



Draupadi Dream Trust

A Brief About us

Draupadi Dream Trust, affectionately called Draupadi Trust, derives its name and strength from the historical Mahabharata era Panchala Princess Draupadi. It was registered in 2003, at the capital city of the Pandavas *Indraprastha*, now known as New Delhi. It is a Not-for-profit, Charitable Organization working with the-

Vision

- 1 Better understanding and appreciation of our deep rooted Cultural Heritage, and blending of Heritage and Modernity via revival of scientific Vedic thought and Culture.
- 2 Empowered women/youth managing their own lives and confidently playing a constructive role in nation building.

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Mission to-

1. Revive ancient era Heritage, with special focus on Vedic and Epic Era.
2. Help the women /youth / local community to be an asset to themselves, and thus to the family and society at large.

The Trust is working at the birthplace of Draupadi, **Kampilya**, in Dist. Farrukhabad, UP, at Pandava city Indraprastha, (New Delhi), besides other areas of India too.

It follows the method of Research, Awareness, Training and interactions.

Significant Projects :

A. Reinstating the Cultural Heritage of Kampilya and Panchala Region

2003-2004: Study on Development Opportunities for Job seekers and Entrepreneurs in Cultural Tourism at Kampilya region.

2005-06: Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Cultural Tourism Project titled 'Integrated Development of Farrukhabad with special focus on Vedic City Kampilya (with hired ITDC Consultancy), submitted to UP Govt in 2007.

2010-2012: Advocacy & Coordination for Excavation at Kampilya

2010: Community Radio Service, *Draupadi Vaani*, for Kampily women – received LOI in 2010, sent proposal accepted by Min of WCD for funding, sent to Mahila Kalyan Vibhag UP Govt for forwarding to Central government ...met Minister Aruna Kori in Nove 2013 for help to forward proposal...still awaited at Delhi!

Important International Conferences

1. **2010 :** Organized Int'l Seminar on *How Deep are the Roots of Indian Civilization*

2. **2012** : International Seminar on *The Mahabharata: Its Historicity, Antiquity, Evolution & impact on civilization*
3. The Indus Sarasvati Civilization vis-à-vis The Rigveda-Seminar held at Multipurpose Hall, International Centre, Lodhi Estate. 26th – 28th March 2015.

Exhibition & Festivals

2012 Exhibition on Jai Bharata Mahabharata

The Panchala MahaUtsava: A five days Festival to Celebrate the Rich Cultural Heritage.

Exhibition on The Mahabharata; ‘A nostalgic journey into cities, war and arts that still connects us to our past’ in Kolkata.

B. Education

Jan 2005 till date: Initiated Computer Education for Kampilya’s Youth.

2010-2012: Special Software Development and Training for Zardozi Crafts Artisans of District Farrukhabad, CHIC-CAD software deployment & training.

C. Women & Media

The Media , both electronic & print ,are not only channels for information but also important but also important tools for gradual social change. The Trust initiated a move in 2007, to create awareness on the role and responsibility of the media in Women empowerment, through a series of seminars across cities like New Delhi, Chennai, Lucknow , etc.

Simultaneously, advocacy with the Ministry of INB was also taken up and we feel extremely happy to note the constructive role that our media has taken up in highlighting the status of the girl child and Women in our country.

Awareness & Training : The word **Empowerment** has three important components : E stands for Exercise , M stands for my , and P for Power. Being able to exercising one’s power is real empowerment.

Power comes from knowledge ,skills and capabilities. Strength to exercise one’s power to use the knowledge and skills for betterment of self and society is real empowerment. The trust also believes in empowering at every level , that is, taking into account all sections within that community.

Crafts: Craft is an integral part of all ancient cultures and vedic literature and Trust has made special interventions to better their product quality , quantity and marketing..

Farmers : Farmers are bedrocks of our nation and the trust has provided them with awareness and training related to Agro products of food and medicinal value . Special training in best farming practices, oppotunities in cultivation of medicinal plants and also in processed food products.

Plans for future :

-Mahabharata tourism train project in U.P.

Plans to integrate three main sites in the state associated with Mahabharata, which are Hastinapur, Kampilya and Ahichchhatra.

-Exhibition in Lucknow in the month of September from 25th – 27th

-Lectures on Mahabharta