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Silicon Valley Chapter

Swami Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Lodhar

Mid-Year Review October 2025

Overview

- ❑ Swami Vivekananda Vidyalaya is a formal school, founded in 1996 in Kanpur District, Uttar Pradesh



- ❑ Run by Jagriti Bal Vikas Samiti, established in 1997
 - ❑ Jagriti Bal Vikas Samiti also runs Apna Skool, which is another Asha Silicon Valley supported project
- ❑ Asha Silicon Valley support started in May 2022 for after-school activities to encourage girls
 - ❑ Project URL: <https://ashanet.org/project/?pid=99>

Overview (continued)

- ❑ School is for kids studying in kindergarten through eighth grade. Total 260 students, 65% are girls
- ❑ 11 teachers; minimum qualifications: college graduates with B. Ed. degrees
- ❑ Innovative teaching methods: learning by doing, hands-on experiences, no corporal punishment
- ❑ School buildings include library, science lab, and computer room



After School Programs

- ❑ Taekwondo
 - ❑ 25 students
 - ❑ 10 SVV students participated in local championship in July with kids from 50 schools
 - ❑ 11 girls promoted to next belt level at the end of August in tests held by the district association



After School Programs

- ❑ Dance and Music
 - ❑ Classical Dance (Kathak): 35 students
 - ❑ Music (vocal and instrumental): 37 students
- ❑ Computer Classes
 - ❑ 10 girls

Challenges

- ❑ Funding crunch for the last 3 years since Asha Delaware and AID Penn State had stopped funding the school
 - ❑ AID Penn State has been able to resume funding this year
 - ❑ Triveni Foundation to also expected to send funds this year
 - ❑ Jagriti Bal Vikas Samiti requests that Asha SV
 - ❑ increase the funding level
 - ❑ allow the school to allocate funding for general operations
 - ❑ permit flexibility in fund utilization
- ❑ Administrative challenges with children and their cell phone use
 - ❑ Teachers are discussing these issues with children in groups as well as one-on-one
 - ❑ Women teachers interact with girls and make them aware of the potential for abuse and other pertinent issues

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