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TEAM SUVIDYA- MERIDIAN SCHOOL, BANJARA HILLS

This group aimed to spread awareness about the importance of attaining an excellent education in an environment that is conducive to learning and supports every student’s wellbeing. They started the project in their own school and then spread it to other schools. They conducted workshops on bullying, postsecondary education pathways, and other relevant causes at the school level.

Project Objectives:
▪ Address the issue of lack of quality education in rural schools
▪ Spread awareness about crucial issues like bullying which can be harmful for children
▪ Create a connection between school and industry to address practicality of learning

Activities:
▪ Adopted two rural schools in Gadwal district and set up a library, donated books, stationery, board games, toys and teaching aids and had a math workshop for students
▪ Organized a career fair to offer guidance to students in which 35 universities and institutes participated
▪ Spread awareness on anti-bullying in different grades
▪ Raised funds by collecting and selling newspapers and pet bottles to procure materials for rural schools and the career fair

Results:
▪ Greater dialogue around the importance of quality of education and not just access
▪ Larger student body involved in the movement through surveys, essay writing sessions, posters and discussions
▪ Better learning environment in the two adopted rural schools

Next Steps: These Agents of Change plan to continue their engagement with these schools and enlarge their library and supply them with resources
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THINKING BEYOND PINK AND BLUE – MERIDIAN SCHOOL, BANJARA HILLS

This group’s focus was to help start a progressive and liberal dialogue regarding women’s rights in their school and two other schools as a way to promote gender equality. They did this by administering surveys, conducting social experiments, hosting open discussions on topics like universalization of the pay grade and gender discrimination in the work place, role of women in armed forces, breaking gender stereotypes, reservation for women and women in power.

Project Objectives:
▪ Help women speak out about oppression and safety issues
▪ Engage all genders in a progressive dialogue about gender equality
▪ Educate young girls about the importance of menstrual health and gender rights

Activities:
▪ Conducted surveys to identify students’ understanding about equality of the genders
▪ Adopted two rural schools and educated young minds about gender equality through a street play in the local language
▪ Hosted an open discussion on topics like universalization of the pay grade and gender discrimination in the work place, role of women in armed forces, breaking gender stereotypes, etc.
▪ Conducted social experiments and short films on gender equality which were shared on social media

Results:
▪ Increased sensitization in immediate communities on issues of gender equality
▪ Greater awareness in students in rural schools about menstrual hygiene and gender rights
▪ Engaged a larger audience on the topic through the social media campaign

Next Steps: These Agents of Change plan to continue to spread awareness with the help of social media and through talks regarding the same topic
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PROJECT FLASH – MERIDIAN SCHOOL, BANJARA HILLS

This team chose to spread awareness about leading a healthy lifestyle to people in their city. They focused on the importance of mental and physical wellbeing while living fast-paced lives in a big city like Hyderabad to different stakeholders. They did this by hosting yoga sessions at partner schools, conducting awareness surveys and competitions, organizing health camps and supplies. They also spread awareness in two rural schools they had adopted.

Project Objectives:
▪ Spread awareness about the need to lead a balanced and healthy life
▪ Encourage people to focus on their mental health and wellbeing along with their physical wellbeing

Activities:
▪ Collaborated with the organization Behtar India and conducted community campaigns on health, cleanliness and environment
▪ Conducted health camps and yoga sessions at two adopted government schools
▪ Organized various information sessions with psychologists and doctors
▪ Set up an MMR vaccine Drive in their own school to raise funds to administer the vaccine to protect children from Mumps, Measles and Rubella
▪ Participated in the “Say No to Drugs” campaign organized by the Hyderabad Police Department

Results:
▪ The target audience is more aware about the importance of a healthy mind and body
▪ Through the various information sessions with doctors, students have a better idea about practical ways to improve their wellbeing

Next Steps: These Agents of Change plan to continue their involvement with this SDG and go deeper in their work on mental health and wellbeing