

‘Cycles of Hope’ in Sonbhadra: Avaada Foundation Empowers 150 Tribal Students

Sonbhadra, Uttar Pradesh: In a step toward making education more accessible for children in remote tribal areas, Avaada Foundation distributed bicycles to 150 students from the remote tribal villages of Chichlik, Basuhari, Adgud and Channi in Uttar Pradesh’s Sonbhadra district. This initiative, titled ‘Cycles of Hope’, is aimed at supporting children who have to walk long and difficult routes to reach school.

Speaking at the event, **Ms. Ritu Patwari, Director of Avaada Foundation, said:** *“We believe education is key to a society’s holistic development. These bicycles will not only make it easier for children to attend school, but also boost their confidence and self-reliance. Our goal is to ensure that every child can reach their dreams without obstacles.”*

Avaada Foundation has been consistently working for over a year in these underserved villages of Sonbhadra, focusing on education, empowerment and health. Key initiatives include:

- Installation of solar-powered lights
- Provision of drinking water facilities
- Organizing cricket matches and cultural programs
- Supplying inverters and libraries to government schools
- Development of playgrounds
- Distribution of uniforms, school bags, and shoes to children
- Providing clothing to village residents
- Appointment of teachers in local schools
- Facilitating educational trips for students

Additionally, the Foundation has distributed nutritious ration kits to provide children and their families with balanced diets. Women have been trained in kitchen gardening and provided with seeds and saplings, enabling them to grow fresh, healthy vegetables for household use.

The bicycle distribution program was attended by the District Basic Education Officer, Avaada Foundation Directors Mr. Jay Shankar Shukla and Mr. Mahesh Mathur, Block Education Officers (Kon and Nagwa), Gram Pradhan from Basuhari village, local police station officials and other distinguished guests. The event also saw enthusiastic participation from local residents and parents.

Avaada Foundation strongly believes that education and nutrition are both essential to the holistic development of every child. No social or geographical barrier should ever stand in the way of these fundamental rights.