

WONDER GIRLS

IMPACT REPORT



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FROM THE FOUNDER

Every human being should have an opportunity and platform to actualize their dreams. We want to live in a world where that's possible. We know that diverse organizations and leaders have to operate at multiple levels to make the change we want to see happen. Wonder Girls is our contribution to accelerate that process in a positive direction. Our program aims to make girls confident and comfortable in their career and life choices by giving them raw, honest, and unedited access to relatable female role model journeys. Our role models come from a wide spectrum of careers ranging from scientists, engineers, doctors, civil servants, and professors to artists, casting directors, sportspeople, and radio jockeys. On the other hand, boys also need strong female role models while growing up. Exposing boys to female role models early on teaches them to respect women as achievers and see them as equal players in the world. It also helps them to grow up to be better leaders at work by exposing them to a prized 21st century skill, gender sensitivity.

Saying that the Wonder Girls Foundation Program is a 'big hit' is an understatement. We are overwhelmed by the various expressions of love we constantly receive from students, teachers, role models, and school leadership, and we are grateful to be at the receiving end of such honest expression and connection!

In 2020, during the pandemic, we operated in 92 classrooms digitally and collaborated with 90+ teachers. We have impacted 1440+ adolescents directly. Every participating student spent 6 hours with us engaged deeply in our program, collectively spending more than 8000 hours on the program. More than 160 relatable female role models engaged with us directly, volunteering at least an hour of their time. Many role models spent multiple hours interacting with adolescents through our platforms. Students have been showering us with their notes, poems, letters, videos, and art: all forms in which they express their transformational stories. This is really the highlight of our work. Voices of our community keep us going and keep us focused.

We are grateful to all the teacher partners for giving us the opportunity to serve them and their students. We are grateful to every role model who said yes to participate in our program. Our love and admiration for every role model who showed up again and again to participate in classrooms. We thank our supporters who firmly stood beside us and gave us the confidence to move forward even during very difficult times. Our program stands on your shoulders. From a project that began with a book, we are now a thriving organization with multiple impact initiatives centered around the powerful idea of making relatable female role models ubiquitous and accessible to young Indians in diverse formats in educational settings. Your support enables us to stick to our path everyday.

In this report, our team is excited to present to you findings from our foundation program edition one, academic year 2020-2021.

Hope you enjoy reading the report!

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THE TEAM



MANASI THACKER
PROGRAM MANAGER



TANISHA KAMPANI
COMMUNICATIONS



DIYA THACKER
MARKETING

FROM OUR FOUNDING ADVISOR



Careers are empowering. They are rewarding and fulfilling; not just financially, but emotionally and psychologically. They transform individuals, families and societies. But how do first-generation learners access this world of work and careers, with all their myriad possibilities? For that, we need programmes like Wonder Girls, a unique bridge to help young girls - and boys - get a better understanding of the world beyond their immediate ecosystem. To provide inspiration and ignite their imagination to dream bigger dreams, through a curated programme of relatable role models.

It is heartening to note that the Wonder Girls Foundation program, which began with a single book, has grown into a digital platform enabling hundreds of interactions between role models, students and teachers. Having visited Teach For India classrooms - both offline and online - where the Wonder Girls program has been conducted, it is wonderful to see the enthusiasm of the TFI Fellows in adopting this program for their students. It is also incredible to see the energy of our role models, who light up the classroom with their insights and stories.

India's demographic dividend will only be realised if its youthful workforce - especially girls and young women - are given an opportunity to realise their ambitions. Programmes such as Wonder Girls provide creative, practical, scalable ways to help these ambitions translate into reality. I am proud to be associated with it.

APARNA PIRAMAL RAJE

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OBJECTIVE & VISION OF WONDER GIRLS

Wonder Girls has a singular mission: to enable young Indians with access to relatable female role models, diverse career paths, and comprehensive resources.

We aim to match a million Indian adolescents with relatable female role models. Access to information and role models is a powerful tool to enable a mindset shift. Through our curated classroom based educational programs, we do exactly that!



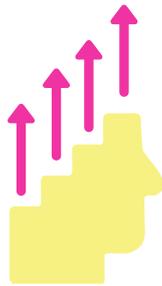
Wonder Girls Launch at Piramal House, Mumbai

WHAT WONDER GIRLS AIMS TO INSTIL IN YOUNG MINDS

Through our many programs and female role model access, we at Wonder Girls aim to shape students into well rounded individuals with qualities that will immensely help them in anything that they decide to take up in life.



Action



Confidence



Curiosity



Knowledge



Introspection



Exploration



Respect



Empathy



Gender sensitivity

EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENTS AS TOOLS FOR CHANGE

We strongly believe that the classroom as a safe space is the crux of all major developmental activity in students. Holistic development happens when we engage both men and women in the process of change. We believe that the right time to do this is adolescence. We partner with passionate teachers and facilitate curated educational programs for students in their classrooms.



In photo: Flight Commander Rucha Nirale at a partner classroom

THE FOUNDATION PROGRAM



Our Foundation Program comprises a **6 hour** well-defined module for Grades **6th – 10th**.

Our **goal** by the end of this program is to empower students with access to diverse career paths, relatable female role models to look up to, and steps to take as they plan to chart their own career success stories. We believe that early exposure to role models, career paths, and information puts the power in the hands of students to create their own destinies.

In the first **5 sessions of the program**, students get insights on journeys of the role models from extremely diverse career streams, from scientists and architects, to designers and YouTubers : where they started, why they chose a particular career stream, how they went about achieving their goals, etc. Students receive reading material and activity sheets regularly throughout the program duration. This allows for adequate reflection and learning.

The **6th** and final session, a debrief, helps students articulate a direction in which they wish to explore their career paths and suggest actionable tips for them to begin their exploration. We close out the program by sharing a comprehensive career path and role model resource-kit.

WHY A GENDER SPECIFIC APPROACH?

A gender specific approach aims to bridge the perceived and real inequalities between boys and girls and transform the relationship between them. It enables everybody to see women and girls as they truly are: strong, independent, wise, capable of realizing their full potential.



In photo: Classical Dancer Priyanka Chandrasekhar at a partner classroom

FOUNDATION PROGRAM EDITION ONE IMPACT

In Edition One of the **Wonder Girls Foundation Program**, we created a significant positive impact in our partner classrooms:

8

CITIES

92

TEACHERS

48

**PROGRAM
UNITS**

Some teachers merged
their classrooms

267

**TOTAL
SESSIONS
HELD**

8010

**COLLECTIVE
STUDENT
HOURS**

172

**TOTAL ROLE
MODELS**

34 role models
conducted more than 1
session

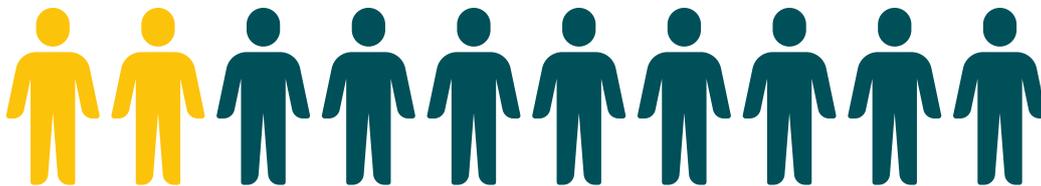
PROGRAM DATA AND IMPACT

Throughout the Wonder Girls Foundation Program duration, we engaged regularly with both teachers and students to get their feedback, using qualitative and quantitative tools. These interviews and surveys helped us understand how our program has shaped the participants individually and as a classroom.

We have also included some of the anecdotes the teachers shared with us during the feedback interviews. Many students expressed their learnings via art they made as part of their reflection activities.

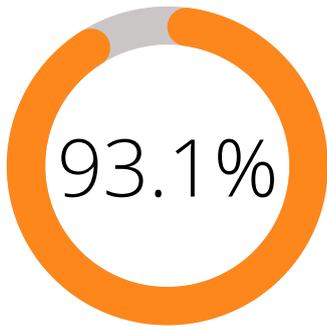


**STUDENT
POST-SESSION
RESPONSES**



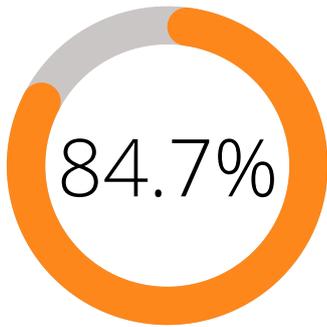
22.5%: BOYS

77.5%: GIRLS



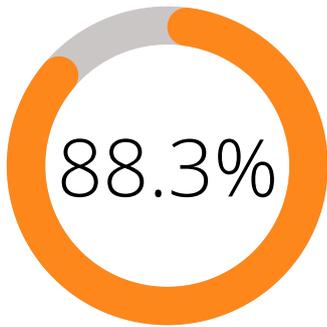
93.1%

Students felt that **women can achieve whatever they want** after attending the sessions



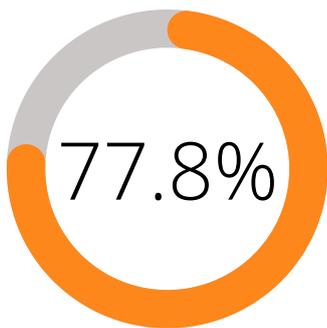
84.7%

Students felt that **men could achieve whatever they want** after attending the sessions



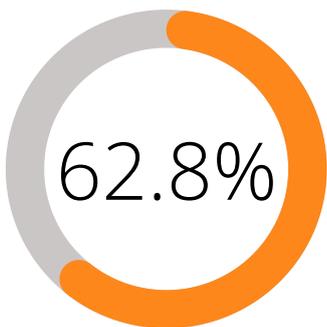
88.3%

Students **were empowered** after each sessions



77.8%

Students were **interested in becoming professionals** in the fields of the role models that they were introduced to

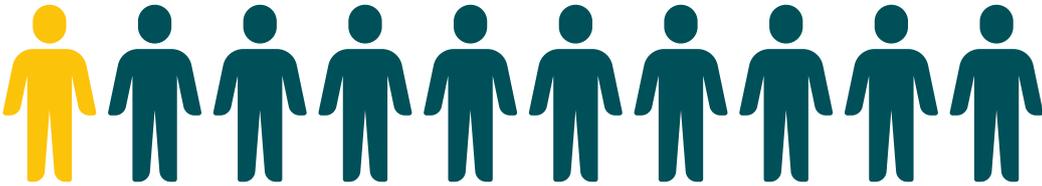


62.8%

Students **had not met anyone in the career paths** they were exposed to before the Wonder Girls Foundation Program

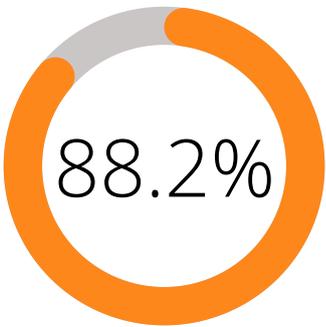


STUDENT POST-PROGRAM RESPONSES

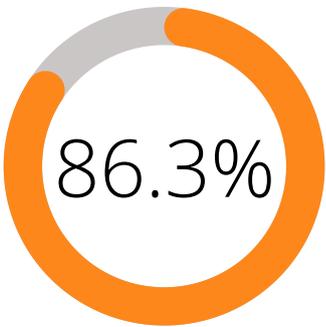


7%: BOYS

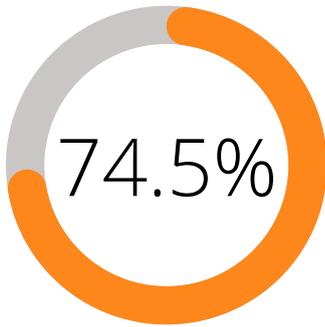
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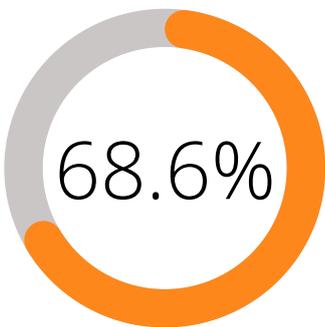
Students **want to attend more Wonder Girls sessions** and **would recommend the Program to their friends and peers**



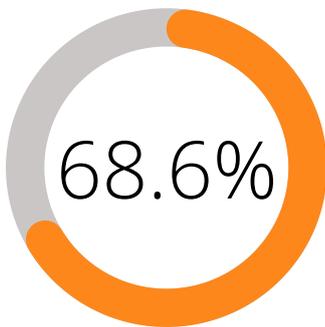
Students said that realising the fact that their peers are facing the same challenges and questions as them **helped increase empathy towards one another**



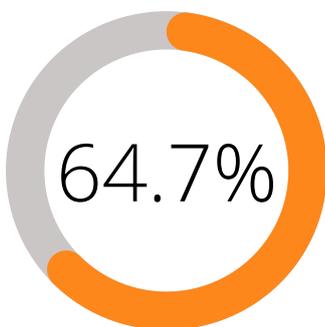
Students **shared their experience** of the Wonder Girls Foundation Program **with their parents**



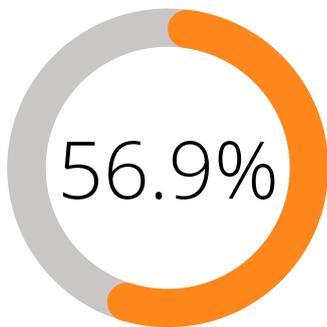
Students said that after hearing role model's journeys, they have **started to understand what actually goes into building a meaningful career**



Students would like to see **more relatable female role model representation** in their school curriculum



Students said that their **gender sensitivity had increased** after attending the Wonder Girls Foundation Program



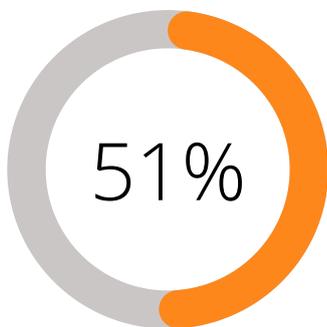
Students feel that they **don't have enough relatable female role model representation in their textbooks**



Students said that they **learnt by directly engaging with role models**



Students felt that they had **developed agency** and could make decisions having a positive impact on them



Students said they **would approach a role model in the career path of their choice** to gain insights after attending the Wonder Girls Foundation Program



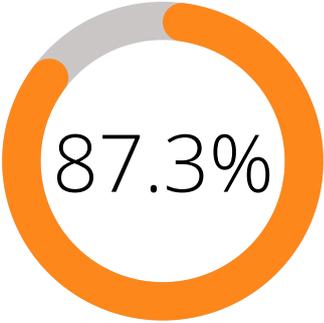
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**TEACHER
POST-SESSION
RESPONSES**



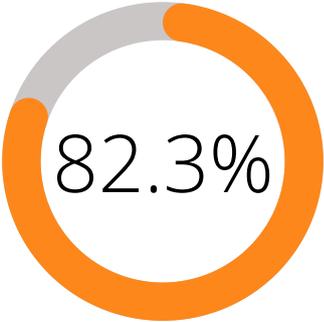
100%

Teachers said **students were attentive** during the sessions



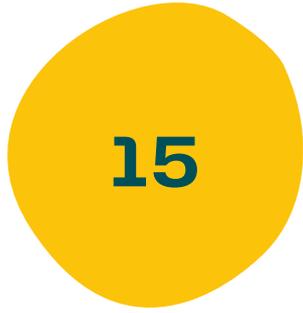
87.3%

Teachers saw an **increased level of curiosity** in the students



82.3%

Teachers saw an **increased level of confidence** in their girls after the sessions



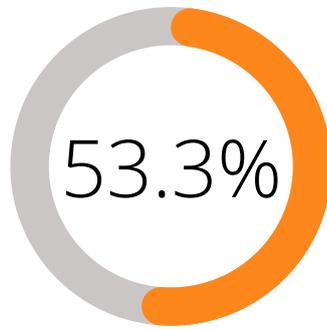
TEACHER POST-PROGRAM RESPONSES



Teachers **would recommend the Wonder Girls Foundation Program** to other teachers and classrooms



Teachers **had not participated in a program like Wonder Girls before**



Teachers **would enrol their class in the second edition** of the Wonder Girls Foundation Program



Teachers feel that **there isn't equitable representation of gender** in current school state board curriculum



Teachers are **not satisfied with the current representation of female role models** in state board curriculums



Teachers **would recommend the state governments to have equitable representation of gender and female relatable role models** in school curriculums

STUDENT IMPACT

The students shared heart-warming messages and videos on their experience of the program. They also shared artistic creations inspired by the female role models they met during the course of the program. They expressed how the program has helped them develop and become more well-rounded individuals as well as helped them assess their future plans and opportunities. These testimonials perfectly encapsulate what the Wonder Girls team has been striving to achieve with the Foundation Program.

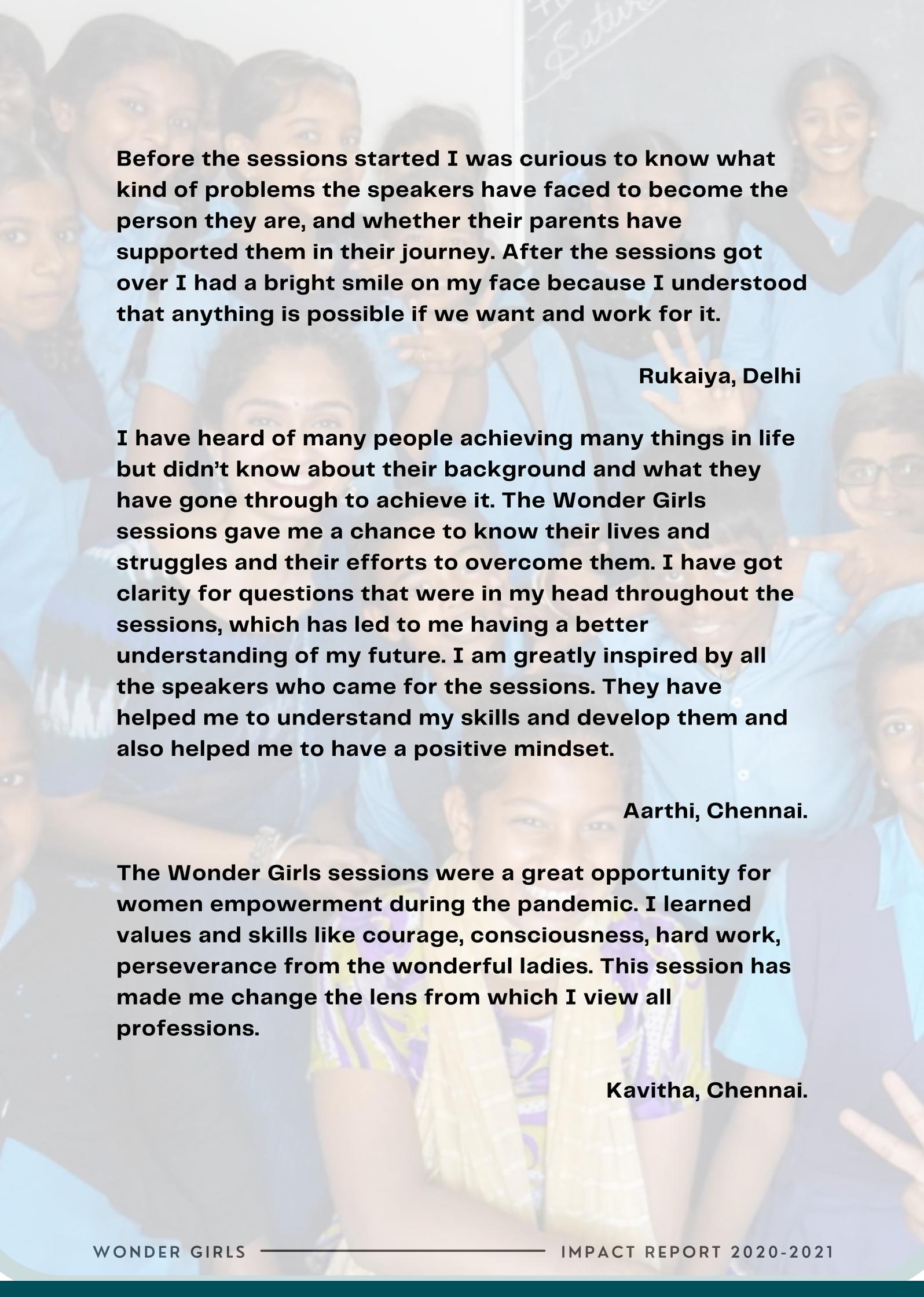
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My Journey throughout the Wonder Girls Sessions

POWER OF INSPIRATION

**I felt Great Harmony,
Through this incredible journey,
When I learnt how to do certain things,
My face was full of smiles and grins,
Many people were inspiring me,
And they gave me a guarantee,
That I would make it well in life,
They slowly made me realise,
That I was worth an awesome prize,
And when I saw the sunrise,
Everything became a surprise,
These girls have really inspired us,
And I am going to be serious,
Girls can be powerful too,
They can do whatever they want to do.**

Sana, Delhi



Before the sessions started I was curious to know what kind of problems the speakers have faced to become the person they are, and whether their parents have supported them in their journey. After the sessions got over I had a bright smile on my face because I understood that anything is possible if we want and work for it.

Rukaiya, Delhi

I have heard of many people achieving many things in life but didn't know about their background and what they have gone through to achieve it. The Wonder Girls sessions gave me a chance to know their lives and struggles and their efforts to overcome them. I have got clarity for questions that were in my head throughout the sessions, which has led to me having a better understanding of my future. I am greatly inspired by all the speakers who came for the sessions. They have helped me to understand my skills and develop them and also helped me to have a positive mindset.

Aarthi, Chennai.

The Wonder Girls sessions were a great opportunity for women empowerment during the pandemic. I learned values and skills like courage, consciousness, hard work, perseverance from the wonderful ladies. This session has made me change the lens from which I view all professions.

Kavitha, Chennai.



The experience with the speakers was empowering. Each one of them was so determined and showed so much passion towards their life and reaching great heights that it pushed me to think more about how I can take my interest to the next level.

Aashi Jain, Delhi

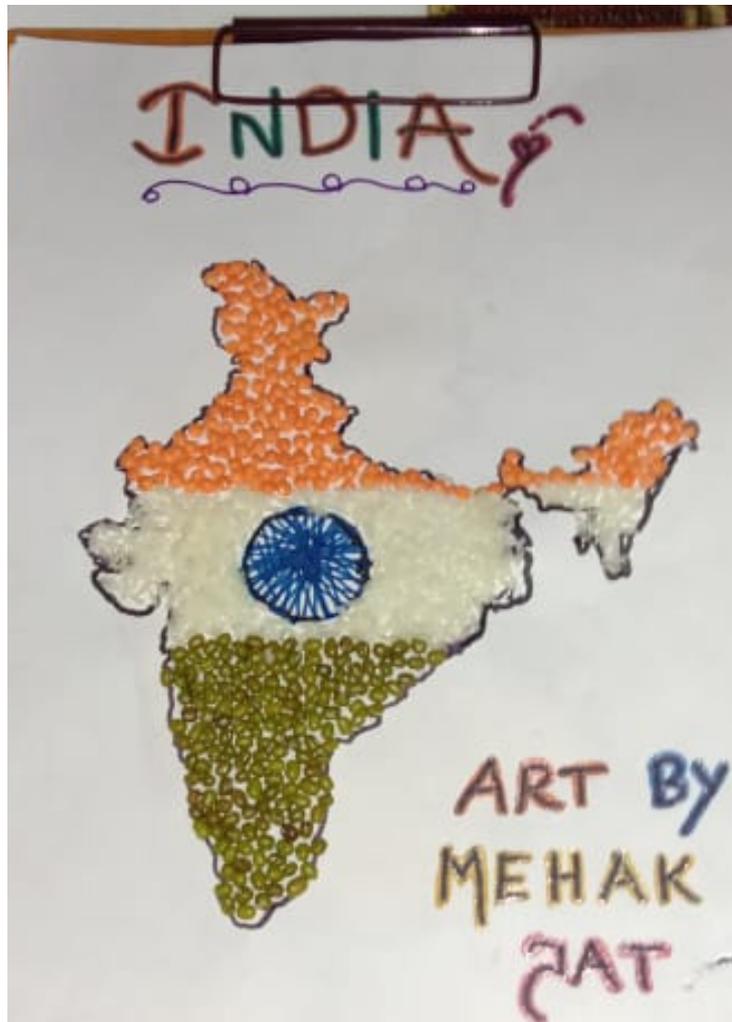
The Wonder Girls experience was very delightful. We learnt that if a girl has a goal then she can achieve it and that Girls and Boys are equal. Boys underestimate girls, but we should not do so because a girl can do anything that she sets her mind to, just like boys

Harshit, Mumbai

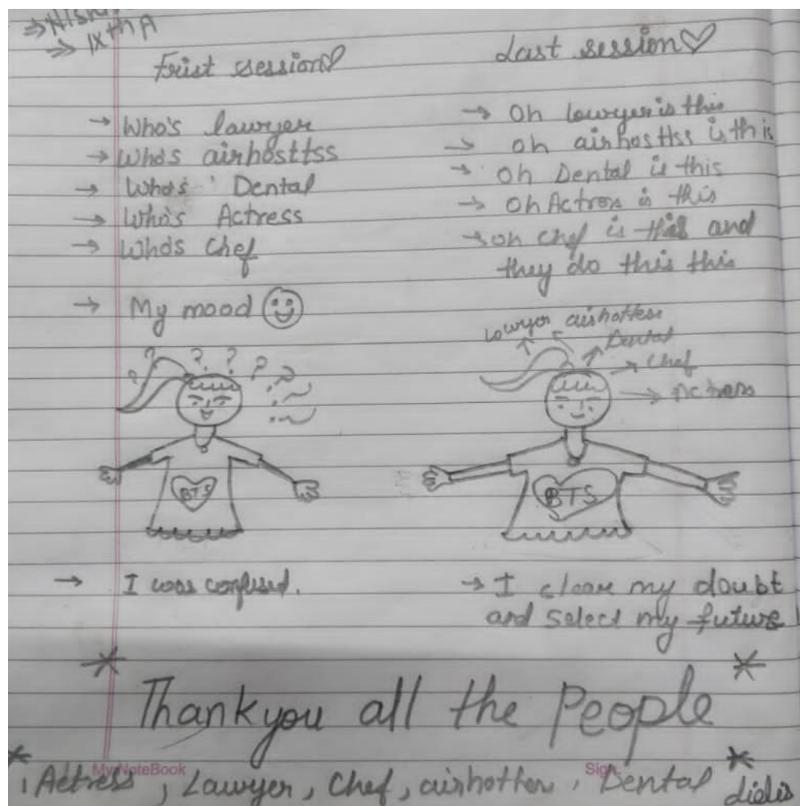
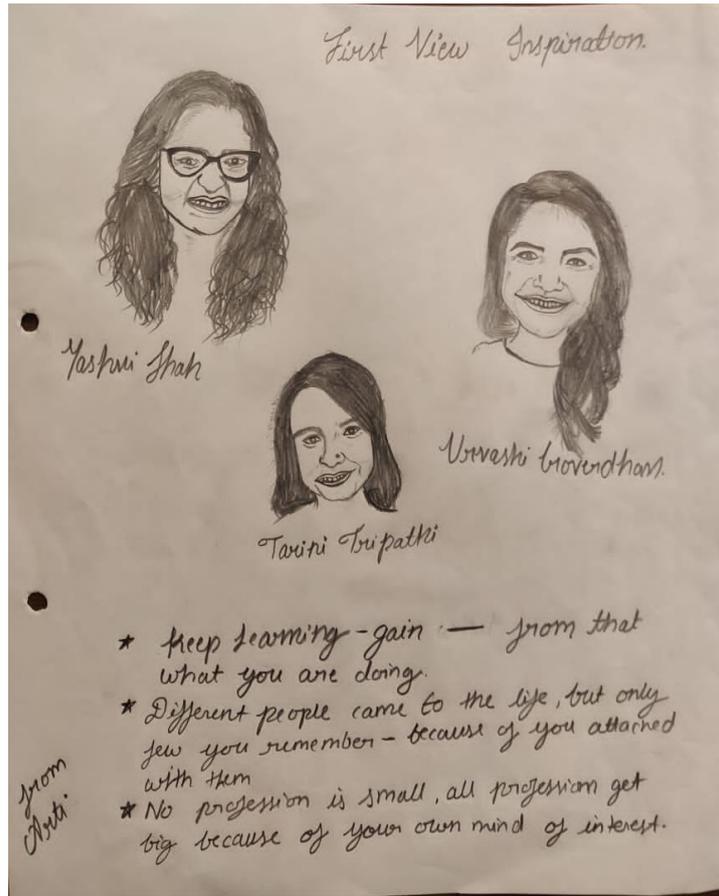
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STUDENT ART





In photo: Mehak Jat from Bengaluru created all the art work on this page after an inspiring session with Designer Yogita Agarwal, Forbers 30 under 30 Asia, founder of Ware Innivations



TEACHER IMPACT

The teachers too shared their experiences of facilitating and moderating these sessions with the role models and maximizing the classroom experience for their students. The teachers shared with us how they saw their students evolve, one session at a time, becoming more attentive, curious and eager to learn, and process information and knowledge.



Seeing the role models live and interacting with them had a tremendous positive impact on my students. They were able to relate to the journey of the speakers and get into the thick of things by asking questions and understanding their perspectives at various points in their life. It has been a real source of inspiration and motivation for my students in these difficult times.



Ajay, Hyderabad

The main aim in partnering with the Wonder Girls team was to show relatable role models to the students and give them the opportunity to explore the world with areas that they are non-familiar. And without a doubt, I could say that these sessions were one of the best spaces that I and my students have been part of. Be it inspiring us with their journey of struggles and victories, skills, values, mindsets, and showing them how to butterfly out of the societal cocoon, each and every speaker inspired all of us in one way or another.

Harisudarsan R, Chennai



What Wonder Girls were offering was exactly the kind of intervention I was looking for; a perfect blend of inspiration, motivation, values and knowledge for the girls. It's one of the best interventions I have seen in my 2 years of fellowship.

Tanya, Delhi

The Wonder Girls Sessions have definitely helped my students to know more about different careers and how women are making a pathway in them. I, as a teacher, had also many takeaways, including how to better guide my students in choosing their dream careers.



Sneha, Chennai



Seeing women who are excelling in these fields – and having a real time conversation with them has inspired my girls to take a step into making videos, editing photographs and even designing their own clothes.

Srijani, Delhi

For me, I believe the programs have helped kids get exposure to different options for a profession, which in today's time is very important. It helps them understand the wide spectrum of options they have, especially also as being a woman, when historically it's been difficult for one to be successful in a male-dominated industry.



Tapaswini, Ahmedabad

I was a little hesitant to register my students for this program initially as I thought I had to contribute much of my time in arranging for the speakers and liaising with the team. I thought this would compromise on the learning outcomes of my class and these spaces would be of no value if I am not able to give my undivided attention and support to my students.

But, the Wonder Girls team made sure that a teacher's job in planning for these sessions is almost nil.

Right from identifying the speakers, coordinating with them, ensuring time and schedule, assigning pre-works and post-works, collecting feedback, Wondergirl team made it a cakewalk for teachers to conduct the sessions.

All the five sessions that I and my students were a part of were filled with learnings and we are together walking away with a ton of inspiration and specific steps to act upon for a bright and successful career.

I would like to thank the team's effort in making this process hassle free and also considering my special requests on the schedules and timings of these sessions.

It is a dream for any teacher to be able to cater to the dreams and wishes of her students and lead them to a prosperous life. Thank you Wonder Girls team, for translating my dream and working relentlessly for the benefit of our students.

Varalakshmi, Hyderabad



I loved how the entire program was curated from choosing the 5 professions to the debrief session at the end to synthesise everything. These sessions really helped instil in the students that they can achieve anything they want to no matter how many ever people say otherwise. Students started following a more balanced schedule – studious kids took hobbies and extra curricular seriously and the non-academically inclined students like cricketers/actors/musicians started paying more attention in classes and doing their homework. All in all they had a better understanding of what they are studying now and how the habits they make now will help them later on.



Mansi, Mumbai



For me, the wonder girls program initiative is such an empowering tool to bring awareness amongst students about the pivotal role played by females in the workforce. It in a very sunken yet strong way imparts the message that women can achieve anything they put their heart into. Seeing this program, it made me realise how much of an impact small talks create in a students mind.

Urvi, Delhi



SCHOOL LEADER VOICES



One of the pillars of excellent education for us is access and exposure and the wonder girls program has really helped us accelerate this piece in our classroom by expanding our student's horizons, showing them what's possible and unleashing their ability to not only dream big, but know that others before have made their dreams come true and they can too.



Raesa, Program Manager, TFI Hyderabad

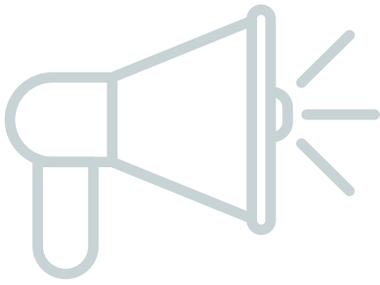
This initiative taken by the Wonder Girls Team is the most applaudable one. It gives our students an opportunity to interact with the most powerful, relatable female role models who are down-to-earth and have no airs whatsoever. It is like a dream come true for all of us. The Management of St. Albert's is deeply humbled and profoundly honoured.

Our kids are on cloud nine. They just can't believe that they really interacted with so many celebrities in their own right. Personally many of them shared their views with us. Surely, it's a once in a lifetime experience. Even we as teachers never had an opportunity to meet or speak to any of the role models of our times.

We thank all the good samaritans who made this possible and look forward to future endeavours, which will give us immense pleasure. Once again, thank you all, God Bless.

B Sunitha Kumari, Principal, St. Albert's High School





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When the students interacted with the role models, one common question they asked all of them was about the importance of studying subjects in school that probably had nothing to do with what they wanted to do in their future. They got one standard response from all the speakers i.e. studying in school was of utmost importance, as this built the base of their future studies. Post these sessions, teachers told us that they observed a shift in the student's attitudes and that they were more focused and paid attention a lot more to subjects that they earlier deemed "unimportant" or "a waste of time".

Teachers also told us that because the students had gotten so used to interacting and asking multiple questions to the speakers, they started interacting a lot more and asking a lot more questions in their regular classes as well.

A few of the students were so deeply inspired by the sessions that they attended, that they continued to maintain contact and stay in touch with some of the role models. One of the students is in touch with designer Yogita Agarwal, and even made a design of broken bangles inspired by her session and the advice she gave them. Another student is in touch with photographer Jiyaa Arora, and is constantly taking advice from her in the field.

Two students, Tahir and Avais are in touch with Akanksha Chaturvedi, the founder of the education app Eduauraa and are also using Eduauraa to learn new things and experiments, and learning concepts by themselves. They are also interested in knowing how the app functions!

One student even started their own YouTube channel after being inspired by the speakers!

A parent happened to attend Designer Sanjana Nanodkar's Circle, along with her daughter, Nishtha based in Delhi. Nishtha is keen on pursuing a career in arts going forward. Her mother had a few questions, especially wanting to know the finances that would be required to pursue such a program.

Sanjana explained to them how doing a short course in a niche area would be expensive and limited in terms of skills that one would learn. In her opinion, doing a graduation course from a Government college in Design would be a better option. It roughly costs between 800 - 1000 rupees per year as tuition fees if that is the route you take, and also equips one to design through multiple mediums.

The parent concluded that doing a broad based course would be better in the long run for her daughter. It was the first time that the parent interacted with a professional in the field, and was thankful for the opportunity.

CLASSROOM TRANSFORMATIONS

To understand the impact and transformation of our work better, we **interviewed some of the teachers, and here's what they had to say!**

“We felt that we needed to have a space that felt real to the students. When we heard about the Wonder Girls Program we thought it would be a good chance for the students to meet real people who have accomplished something and make them feel like its within their reach”

Archana, TFI, Bengaluru



[Classroom Transformation 1 | Wonder Girls Foundation Program Edition 1](#)

“By the end of the program, one key thing that all the students took away, which is probably bigger than any profession, is how to live life.”

Mansi, TFI, Mumbai



[Classroom Transformation 2 | Wonder Girls Foundation Program Edition 1](#)

“I saw that my students, especially my girls, needed exposure to strong female role models. They were outperforming the boys, but were lacking confidence. This was really heartbreaking for me, which is why I thought wonder girls was an excellent idea to expose students to something they had never seen before.”

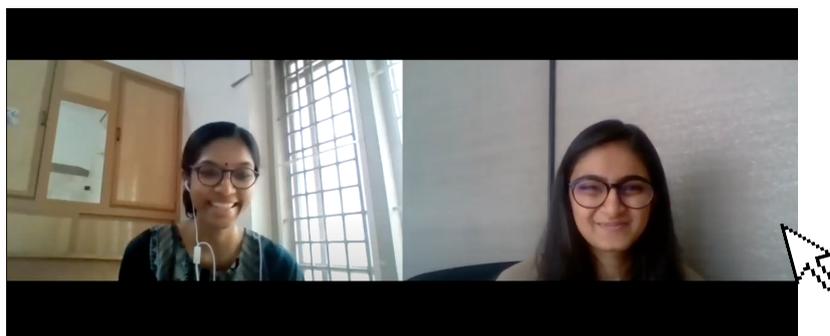
Kaveri, TFI, Ahmedabad



Classroom Transformation 3 | Wonder Girls Foundation Program Edition 1

“Some of the students have become more confident, some of them have become more curious, and always ask “what else?”. They are now looking for more professions on their own”

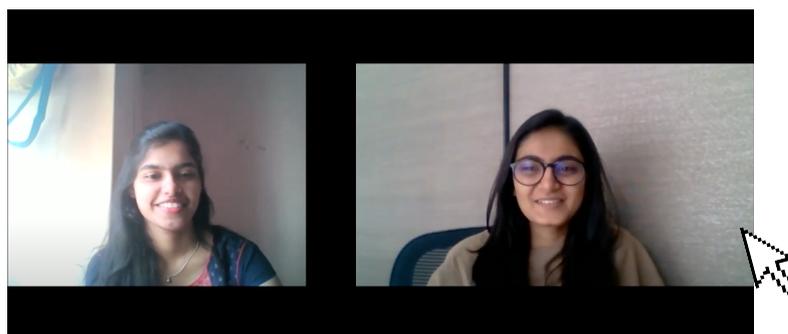
Vaishnavi, Bihar



Classroom Transformation 4 | Wonder Girls Foundation Program Edition 1

“The change that I could see in my kids was the vision that came out clearly of what they want to become and what steps they need to take to become that.”

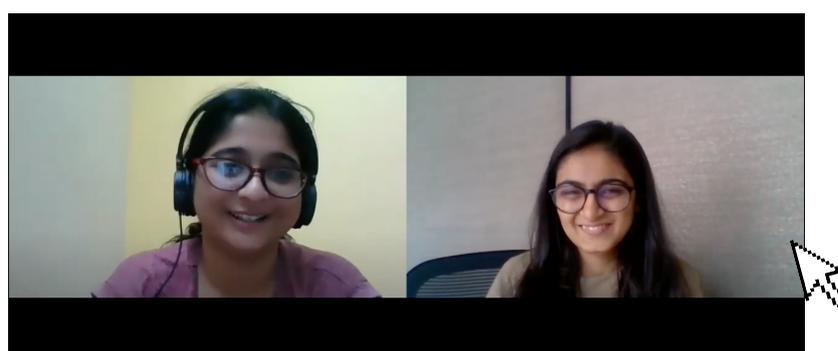
Prachi, TFI, Bengaluru



Classroom Transformation 5 | Wonder Girls Foundation Program Edition 1

“I have seen the willingness to know develop in the students on meeting others. They have started exploring more, I have seen their growth”

Srijani, TFI, Delhi



Classroom Transformation 6 | Wonder Girls Foundation Program Edition 1

"Programs like the Wonder Girls Foundation Program teach the students how to survive with respect and dignity in the world."

Amzad, Hyderabad



Classroom Transformation 7 | Wonder Girls Foundation Program Edition 1

"We are delighted to share select highlights from our conversations with teachers. In this short video, watch Manasi Thacker uncover interesting insights and nuggets from teachers!"



Classroom Transformation Compilation | Wonder Girls Foundation Program Edition 1



ROLE MODEL VOICES



The experience with Wonder Girls enriched my journey.
Photographer Jiyaa Arora,

The work done by the powerful female Wonder Girls Team is inspiring!!

Mental Health Researcher Gayatri Salunke



I'm really glad to be a part of your incredible initiative!

Dentist Shreya Shetty

The objective of Wonder Girls, to make information accessible and available to all is met through the Foundation Program.

Flight Commander Rucha Nirale



HEAR FROM OUR ROLE MODELS

We asked our role models why they think role models are important, here's what they had to say:



Role models are important to get a preview as to what you can do, but it's your own persistence in pursuing a field that gets you there. Personally since I've had no role models, I've found my mentors and advisors key in shaping who I am now

Scientist Chiti Arvind

To some extent, role models can be a source of inspiration and direction for some. If it's someone from your immediate environment or vicinity, then I'd encourage students to communicate with them and build a relationship. Although, it's also crucial to not be contingent upon their success and failures and make yourself vulnerable to that.



Doctoral Trainee Sanika Divekar

It is affirming to know that someone has been on a similar path you'd want to be on and that their journey can act as a guideline for ours

Photographer Shravya Kag



METHODOLOGY

- Extensive surveys, conducted at multiple stages during the program
- Deep dive interactions with teachers
- Anecdotal evidence collected during the role model sessions and debriefs
- Student reflections shared with us
- Interactions with role models who have participated
- Conversations with school leaders

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APPENDIX

STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

Wonder Girls sessions gave me the opportunity to explore different careers. I was able to experience different careers by listening to the stories of the speakers and interacting with them. I am sure that these sessions will help me in my future to choose a career.

Vibha Rawat, class 10

1. When we met the lawyer, I thought she was amazing, I had never heard about legal cases before, and learnt so much about what lawyers do.
2. Earlier, I didn't know how to dance, but after meeting the dancer, and learning from her journey, I feel like I can dance now!
3. After meeting an Instagram influencer and learning about her and her job, I learned how to use Instagram and social media better.

Kajal

1. When I met the lawyer, I got to know so much more about the law from her and I also understood the steps i need to take to become a lawyer myself
2. When I met the dancer, I understood about her experiences, how dance has been her hobby for a very long time as well as how one can become a dancer, a good one
3. After meeting the influencer, I understood the difference between YouTuber and Instagram influencer, I even made an Instagram account for myself after the session!

Sapna

The Wonder Girl's Foundation Program was really informative for all of us. Before the sessions, I didn't know what career I wanted to choose in my future. However, all the information I got from these sessions is going to help me make my decision. Thank you.

Prachi, 9th grade

When I met the influencer, i learnt a lot about how people have been working during lockdown and through this pandemic, and also learnt the right age to make an Instagram account

Naina Rani

I learnt a lot after meeting the lawyer. The lawyers we see in movies are different from real life lawyers. I also understood that there are many types of cases, like criminal cases.

Sapna

I am Mayank I want to share my experience with you all about the Wonder Girls Foundation Program. I had a great experience. I learned a lot from all the sessions, like we should never be disappointed about anything in our life, we should always work hard and we should not be sad about facing any problems in life but we should find solutions for those problems, and that we can fulfill all our dreams through hard work. I am thankful for the opportunity to attend the Wonder Girls sessions. I loved all the sessions very much.

THANK YOU!

Mayank Jain

It was amazing how the speakers explained everything to us with patience and answered every question we had to the point and very well! They were very good and informative speakers and I would like to thank all of them for these sessions, because they taught us something new and taught us how we can get whatever we want in life by working hard and claiming it as ours!

Anonymous

Dear Wonder Girls,

Thank you for the great efforts you all put in for us, I have been extremely inspired by all the sessions.

You all are path breakers who make our paths towards our goal easy.

I hope that one day I will also fulfill and reach all my goals

Anonymous

The Wonder Girls experience was very delightful. We learnt that if a girl has a goal then she can achieve it and that girls and boys are equal. Boys underestimate girls, but we should not do so because a girl can do anything that she sets her mind to, just like boys

Harshit

I learnt so many things from the Wonder Girls Foundation Program. The speakers told us that we should give our hundred percent to everything that we do, and we should be patient and calm. If we work hard then one day we will gain success.

Sumeet

I Loved all the role model interaction sessions. We learnt how to be a hardworking and proactive person. After my first session I started working on pitch, listening to the coach and helping team members. Some people used to judge me but I didn't react because I knew the importance of hard work. The day the sessions got over, I started doing extra work. The Wonder Girls book helped me with that little step forward!

Anmol

What a girl can't,
Who told a girl won't,
A girl can be an Astronaut or a Scientist,
She can be a Professor or a Chemist,
She can be a Doctor,
A girl can even drive a tractor.

A girl can become an Engineer or a reason for an Evolution,
They just need some Inspiration,
For them to Empower their Confidence,
To discover their Importance,
To show the whole World,
That they are more precious than Gold.

Madhav

The Wonder Girls Foundation Program were very productive for me. I got to learn more about the career of my choice and it was fun to listen to all the life experiences of role models. I learnt a lot from these small, inspiring sessions. We interacted with new and different types of personalities, who were interesting to know about. There was a dentist, lawyer, chef, actress and air hostess. I really liked and enjoyed each session and I am very happy that I got to know more about these careers. I am very thankful to all the speakers for the sessions.

Tajllah, S K V Malviya Nagar

I attended the Wonder Girls session with the actor, I had a great experience and I got to learn lots of things. It was a wonderful experience.

Soha, 9th A, S K V Malviya Nagar

I liked to attend the Wonder Girls Foundation Program because it helped me understand what I want to do and become in my future.

Aanchal, 9th A, S K V Malviya Nagar

Through the Wonder Girls Foundation Program, I have met with an actor, doctor, lawyer, and a chef. It was a new experience to talk to them, ask them doubts and questions about their profession and understand how we can achieve our goals related to that profession. I felt good to talk to them because I want to become a doctor as well. It was a good feeling to know about the profession that we are going to pursue in our future and see how it works.

Kanchan, 9th A, S K V Malviya Nagar

In the Wonder Girls Foundation Program, I met a lot of people- a doctor, an air hostess, a lawyer, and an actor. I had a very good experience in these sessions.

Yati Kumari, 9th A, S K V Malviya Nagar

My experience with the Wonder Girls Foundation Program:

- It was enjoyable
- Exciting
- Full of knowledge
- Attractive
- Expressive
- Curious

The session I loved the most was the one with the actress, Simran Nerurkar.

Anonymous, S K V Malviya Nagar

It was an amazing experience with the Wonder Girls Foundation Program. I have learnt a lot from the speakers. Each and everyone who came to express their feelings, struggles, experience and enjoyment were very inspiring. The most inspiring people for me were the chef, Ms. Shradha Katyal and the cyclist, Ms. Vedangi Kulkarni. Their story was amazing and so relatable. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity.

Cathrina Roshni, Grade 8 , CHSS Puliyur, Chennai.

It was a great experience for me to be part of the Wonder Girls Foundation Program. The life stories of the speakers were very inspirational to me. The struggles that they went through and how they have overcome them to succeed in life were simply extraordinary. Since this session had five speakers of different professions, that helped me understand many new professions.

Rishi K, Grade 8, CHSS Puliyur, Chennai.

The Wonder Girls Foundation Program was really a wonder to me. The five role models really inspired me in many ways. Their stories are amazing. The way they have overcome the challenges and their struggles inspired me. The main thing I learnt from this is, "how to manage our parents and social pressure". The five role models inspired me from their challenges, outcomes, grit, struggles, bravery, boldness, and courage. I thank all those five inspiring Wonder Girls and promise that I too will become like them and inspire others.

Rajendran J, Grade 8, CHSS Puliyur, Chennai.

All the Wonder Girls sessions were so inspiring. I learnt so many new things. I liked all the sessions but most of all I liked Reshma didi's session. I learned one common thing in all the sessions, that most things are hard to do, but if we try and work hard everything is possible. In Reshma didi's case, her parents supported her and now she is a judge. All the role models are so hard working. I shall use the same thing in my life to make my future good and interesting.

Anonymous

I like all the Wonder Girls sessions, they were great, I learned many new things. In all the sessions, all the role models said that hard work is very important. If we constantly work hard on something, we will always be successful. We should do things of our own mind and honesty, we should not cheat ourselves and others. I have decided that I will also work very hard and become like all the role models. I loved the sessions and the speakers.

Anonymous

I have learnt something new in each and every Wonder Girls session I have attended. The sessions were very inspiring and all the teachers and role models have helped us understand and choose our future career path. We met different types of people, learned about their professions, and how they achieved their goals.

Samiksha didi as an artist

Arti didi as a fitness coach

Reshma didi as a judge

Fashion designers and others!

I liked Arti didi and Reshma didi the most because she said that fitness comes from within, and eating on time and sleeping well is a major part of it. Only looking thin and working out at the gym is not fitness! She also left her previous job to pursue her passion, and she is very hardworking.

I loved all the sessions and after the sessions, I realized that women can also do everything, professionally, and with determination.

Anonymous

I really liked all the Wonder Girls sessions, especially the one with the entrepreneur didi. I liked that her inspiration is every successful girl or woman. I also liked the session with the fashion designer, she spoke about a lot of things that I was unaware of. The session with Reshma didi, the judge was also very nice. Her parents supported her and because of that and her hard work she is here and we have met her. I am really inspired by the sessions. They were interesting and very inspiring, and I am very grateful I got to attend them.

Anonymous

I attended all the Wonder Girls sessions, and it was great. A dancer, singer, teacher, doctor and a sportsperson had come to meet us. They told us about how to build our career, the steps to go about it, the skills you need, the good colleges etc. These things will help us a lot in the future because now I know what I need to do to become what I want to. We also learnt to respect ourselves and have confidence in what we want to do. I wish that the people who came to speak to us made us do some activities. For example, if a dancer comes to speak to us I wish they had taught us some steps. I am very thankful for these sessions, especially during this pandemic.

Rachita

I learned lots from the Wonder Girls Program. I want to thank all the speakers for inspiring us and for motivating us. Thank you for giving your precious time to us.

Bhumika Batra

I really loved the sessions because I learnt a lot of important information I was not aware of.

Thank you Wonder Girls for arranging these sessions and allowing me to be a part of them!

Divyani

I loved the Wonder Girls Foundation Program, because I got very inspired and learned what it takes to build a career, and the entire process. Thank you.

Pooja Kumari

The sessions were very motivational and inspiring, and I loved interacting with all the speakers. Thank you to the Wonder Girls Team for organising these sessions.

Komal

I am very motivated by all the Wonder Girls sessions because I learnt so many new things. The most beautiful part was interacting with all the speakers.

Mansi Singh

I liked the Wonder Girls session with the doctor, Saatchi didi. I learnt many new things from her. She told us to do what we love, always be confident in what we're doing and never give up. She told us that while money is important, we should also be eager to learn and take any opportunity that comes our way.

She talked about success, being confident etc. but next time I would love to learn lots more about the types of doctors! Thank you.

Laxmi ,SKV Mandawali, Delhi

Today I am going to share my experience of the Wonder Girls Session! If I start talking about the sessions, they were totally amazing and inspiring because from these sessions I got to learn about many things from listening to the speakers, and asking questions. I learnt the importance of independence, not looking back and pursuing what truly makes one happy. I loved that we could ask questions to the speakers and learn from them. All of the speakers inspired me greatly. I have a lot of dreams, and for that I have to be open minded and be open to learning.

Teena Mehra, RSKV West Vinod Nagar, Delhi

The Wonder Girl Foundation Program was nice and we got to learn a lot about different jobs and the most interesting thing was when they told us about their own childhood!

Saswat Pandey

The Wonder Girls sessions were interesting and knowledgeable. I didn't get bored at all during the sessions, and after attending them I was clear about my aim and now I also have a certain kind of mindset that I will pursue my dream and will keep on working on it until and unless I reach it. I really got inspired by the sessions because now I'm totally clear about my goal. I just need to work on it. I'm sure there will be some challenges that I will face, however, no comfort comes without pain.

Thank you.

Subhashine, RSKV West Vinod Nagar, Delhi

Wonder Girls sessions were informative and encouraging. They helped me channel myself in the right direction and also helped me in realizing the best career choice for me. It not only uplifted my spirit, but also made me learn about various fields and careers. The best thing about it was that its guests came from a variety of professions, but their motivation was the same. They reflected that women have the potential of doing a lot. Some of them came from the male dominating fields, yet, we could see the enthusiasm and cheerfulness within them. All of them were very inspiring. Although I learnt a lot of new things after attending these sessions, which, I am sure, will help me in my future, one thing which I feel was the prime learning is that 'Hard-work is the key to Success'!

Manini Patwal, RSKV West Vinod Nagar, Delhi

Wonder Girls is a great organisation, and I am so happy I got to meet these women. However, I have one request that next time we should get to meet boys too! The biggest takeaway for me is that beauty doesn't tell our personality and everyone has the freedom to dream even if she or he is poor or rich. I hope we have more sessions in the future.

Amrita Gupta

Thank you all didis! From you, we learnt many things. Wonder Girls Session weeks were my favourite weeks.

Afreenbano Irdish

I am very happy after attending the Wonder Girls sessions. I like that all the speakers are working hard and reaching their goals, despite the struggles they face. My goal is that one day I will also become a Wonder Girl and come talk to students.

Afifakhatun Shaikh

Thank you to all the Wonder Girls Foundation Program speakers for meeting us and giving us all the information for our future. I hope we will meet again as because of Covid-19 we have only met online, I hope we get to meet in school as well. Thanks for joining us and sharing a lot of information. Meet you soon. Thanks!"

Riyakumari Yadav

We had the Wonder Girls sessions online, and it was so great speaking with the role models and asking them questions, which they answered beautifully and with patience. I had so much fun with them! Thank you for coming!

Arsiya Khan

1. When we met the rugby player, I thought she was awesome. First, I thought rugby was a very easy game. But, after speaking to her and seeing the hard work and effort that goes in, I have realized that it is not an easy sport.

2. The Instagram influencer we met was so cute! I understood the difference between a YouTuber and an Instagram influencer, and what they do.

Saniya

TEACHER TESTIMONIALS

I started teaching 'Wonder Girls' to my students last year. Teaching stories from the Wonder Girls book helped me to curate gender discrimination talks in my classroom. We all read about successful and exceptional people, but to get a chance to interact with them is one of a lifetime experience which my students got and all thanks to the Wonder Girls team. Meeting their role models helped students to see the possibility of their dreams coming true.

Kids have been ecstatic! To quote one of my students "didi, mujhe kabhi nahi laga tha mai itne bade logon se mil paungi".

Bhaumi, TFI Mumbai

I cannot thank the Wonder Girls team enough for organizing these sessions for our kids. They have started thinking about their own careers, even those who are still unsure thinking about it, I am sure somewhere in their mind the process has started.

I wish that your organization get many more such chances of inspiring students to stand up for what they wish to become and achieve.

Thank you once again!

Vaishnavi, Bihar

It was an absolute pleasure to have Wonder Girls as a part of our Kids Education Revolution Summit in Bangalore. All our students got an opportunity to interact with such amazing role models. All of us were inspired by their courage and determination towards achieving their goals. We are immensely grateful that they were able to share their experiences and learning with us and push are students and fellows thinking and also build self awareness in them. Thank you!

Chiti, Teach For India, Bangalore

Women excelling in various fields came to interact with our students to share about their journey in life and their careers. This was inspirational as well as instrumental in understanding different fields one could opt to make a career in as they grow up. It gave the opportunity for the students to look beyond their societal conditioning of taking up a job and earning money to meet household needs. It also helped to think and dissolve gender biases strongly erected in our heads as a result of the conditioning from the societal structures we come from.

Sreenivas, TFI Chennai

I collaborated with the Wonder Girls organization in February – March 2021 to provide the much needed Access and Exposure to my students. My students received an opportunity to interact with inspiring and accomplished role models. They were exposed to different professions they can pursue in the future and it also helped them identify skills that they will have to develop in order to accomplish their future goals. This collaboration also gave me an opportunity to facilitate sessions and work on my communication during the process.

It was truly an exciting and inspiring journey for all of us.

Thank you!

Shagun, TFI Delhi

Attending the Wonder Girls' sessions have filled students with a sense of possibility about all they can achieve. One reflection that students had after each session was that perseverance is required for each career option. They realized that no matter the choice, they would have to conquer obstacles bravely to achieve their dream. I also noticed them wanting to discuss their possible career options more proactively after attending the sessions.

Thank you again for introducing my students to such wonderful role models. The sessions were organised really well and I really appreciate how accommodating you were when the initial schedule went for a toss after schools reopened.

Aradhana, TFI Delhi

Hello team,

Few things that I loved about the program are as below :

#1 : Preparedness and active communication from team at Wonder girls : From sharing exhaustive guiding document for facilitators to ensuring active feedback loop as well as accommodating multiple changes in terms of date and time was indeed amazing and reflects the sincere efforts that entire team has been putting to ensure that each classroom gets best out of the program.

#2 : Guest speaker's ability to create safe space :

Each session we had with our girls, we saw them sharing authentically , sharing with all their hearts out. Creating a space such as this takes a long time and bond otherwise, but having guest speakers who can empathize, who love listening to kids and sharing their own experiences and feelings authentically has helped a lot.

Something that I think has helped me was :

#1 Students sharing their own context in the opening part of the session : Initially in the first 2 sessions I observed that students couldn't connect well with the few things guest speakers were sharing about their work, experiences in life. This is majorly due to not being on the same page about the context of the students. From 3rd session onward, I encouraged students only to share their context - Where do they come from, about the community they belong from, bit about their culture and beliefs as well as about their understanding of professions they have seen women around them being part of. This would help facilitators build connections of what is aligned and how to share that, this also helped students in terms of making it easy to participate and ask questions.

These are a few major aspects that I wanted to share. Let me know if there is anything else that you want me to share about. Super grateful to the team :) . Take care :)

Thank you,

May you be unstoppable !

Jay, TFI Ahemdabad

Everytime I walked out of the Wonder Girls sessions, I felt so inspired and motivated. My girls are not scared to aim for an “impossible” career now. Because they know there is someone who passed down the same journey, believes in them and is ready to guide them at each step. My main purpose to collaborate with Wonder Girls was to make students believe in themselves and their dreams. I wanted them to interact with a woman in the field they always thought is a men's profession. I am really grateful for every guest speaker who came and patiently answered all the questions of our students. It really gave them some in-depth knowledge and clarity about the professions. Even if they are not sure what career path they want to follow, at least they are aware of the scope of some beautiful fields and not hesitant to choose whatever suits them best. This is the kind of exposure I wanted for my girls and I am glad, Wonder Girls did this for us.

Kavita, TFI Delhi

As a teacher I was concerned about my kids future as they wanted to explore different fields but didn't have much knowledge about those career paths. Thanks to Wonder Girls we had five amazing ladies who not only shared their experiences but also encouraged their budding dreams. I'm really grateful to the Wonder Girls team

Prerna, TFI Delh

THANK YOU!



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