

Sandeep



Prem itself is defined as loving, caring and affectionate. Prem Dan helps all needy students to build, enhance and maintain their studies. They promote all necessary components to allow any student to complete their education.

Prem Dan develops all the potential skills and talents a student may have, giving them a broad range of abilities to help them both in their academic studies, and in future life. It has helped students not just recently but for the past 33 years.

School is where the students go and sit and listen to teachers and hopefully learn something of value. But here at Prem Dan, education is something more. Skills are learnt not just for academia, but also to enrich our lives. The teachers care about the students and help them to get sponsors so that they can continue their education, whereas without, they wouldn't be able to.

Well, here I am, Sandeep N. Valmiki. I too was a student at Prem Dan and I know from personal experience how much it has helped me. They went beyond the expectations of a normal school and had given me support and encouragement so that now, I can stand up in this competitive world to say with confidence that I can do great things. All thanks to the help I received at Prem Dan.

Prem, as in Hindi we say, "Prem matlab pyar." Truly I have experienced love at Prem Dan and without the love and dedication shown by the teachers and all the staff there, I would not be the person I am today.

Many of the ex – Prem Dan students today are happy, educated and content people and we owe a massive debt of thanks to everyone from Prem Dan, Thank you all. You have done so much for us and we will be forever grateful.

Here is a small story about myself in Prem Dan.

When I joined Prem Dan I was very young and was absolutely not interested in studying. The first month there was terrible, but as I grew accustomed to the environment and began to develop a relationship with the teachers, I began to get much more out of Prem Dan. The teachers made me realise the importance of my education and encouraged me to work hard and prepare for exams which would shape my life.

When I did get into another school after Prem Dan, they still helped me by providing me with all the equipment I needed. From school shoes to school books they helped with everything. I attended "Holy Name High School" and

Prem Dan paid for my fees which I alone had no hope of ever paying for. They provided extra classes in order to ensure everyone was understanding their lessons and they even kept me well fed! And all they asked in return was that I worked hard and make use of this opportunity to craft a life ahead for myself.

Now I am much more confident and am a well educated person. As parents do all things necessary for their child, so too does Prem Dan. They have done so much for me and countless other students so that if I ever do meet anyone else who went to Prem Dan, when I ask how they are, they all reply "great" Everyone who attends Prem Dan has gained so much from it and is able to create a life afterwards with skills learnt to make themselves better, more rounded people. It's such a fantastic opportunity for the poor who wouldn't otherwise get the chance to have an education and everyone is so grateful.

Now, Prem Dan will have moved on a bit from when I was there. However, the fundamental need for more sponsors will still remain a dominant factor in the growth of the institute. I am now looking ahead towards the future and I know that I will seize every opportunity and work hard thanks to the education I received that started with Prem Dan. I can never really express how truly grateful I am to all at Prem Dan but I wish to say from the bottom of my heart, Thank you.

To all at Prem Dan, teachers, Sisters, staff and most of all Mother Felicity.

Thank you.