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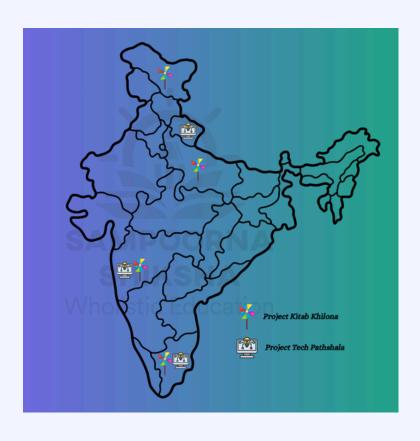
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Our Impact this Quarter





Our impact this quarter under Project Shikshalaya across 5 States

- 7 Kitab Khilona Projects impacting 200+ students
 E 15+ teachers
- 3 Tech Pathshala
 Projects impacting 100+
 students & 10+ teachers

Our impact this quarter under Project Shiksha Vikas



11 teachers from Stree Mukti Sanghatna trained under our Project SS Academy



200+ students impacted through our Project Skill Development across 7 community centres and schools in 3 states.



1000+ students and 20+ teachers impacted through our Project Nav Nirman across 2 schools in Navi Mumbai

In the News: Sampoorna Shiksha Shines in Free Press Journal's Angels of Mumbai Series!



We're beyond thrilled to share that Sampoorna Shiksha (Gyaandaan Foundation) has been featured in the Free Press Journal's prestigious Angels of Mumbai series — a tribute to changemakers shaping a brighter, more compassionate city and country.

Penned by journalist Pooja Patel, the feature beautifully captures the inspiring journey of our co-founders, Pushpa Subramanian and Lata Srinivasan, whose vision and dedication continue to transform classrooms, empower educators, and bring the joy of learning to children across India.

From building Toy Libraries in rural schools to establishing Tech Pathshalas that bridge the digital divide, Sampoorna Shiksha stands as a testament to what sustained passion, purpose, and partnership can achieve.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Free Press Journal and Pooja Patel for recognizing our work and amplifying the message that education, when done right, can transform lives and entire communities.





Twin educators empower rural students

Pooja Patel

Twin educators Pushpa Subramanian and Lata Srinivasan founded Gyaandaan Foundation, also popularly known as Sampoorna Shiksha, to improve education and skill development in rural and underprivileged urban schools by mobilising a network of like-minded individuals. With more than a decade of experience in both online and offline teaching, the organisation has supported students across diverse settings, offering academic coaching, mentorship, and guidance in various aspects of

observed among its students have inspired the team to expand its initiatives. This journey has now evolved into providing holistic education. The organisation's mission is to serve at the grassroots level, helping individuals unlock their potential and achieve their aspirations through education. Its vision is to create high-quality, low-cost educational models that bridge gaps in learning and promote inclusive access to education. We found that many stu-

"We found that many students in rural areas, as well as their teachers, relied heavily on rote learning and examoriented methods. As a result, while children often understood concepts at a basic level, they struggled to relate them to real-life experiences. Teachers, being the torchbearers of the nation, play a crucial role in shaping the





and Lata Srinivasan, co-founders, Gyaandaan Foundation (Sampoorna Shiksha)



ENDORSER: DR NAVASIKHA DUARA, associate professor and in charge principal, SVKM's Pravin Gandhi College of La

The sisters are doing phenomenal work, and their impact has been far-reaching. They have been providing holistic education in remote rural areas, where under-resourced communities need it the most. In addition, they train educators, empowering teachers to deliver more effective and impactful

learning experiences.

future. By empowering teachers, we can, in turn, empower students—who will go on to drive the economy and contribute to the develop-



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ment of the country," explains explains Subramanian.

Subramanian.

The NGO's long-term goals include forging partnerships with volunteers and organisations to provide essential support, drive social change, and contribute to sustainable development. With a focus on rural outreach, the foundation aims to educate, empower, and enrich children and youth, ensuring continuous learning and growth through dedicated volunteering efforts.

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explains Srinivasan.
The organisation has trained at least 500 teachers, benefiting more than 6,000 children. By 2000, it plans to reach out to 500 schools and support approximately 10,000 children. The duo advocate the importance of volunteering for young students. They have engaged numerous youths in meaningful work, providing them with hands-on experience across a variety of volun-

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Project Kitab Khilona: Spreading Joy, One Toy Library at a Time



At Sampoorna Shiksha, we believe that learning must begin with joy and curiosity and evolve into empowerment and purpose. Through Project Kitab Khilona, we continue to bring playful learning experiences to children across India — transforming classrooms into vibrant spaces filled with laughter, imagination, and discovery.

Between July and September, our team expanded the reach of our Toy & Book Libraries — colourful corners brimming with educational toys, flashcards, puzzles, art kits, musical instruments, and story cards



7 Kitab Khilona Projects impacting 200+ students & 15+ teachers



This quarter, new Kitaab Khilona Project came alive in schools and learning centres across the country:

- Sathya Sai School, Govanur (Tamil Nadu) – A joyful corner inspiring curiosity in young learners.
- Panchayat Union Middle School, Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu) – Play and learning now go hand in hand!
- Primary School Bankatiya (Uttar Pradesh) - A vibrant space bringing stories and smiles to children.
- Composite School, Azamgarh (Uttar Pradesh) – Where play sparks imagination every day.
- Sanjeevan High School (Maharashtra) Over 125 students now enjoy hands-on learning experiences.
- Anganwadis in Dahanu (Maharashtra) –
 From toys to smiles joy now lives in every corner.
- Zanskar, Ladakh Joy reaches the Himalayas! Children now have their very own toy library amidst the mountains.
- Each Toy Library is a small step toward a larger dream that every child, in every classroom, has the chance to play, learn, and dream.

Project Tech-Pathshala: Building Pathways to Learning and Opportunity



At Sampoorna Shiksha, we believe that access to digital tools can transform learning — turning curiosity into capability and classrooms into launchpads for opportunity. Through Project Tech Pathshala, we are working to bridge the digital divide by setting up computer labs, donating devices, and introducing smart learning tools in schools across India.



3 Tech Pathshala Projects impacting 100+ students & 10+ teachers

New Computer Centre in Pauri, Uttarakhand

On July 9, we established a Computer Library at Brigadier Vidyavihar Juyal Sanskrit & Uttar Madhyam Vidyalaya, Pauri under Project Tech Pathshala.

Supported by the PCPL Foundation and implemented with Himalayan Volunteering Tourism, the centre now provides 123 students (Grades 6–12) with essential digital tools and training.

This lab is more than infrastructure — it is a gateway to digital literacy, opportunity, and a brighter future.



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Unlocking Digital Learning - New Computer Lab in Kolhapur

On August 11, a new Computer Lab was set up at Prabhuddha School, Kolhapur, under Tech Pathshala, with support from the PCPL Foundation.

This lab opens doors for students to build digital literacy, explore new resources, and prepare for a future shaped by technology.

With every computer, we are not just adding machines — we are creating gateways to knowledge, skills, and empowerment.

Laptop Donation Drive - Empowering Students Beyond Classrooms

With generous donor support, Sampoorna Shiksha provided laptops to students from low-income backgrounds, enabling access to digital learning, internships, and career opportunities. Students like Mahesh Pawar, Mehak Shaikh, and Tanmay Shinde can now attend online classes, practice independently, and pursue their ambitions with confidence.



Project SS Academy -Teacher Training Program for teachers from Stree Mukti Sanghatna



In July, the Sampoorna Shiksha team spent 3 inspiring days with teachers from Stree Mukti Sanghatna's community centres, supporting children from vulnerable backgrounds. The training blended practical classroom strategies with Sampoorna Shiksha's holistic NEP-based learning philosophy.

Teachers explored hands-on methods — from flashcards and story cards to Brain Gym and Finger Gym activities — and focused on designing lessons that are structured, joyful, and experiential. Through discussions and collaborative exercises, they reflected on making learning child-centred and connected to real-world experiences.

By the end of the session, educators left equipped with new tools, renewed motivation, and a shared purpose, ready to bring these practices back to their classrooms and empower their students daily.



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Donations at Sampoorna Shiksha: Textbook Distribution Drive at Zilla Parishad Madhyamik Kanya Shala, Majalgaon



Sampoorna Shiksha conducted a textbook distribution drive at Zilla Parishad Madhyamik Kanya Shala, Majalgaon, benefiting 40 students of Standards 9 & 10. With support from Lata Srinivasan, students received curriculum-aligned textbooks to start the academic year confidently.

This initiative under our School Supply Distribution Program helps reduce financial barriers, prevent dropouts, and empower young learners, especially girls.

Founders Pushpa Subramanian & Lata Srinivasan shared: "These textbooks are not just tools for learning, but a symbol of our belief in every child's potential."

The event was filled with gratitude, joy, and renewed determination among students.

Celebrations at Sampoorna Shiksha: Celebrating Ganesh Chaturthi with the Gift of Confidence







This Ganesh Chaturthi, we marked new beginnings in a meaningful way-by sharing Best of Luck Kits with children in Chennai. In association with Venkat Pencilman's Joyful Gifting Initiative, spreading smiles and learning!

Each kit, filled with simple stationery essentials like a ruler, pencil, eraser, and sharpener, carried more than just tools-it carried the promise of confidence. Because sometimes, the smallest resources can spark the biggest dreams.

Together with Joyful Gifting, we reached schools across the city, transforming the festival into a celebration of learning and hope.

Celebrations at Sampoorna Shiksha: Independence Day at our schools in Navi Mumbai



On 15th August, our team joined the children of Sanjeevan School and Pt. Motilal Nehru School to celebrate Independence Day. The day was filled with patriotic songs, dances, and skits, reflecting the students' talent, creativity, and heartfelt enthusiasm.

The celebrations were not just about performances — they were a reminder that freedom comes with responsibility, and that the spirit of unity and togetherness makes these moments truly meaningful.

1000+ students and 20+ teachers impacted through our Project Nav Nirman across 2 schools in Navi Mumbai



Project Skill Development - Kahani Utsav, Bringing Children Together Through Stories and Imagination

At Sampoorna Shiksha, we believe stories inspire, connect, and transform. Kahani Utsav brings this magic to classrooms and community spaces across India.

Every alternate Friday, students from diverse schools and NGOs come together for interactive storytelling sessions that blend narratives with creative, activity-based learning.

Themes nurture values, empathy, and imagination, turning special occasions like Gandhi Jayanti, International Peace Day, and stories of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam into opportunities for reflection and creativity.

The shared energy of children from different backgrounds makes every Kahani Utsav a celebration of joyful learning, curiosity, and creativity that bridges communities.



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Project Skill Development - Kala Utsav, Celebrating International Literacy Day

Kala Utsav brings children together every Monday for art, craft, and creative expression. This week's session celebrated International Literacy Day with a Read Aloud of "I Am Not a Cat" from Pratham Education Foundation's One Day, One Story initiative.

Children from Hardoi (UP) and Bihar joined online, listening to the story and designing their own bookmarks, blending storytelling with hands-on creativity. Thanks to Mrs. Aruna Joshi for leading the session and Pratham Education Foundation for making this experience possible across India.

Collaborations at Sampoorna Shiksha - Happy Streets in collaboration with Times of India

On 31st August, our team members joined the Happy Streets organized by Times of India. Children and families enjoyed a wide range of activities, pottery, face painting, drawing on open roads, coloring pots, making modaks, and much more. It was not just a fun-filled day for kids but also a refreshing, creative experience for adults. Events like these remind us of the joy that comes from community, creativity, shared laughter





Collaborations at Sampoorna Shiksha - Teacher Training with Kotak Education Foundation





On 20th September, our team members attended the Kotak Education Foundation's Teachers Training Programme in Chembur. The session focused on Differentiated Learning, giving us a holistic understanding of how to adapt teaching methods to diverse learners.

With live activities, interactive discussions, and exchanges with teachers and facilitators, it was an enriching experience for all. More than 50 teachers participated, taking back fresh ideas and strategies to make their classrooms more inclusive and effective.

This session was all about coming together for collaboration and partnerships that bring us closer to Sampoorna Shiksha's vision and mission.

Collaborations at Sampoorna Shiksha - Navi Mumbai Changemakers Unite for Daan Utsav 2025

On 26th July, Sampoorna Shiksha, in collaboration with Pagaria Welfare Foundation, hosted the Navi Mumbai Changemakers Meetup- an inspiring gathering of people driven by purpose.

Daan Utsav (2nd-8th Oct) is India's Festival of Giving, where millions share time, skills, and resources with those in need.

Highlights:

- Enthusiastic participation from NGOs, volunteers & social sector professionals
- Exchange of ideas and collaborations for impactful giving.
- Laid the foundation for a wave of kindness in Navi Mumbai this October.

Find out more about our activities in the Daan Utsav in our next newsletter.





Collaborations at Sampoorna Shiksha - Reflections from the Unconference

On 19th July, educators from diverse backgrounds gathered at ITM University for a unique Unconference - a collaborative, no-frills, and deeply engaging space for shared learning. The day was filled with open dialogue, curiosity, and collective reminding reflection, us that educators come together as learners. meaningful solutions grassroots to challenges naturally emerge.

Our founders, Pushpa Subramanian and Lata Srinivasan, who contributed to thought-provoking discussions on Life Skills & 21st Century Skills, Career Guidance, and Constructivism. The experience left us inspired — with new ideas, potential collaborations, and a renewed belief in the power of collective learning to drive change in education.





Collaborations at Sampoorna Shiksha -AFAC Ke Sitare

On 15th August, AFAC Ke Sitare brought music, talent, and community spirit to AFAC School, Mumbai. Organized by PN Subramanian Foundation and AFAC English School, in association with Suktasvara and supported by Sampoorna Shiksha, the event showcased 12 student singers performing alongside six accomplished adult artists, celebrating creativity, confidence, and artistic expression.



Our founders reflected on the joy of seeing children shine and the dedication of their mentors.

"At the heart of education lies not only academics, but also creativity, confidence, and self-expression," they said.

AFAC Ke Sitare highlights Sampoorna Shiksha's vision of nurturing learning ecosystems where children can thrive — on stage, in school, and in life.



Collaborations at Sampoorna Shiksha - Parul University Students visit our adopted school in Nerul

Under Project Nav Nirman, Sampoorna Shiksha transforms schools into spaces where children learn with curiosity, confidence, and joy.

In September, BSW and MSW students from Parul University, Vadodara, visited Pt. Motilal Nehru School, Navi Mumbai, observing classrooms, interacting with students, and witnessing our interventions in action.

Lata Srinivasan reflected, "School transformation is not theory, it is practice."

Partnerships like these show that meaningful change happens when institutions, educators, and learners come together to reimagine education for every child.





In Our Partners' Words

संजीवन हायस्कूल या आमच्या शाळे बरोबर संपूर्ण शिक्षा ही संस्था मागील चार वर्षापासून सोबत आहेत. सदर संस्थेमार्फत आमच्या शाळेतील इयत्ता पाहिली ते इयत्ता दहावी पर्यंत विद्यार्थ्यांना शैक्षणिक साहित्याचे वाटप केले जाते. तसेच इयत्ता सहावी ते इयत्ता दहावी मध्ये विशेष गुणवत्ता मिळविणाऱ्या विद्यार्थ्यांना पुरस्कार देऊन गौरविले जाते. सदर संस्थेने शाळेला रंगरंगोटी करून दिली तसेच शैक्षणिक चित्रे भिंतीवर रंगविण्याकरित मौल्यवान मदत केली.संस्थेमार्फत दरवर्षी स्वंयसेवका मार्फत इंग्रजी स्पिकिंग , व्यक्तिमत्व विकास, व इतर उपक्रम घेतले जातात . त्याचा आमच्या शाळेतील विद्यार्थ्यांच्या सर्वांगिण विकासासाठी खूप मदत होत आहे.संपूर्ण शिक्षा सेवाभावी संस्थेला शाळेच्या संस्थेच्या व पालकांच्या वतीने खूप खूप शुभेच्छा देतो.



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आमच्या शाळेचे संपूर्ण शिक्षा संस्थेशी मागील चार वर्षापासुन संबंध आहेत. मला ह्या संस्थेबद्दल मनोगत व्यक्त करताना खूप आनंद होत आहे. आमच्या शाळेसाठी संस्थेने एक डिजिटल स्मार्ट टीव्ही, पाच कॉम्प्युटर सेटअप, शाळेतील स्टडी रूम आणि क्लासरूम पेंटिंग,टॉय लायब्ररी, हॅंगिंग लायब्ररी सेटअप अशा अनेक नाविन्यपूर्ण साहित्य आमच्या कडे उपलब्ध करून दिले. तसेच,चांगल्या गुणांनी पास झालेल्या दहावीच्या विद्यार्थ्यांना लॅपटॉप देऊन गौरविण्यात आले. आमची शाळा, विद्यार्थी आणि संपूर्ण शिक्षकवर्ग त्यासाठी आपले आभार मानतो व संस्थेला शुभेछा देतो.

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In Our Volunteers' Words



With 30+ years of experience in Science teaching and mentoring, Sharmistha has trained teachers across Grades 1–10 through 20+ sessions on Effective Teaching at Sanjeevan School. Volunteering, she says, has taught her patience and perseverance.

"It's fulfilling to see students become more curious and excited about learning-that moment when complex concepts finally make sense is pure joy.

-Sharmistha Kant

Rushanka, a Senior Officer with the Times of India's digital team, brings both corporate experience and academic excellence (MBA & M.Sc. in Biotechnology) to her volunteering journey. For the past 2.5 months, she has been conducting Spoken English classes filled with engaging activities like debates, group discussions, and storytelling, always adding a spark of fun through polls and light-hearted banter.

"Volunteering has shown me the reality of today's youth and the potential they hold", says Rushanka



-Rushkanka J. Kottakkal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Events under Project Shikshalaya

Project Kitab Khilona at 15 Aanganwadis in Dahanu

NOVEMBER

Project Tech Pathshala across India



Upcoming Events under Project Shiksha Vikas

Festive Celebration Activities (Dussehra) across India under skill development

OCTOBER

Student Leadership Program at Iteach Schools under skill development program

OCTOBER

Diwali Celebration at our adopted schools under skill development program

OCTOBER

Volunteer-Led teaching sessions at Govandi and Nerul under project English on call

NOVEMBER

Children's Day Celebration at our adopted schools

NOVEMBER

Teacher Training in Phonics under project SS Academy

NOVEMBER

Kahani Utsav- Storytelling & Values-based Learning across India under project skill development

ONGOING

Kala Utsav– Art & Craft across India under project Skill Development SONCOING

Festive Celebration Activities (Christmas) at our adopted schools under project Skill Development

DECEMBER

A Note of Gratitude

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our **partners**, **collaborators**, **donors** and **volunteers** who made this quarter's journey so impactful.

Your trust, time, and shared vision make every project — from joyful Toy Libraries to empowering teacher trainings — truly possible.

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Together, we are building learning spaces that inspire curiosity, creativity, and courage — one classroom, one child, and one community at a time.



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