Now Rising O’er the Ganges

Vibrant Lives in Rural India

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.

On my last day at school this summer, my students and I went to watch the sun rise over the Ganges. Krishna, Reeta, and Shweta dipped their toes in the river.
Cooking puri for a birthday celebration.

“the grandfather of one of my students runs a small shop in their village, selling snacks, pan and toleties.”

Teenage boys catch a ride to school atop a town bus.

“The 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.”
A student looks out from the Jugaad school bus.

Bharti reads The Cat in the Hat in English class at Pardada Pardad School.

Baby Sachin and his mother at his naming ceremony.