



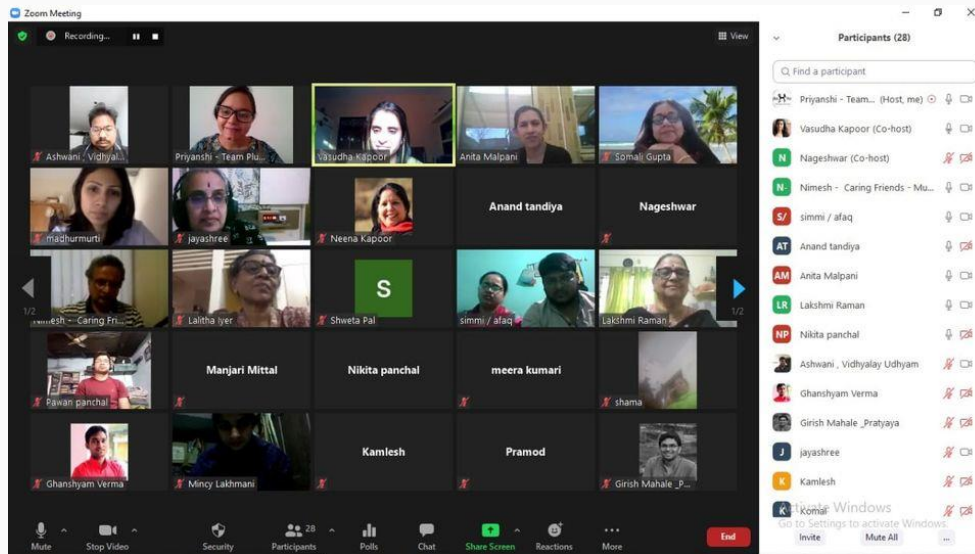
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Greetings from [Mera Gaon Meri Dunia](#) (MGMD)

“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever,” said **Mahatma Gandhi**. This is the time when we are remembering our past life and trying to face the emerging crisis with the tools we have got in this one year. We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to YOU, in sharing what we are able to do with your visible & invisible support in the previous month in our organization! We hope you would be having a wide smile when you scroll down and know about our journey of the last month.

Here we present **SAMVAAD with MGMD**, where we share our journey with you about *Mera Gaon Meri Dunia*.

New Developments at *Mera Gaon Meri Dunia*



Plustrust Friends Caring Adda - Ujjain Virtual Launch

We launched the **Caring Friends Adda** with Plus trust last month in **Ujjain**.

An 'Adda' is going to be a *'go-to' space for rural women entrepreneurs and changemakers* who have been fellows of Plustrust fellowships in collaboration with MGDMD. A space for not only sharing knowledge and experiences but lives. The Plustrust Micro-incubation process helps changemakers and social entrepreneurs, especially youth and women, located in resource-poor communities to refine, define, test, and develop their ideas for change. It typically involves defining the purpose, developing the plan for a pilot run, and fellowship support through the pilot stage with 'person'-specific mentoring, networking, and skill-development support. **Plustrust** is collaborating with a grassroots-level organization, **Mera Gaon Meri Dunia** [which is a former fellow-led social venture in Ujjain] to create an ecosystem for micro-incubation.

The idea behind it is a micro-incubation space for fostering rural women entrepreneurship should be **AVAILABLE**.

Stories from the Ground



Story of a Story-teller: Sneak-peak into [SPARSH](#) classrooms

Sandhya is from a small village in Mahidpur block of Ujjain district of MP. Born into a family where she is the first one to go to school, she expressed her zeal to learn every day.

Sandhya (a class 4 student) can be spotted sitting at the back, quiet and engaged with the teacher in the class. However, when she is repeatedly disturbed by another student through constant chatting she expressively says, 'Rohan is disturbing me. I need quiet to think and form a story'.

Read the full story on [our blog](#).



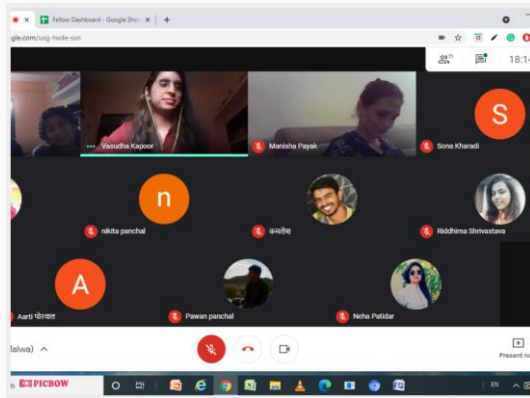
Mission Malwa: Story of Aarti

The young women of a small village named Hatpiplia in Ratlam district of Madhya Pradesh had to travel around 20 km to go to their coaching to clear the Police entrance exam.

Aarati, a young woman from the village dreamt to have a centre in the village. She is on her way to establishing a community centre where she is beginning to start group training for them.

[Mission Malwa](#) is a fellowship opportunity to support women like Aarati to realize their dream through need specific mentoring and a basic stipend to get them going.

Read More [here](#).



Seekhein Sikhayein: Mission Malwa Cohort Engagement

MGMD is onboarding 10 fellows, all young aspiring entrepreneurs who wish to create inclusive spaces for educational change in their community. In our monthly learning circle called ‘**Seekhein-Sikhayein**’, women shared their experiences as they approached the field for the first time. First interactions, visits, and sessions on the ground are full of apprehensions and always memorable.

“I expected to start working with a group of 30 girls right from the beginning. When only 7 turned up initially, I felt low. However, I feel I will reach out to more communities to engage more extensively.” says **Nikita**, one of the fellows who is working on the self-esteem of adolescent girls through building upon their hobbies.



Youth-led Community Learning Centre in Jhutawad

In **Mera Gaon Meri Dunia**, we firmly believe that *the learning of a child is not limited to the structured way of learning from books and classrooms; it can happen in any context*. With the help of a few youths of the community, we are facilitating a **community-learning centre** in Jhutawad village.

Children do their own activities in this space like reading library books, writing stories out of their own world, drawing etc. **One of our alumni Ghanshyam** brought in **the idea of digital learning** in this space which is receiving an overwhelming response nowadays. More youth who want to connect with the children and community are spending their time in the community centre while facilitating the learning.

Leveraging Ecosystems to build more

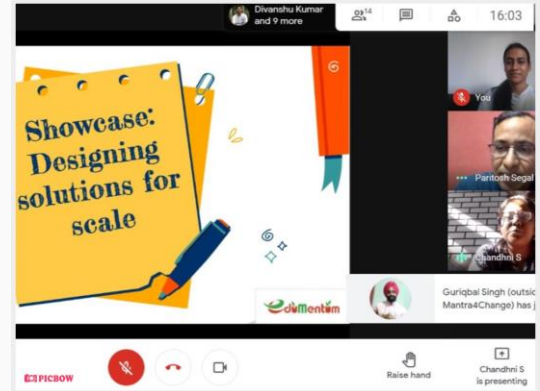


Academic Assessment in the villages of Mahidpur Road Cluster, Ujjain

We are doing grassroots level (primary) research to understand how COVID has impacted the learning outcome on the ground and what aspirations the stakeholders hold. We are assessing the **functional literacy and numeracy skills** of children in villages.

We have already collected academic reports of the children from 6 villages in the cluster and aim to complete the literacy skill assessment for **17 villages** by the end of April.

Only **12.5%** of children of **5th-grade government school** can perform **division** & can read level 2 English.



MGMD in Design for Scale with EduMentum

Last month **Mera Gaon Meri Dunia** participated in the **design for the scale workshop series** organized by **EduMentum**.

After 4 workshops, multiple discussions, and running intensive pilot programs, 5 organizations along with Mera Gaon Meri Dunia shared their journey of designing scale-ready solutions for their regions where they will be working with their primary stakeholders.

The solutions piloted by us were on *the impact of reducing misbehaviours in the classroom and the tools we have built for peer observation.*

Covid Relief Work in Mahidpur Block



Distribution of Sanitary Napkins in Rural Mahidpur

In one survey of **MAHI** *84 per cent stated that there is either no or severely restricted access to menstrual products in communities that they work in*, especially for sanitary pads. **Mera Gaon Meri Dunia** started distributing **Sanitary Napkins** in **rural Mahidpur block** with the support of **Mission Malwa fellows Nikita, Komal**. We are looking forward to distributing **5000 packets** in rural areas across all blocks.

Reading for Reflection



Spirit of Service: An Articled Conversation of Nipun & Venkat

Every Saturday Awakin Calls host a conversation with an individual whose inner journey inspires us and whose work is transforming our world.

I don't have a bucket list. If possible, I'd love to find a way to erase my existence from all memory, so that the memories are not "wasted" but can be used for others who would like to be remembered," says Venkat.

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