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NEWSLETTER

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"We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope." -

Martin Luther King, Jr.

As we sail through difficult times, SwaTaleem salutes everyone who is fighting the battle against COVID-19 along with Girls, Government Officials, Teachers, and our TEAM. We would like to share some recent updates with our family.

HEALTH SESSIONS FOR KGBV



Agyat and Swati from Play for Peace conducted sessions focused on life skills through games for the KGBV Girls.

A day long health camp was conducted for KGBV Nuh in collaboration with **Dr. Ankita Modi** and her team on March 6, 2020. The camp focussed on

1. Eye checkup
2. One-on-one counseling for specific health issues
3. Nutrition
4. Eating Habits
5. Reproductive Health

SWATALEEM MAKES IT TO THE GLOBAL REIMAGINE EDUCATION AWARDS



SwaTaleem made it to the top 10 finalists in the [Global Reimagine Education Awards](#) 2019 held in London, UK. We presented our transformative design framework applied to solve problems in Haryana's KBGV Schools. We thank [Vatshal Srivastav](#), our supporter and a PhD candidate at the University of Heriot-Watt, Edinburgh for representing us on December 10, 2019.

FINDING THE SPARK IN ART!

With the support of one of our partners, Wipro Seeding Fellowship, we got to understand how visual art and design can powerfully impact student learning and development. This included different forms of art such as collage making, clay modeling, and skills to integrate the principles of Language Learning and Life Skills in a 12 day workshop spread over two legs of September 30, 2019 - October 5, 2019



and January 6, 2020 - January 12, 2020 by Arts Spark in Bengaluru in the southern Indian state of Karnataka. Our Program Lead [Arzoo Shakir](#) represented us.

SWATALEEM SPEAKS AT THE UNESCO CONFERENCE



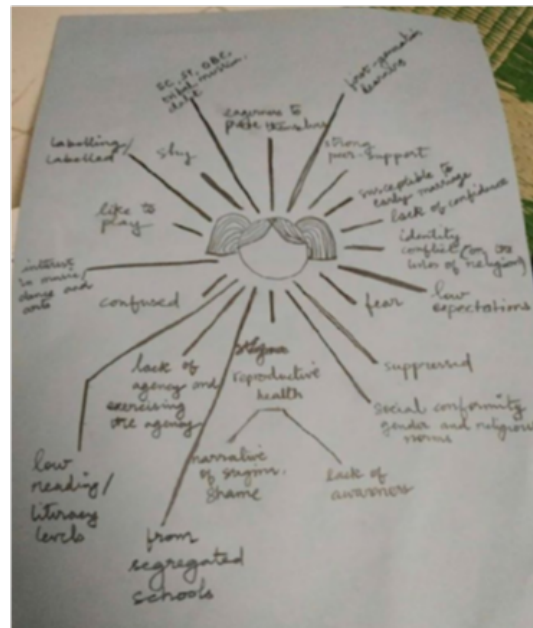
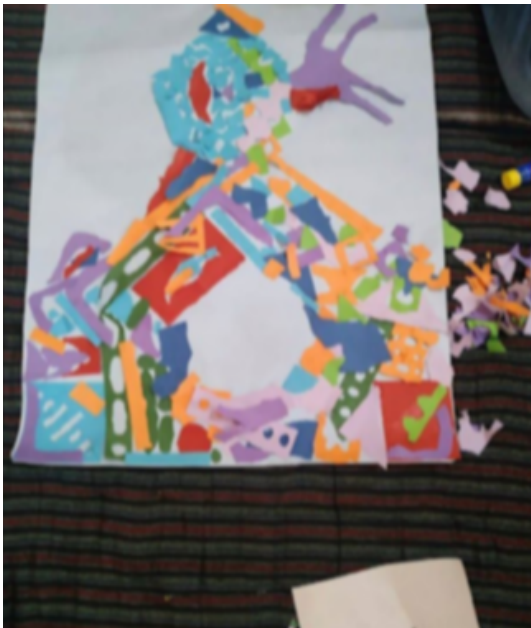
SwaTaleem was grateful to be invited to share the organization's efforts at the UN Tech 2019 on December 11 in Visakhapatnam in the south-eastern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh. This event focusing on socio-emotional learning brought experts, practitioners, academicians, and schools together from across the world. Our Co-founder [Ananya Tiwari](#) represented us.

TAKING A STEP BACK

& REFLECTING: OUR 2019 ANNUAL RETREAT



December 13-15, 2019 witnessed SwaTaleem's Annual retreat in Delhi and Mewat, India. We took a step back, reflected on our journey so far to reinforce our commitment to the Girls' of India's KGBVs and also towards what lies ahead.



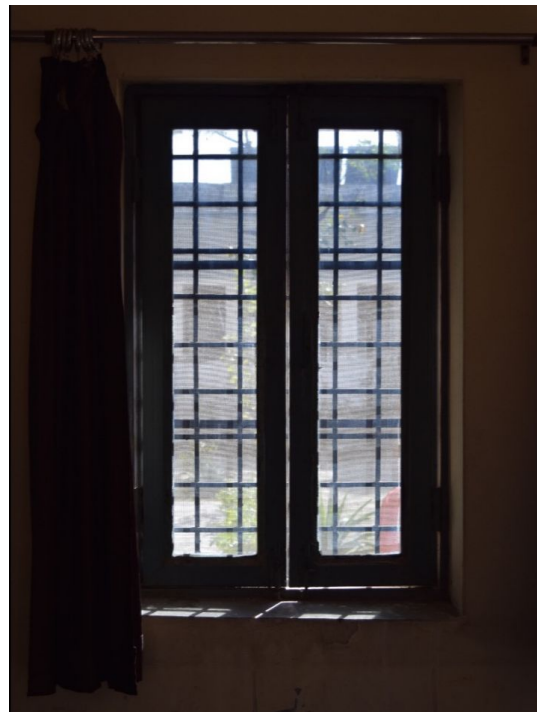
SWATALEEM TALES

Story Telling

**Working at the Intersection
of Gender and Education**



The Experience Learning Module (ELM) forms one of the important spheres of the Young India Fellowship program journey. For this, we have formed a team of 5 fellows who believe in working in education space and making an impact...



Having been brought up in an arrangement which not only is devoid of quality education but also structurally reinforces gender biases, I had always wanted to work at the intersection of Gender and Education. SwaTaleem offered me both and some more...

MEET OUR STARS!

TEAM THAT MAKES EVERYTHING POSSIBLE

Arzoo Shakir

Program Lead

Suganya Sankaran

Partnership Lead



Born and raised in Kolkata, [Arzoo](#) has her bachelor's degree in Urdu. Through her volunteering experience at Play for Peace since 2016, she has lived through the benefits and success of cooperative games in building peace and resolving conflict in communities, classrooms, and organizations. She is a certified Master Coach from Quest Alliance and has volunteered with World Vision since 2012 as a life skill education facilitator with individuals suffering from HIV AIDS. She has also worked as a district project manager for a year with Project Potential. Arzoo's love for travel and exploration of communities beyond walls came with her to SwaTaleem Foundation in January 2019.



The hope, strength, and resilience present in India's rural communities has been serving as the guiding inspiration for [Suganya](#) to explore education and development at the grassroots. She believes in the spirit of partnerships and in the power of collective voices to bring about change. Since 2016, she has worked across multiple organizations serving as a volunteer-teacher, partnerships manager, and teacher facilitator. Suganya has studied business and liberal arts before moving to education and SwaTaleem Foundation in January 2020.

SWATALEEM WINS US EDUCATION GRANT

SwaTaleem was the recipient of the [2019-2020 Global Intersections Study Grant](#) by the [Center for Global Studies](#), [Women and Gender in Global Perspectives](#) and [College of Education](#) to bridge the relations between SwaTaleem and the University of Illinois.

JOIN OUR JOURNEY!

IN INDIA

77%



OF UNEDUCATED WOMEN,
GET MARRIED BEFORE 18

What would you do if you knew that less than 30% of educated women get married before 18, compared to 77% of uneducated young women in India. *Support in changing this number.*

Join our endeavor to make quality education possible for many
Girls by becoming part of our journey!

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