

IN PICTURES | LINDSAY JOHNSON

All Photographs were taken in and around Anupshahr, Uttar Pradesh, where Johnson lived for a year volunteering with Pardada Pardadi School. These photos were taken between 2009 and 2012.

Now Rising O'er the Ganges

# Vibrant lives in rural India



"ON MY LAST DAY AT SCHOOL THIS SUMMER, MY STUDENTS AND I WENT TO WATCH THE SUN RISE OVER THE GANGES. KRISHNA, REETA AND SHIVANI DIP THEIR TOES IN THE RIVER."



"THIS IS THE AUNT OF ONE OF MY STUDENTS. EVERY TIME I VISITED THEIR HOME, SHE WOULD COOK DELICIOUS MEALS."



"MANY OF THE HOMES IN ANUPSHAHR AND THE SURROUNDING VILLAGES ARE PAINTED BRIGHT COLORS. I LOVE HOW THIS WOMAN'S SARI MATCHES THE WALL BEHIND HER."

COOKING PURI FOR A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

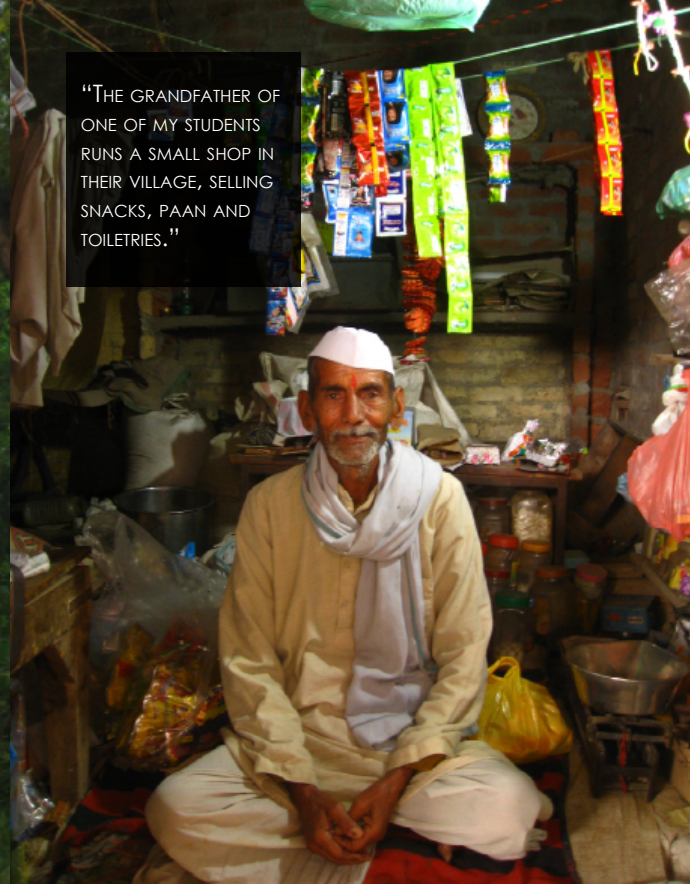


"THIS GRANDMOTHER WANTED ME TO TAKE HER PICTURE, BUT WAS NOT GOING TO SMILE. WHEN HER GRANDCHILDREN BEGAN TO GOOF OFF BEHIND ME, SHE LAUGHED AT THEM, AND I SNAPPED A SERIES OF PICTURES."

"WHILE I WAS VISITING ONE OF MY STUDENTS AT HOME, THESE WOMEN WATCHED ME CURIOUSLY FROM A NEARBY ROOFTOP."



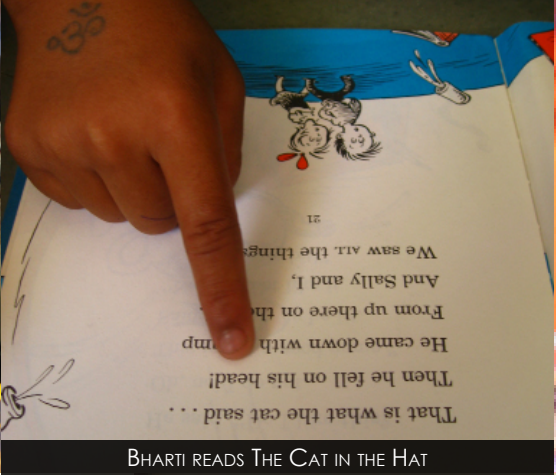
TEENAGE BOYS CATCH A RIDE TO SCHOOL ATOP A TOWN BUS.



"THE GRANDFATHER OF ONE OF MY STUDENTS RUNS A SMALL SHOP IN THEIR VILLAGE, SELLING SNACKS, PAAN AND TOILETRIES."



A STUDENT LOOKS OUT FROM THE JUGAAD SCHOOL BUS.



BHARTI READS THE CAT IN THE HAT



BABY SACHIN AND HIS MOTHER AT HIS NAMING CEREMONY.



ENGLISH CLASS AT PARDADA PARDADI SCHOOL