



Vimukti Sansthan

Knowledge liberates from bondage

Liberating Girls at-risk through
Education

Grim facts about status of girls worldwide



There are still 31 million girls of primary age out of school. Of these 17 million are expected never to enter school.

1/3rd of the girls in developing countries are married before the age of 18 .

Girls from poor families are nearly twice as likely to marry before 18 than girls from wealthier families.

Child brides have a pregnancy death rate double that of women in their 20s.

If nothing changes, there will be 142 million child marriages in developing countries between now and 2020.
That's 37,000 girls a day.

Why educate girls?



Health

- When a girl in the developing world receives 7 years of education, she marries 4 years later and has 2.2 fewer children
- Girls who stay in school during adolescence have a later sexual debut, are less likely to be subjected to forced sex and, if sexually active, are more likely to use contraception than their age peers who are out of school.

Economic Empowerment

- An extra year of primary school education boosts girls' eventual wages by 10–20 per cent.
- An extra year of secondary school adds 15–25 per cent.
- Giving women the same access to non-land resources and services as men could reduce the number of hungry people in the world by 100-150 million.

Educating girls should be a top global priority, especially in view of the huge multiplier effect of girls' education.



Vimukti Girls School (VGS) aims to liberate the girl child in poverty stricken households from discrimination through education and vocational training to help her to become an income earner, a caring mother and an agent of societal change.

About Vimukti Sanstha



Origin

- Vimukti Sanstha set up as a society in 2004 in Jaipur

Mission

- To combat and overcome the vulnerability of underprivileged young girls by providing education in an effort to make them self-reliant and self-employed citizens and to make them compete with the mainstream society

Goals

- To provide education to underprivileged girl children
- To impart vocational training to make them self reliant

Vimukti Initiatives



Vimukti Girls' School (VGS)

- Facilities provided: free education; free -books, stationery, uniforms, shoes, bags, meals, milk and subsidised transportation
- Qualified teachers
- Appropriate Teacher student ratio 1:25
- Have new test patterns i.e C.C.E Pattern from III to VIII
- Open school coaching for class X
- Special focus: To teach in English medium, Maths, Computers and Environmental Science

Vimukti Post School Support Centre

- Free Spoken English Classes and Career Counselling Sessions for Class XII girls
- Financial assistance for Vocational/Professional courses post class XII

VGS' Focus Area



Slums of Jaipur

- Suffer from various socio-economic problems which are intensified by the continued migration of poor families from rural areas.
- The living conditions, health & sanitation are of abysmally low levels.
- Face a high level of social ills like drug abuse and crime against women.

People served....

- Girl students, coming from families with incomes less than INR 10000 per month

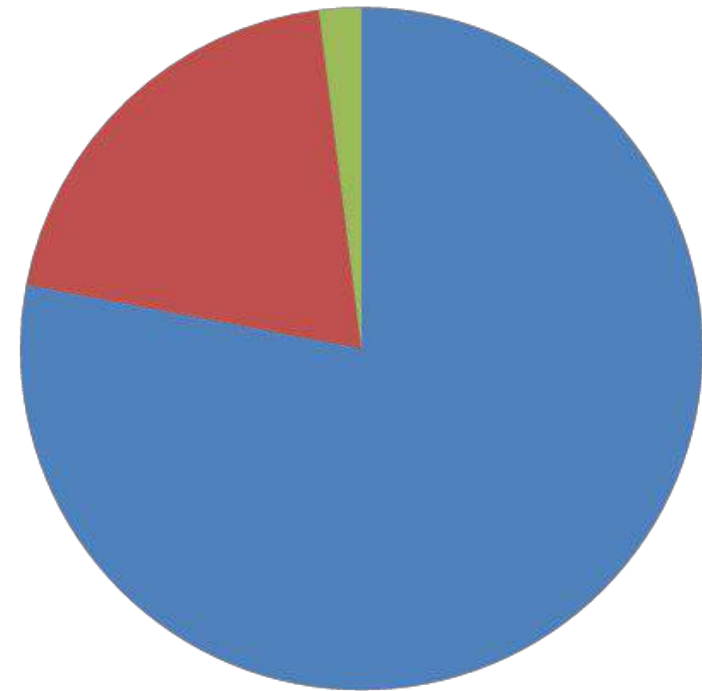
Key barrier is the attitude of poverty struck parents, who keep girls at home watching over siblings or involve them in low skill income generation.

Profile of VGS Students

Parents' Occupation

- Daily wage labourer
- Sweeper
- Painter
- Carpenter
- Cycle-rikshaw/Auto-rikshaw driver
- Maid
- Laundryman

Social Background



- Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/Other Backward Classes
- Minority (Muslims/Sikhs)
- General

Education Levels of Parents



Education level of parents		
Both uneducated	1 parent educated	Both educated
22.52%	47.02%	30.46%

Education level of Fathers						
Uneducated	Basic	Primary	Middle	Secondary	Senior Secondary	Graduate
37.75%	5.08%	19.43%	23.62%	9.93%	3.97%	0.22%

Education level of Mothers						
Uneducated	Basic	Primary	Middle	Secondary	Senior Secondary	Graduate
54.30%	9.49%	21.63%	9.27%	4.86%	0.44%	0.00%

Vimukti Girls School...



Activities

Academic

- Educational tours

Co-curricular

- Inter-house competitions :
Debate,
Mehendi(Tatoos),etc.
- Celebration of festivals
- Art & Craft sessions on Saturdays
- Special Classes: Music & Dance, Sports (Indoor & Outdoor)
- Annual Function with 100% participation
- Medical Camps
- Social Awareness for Parents and Students

Impact

In the last ten years, VGS has succeeded in the following

- Convinced the community to send their daughters to school
- Reduced evils like child marriage and child labour
- Changes in the attitude of parents: Participation of parents in the annual events and parent-teachers' meeting has increased steadily from a low of 20%, to reaching nearly 100%.

VGS' Achievements

Student body of 32 in 2004 has grown to 575 in 2016-17

Enrollment of girls from minority communities is increasing

1st batch of class X took exams in 2016-17

Introduction of 'Smart Class' to improve quality of education

Transitioned from Hindi medium to English medium



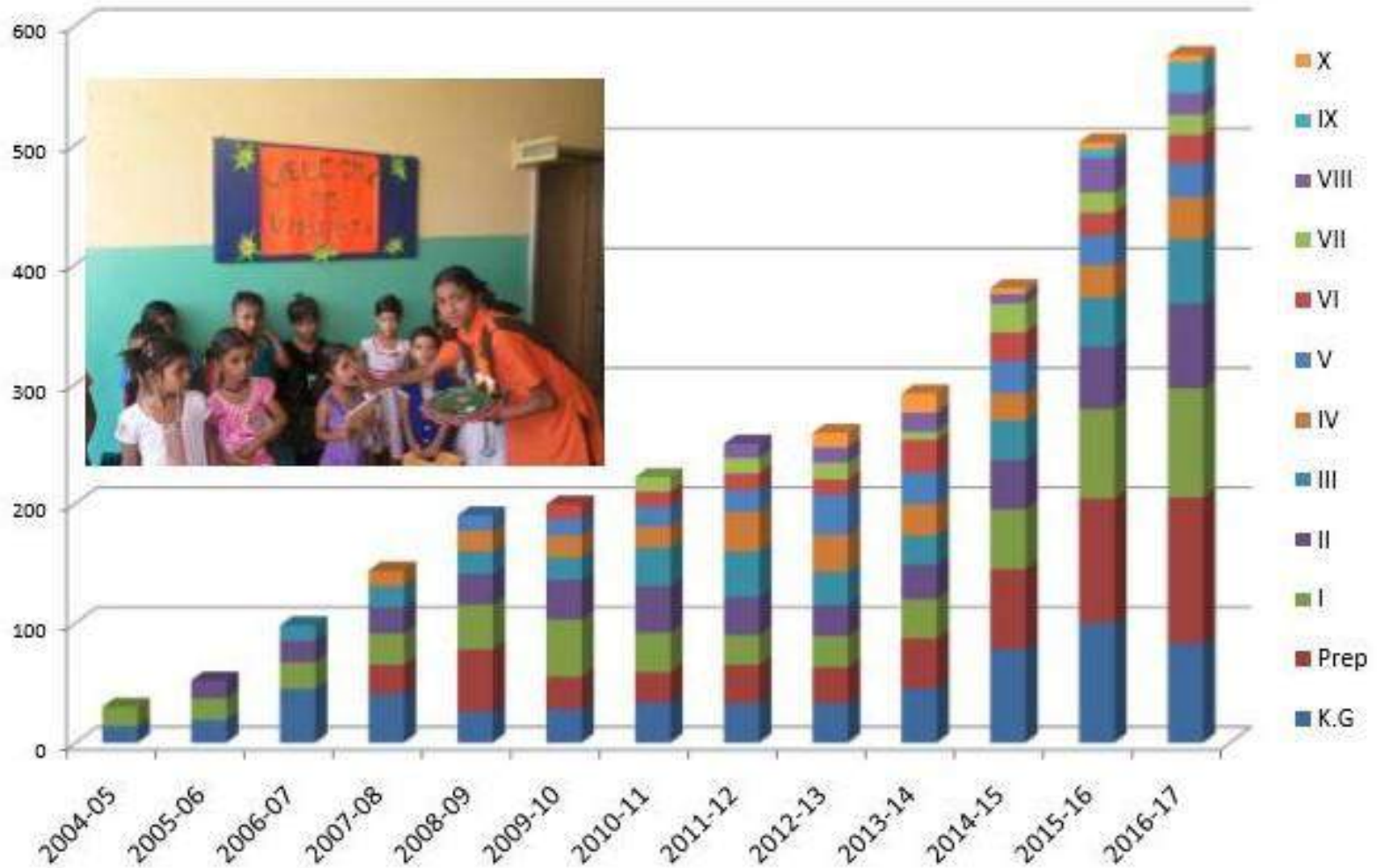
Now it's also the fathers who come for the parent teachers' meetings and not just the mothers

VGS' Achievements



- ❖ School affiliated to **Rajasthan Board** up to class X
- ❖ Received the “Certificate of Environment Excellence” from **Microsoft** in 2014-15
- ❖ Composite lab (for Science & Maths) set up in 2014
- ❖ Book-Club set up in 2015
- ❖ School Band set up in 2016
- ❖ Students participate & win in various city/state/national level athletics/drawing/painting/dance/dramatics competitions
- ❖ A VGS student made “Face behind the Dengue Awareness Campaign”-a national level campaign

VGS' growth...



30	52	98	144	190	199	222	250	259	292	380	502	575
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Number of Students

VGS' pictures (academic & extra curricular)



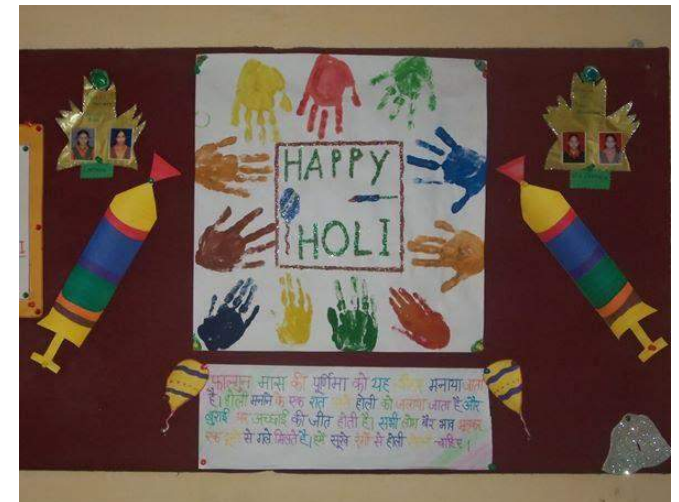
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Art and Craft at VGS



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Why should you support VGS



Targets the Poor

- VGS students come from families from the slums of Jaipur, with households incomes less than INR \$150 per month.
- VGS raises grants and donations from its supporters to ensure that the poverty affected family faces no financial pressure in sending the girl child to school.

Gives Best Education Opportunity

- Dedicated faculty
- Its student:teacher ratio (about 25) is low by national standards
- Vocational Training option

Eliminates Constraints to Learning

- Transportation, books, uniforms, supplemental meals and critical health support are provided to ensure that students can overcome such constraints to learning.

Minimizes Costs

- Offers low cost approach to supplement Government efforts to educate girls. The annual cost at VGS is about \$200 per child
- By working the afternoon shift at an established for-profit school, VGS avoids costs of school infrastructure which can be as high as 25% of total costs.

Engages Parents

- Annual consultations and events are held to get parents involved in quality and changing societal attitude to the girl child.

Stories of Hope



“My sister and I joined Vimukti 3 years back. I love my school very much, I have many friends here and I like the meals provided here every day. I love to study science. My aim is to become a doctor so that I can serve the society. I will always be there to help the poor just as my teachers do.”

Swati Baghel, Class VII



“We are happy that Anita is studying in VGS for the past 8 years. She is safe in the school environment. She wants to go to school daily. I am proud that my daughter is a part of VGS.”

Father, Anita Kayat, Class X



“I told my aunt I will not stop going to school, come what may. She finally agreed but I have to help her earn money at the same time by working as domestic help. It is only because of Vimukti that I realized the importance of education. My school has helped me build my confidence and has made me believe that even I can become a useful and responsible citizen of the society. I am a student of class VIII now and I want to complete my schooling and go for higher studies.”

Suman Dhanka, Class VIII

Vimukti Post School Support Program



- ❖ Vimukti initiated a program of post school support in October 2015 for deserving girls to pursue vocational training directed at obtaining gainful employment or coaching to prepare them for entrance exams for higher studies, after completing class XII.
- ❖ The program is being funded by **India Education Fund, USA & EduGirls, USA.**
- ❖ Under this initiative, spoken english classes and career counseling sessions are being conducted for class XII girls.
- ❖ “Vimukti Sanstha is making a great effort for its old students by providing free Spoken English classes where students like me are learning how to speak English more confidently.” Suman Bilotha (Suman studied in VGS from KG to class VIII and then joined a government school for further studies. She is now in class XII and has opted for Arts stream)

Vimukti Post School Support Program



Spoken English Class in progress



Counseling session in progress

Donors' feedback



"Great work has been taken up by the staff of Vimukti Girls School for the education of underprivileged girls. I wish them all success in building up the future of Vimukti girls. Truly a work of great devotion and dedication"-Ms Shobha Surana

"We have been associated with Vimukti for last 2 years and the change is commendable. It is indeed a pleasure to see these girls developing in all field of life"
Col GS Rathore, July 2015

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Current Challenges



- Recognition by the Rajasthan School Board for Vimukti to Grade XII requires, among other things, that Vimukti have a campus of at least 1 acre and to have a school day of at least 6 hours for the upper grades. Both of these are not possible at the current site, and as a result Vimukti is losing an opportunity to deliver excellence by losing control over the quality of education offered in after Grade X.
- Even for lower grades, VGS can not increase enrollment beyond 750 at the current location at lower grades without compromising on quality, which remains a VGS hallmark in the slum population of Jaipur. Space has clearly become the major constraint as Vimukti looks forward.
- An added challenge is the shift to rented premises from session 2016-17 onwards as the school had to vacate the earlier facility which was available free of cost.
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Proposed Solution



Short Term

- Limit new admissions to 100 students over next 2-3 years in the lower grades
- Focus on quality initiatives which can be taken up even at a rented facility like teachers' training, educational trips, etc.
- Even in the rented premise, we can start grade XI & XII as per Board requirements if we construct classrooms (The owners are willing to give us the space but we will have to bear the construction cost)

Long Term

- Establish a new campus which meets the requirements of the Rajasthan School Board for accreditation to Grade XII and deliver the highest quality educational experience to girls living in poverty to create a unique Vimukti brand at the High School level.

Short term solution...contd.



- Since this is a rented premises, we do not intend to have permanent construction done but have portable cabins installed which we can remove and use in our own building in future.
- We need to build 5 classrooms which we can use exclusively for Vimukti from morning and thus get more teaching hours daily which is essential for getting accreditation for class XII.
- This will cost us approximately Rs 25 lakhs with all the fittings

Long term solution



- VGS long term plan is to provide the highest quality High School educational experience including an effective vocational training /skill development mechanism to assist the girls select and get into good higher education and career opportunities
- VGS has already applied to government authorities for allotment of land at subsidised rates. If VGS is allotted land and as funds are raised, VGS High School will be established in the following manner:

Phase	Phase 0	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5
Year	1	2	3	4	5	6
Classes		IX-XII	VI-XII	KG-XII	KG-XII	KG-XII
Number of students in Primary Section (Classes KG to 5 th)		-	-	600	1,000	1,250
Number of Students in Senior Section (classes 6th to 12th)		100	250	350	500	750
Total Number of Students		100	300	950	1,500	2,000

Long term solution...contd.



- Phase 1: Launch Grade IX to Grade XII for VGS girls who finish at the current campus, to keep them in the Vimukti sphere of quality all the way to High School and avoid changing schools. It is expected that initially about 100 girls will be entering VGS High School from the current facility.
- Phase 2: Add Grades VI to VIII by picking up VGS girls finishing at the current facility. In these two years, the chances of fresh students at the new location will be low as initially higher classes will be set up. Fresh intake will continue in lower grades at the current facility (as the capacity will be created) and/ or branches.
- Phase 3: The whole of current facility will be shifted to the new location and it will be only from this phase onwards that a huge increase in fresh intake is expected in the lower grades (KG to V).

Long term solution...contd.



Proposed Quality Initiatives at VGS new facility

Phase	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5
Year (Year 1/Phase 0 will be the year of acquisition of land and construction for phase 1)	2	3	4	5	6
Classes	IX-XII	VI-XII	KG-XII	KG-XII	KG-XII
Student:Teacher ratio of 30:1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Number of Smart Classes to be installed	1	1	1	1	1
Science/Maths Lab	Composite lab		4 labs one each for Physics/Chemistry/Bio/Maths		
Library	Set-up	Expansion	Expansion	Expansion	Expansion
Educational Trips	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Teachers' Training	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sports/games' facilities	Badminton/basketball/volleyball/TT/carrom board/chess		Cricket/Swings/slides		
Computer Lab	Set up 1	Set up 1	Set up 1	Set up 1	
Post School Support	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Long term solution- Costs



All costs in Lakhs INR (These cost estimates were done in 2015-16)

Assumption1-School construction to full capacity of 2000 students

New Vimukti Girls High School	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
No of Girls in Grade KG to V				600	1000	1250
No of Girls in Grade VI to XII		100	250	350	500	750
Total No of Girls		100	250	950	1500	2000
Land	250.00					
Buildings	243.23	267.55	294.31	323.74	356.11	
Other Capital Expenditure		27.04	16.75	50.17	34.51	28.25
Operating Cost Educational		33.13	60.89	181.54	269.63	378.73
Cost of Quality Initiatives other than Cap-ex		9.30	16.06	22.86	32.54	48.10
Op. Cost Admin/Other		12.41	29.14	57.92	92.11	112.74
Total	493.23	349.43	417.15	636.23	784.90	567.81

Get Involved



CURRENT YEAR

- Sponsor a girl student
 - Currently 300 students unsponsored
 - Annual Sponsorship @ INR 12,000
- Sponsor portable construction of 5 classrooms in the rented premises @ INR 25,00,000 or help us procure construction material at subsidised rates
- Sponsor “Quality Initiatives”
 - Educational Trips (INR 3.5 lakhs, local trip for 500 students @ 50, outstation trip for 130 @ 2500)
 - Teachers’ training (one training for 6 teachers @ INR 60,000)
 - Digital learning solutions in each classroom (@ INR 1,50,000 per classroom)
- Donate towards any of the following
 - A day’s cost of providing milk and fruits to all the students-INR 1800
 - Cost of providing uniform / shoes set to one student-INR 1500
 - Annual cost of books / stationery / copies / bags to one student -INR 1000
 - Monthly cost of transportation of one student -INR 300

LONG TERM

- Help us setting up our own school campus
 - Contribute to the Land Purchase Fund-We need Rs 2-2.5 crores for land
 - Construction is split into 5 phases for which again we require at least Rs 2.5 crores in each phase. The capacity of the school building when complete will be 2000 students (these cost estimates were done in year 2015-16).

Thank You

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