfil their simple basic dream.



Distribution of uniform to the students of Pratibha



Our children in uniform looks beautiful & joyful



Our children in uniform looks beautiful & joyful

Menstrual Hygiene Awareness and Sanitary Pad donation drive by Lions Club in association with VWF

- Menstrual hygiene awareness is vital to the empowerment and well being of women and girls .
- It is about more than just access to sanitary pads and appropriate toilets.
- It is also about ensuring women and girls live in an environment that values and supports their ability to manage their menstruation with dignity.
- VWF keeping in mind the need of creating awareness about menstrual hygiene among the adolescent girls , mothers and sisters of Pratibha organised Menstrual Hygiene Awareness and sanitary pad donation drive to educate and empower them.



Distribution of sanitary pads by the volunteers



Distribution of sanitary pads to the mothers & sisters of our children



Interaction session by our co-ordinator, volunteer & Lioness (Blue Venda)



Some special moments during the interaction session among the female members



Awareness campaign on menstrual hygiene being done by our co-ordinator

Award received

- VWF was honoured by the Nagland Bhojpuri Samaj for its initiative towards imparting education to the underprivileged Children through its educational project , Pratibha.
- The foundation really got an encouragement to proceed further with its Project Pratibha.



The President & the project co-ordinator of vwv receiving award from Bhojpuri Samaj

Interaction with the Co-ordinator of the Project, Pratibha by the reporter of Nagaland Page.

- The brainchild of Pratibha, Miss Reeme Deb was interviewed by the reporter of Nagaland Page to cover the story of Pratibha in their paper , where she said that Childhood is the crucial stage in a person's life and it should not be lost in darkness.
- Education is a basic right for every child and hence should not be expensive rather imparted free.
- She quotes, " If you have been privileged to receive education , it becomes your responsibility to share it with people who have no access to education .



Our co-ordinator being interviewed by the reporter on how Pratibha came into being.

Youth Volunteers of Pratibha

- Along with its fight against child labour and child abuse and its efforts towards providing basic education to the underprivileged children .
- VWF is also providing a platform to the young people to explore and develop their personality and empowering the youths.
- VWF is providing internship to the university students and also rewarding them with certificates which would benefit them.
- The young volunteers of Pratibha are enthusiastic , hardworking people who believe change can be brought by our genuine sincere efforts .
- The volunteers of Pratibha feel that every child has the right to education .
- They believe as many of us are privileged to receive education we should realise the need to share it with many young brothers and sisters.



All the active volunteers of Pratibha, vwf



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THANK YOU