



Yogoda Satsanga Palpara Mahavidyalaya

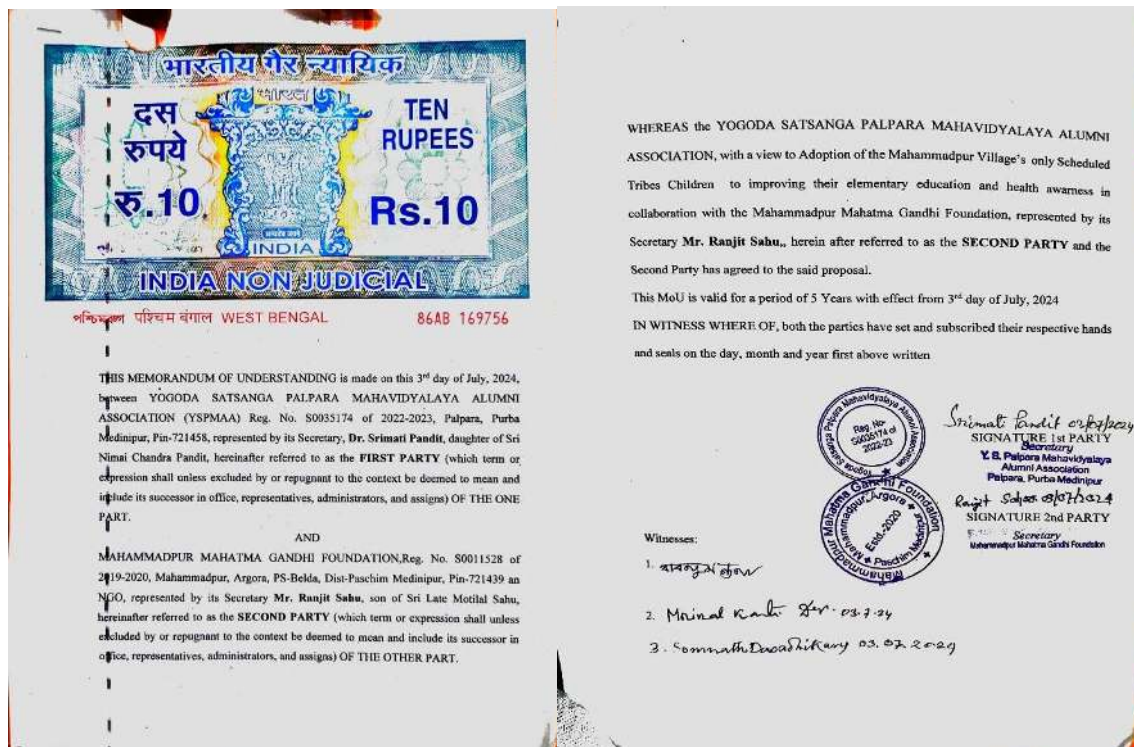
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REPORT ON ADOPTION OF MAHAMMADPUR VILLAGE BY THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, YOGODA SATSANGA PALPARA MAHAVIDYALAYA

Introduction:

On July 3, 2024, a transformative Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Yogoda Satsanga Palpara Mahavidyalaya Alumni Association, led by its Secretary, Dr. Srimati Pandit, and the Mahammadpur Mahatma Gandhi Foundation. This agreement laid the groundwork for a comprehensive initiative aimed at fostering the holistic development of scheduled tribe children in Mahammadpur Village. Through this collaboration, the Alumni Association has undertaken a range of activities focused on enhancing education, preserving indigenous knowledge systems (IKS), and promoting community health, all while preparing the children to compete in the global village.



WHEREAS the YOGODA SATSANGA PALPARA MAHAVIDYALAYA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, with a view to Adoption of the Mahammadpur Village's only Scheduled Tribes Children to improving their elementary education and health awareness in collaboration with the Mahammadpur Mahatma Gandhi Foundation, represented by its Secretary Mr. Ranjit Sahu, herein after referred to as the SECOND PARTY and the Second Party has agreed to the said proposal.

This MoU is valid for a period of 5 Years with effect from 3rd day of July, 2024

IN WITNESS WHERE OF, both the parties have set and subscribed their respective hands and seals on the day, month and year first above written

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is made on this 3rd day of July, 2024, between YOGODA SATSANGA PALPARA MAHAVIDYALAYA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (YSPMAA) Reg. No. 50935174 of 2022-2023, Palpara, Purba Medinipur, Pin-721458, represented by its Secretary, Dr. Srimati Pandit, daughter of Sri Nimai Chandra Pandit, hereinafter referred to as the FIRST PARTY (which term or expression shall unless excluded by or repugnant to the context be deemed to mean and include its successor in office, representatives, administrators, and assigns) OF THE ONE PART.

AND

MAHAMMADPUR MAHATMA GANDHI FOUNDATION, Reg. No. S0011528 of 2019-2020, Mahammadpur, Argora, PS-Belda, Dist-Paschim Medinipur, Pin-721439 an NGO, represented by its Secretary Mr. Ranjit Sahu, son of Sri Late Motilal Sahu, hereinafter referred to as the SECOND PARTY (which term or expression shall unless excluded by or repugnant to the context be deemed to mean and include its successor in office, representatives, administrators, and assigns) OF THE OTHER PART.

Witnesses:

1. *Signature*
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(IKS). Recognizing that education must be a tool for both personal empowerment and cultural preservation, the following initiatives have been implemented:

English Education and Global Competence: The Alumni Association has introduced an English education program designed to equip the children with the language skills necessary to compete in the global arena. A dedicated teacher, provided by the association, ensures that these lessons are aligned with the children's local values and traditions, bridging the gap between modern education and cultural integrity.

Cultural Education and Song: To foster a sense of pride and continuity in their heritage, the children are taught traditional songs and cultural practices. This not only helps in preserving their cultural identity but also reinforces the importance of community values. The association's approach ensures that education does not erode cultural roots but rather strengthens them.



Daily Breakfast and Nutritional Support: Understanding the link between nutrition and effective learning, the Alumni Association has taken the initiative to provide daily breakfast for the children. In addition, a full meal is offered once a day, ensuring that the children have the energy and nourishment they need to focus on their studies. This aspect of the program highlights the association's commitment to the overall well-being of the children.



Community Health and Parental Engagement:

The holistic development of children cannot be achieved without addressing the broader community's health and the active involvement of parents in their upbringing. The Alumni Association has implemented several key activities in this regard:

Health Camps and Awareness Programs: Regular health camps are conducted in Mahammadpur Village, where the children and their families receive basic health check-ups and advice on maintaining good health. These camps focus on preventive care, hygiene, and nutrition, ensuring that the children grow up healthy and strong.



Mother's Involvement in Child Development: The association recognizes the crucial role mothers play in the upbringing of their children. To this end, they have established regular communication with the mothers, offering guidance on how to support their children's education and overall development. This collaborative approach ensures that the children receive consistent support both at home and in the classroom.

Community Value Preservation: By working closely with the mothers and other community members, the Alumni Association is also helping to preserve and pass down traditional knowledge and practices. This includes teaching the children about their community's history, values, and practices, thereby strengthening their cultural identity and sense of belonging.



Holistic Development and IKS Preservation:

The ultimate goal of the Alumni Association's initiatives in Mahammadpur Village is to promote the holistic development of the children, ensuring they grow up to be well-rounded individuals who are rooted in their culture yet equipped to thrive in a globalized world. This holistic approach is reflected in the following activities:

Integration of Modern and Traditional Education: The curriculum designed by the Alumni Association seamlessly blends modern education with the preservation of indigenous knowledge systems (IKS). This integrated approach ensures that while the children are learning English and other subjects necessary for global competence, they are also deeply connected to their cultural roots.

Promotion of Community Health: The focus on health is not limited to the individual; it extends to the entire community. The health camps and awareness programs are designed to create a healthier environment for the children to grow up in, thereby enhancing the overall quality of life in

Mahammadpur Village.



Empowerment Through Knowledge: By providing education that is both globally relevant and culturally grounded, the Alumni Association is empowering the children of Mahammadpur Village to become agents of change in their community. They are being prepared not only to compete in the global village but also to lead their community towards sustainable development.



Impact Assessment:

The activities carried out by the Yogoda Satsanga Palpara Mahavidyalaya Alumni Association in Mahammadpur Village have already begun to yield positive results. The children are showing improved academic performance, enhanced cultural awareness, and better health outcomes. The involvement of the mothers and the focus on community values have created a supportive environment that is conducive to the children's overall development.

The introduction of English education, combined with the preservation of traditional songs and practices, has created a unique educational experience that is both enriching and empowering. The provision of daily meals has also played a significant role in improving the children's physical health and their ability to concentrate in school.

Holistic Development in Action:

The Alumni Association's approach to holistic development is evident in the way they have seamlessly integrated educational, cultural, and health-related activities. By addressing the needs of the whole child—intellectual, physical, emotional, and cultural—they are laying the groundwork for the children of Mahammadpur Village to become well-rounded individuals who can navigate the challenges of the modern world without losing touch with their heritage.

The association's efforts are not just about providing education or health care; they are about creating a nurturing environment where children can thrive. This holistic approach ensures that the children are not only prepared for academic success but are also equipped with the values and skills

necessary to lead fulfilling lives in a rapidly changing world.

Conclusion:

The Memorandum of Understanding between the Yogoda Satsanga Palpara Mahavidyalaya Alumni Association and the Mahammadpur Mahatma Gandhi Foundation has set in motion a series of activities that are transforming the lives of the children in Mahammadpur Village. Through a holistic approach that integrates modern education with the preservation of indigenous knowledge systems, the Alumni Association is not only helping these children compete in the global village but is also preserving their cultural heritage.

The impact of these activities is already visible in the improved academic performance, better health, and stronger cultural identity of the children. The Alumni Association's commitment to the holistic development of these children is commendable and serves as a model for other communities. With continued efforts and dedication, the children of Mahammadpur Village are poised to become leaders of their community, capable of navigating the complexities of the modern world while staying true to their roots.