



Purkal Youth Development Society

Rising to a Better Future

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Background & History



The Purkal Youth Development Society is a registered Society dedicated to enhancing the lives of disadvantaged rural youth through education, and empowering women through skill development. We work in a rural village outside of Dehradun called Purkal, located in the foothills of the Himalayan Mountain range in Northern India.

Our aim is to provide access for our whole community to quality education, health services and sanitation, whilst at the same time preserving the beautiful Himalayan environment, local cultural traditions and the sanction of the community.

Yuva Shakti

The Yuva Shakti programme dates back to 1998 and now has 160 thriving children under its care. We provide:

- Scholarships to a good English medium school
- A space for intensive educational assistance
- A nutritious afternoon meal
- Access to computers, library materials and other electronic media
- Regular yoga classes
- Skill-based career guidance and support



BTTP Programme

We are running a programme at PYDS called the Bus Them To Purkal which aims to take 9-11 year old girls from a background where little or no education has been available, and prepare them for life and entrance into our main educational scholarship programme. Funds were raised to buy a bus to collect these children every morning and we commenced their education in the foundations of English, Hindi and Mathematics. With dedicated teachers and original and innovative teaching methods, we have begun to create changes in the lives of these children with great success.



Young Adult Education – English & Computer Literacy

Another new programme, which commenced in 2008 is a scheme to assist young adults from the local community through education.

The aim is to give these willing candidates from poor backgrounds the skills they need to progress and find a good job. We hold 2 hours of English and Computer training on a daily basis and hope to prepare our students for careers in fields such as, nursing, retail or secretarial work.



Post XIIth Students

One of our major concerns is that the children under our care are not simply left without support when they finish school. We realize that this is a crucial time for them. As we are giving all of our children regular career guidance and support, we believe it is essential to follow this until they are secure in life. We are currently focussing on two post XIIth programmes that we would like to build over the coming years.

- Eight of our eldest students are currently taking their **Bachelor in Tourism Studies**, using Yuva Shakti's facilities. It is a 3 year course from IGNOU in Delhi. They are enjoying the course immensely and have many of the resources needed here to research, and they receive help with their projects and coursework. A two month annual Hands-on training with a Travel House at Delhi is part of the programme.
- Many of our students are interested in finding a job within the **IT sector**; as programmers, software designers, system analysts etc. We would therefore like to provide them with the facilities to train and perfect their skills here at the Yuva Shakti facility.

Stree Shakti



The Stree Shakti programme was started in 2004 with one lady and now trains and employs around 120 local women, who make beautiful handmade quilts and handicrafts that are sold throughout India and the world. Visit www.purkal.org for more information.

New Building



In 2009 we have completed of the construction of the new Stree Shakti building. This is a three storey, function-built workplace for 120 women. They can work in a clean and comfortable environment creating quality products.

Corpus Fund

We would like to form a Corpus Fund for our core of students from which we can sustain their education without having to re-apply for the support of donors each year. Initially, we aim to collect enough money from foundations, individuals and charitable trusts to provide for 100 students. It would then be possible for us to continue the growth and development of our projects without the added pressure of finding sponsorship for over 150 children.

To enable us to build this Corpus we propose to collect endowments in the following manner:

- Rs. 4,75,000 towards a Full Sponsorship. Full Sponsors would be acknowledged in a plaque placed in a public area of the school, and with a scholarship named after the Donor.
- Rs. 2,50,000 towards a Standard Sponsorship. Sponsors would be acknowledged with a scholarship named after the Joint Donors and
- Rs. 1,00,000 towards a Half Sponsorship.

The sponsorship model would still exist, but the Corpus Fund would supplement this. The Corpus Fund will provide a yield each year which will fund the education of these 100 students.

Total amount to be raised -	Corpus Fund Equipment for Stree Shakti and Yuva Shakti and buildings to accommodate these activities.	5 Crores 2 Crores
	Total	7 Crores

**For more information on our society please visit our website www.purkal.org
Cheques should be drawn in favour of the Purkal Youth Development Society and mailed to Purkal Gaon, P.O. Bhagwantpur, Dehra Dun 248009**



These Projects have been approved under Section 35AC and Section 80(G) of the Income Tax Act.

Donations above Rs. 20,000/- attract exemption under Section 35AC.

All other donations are eligible for exemption under Section 80(G)