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***Stories of children,
community, and courage***

Dear friends & collaborators,

As the temperatures rose this summer, so did the laughter, voices, and possibilities within our learning spaces. From the city lanes of Navi Mumbai to the riverside calm of Rishikesh, children explored what it means to learn, lead, and live with awareness.

What unfolded wasn't just a series of summer camps, it was a season of stories. Of friendships built over nukkad natak scripts, of posters raised high during rallies, of questions asked boldly in safe rooms, and of songs sung in unison at dawn.

These stories wouldn't have come alive without **you**.

- To our **volunteers**, who brought energy and empathy into every session.
- To our **partners and donors**, who believed in the power of joyful, inclusive education
- To our **collaborators**, who stood beside us, dreaming and doing in equal measure

Thank you for your trust, your support, and your unwavering commitment to children and their right to learn with dignity and delight.

Here's a glimpse into everything we created together this summer, a tapestry of learning rooted in joy, courage, and community.

With warmth and gratitude,

The Sampoorna Shiksha Team



Stories in Every Corner: Sanjeevan School, Navi Mumbai



On April 15, fifty children at *Sanjeevan School* began showing up early, sometimes with notebooks, sometimes with excitement, and always with questions.

Over five weeks, they dove into a curriculum that didn't feel like one: **spoken English through storytelling, nukkad nataks that made the schoolyard a stage, and games that quietly built teamwork and confidence.**

With 11 dedicated volunteers, the school buzzed with new language, not just English words, but the language of empathy, inclusion, and joy. Children who once mumbled began projecting their voices. Teams who couldn't agree on a game rule now choreographed skits together. Every wall became a blackboard, every classroom a rehearsal space.

A Day of Discovery: Students from Centre for Development Studies & Action at Museum of Solutions



On May 20, 52 students from the CDSA centre in Mumbai stepped into the Museum of Solutions (MuSo), and into possibility.

They tinkered, explored, built, and questioned. They learned how plants breathe in the Grow Lab, how machines can create art in the Make Lab, and how artificial intelligence is being used to solve real-world problems.

The highlight? **A 2-hour AI Masterclass that ended with children experimenting with Muso's brand-new AI bot.** Some asked riddles. Others asked it to write poems. But most simply stared in awe at what learning could look like, interactive, intelligent, and infinite.

Vishwabalak Kendra: A Community Comes Alive



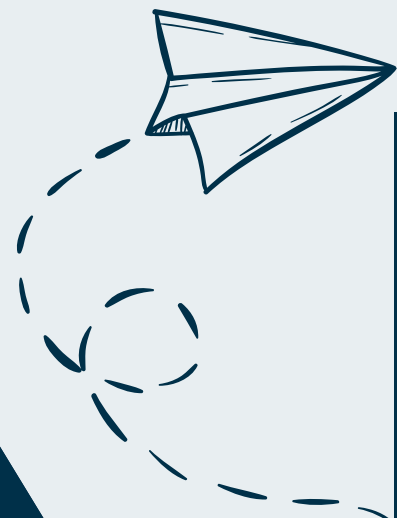
At *Vishwabalak Kendra*, the energy was electric. 150 children, 8 volunteers, and one big intention: to turn learning into something unforgettable.

The sessions blurred the lines between “subject” and “self.” English became a tool for play. Theatre became a mirror for lived experiences. And sports became a canvas for problem-solving and teamwork.



One group created a skit on everyday waste management and performed it entirely in English, two children had never spoken the language aloud before this camp. Another group spent hours creating original chants for a mini-rally on clean streets and safe homes.

These weren't just activities. They were rehearsals for life.



Kindness from Kerala: Sasneham Karunyam School Supplies



On May 17, in Kottayam, Kerala, a ripple of joy spread through Sasneham Karunyam, where school supplies were distributed to children through the support of Dr. Viswanathan Namboothiri.



It may have looked like simple bags filled with notebooks, pencils, erasers but to the children, it meant showing up to school with pride. **One child hugged her notebook as if it were a treasure.** And it was. Dignity starts with access, and this moment reminded us of that truth.



A Week with the Elements: Panchatatva Camp, Rishikesh

From May 30 to June 5, in the quiet stillness of Rishikesh, 156 children gathered for a summer camp built around the five elements of nature - Water, Earth, Fire, Air, and Space. But what began as a thematic idea soon became a life philosophy.

Held at Shri Harishchandra Gupta Adarsh Girls Inter College, and co-organised with the Creative Teachers Group, the Panchatatva Camp brought together theatre, ecology, voice, and vulnerability.

Each day was anchored in an element:

- Water flowed through storytelling circles on empathy.
- Earth came alive through mud sculptures and planting activities.
- Fire sparked conversations around rights, resistance, and rallying.
- Air carried songs and skits from one classroom to another.
- Space gave room for reflection, silence, and journaling.



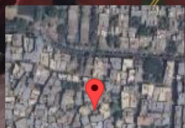
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Workshops ranged from spoken English to financial literacy, but what stood out most were the moments between -

- A group of girls huddled around **Dr. Rohini Chandrashekhar**, asking honest questions during the menstrual hygiene session, finally hearing answers that felt safe and kind.
- Children turning waste into functional art, proudly presenting their recycled inventions.
- The entire group marching through the streets on **World No Tobacco Day**, **chanting slogans they had written themselves**.
- And every morning and evening, a camp song composed by Tarini Chandrashekar grounded the group, a ritual that stitched the elements, the learning, and the children's hopes into a single melody.



One More Chapter: Pt. Motilal Nehru High School, Nerul, Navi Mumbai



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As June ended, so did our final summer camp at Pt. Motilal Nehru High School, Mumbai, led by Monika and an energetic team of SIES College volunteers. For two weeks, classrooms transformed into creative labs where children explored dialogue writing, skits, pronunciation games, and group performances. Even the shyest voices found their stage.

On the last day, students surprised us with handmade cards and songs to celebrate our founders' birthdays, a heartfelt thank-you filled with joy and gratitude. And just before the goodbyes, a child asked, “Can you come and teach us every day?”

That one moment said it all, this wasn't just a camp, it was a space where trust grew, creativity blossomed, and every child felt seen.

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