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Q&A

Their mission to increase literacy and address the education crisis in India especially among girls. Access to a quality education gives girls a shot at true independence and will have positive impact on future generations.

Introduction to Pratham
Our friends Madhu Chawla and DP Venkatesh. We started to become involved through the annual gala in DC.

Pratham inspiration
Their powerful presentation showed the confidence and freedom that come with literacy and education.

Pratham in three words
Education. Independence. Hope.

Memorable Pratham moment
At the 2018 gala, two young girls from a small village spoke about their educational journey with Pratham. They were incredibly brave. Their presentation showed the confidence and freedom that come with literacy and education.

Shital Patel
Houston Board Member

Memorable Pratham moment
Seeing how happy and eager the kids were to learn made my children realize that education is a privilege.

Pratham in three words

Introduction to Pratham
My dear friends Hemant and Indrani Goradia.

Pratham inspiration
The fact that most of the money donated to the charity goes towards programs.

Experience visiting Pratham site
My family visited a balwadi in Mumbai and we were struck by how efficiently it was run. Seeing how happy and eager the kids were to learn made my children realize that education is a privilege.

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Introduction to Pratham
My dear friend and former colleague Guddipal Pali arranged a brief conversation with Dr. Rukmini Banerji during the annual Gala in Bellevue, WA.

Pratham inspiration
It has been an impressive organization of dedicated and committed people who are intervening at scale throughout India. Very efficacious manner with humility.

Experience visiting a Pratham site
I've visited sites in Lucknow, UP and Mumbai. Every learning group was energized by extremely bright children. It is not hard to imagine India on a different plane in a couple of decades once these high potential individuals impact the entire nation.

Pratham in three words

Memorable Pratham moment
In Lucknow, I asked one of the children, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” His response was, “I want to be like you.” What he meant was he wanted to be like one of the Pratham personnel.

Memorable Pratham moment
“Memorable Pratham moment: All the people I was working with were. Everyone in my office strongly believed the people I was working with were. Everyone in my office strongly believed in Pratham’s mission and went above and beyond to help as many lives as possible.”

Pratham in three words
Education. Transparency. Leadership.
Introduction to Pratham
A panel about education and development at Harvard. I initially joined the Boston chapter as a volunteer and am currently a board member.

Pratham inspiration
Their wide breadth of scale and impact across India. The dedication and energy of the volunteers and teachers. The metric-driven innovation in techniques. The constant adaptation of its technologies and approaches.

Experience visiting a Pratham site
I have visited various Pratham programs across multiple states. When I see children excited and inspired by what they are learning, I realize the impact of my contributions to Pratham.

Pratham in three words

Memorable Pratham moment
At a Pratham program near Chennai, I had the opportunity to interact with the mothers of the participants. As they shared their hopes and dreams for their children, I realized the whole ecosystem that Pratham was transforming.

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