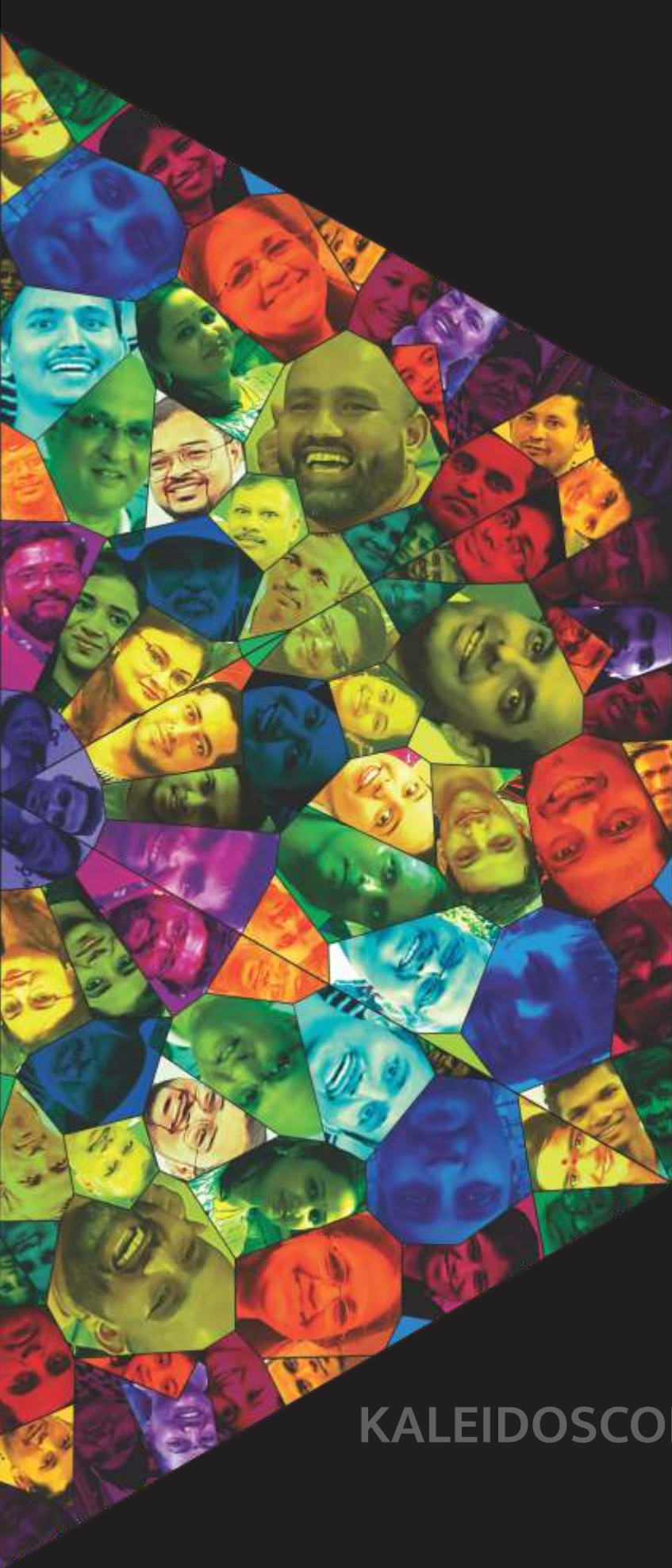




MANY
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KALEIDOSCOPE OF SEVA



**SEVA
SAHAYOG**
Celebrating Humanity



Each turn
of our
kaleidoscope
will reveal
a story of...

Sevabhav
Devotion
Compassion
Commitment
Selflessness
Perseverance
Empathy
Contribution
Inspiration
Leadership
Service
Courage
Impact
Well-wishers
Humanity
Generosity
Dedication
Empowerment
Transformation
Resilience

Stories of
our volunteers,
our recipients,
our beneficiaries
and the milestones
of 17 years of
Seva Sahayog

FROM OUR BOARD, WITH LOVE AND GRATITUDE

On 31st August 2026, the Seva Sahayog Foundation completes 17 years of service. Looking back, our hearts are filled with immense gratitude. This path has been paved by the trust, goodwill, and selfless contribution of countless individuals and corporations, united by a shared spirit of service. Like any living organization, Seva Sahayog has grown in both scale and capability over time. While our initial years were dedicated to building a strong foundation and discovering our collective path, stepping into our 18th year deepens our confidence and multiplies our responsibility toward society.

At the core of Seva Sahayog's identity are our staff karyakartas and volunteers. Hailing from diverse walks of life, they bring unique skills and experiences, bound together by a single vision: bringing positive change to someone else's life. Their quiet, steadfast dedication has established Seva Sahayog as a credible and deeply rooted organization.

The year 2026 also marks the 25th i.e. Silver jubilee year since 1st International Year of Volunteers (2001) and 55th year of the United Nations Volunteers programme celebrated globally. These global milestones invite us to reflect on the enduring power of volunteerism. At Seva Sahayog, we believe volunteering is best understood through human stories of compassion and action rather than numbers alone. Guided by our civilizational ethos “Manav Seva is Madhav Seva” we recognize that volunteering is a two-way journey of listening, learning and growing together.

To capture this profound journey, we are proud to introduce **‘KALEIDOSCOPE OF SEVA.’** This publication is a curated collection of reflections and real-life stories from students, teachers, adolescent girls, farmers, rural women, and remote schools. It highlights the transformative power of collective action, showing how former beneficiaries often return as volunteers to repay and take forward the opportunities they received. These are not stories of single-handed heroism, but of humble ordinary people choosing the subtle path of care and community empowerment.

As we pause to review, we extend our heartfelt thanks to our donors and CSR partners for their generous support and trust. We are equally grateful to the communities who have welcomed us to walk along with them, as well as our partner institutions who bring these initiatives to life everyday.

Looking ahead, we recognize that our kaleidoscope is never complete. New people will join, new challenges will emerge and new opportunities for Seva will unfold, but our core mission shall always remain unchanged. The golden chapters of 'Seva Sahayog' are yet to be written, and we have full faith that they will be written through the hearts and hands of our dedicated volunteers and karyakartas!

— Board of Directors, Seva Sahayog Foundation

SEVA SAHAYOG FOUNDATION:

A SAGA OF INSPIRATION



Seva Sahayog is a volunteer-driven, employee-run non-profit organization powered by the dedication of its karyakartas, volunteers, donors, and well-wishers. Guided by our vision ‘**To Celebrate Humanity,**’ we attempt to bridge the gap between ‘Aspiring Mankind’ and ‘Struggling Mankind’ connecting those who wish to contribute with those seeking opportunity to create lasting social impact.

In 2007, a few socially conscious citizens from Mumbai and Pune, initiated this chapter of Seva. What began in Mumbai with just three karyakartas in a modest 60-square-foot office has evolved into a vibrant network of six offices across urban and rural regions, backed by an ever-expanding community of karyakartas, volunteers and partners.

Our field journey began in 2009 by distributing school kits to underprivileged children. These initial visits offered deep insights into rural realities, inspiring us to build science labs, libraries, digital classrooms, wash stations, and sanitation facilities, alongside providing scholarships and learning resources. Recognizing that educational outcomes are closely tied to family wellbeing, our work naturally broadened into community development-empowering children, women and farmers across Palghar district and beyond.

Rooted in our three core pillars - Education, Empowerment, and Environment. Seva Sahayog Foundation has spent past 17 years addressing diverse social challenges to help communities build a better future. Glad to present snapshots of our work in action in these CORE areas.

School Kit Drive: Flagship initiative, which started with 3,000 kits in 2009, has crossed over 8 lakh students till date.

Shiksha Vikas: 141 schools covered, benefiting 34000+ students across Maharashtra.

Samutkarsh Abhyasika: Flourishing across 9 zones with 163 study centers, 3650 students and complemented by various supportive academic and personality development programs.

Kishori Vikas: Expanded beyond the MMRDA region-10 zones, 2499+ strong kishoris, ready to make deep inroads into the Konkan belt.

Gram Vikas: Continues to empower 5000+ local communities by creating sustainable livelihood opportunities in Palghar, Wada and Raigad.

Environment: 194 schools illuminated through Seva Kiran, more than 90,000 native saplings planted in 24 places under the Urban Forestation project.

Sanjay Hegde Sports Academy: Continuously surpasses its own records for medals and trophies in various sports year after year. 1700+ medals, trophies won till date at various levels.

Science and Technology: Features innovative learning tools with a strong pan-India presence at far places such as Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand and more.

Vidyarthi Vikas: Has scaled remarkable heights of success : 2895 students benefited so far.

Other activities: Book Bank, S.T.E.M., Community Knowledge Centre, Vigyasa, Chhote Scientists, Digital Learning Centres, Seva Swasthya, School Construction. The list continues...

Come, let us join hands in service, strengthen the spirit of collaboration, and contribute towards building a more compassionate, empowered, and self-reliant society.

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SAMUTKARSH ABHYASIKA PROJECT



explore our project journey

OBJECTIVE OF THE PROGRAM

To support educational growth for children through community learning centres that encourage curiosity, regular learning, assessments, and holistic support involving students, teachers, parents, and the wider community.

BEGINNING OF PROJECT

The project began in **2015** with **5** Community Learning Centers, **128** students and **1** educational zone.

PROJECT JOURNEY / TIMELINE

2015-16

Launch phase with 5 Community Learning Centers, 128 students, and 1 educational zone.

Project scale-up

Student reach expanded from 128 students to 3,650 students.

Expanded reach

The project expanded to 9 educational zones and 163 Community Learning Centers.

Evolution

Moved from kit distribution to monthly assessments, student audits, Leadership Training, Career Guidance, First in Math, and Scholarship exam preparation.

KEY ACTIVITIES

- Community Learning Centers
- Monthly assessments and student audits
- Leadership Training Program
- Career guidance
- First in Math
- Scholarship exam preparation
- Teacher, parent, and community support

BENEFICIARY REACH

Zones | **9 educational zones**

Community Learning Centers | **163 Community Learning Centers**

Students | **3,650 students**

WAY FORWARD / THE ROAD AHEAD

The next phase will focus on strengthening learning progress, community participation, teacher-parent support, specialized learning programs, and scholarship exam preparation across Community Learning Centers.

An inspiring journey

Situated amidst the towering skyscrapers of Eastern Mumbai, Surya Nagar in Powai is a densely packed slum settlement. Here, Siddharth Abhyasika, established in 2023 under the Samutkarsh Project, serves as a vital sanctuary for underprivileged children who balance studies with extreme domestic hardships.

Initial efforts faced severe resistance from locals and parents favoring early employment or marriage over education, leading to high dropout rates. However, Sheela Nikalje, a dedicated teacher and single mother, refused to back out. Overcoming space constraints, volunteer shortages, and community apathy, she even personally funded construction of an extra floor above her home to create a permanent center for abhyasika.

Her unwavering grit bore fruit at the 2026 Samutkarsh Annual Festival, where her students clinched second prize in the Inter-Zonal Dance Competition. Today, these once-indifferent children enthusiastically lead local initiatives. Sheela's profound dedication has transformed Siddharth Abhyasika from a humble learning center into an inspiring movement of hope, proving that resilience can overcome any struggle.



Tejaswini



Maheshwari Bhaskar Mune, a bright student with deep rural roots, from a farming family in Barne village, Karjat, has excelled at the Sondai Abhyasika since third grade. In 2024, in eighth grade, she set her sights on the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship (NMMS) exam. Despite her school's lack of initiative, her Abhyasika teacher, Reshma Mune, personally ensured her registration.

Though the syllabus initially felt daunting, Abhyasika's simplified teaching and regular mock tests replaced Maheshwari's fear with confidence. Supported by her family and Reshma Madam's dedicated mentorship, her hard work paid off in 2025 when she passed with 73%, and qualified for the merit list. Today, her monthly ₹1,000 scholarship provided great financial support to cover her education through 12th grade.

Her triumph is part of a larger success story: Seva Sahayog's informally trained yet passionate teachers have mentored 55 abhyasika students, yielding 16 passes and 5 merit scholars in the last three years. Maheshwari's journey proves that with proper guidance, consistent effort, and unwavering self-confidence, no goal is out of reach.



The perfect blend of service

In 2018, while studying in the 8th standard, Harshali Baraf from Tandulwadi village in Saphale connected with Seva Sahayog's study center (Abhyasika) and Kishori Vikas (adolescent girls' development) classes.

Observing the work of Seva Sahayog's team closely, sparked a strong passion for social work within her. Under their guidance, she completed the Diploma in Social Work (DSW) and went on to pursue a B.A. in Rural Development.

To support her higher education, Seva Sahayog helped her secure financial assistance through the 'Swayam' scheme. Additionally, she received a scholarship of ₹40,000 each for her second and third years of her B.A. degree.

Harshali also gained direct experience in administration by completing a 5-month paid internship with the Mira-Bhayandar Municipal Corporation.

Today, she serves as a dedicated Seva Sahayog karyakarta herself—conducting Kishori classes across various villages and guiding young girls on education and future opportunities. Over the past 9 years, her transition from a student to a volunteer, and ultimately to a deeply committed karyakarta, has been truly remarkable. Once a student seeking guidance, Harshali is now empowering and showing the way forward to other young girls today.



Versatile

Sanika Mahendra Jimbhal joined Shivpratap Abhyasika, Boisar, in 2019 as a third-grader. Guided by intrinsic self-motivation, consistency, and discipline, she has transformed into a bright and versatile 10th-grade standout.

Sanika shines both academically and beyond. A skilled Kabaddi player and passionate dancer, she has earned multiple first-prize accolades at the Samutkarsh Annual Festival and won state-level honors at the ‘Kalankur Karandak’ dance competition for three consecutive years (2023-26). Recognizing her holistic excellence and leadership, she was honored as the ‘Best Student’ of the Boisar region under the Samutkarsh Abhyasika Project.

Driven by her own inner spark, Sanika's individual triumph is paired with a spirit of service. She actively volunteers at the center, mentoring younger students and supporting her teachers. Her parents proudly attribute her immense self-confidence and strong values to the guidance she received. Sanika's self-motivated journey proves that dedication and holistic support create leaders who not only raise themselves but also uplift others.



Dedication



In June 2019, Uma Ganesan joined Mankarnika Abhyasika in Thane, driven by an innate desire to serve. Holding an M.Com and B.Ed degree, she faced an immediate hurdle: she struggled with Marathi and Hindi. Yet, her selfless spirit proved that the language of service is universal.

Starting twice weekly, Uma taught English and Mathematics while eagerly listening to children read, absorbing local languages like a sponge. Her dedication extended far beyond academics—she taught children patriotic songs and used her expertise as a Bharatanatyam dancer to train young girls. Even through the COVID-19 pandemic, her commitment never wavered, as she continued mentoring through online sessions.

Today, Uma speaks fluent Hindi and is mastering Marathi. Volunteers like Uma Tai embody the essence of selfless service, proving that when guided by a true heart for volunteerism, any barrier can be transformed into a bridge of inspiration.

A pillar of strength

Since 2023, Sakshi Dorlekar, a dedicated teacher at Panhala Abhyasika in Western Mumbai, has exemplified extraordinary leadership and readiness to serve. When sudden spatial challenges threatened her learning center in 2025, her proactive resourcefulness secured a new location within two days, preventing any disruption to the children's education.

Her deep dedication shone brightly during the annual ‘Varshikotsav’ festival. Lacking a dance instructor, Sakshi personally funded a volunteer's honorarium out of her own modest salary. Inspired by her selfless leadership, that volunteer now serves as a full-time Abhyasika teacher.

Even when severe domestic financial hardships pressured Sakshi to abandon her path, her immense courage and resilience prevailed. Through counseling, she won her family's support to continue teaching while pursuing professional teacher training. Today, Sakshi's proactive ownership and inspiring mentorship stand as a powerful testament to the transformative impact of dedicated community leadership.

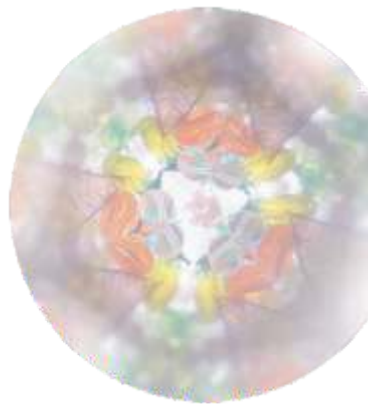


Quiet nature, loud results

Nisha Dhanaji Pawar, a 10th-grade student whose mother works as domestic help and father in a private job, joined Urja Abhyasika in August 2023. Though initially quiet and shy, she possessed a strong inner drive to excel. Recognizing her potential, abhyasika teacher Bipin Mishra encouraged her parents to let her participate in every activity.

Through Balmitra sessions, educational programs and targeted academic support, Nisha underwent a remarkable transformation. Her active involvement paid off across multiple platforms: she earned 1st rank at the Center level in the state-level "Manthan" General Knowledge Examination, won 2nd prize project-wide in the 'First in Math' initiative, and secured 3rd place in a district-level slogan and essay competition held by Samutkarsh.

Ultimately, Nisha topped her school in 9th grade with 90.83%. Driven by grit, parental trust, and dedicated mentorship, her journey proves how holistic participation can turn a shy student into a confident, high-achieving leader.



Samutkarsh Abhyasika Project: From roots to results



Since its inception in 2015–16, the Samutkarsh Abhyasika Project has achieved extraordinary quantitative and qualitative growth, standing today as a beacon of hope. Spanning across 9 diverse regions (5 rural, 4 urban), the project operates 163 daily learning abhyasika centers. Each two-hour session is a hub of inspiration—fostering patriotism, moral values, academic rigor and personality development. The most powerful legacy of this decade-long mission lies in its self-sustaining cycle of leadership:

- 36 former abhyasika students across 8 regions have returned to their roots since 2022, transitioning into dedicated teachers to inspire the next generation.
- 11 full-time leaders have been elevated from abhyasika teachers to key roles as Zonal Coordinators for Seva Sahayog.

Driven by the fierce conviction to ‘carry this legacy forward,’ the youth-powered Samutkarsh Abhyasika Project continues to break barriers and ignite endless possibilities for communities across the region.

GRAM VIKAS PROJECT



explore our project journey

OBJECTIVE OF THE PROGRAM

To build stronger villages through agriculture, livelihoods, health, education, nutrition, women’s empowerment, and community leadership.

BEGINNING OF PROJECT

The project began in **2018** with water conservation and tree-planting activities.

PROJECT JOURNEY / TIMELINE

2018

Water conservation and tree plantation activities began.

Community awareness

Awareness activities encouraged local participation in village development.

Skill training and farmer education

The project expanded to skill development and agricultural education for farmers.

Integrated rural programs

Multiple rural development interventions were brought together across Saphale, Boisar, and Mahad.

KEY ACTIVITIES

- Sheti Shala Initiative
- Entrepreneurship Development Program
- Skill Development Initiative
- Women Empowerment Classes
- Digital Learning Center
- Arogya Rakshak
- Annapurna Nutrition Initiative
- Anganwadi Support Initiative
- Nutrition Kitchen Garden Initiative
- Integrated Village Development

BENEFICIARY REACH

Current working areas | **Palghar - Saphale, Palghar - Boisar, Raigad - Mahad**

Farmers reached | **1,731**

Women reached | **1,810**

Students reached | **1,400**

Total reach since 2018 | **4,941 beneficiaries**

WAY FORWARD / THE ROAD AHEAD

The next phase focuses on integrated village development by building leadership at the village level and preparing local development plans. The vision is to activate Matrushakti, Yuvashakti, community goodwill, faith-based social strength, and collective action for holistic village transformation.



Nurturing a kitchen garden with guidance and grit

Anita Gowari, from Khutad village in Boisar, Palghar, was initially skeptical about starting a kitchen garden. Unfenced yard space, water scarcity, and doubts about plant survival held her back. The Gram Vikas and Women Empowerment Project of Seva Sahayog aims to solve all such challenges by turning small backyards into sources of fresh nutrition and household savings.

In 2025, project karyakarta Darshana Umbarkar reached out to Anita Tai, demonstrating space-efficient farming and offering hands-on guidance with seeds and regular visits. Encouraged by this support, Anita Tai transformed her front yard into a thriving garden of chilis, tomatoes, and brinjals.

Today, her family enjoys fresh, pesticide-free produce while saving modest ₹100–₹200 weekly on groceries. Beyond financial relief, the garden has given her immense self-reliance and confidence. Anita Tai's journey proves that with proper guidance and persistence, even a tiny plot of land can bloom into a powerful source of health, independence, and pride.



Hard work pays off

Subhash Dhodade, a hardworking farmer from Bhoirpada near Saphale, Palghar, has been associated with Seva Sahayog Foundation since 2025. Demonstrating remarkable perseverance and openness to innovation, he embraced modern agricultural practices across 36 gunthas of land. With unwavering regularity, Subhash attended 'Sheti Shala' (Farm School) training sessions.

Guided by experts, he successfully introduced mulching paper to conserve soil moisture and suppress weeds, alongside organic pest controls like Dashaparni Ark. His disciplined hard work and adoption of eco-friendly techniques yielded high-quality crops—producing over 2,170 kg of vegetables and generating ₹93,960 in income during the 2025–26 season.

Supported by his wife and daughters, Subhash's success is a triumph of collective family effort and continuous guidance and learning. Now a permanent advocate for Seva Sahayog, his journey proves how perseverance, regular training, and hard work can revolutionize traditional farming and inspire an entire community toward sustainable prosperity.



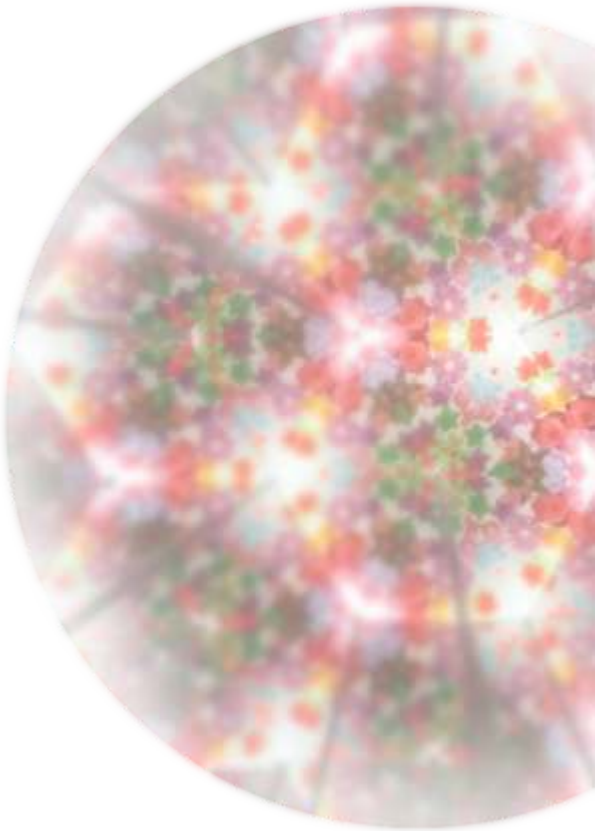
Stumbled, learned and bloomed!

Pravin Suresh Kindra, a young farmer from Uchavali village near Saphale, Palghar, lives with his parents and wife. Eager to uplift his family's livelihood, he embraced marigold cultivation in 2022 through Seva Sahayog Foundation's 'Sheti Shala' (Farm School).



His initial attempt with 250 saplings brought a major setback. Despite Seva Sahayog karyakarta's advice to harvest the crop, he waited. Believing marigolds were only valuable during Dussehra, he delayed harvesting, resulting in 50% of his crop destroyed. Turning this experience into a vital lesson, Pravin Dada vowed to follow expert guidance meticulously in 2023. He applied organic inputs like Dashaparni Ark, waste decomposer, and manure at precise intervals while monitoring crop growth daily.

His disciplined effort paid off with a spectacular Dussehra harvest of 120 kg. He sold 90 kg at a premium rate of ₹120/kg and crafted garlands from 30 kg to sell in Jogeshwari and Virar markets. Today, Pravin Dada cultivates marigolds regularly, proving that endurance, timely training, and proper guidance can truly transform a farmer's life.



A Journey of Hope, Education and Empowerment

Social transformation requires persistent effort, a truth exemplified by Patil Pada, a tribal hamlet of 88 families in Boisar, Palghar. Once stricken by poverty and forced migration, the hamlet embarked on a journey of development in 2018 through a joint initiative by the Seva Sahayog Foundation and its founder, late Shri Sanjay Hegde.



Education and Digital Literacy

Educational initiatives now thrive at the local Abhyasika, where over 85 students attend daily. Furthermore, the Loknayak Birsa Munda Digital Learning Center has equipped 30+ youth with free computer literacy, boosting their skills and confidence.

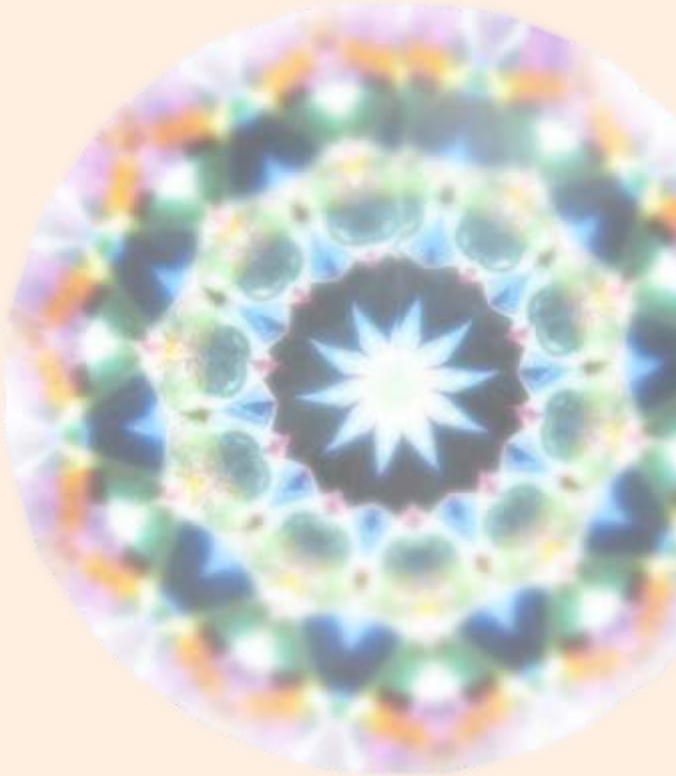
Women Empowerment and Livelihood

Adolescent girls and women have achieved life-changing progress:

Health and Leadership: Through Kishori Classes, 45+ young girls actively lead community campaigns on health, hygiene, and addiction.

Economic Independence: Livelihood programs have trained 55 women in tailoring pouches for school kits and cloth bags, while others produce traditional foods through Mahalakshmi Gruha Udyog.

From a struggling settlement, Patil Pada has transformed into a self-reliant, thriving model for sustainable rural development.



Charting a new path for rural health

The tribal hamlets near Boisar and Saphale in Palghar district faced a severe lack of basic medical care, forcing villagers to travel 10–15 km for treatment while women's health remained deeply neglected. In response, Seva Sahayog launched the ‘Aarogya Rakshak’ initiative in 2023 with a bold vision: Empowering villages to take charge of their own health.

Implementation and Community Impact

Starting in 2024, health centers were established across 6 hamlets. Local young women were trained by expert doctors and equipped with primary medical kits to distribute medicines and deliver essential healthcare:

- **595 villagers received direct medical treatment for chronic pain, wounds and ailments.**
- **473 individuals got to know their blood groups through quarterly check-up camps.**
- **Routine screening for weight and blood pressure is now done regularly.**

By transforming once-confined young girls into confident ‘Health Ambassadors,’ this initiative has rooted the philosophy that ‘Health is Wealth,’ driving lasting healthcare self-reliance across the region.

Bhumika Mangesh Ukirde, a 12th-grade graduate from Dasgaon, Mahad, long harbored dreams of becoming a successful beauty entrepreneur. Despite grueling 12-hour workdays, her basic skills earned her a meager ₹5,000 monthly, leaving her ambition out of reach.

Her life transformed when trainer Sanchi Khopkar Tai introduced her to Seva Sahayog's Women Entrepreneurship Project. Placing complete trust in the organization, Bhumika demonstrated intense dedication and hard work as she mastered advanced beautician skills alongside 140 women. Empowered by her training and a free ₹20,000 professional kit from the foundation, she confidently launched her independent business.

Her unwavering belief in Seva Sahayog yielded life-changing results between December 2025 and June 2026, her earnings more than doubled, generating over ₹70,000. Today, Bhumika is a self-reliant entrepreneur and proud support for the family. Her journey stands as a powerful testament to how dedication, hard work, and organizational support can build lasting independence and self-worth.

A New Identity of Empowerment!



SHIKSHA VIKAS PROJECT



explore our project journey

OBJECTIVE OF THE PROGRAM

To improve access to education, strengthen school infrastructure, support deserving students through scholarships, promote student safety and create stronger educational ecosystems.

BEGINNING OF PROJECT

The journey began in **2008-09** with the School Kit initiative to support students from underserved communities with essential educational materials.

PROJECT JOURNEY / TIMELINE

2008-09

School Kit initiative launched.

2015-16

School Infrastructure initiative launched.
Shiksha Vikas interventions beyond School Kit launched.

2016-17

Scholarship initiative launched.

2018-19

Ride to Safety initiative launched.

July 2026

Continuing the journey of educational impact.

KEY ACTIVITIES

- School Kit support
- School Infrastructure development
- Scholarship support
- Ride to Safety initiative
- Education-focused interventions beyond School Kit
- Partnerships with schools, NGOs, and corporate partners

BENEFICIARY REACH

School Kit | **868,738 students reached; 14 districts covered**

School Infrastructure | **141 schools supported; 34,115 students impacted; 30+ corporate partners**

Scholarship | **418 students’ supported**

Ride to Safety | **80,000 helmets distributed; 383 schools reached**

Other Shiksha Vikas interventions | **1,329 schools reached, 376,573 students impacted, 8 districts, 35 interventions, 40+ corporate partners**

Overall impact till July 2026 | **12,86,244+ students, 1,470+ schools, 22+ districts, 70+ corporate partners**

WAY FORWARD / THE ROAD AHEAD

The project will continue to strengthen educational ecosystems by combining student support, infrastructure development, scholarships, safety interventions, and collaborative partnerships.

A tale of grit, Hard work and success

Utkarsh Kothawale's story is one of extraordinary resilience. A resident of Paranda, Dharashiv district, having lost his father when he was just nine months old, he was raised by his courageously hardworking mother through tailoring and a modest ₹5,000 monthly job. Despite severe poverty—often using bare floors as a writing surface—Utkarsh scored a perfect 100% in 10th grade.

Recognizing his brilliance, Seva Sahayog Foundation facilitated a crucial ₹79,000 corporate scholarship from Apollo Global Management to fund his higher education. His unwavering focus yielded monumental results:

JEE : 99.16 percentile (100/100 in Physics).
NEET (July 2026): 99.94 percentile
(AIR 1091, EWS Rank 80).

Talents: Cleared 5 formal vocal music exams and excels as an eloquent speaker.

Today, Utkarsh has secured a coveted seat at AIIMS Rishikesh. So far, through corporate partnerships, Seva Sahayog has empowered 418 students like Utkarsh with scholarships, turning daunting financial barriers into opportunities.



Tamaso Ma Jyotirgamaya! (Lead me from darkness to light)



A wave of positive change is sweeping through rural Maharashtra, spearheaded by the persistent efforts of the Seva Sahayog Foundation. The H. V. Patil School in Chinchghar, Wada, stands as a shining model of this ongoing transformation following a series of comprehensive interventions implemented in 2025.

Key Interventions and Infrastructure: Rather than merely erecting brick-and-mortar structures, Seva Sahayog focuses on enriching both the physical and intellectual environment for students:

Infrastructure Growth: Constructed 3 brand-new classrooms, renovated 6 existing learning spaces, and built a modern sanitation block.

Sustainability and Health: Installed a solar power plant for continuous green energy, established a rainwater harvesting system, built a clean drinking water station, and planted a dedicated kitchen garden.

Intellectual Advancement: Established a fully equipped library, conducted specialized career guidance sessions, and hosted the 'Zero to Infinity' Mathematics Examination.

Sustainable Educational Impact: By combining green energy, clean sanitation, and modern learning tools, the foundation ensures safe, vibrant, and resource-rich environments where rural students can truly thrive.

To date, Seva Sahayog has successfully executed infrastructure interventions across 141 schools, laying a solid foundation for long-term educational transformation.

School kit: Fueling dreams And self-belief

In the rugged Sahyadri mountains, innocent first-graders once entered Zilla Parishad classrooms carrying books in torn cloth bags, fertilizer sacks, or bare hands—a stark reminder of quiet poverty. Seeking dignity for his students, a sensitive village teacher reached out for help, sparking what became Seva Sahayog's very first flagship initiative in 2009: the School Kit Project.



Thoughtful Innovation and Impact

Designed for physical, academic, and psychological well-being, the project introduced key innovations:

Lightening the Load: 'Three-in-One' notebooks combined subjects to protect children's posture.

Fostering Excellence: Traditional slates perfected handwriting, while complete stationery, dictionaries, and drawing pads ignited creativity.

Equalizing Classrooms: Equal gear helps dissolve social barriers, driving attendance up and dropouts down.

Scale of Transformation (2008–2025)

What began as a localized effort has grown into a massive movement spanning 14 districts across Maharashtra: 8,68,738 total school kits distributed to date. 100,000 students are supported last year.

Fueled by thousands of volunteers and local partnerships, this initiative has transformed from a simple distribution drive into a powerful social revolution, giving wings to the dreams and self-confidence of rural youth.

ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVES



explore our project journey

OBJECTIVE OF THE PROGRAM

To create greener schools, healthier communities, and a more sustainable future through urban forestation, biodiversity restoration, renewable energy, and community participation.

BEGINNING OF PROJECT

Both the Miyawaki Urban Forestation initiative and the Seva Kiran Solar Project began in **2018**.

PROJECT JOURNEY / TIMELINE (Solar Installation)

2018 to 2023

82 Schools solar panel installation

2024 to Till Now

112 Schools solar panel installation

PROJECT JOURNEY / TIMELINE (Urban Forestation)

2018 to 2023

11 Locations

2024 to Till Now

18 Locations

KEY ACTIVITIES

- Miyawaki Urban Forestation
- Native sapling plantation
- Urban green cover enhancement
- Biodiversity restoration
- Volunteer and community engagement
- Rooftop solar installation in schools
- Clean energy generation
- Environmental awareness

BENEFICIARY REACH

Miyawaki sites | **24 sites in the MMR region**

Native saplings planted | **91,911**

Area covered | **2,82,164 sq. ft.**

Expected beneficiaries | **1,50,000**

Miyawaki volunteers | **1,062**

Expected CO2 reduction - Miyawaki | **92 metric tons per year**

Solar schools covered | **194 schools: 25% urban, 75% rural**

School students and staff reached | **Approximately 1,19,242**

Solar capacity installed | **823 kW**

Expected carbon emission reduction - Solar | **730 metric tons per annum**

WAY FORWARD / THE ROAD AHEAD

The initiatives will continue to support greener surroundings, cleaner air, clean energy, lower emissions, stronger communities, and long-term environmental awareness.



From Concrete Spaces to a Greener Future

Once neglected and barren urban spaces are now flourishing with native trees, bird chirping, and thriving biodiversity, thanks to Seva Sahayog Foundation's Miyawaki Urban Forestation Program. Between FY 2018 and FY 2026, with the support of corporate CSR partners, the Foundation developed 24 Miyawaki forests across the Mumbai Metropolitan Region and Uran (Raigad). A total of 91,911 native trees were planted over 282,164 sq. ft. area, creating dense, self-sustaining urban forests.

The initiative is expected to benefit over 150,000 people by improving air quality, reducing urban heat, enhancing groundwater recharge, and creating healthier neighbourhoods. These forests also provide safe habitats for birds, butterflies, and other wildlife. More than 1,062 volunteers actively participated in plantation and maintenance, strengthening community ownership of environmental conservation. Once fully mature, these forests are expected to absorb around 92 metric tonnes of carbon dioxide annually, demonstrating how collective action can transform small urban spaces into a lasting green legacy for future generations.



SEVA KIRAN: Empowering Schools through Solar Energy

Implemented between FY 2018 and FY 2026, Seva Sahayog Foundation's Seva Kiran Solar Energy Project is a remarkable example of clean energy driving sustainable development in education. Through a systematic process of school selection, technical assessments, structural audits, installation, net metering, and stakeholder engagement, the project successfully commissioned rooftop solar systems in 194 schools—25% in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region and 75% in rural areas.

With a total installed capacity of 823 KW, the systems are expected to generate 1.04 million units of clean electricity annually, benefiting 119,242 students with reliable, eco-friendly learning environments. The intervention is projected to save schools ₹12.54 crore in electricity costs every year, enabling greater investment in laboratories, digital learning, libraries, and student welfare. Additionally, it is expected to reduce 730 metric tonnes of carbon emissions annually while serving as a living laboratory that inspires students to embrace renewable energy and sustainable living.



SANJAY HEGDE SPORTS ACADEMY (SHSA)



explore our project journey

OBJECTIVE OF THE PROGRAM

To nurture young sporting talent through structured coaching, professional guidance, and competitive exposure, while building discipline, confidence, teamwork, leadership, and technical skills.

BEGINNING OF PROJECT

The Karjat Academy was established in November **2017**.
The Sanpada Academy was established on **26 February 2022**.

PROJECT JOURNEY / TIMELINE

November 2017
Karjat Academy established.

26 February 2022
Sanpada Academy established.

2017-2026
Athletes participated and secured winning positions at district, divisional, state, and national levels.

2022-2026
Sanpada Academy period highlighted in the source data.

KEY ACTIVITIES

- Regular sports coaching
- Competitive exposure
- Technical skill development
- Discipline and Confidence building
- Teamwork and Leadership development
- Participation across divisional, district, state, and national competitions

BENEFICIARY REACH

Academy locations	2 - Karjat and Sanpada
Average athletes trained	320 athletes per year combined
Karjat schools engaged	15 schools
Karjat winning positions	1,660
Karjat sports disciplines	Archery, Athletics, Table Tennis, Badminton, Wrestling, Weightlifting, Mallakhamb, Chess
Sanpada schools engaged	4 schools
Sanpada sports disciplines	Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Table Tennis, Karate, Chess
Sanpada winning positions	145
Combined winning positions	1,805

WAY FORWARD / THE ROAD AHEAD

The academy will continue to support grassroots training, competitive exposure and holistic development of young athletes across its academy locations.

A Single Bow Gives Flight to Grand Dreams

Rajnandini Tirthraj Gautam's journey proves that determination, talent, and timely support can transform dreams into achievements. Coming from a modest family, she began learning archery after joining the Sanjay Hegde Sports Academy, Sanpada in the 11th grade. Starting with a simple wooden bow, she won her very first district-level competition and steadily progressed through divisional and state championships.

A defining moment came in August 2025, when Seva Sahayog Foundation provided her with a professional recurve bow, enabling her to compete at a higher level. She went on to win a Silver Medal at the university-level archery championship, topped the senior selection trials, and earned selection for the All India Inter-University Archery Tournament.

Through disciplined training, expert coaching, and unwavering perseverance, Rajnandini has developed both technical excellence and mental resilience. Her inspiring journey demonstrates how the right opportunity can empower young talent to achieve national recognition and inspire countless other girls to pursue their dreams.



From Running on Streets to Golden Dreams

Krushna Kishor Jadhav's journey is a powerful example of how determination and the right opportunity can transform a life. Growing up in a modest family in Karjat, he nurtured his passion for running by practising on village roads due to the lack of proper sports facilities. Recognizing his talent, coaches at the Sanjay Hegde Sports Academy, Karjat helped him join the academy through Seva Sahayog Foundation.

With scientific training, expert coaching, fitness guidance, and disciplined practice, Krushna's performance improved remarkably. In his first district-level competition, he won Gold in the 400-metre sprint and long jump, and Bronze in shot put. Over the past two years, he has secured five Taluka-level Gold medals, one Silver medal, and two District-level Gold medals, besides finishing 5th in the Varsha Marathon 2025 (10 km). Today, Krushna's inspiring journey motivates young athletes to believe that talent, supported by opportunity and perseverance, can lead to extraordinary success.



From Failure to Triumph: Inspiring Leap

Prajwal Balu Mindhe's journey is a story of resilience, discipline, and perseverance. Coming from a modest family in Sanpada, Navi Mumbai, he joined the Sanjay Hegde Sports Academy, Sanpada an initiative of Seva Sahayog Foundation, where he began training without even owning a bow. Through rigorous coaching, physical conditioning, and mental focus, he steadily built his skills.

Although he did not succeed in his first competition, Prajwal treated failure as a learning opportunity. With the guidance of his coaches and relentless practice, he improved his precision and confidence. In 2023, he won a Bronze Medal at the district-level archery championship, followed by multiple Gold and Silver medals at state-level competitions between 2023 and 2025. He recently secured First Position in the DSO Archery Tournament.

With sports equipment and continued support from the Seva Sahayog Foundation, Prajwal transformed setbacks into success, inspiring countless young athletes to pursue their dreams with determination.



Rohini Namdev Modak's journey is a powerful example of how determination and opportunity can transform lives. Hailing from a rural village in Raigad, she joined Sanjay Hegde Sports Academy, Karjat in 2017 while studying in Class VIII. Travelling long distances every day, she pursued her passion for Weightlifting and Powerlifting with unwavering commitment. With expert coaching, professional training, and continuous support from Seva Sahayog Foundation, Rohini excelled at district, state, national, and university-level competitions. Her achievements include multiple District and State Gold Medals, a National Gold Medal in Classic Powerlifting (2022), a National Silver Medal in Bench Press (2018), and selection to represent India at the Asian Championship.

Strength Through Determination

Seva Sahayog's staunch guidance and support, opportunities for participation at state and national level, winning of several medals, trophies and her own efforts opened doors for a secured career. The biggest milestone came in 2025, when she fulfilled her dream of joining the Maharashtra Police as a Police Constable. Rohini's inspiring journey demonstrates that discipline, perseverance, and the right support can empower rural youth, especially girls, to achieve excellence in sports and life.

KISHORI VIKAS PROJECT



explore our project journey

OBJECTIVE OF THE PROGRAM

To support adolescent girls in building confidence, health awareness, leadership, self-expression, safety, self-defence, life skills, and community participation.

BEGINNING OF PROJECT

The project began in **2019-20** with **4** divisions/zones, **18** Kishori classes and **401** adolescent girls.

PROJECT JOURNEY / TIMELINE

2019-20

Foundation phase with 4 divisions, 18 Kishori classes and 401 adolescent girls.

2020-21

Continued outreach with 4 divisions, 16 Kishori classes and 300 adolescent girls.

2021-22

Expanded to 6 divisions, 38 Kishori classes and 797 adolescent girls; Kishori Utsav Festival conducted.

2022-23

39 Kishori classes and 835 girls; added Leadership camp, Health check-up, Health kit distribution, Street play, Lathi-Kathi training and other activities.

2023-24

56 Kishori classes and 1,345 girls; expanded activities with exposure visits, workbook and leadership camp.

2024-25

7 divisions, 71 Kishori classes and 1,496 girls; introduced Level 2 booklet, Lathi-Kathi competition, nutritional support, and personality development session.

2025-26

10 divisions, 114 Kishori classes, and 2,439+ girls; added a special class for hearing-impaired girls.

2026-Till date

Latest updated reach: 12 divisions, 128 Kishori classes and 4830+ adolescent girls.

KEY ACTIVITIES

- Kishori Utsav Festival
- Leadership Camp
- Educational Visit
- Health Check-up
- Health Kit Distribution
- Street Play Competition
- Level 1 and Level 2 Booklets
- Workbook
- Lathi-Kathi Training and Competition
- Tichyavar Bolu Kahi...
- Nutritional Support
- Leadership Training
- Special sessions for hearing-impaired girls
- Seva Swasthya activities in Mahul-Chembur

BENEFICIARY REACH

Divisions/Zones	From 4 divisions in 2019-20 to 11 divisions in 2026-27
Kishori classes	From 18 classes to 114 classes by 2025-26
Adolescent girls reached	From 401 girls to 2,778 girls
Seva Swasthya started	December 2024 in Mahul-Chembur
Seva Swasthya reach	250 girls, 250 boys and 400 mothers/parents. Total 900 reached

WAY FORWARD / THE ROAD AHEAD

The program will continue to strengthen confidence, leadership, health awareness, self-expression, safety, life skills, and community participation among adolescent girls. The next plan for Seva Swasthya includes mental health sessions, dental check-ups, skin problem check-ups, Leadership Training Program, and Swachhata Pakhwada.

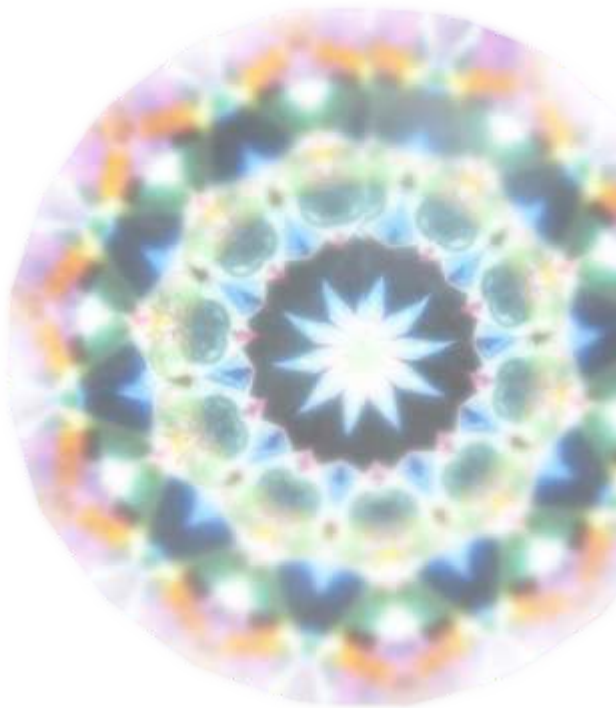
Volunteer to Assistant Manager

Punam Gharat's journey reflects how a spirit of service can grow into impactful leadership. In 2016, while studying in the 11th grade, she began volunteering at a village Sunday school, teaching primary students. After joining Seva Sahayog Foundation, she mentored Class 10 students in Mathematics at the Saphale Study Centre, helping the batch in achieving a 100% passing rate.



In 2019, she became the Kishori Pramukh of Dahivale village. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she ensured uninterrupted learning by conducting online classes for students. Through the Foundation's Gram Vikas initiative, she mobilized over 500 women for livelihood training in beauty care, tailoring, and entrepreneurship, enabling many to start home-based businesses.

While completing her M.Com and Diploma in Social Work, Punam continued serving her community. Today, as Assistant Manager – Kishori Vikas Project, she leads programmes across Palghar and Raigad, inspiring young women to become confident leaders and changemakers.



The Tigress Within Me Awakens!

I am Anushka Waghmare, and for the past four years I have been part of Seva Sahayog Foundation's Kishori Vikas Project. The leadership camps and Lathi-Kathi training helped me develop confidence, courage, quick decision-making, and self-defence skills through regular practice and demonstrations.

The true value of this training became evident on 4 July 2026. Late at night, while travelling with my sister and a friend in an auto-rickshaw, I realized the driver had taken us onto a deserted road. When he stopped twice and spoke suspiciously on his phone, I acted immediately. I firmly asked him to turn back, instructed my friends to switch on mobile maps, and loudly called my aunt, asking her to note the vehicle number. My confidence unsettled the driver, who turned around and safely dropped us at Ghatkopar station.

That night taught me that courage is built through training. The Kishori Vikas Project truly awakened the tigress within me.



Through Seva Sahayog Foundation's Kishori Vikas Project, Lathi-Kathi training is conducted annually across 100+ adolescent girls' groups, empowering over 2,500 girls with self-defence skills, discipline, confidence, and mental resilience.

Sticks in Hand, Courage in Heart: Adolescent Girls Conquer Fear

In 2024, just before an eight-day training camp in Raigad district, a traumatic incident involving a minor girl created fear among parents, many of whom were reluctant to send their daughters. Rather than cancelling the camp, Seva Sahayog's volunteers engaged with families, explaining that Lathi-Kathi is more than a traditional martial art—it equips girls to stay alert, confident, and prepared during emergencies. Their efforts restored trust, and the camp was conducted successfully.

Over eight days, the girls learned practical self-defence techniques, quick decision-making, and teamwork. Participant Vedashree Pawar shared, “This training has given me the confidence to protect myself whenever needed.” Today, these girls face challenges fearlessly and inspire others to build a safer, more empowered community.

A Life Safeguarded by Timely Intervention

Sonali (name changed), a 15-year-old member of the Jijai Kishori Class, faced emotional challenges due to prolonged family difficulties and limited parental support. Seeking emotional connection, she unknowingly became involved with a stranger who contacted her through Instagram and attempted to manipulate her into a relationship.

When her family noticed the situation, they sought help from the teacher and the Kishori Tai under Seva Sahayog Foundation's Kishori Vikas Project. Through patient counselling, trust-building, and close coordination with Sonali's family and school, Vaishali Tai helped her recognize the risks of online grooming and regain confidence.

Today, Sonali continues to receive regular mentoring through the Kishori Class, strengthening her emotional resilience and decision-making skills. Her journey highlights the importance of digital safety, emotional support, and timely intervention in protecting adolescents. It demonstrates how compassionate guidance and community-based mentoring can help vulnerable young people overcome challenges and build a safe, confident, and hopeful future.



A Step Toward a Thalassemia-Free India: Transformation Through Awareness

Sometimes, a simple blood test can change the future of an entire family. Through the Kishori Vikas Project, Seva Sahayog Foundation conducted Anemia and Thalassemia screening for 718 adolescent girls across Karjat, Palghar, Shahapur, and Mumbai. The findings revealed that 46.5% of rural and 43% of urban girls were anaemic, while some were identified with the Beta Thalassemia trait.



Early detection enabled timely counselling, medical guidance, and preventive health planning for the girls and their families. To strengthen awareness, the Foundation organised a 'World Thalassemia Day Symposium' on 8th May 2026, bringing doctors, blood bank experts, counsellors, Thalassemia warriors, parents, and volunteers together. The programme highlighted the importance of early screening, premarital counselling, prenatal diagnosis, and voluntary blood donation. With the powerful message, 'Match blood reports before matching horoscopes,' the initiative marked a significant step towards building a Healthier, Thalassemia-free India.



VIDYARTHI VIKAS YOJANA



explore our project journey

OBJECTIVE OF THE PROGRAM

To support deserving and academically capable students in pursuing professional higher education through structured selection, home-based assessment, mentorship, regular guidance, and values of social responsibility.

BEGINNING OF PROJECT

Vidyarthi Vikas Yojana (VVY) made a modest beginning in 2008 by supporting just 5 students. It began as a passion & personal commitment of Mr. Ravindra Karve, former CEO of TJSB Sahakari Bank Ltd. with the support of a few of his friends and some donors who trusted the integrity of Mr. Karve.

PROJECT JOURNEY / TIMELINE

2008

We started this initiative in 2009-10 where we had 5 students

2026- Till Date

2895 students are taking benefits of Vidyarthi Vikas Yojana.

KEY ACTIVITIES

- Academic merit and need-based student selection
- Home visits by 125+ parent volunteers across Maharashtra
- Detailed economic and social background assessment
- Assessment report submission on the VVY web portal
- Review and approval by the main committee
- Educational support for professional higher education
- Mentorship and regular guidance
- Encouraging social responsibility among students and alumni

BENEFICIARY REACH

Students supported | 2,875 students supported through the programme

Schools supported | 8 schools supported

Alumni placed | 600+ alumni placed in reputed organizations

Parent volunteers | 125+ parent volunteers engaged across Maharashtra for home visits and student assessment

Reach across Maharashtra | 25 districts and 207 talukas

Student support approach | Selection, home visits, assessment, committee review, mentorship and regular guidance

WAY FORWARD / THE ROAD AHEAD

The project will continue to support deserving students at the right time through guidance, mentorship, academic encouragement, career progress, and a strong sense of social responsibility.

Adversity to Achievement

I am Sanchita Santosh Khadatar, from Mangaon in Raigad district. Growing up in Mangaon, Raigad, I always dreamed of a brighter future. After losing my father at a young age, I watched my mother single-handedly battle severe financial constraints to raise me. Ranking first in my school with 94% in 10th grade, I secured admission to the prestigious VJTI College, Mumbai for Engineering. However, affordable accommodation seemed like an impossible hurdle—until Seva Sahayog Foundation stepped in.



Through their Vidyarthi Vikas Yojana, Mr. Shedge and Mr. Karve evaluated our situation and extended complete support, funding both my college tuition and hostel expenses. Supported by their belief in me, I completed my degree and cracked campus placements to join Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), fulfilling my mother's lifelong sacrifices.

Beyond academics, the foundation provided immediate relief during cyclone crises and the pandemic. Seva Sahayog gave me more than an education—they built an irreplaceable, lifelong bond of care and resilience.



Wings of Change

I am Renuka Shriram Patwardhan, originally from Sangli. Growing up in Sangli as an electrician's daughter, life was a hand-to-mouth struggle. Yet, education was my refuge. I topped my school in 10th grade and stood first in B.Sc. Physics at Willingdon College through scholarships. However, higher education seemed financially impossible.

In 2014, my father discovered Seva Sahayog Foundation's Vidyarthi Vikas Yojana. Mr. Ravindra Karve personally visited our home, and the foundation funded my M.Sc., which I completed with distinction.

Determined to support my family, I earned MBA in Business Analytics and Operations—again graduating as a top student. In May 2021, I joined Capgemini in supply chain management, becoming our family's financial backbone, and recently cleared the APICS, CSCP certification in my first attempt.

Seva Sahayog was my beacon in the dark. A simple 'thank you' is not enough; I solemnly pledge to pass this support forward to other underprivileged students.

I am Mansi Chaturvedi, from Kalyan in Thane district. Growing up in Kalyan, Thane, as the eldest of five siblings, big responsibilities fell on my shoulders early. After graduating in Physics from Jhunjhunwala College, I dreamed of pursuing an M.Sc. However, my father's sudden demise and my mother's cancer diagnosis upended our lives. Putting my education aside, I worked at a coaching center to support my family.

In 2020, my friend Venkatesh introduced me to Seva Sahayog Foundation's Vidyarthi Vikas Yojana. Meeting Mr. Ravindra Karve was a turning point. The foundation covered my M.Sc. tuition at Jhunjhunwala College and sponsored my sister Muskan's Computer Science degree at Lokmanya Tilak College.

Equipped with my post-graduation degree, I secured a position as a Senior Technical Project Assistant at IIT Bombay. Vidyarthi Vikas Yojana transformed our darkest times into a story of hope, inspiring me to give back and support other underprivileged students on their journeys.

A ray of hope Rebuilds a family



Wings of Success

My name is Akshay Popat Wale, from Solapur. Born into a rural farming family of four, including my parents and elder brother. Financial constraints were constant. Yet, my parents prioritized our education. My brother earned his Mechanical Engineering degree, while I completed my B.Sc. in Agriculture from Pune in 2021 before preparing relentlessly for the UPSC examinations.

My hard work paid off when I cleared the Indian Forest Service exam with All India Rank 100, transforming a farmer's son into a gazetted officer.

This monumental achievement was made possible by Seva Sahayog Foundation's Vidyarthi Vikas Yojana, which supported me since 12th grade. Mentors like Mr. Ravindra Karve, Mr. Madhav Deshpande, and Mr. Sunil Yadav stood by me like family, guiding me through every hurdle.

Now an IFS officer, I am dedicated to giving back, helping other talented, underprivileged students fulfill their dreams through the foundation.

SCIENCE INITIATIVE



explore our project journey

OBJECTIVE OF THE PROGRAM

To expand access to books, study support, practical science, STEM learning, mobile education, and community-based learning opportunities for children and youth.

BEGINNING OF PROJECT

The journey began in **2017** with Book Bank and Community Knowledge Centre initiatives.

PROJECT JOURNEY / TIMELINE

2017

Book Bank and Community Knowledge Centre started.

2018

Knowledge on Wheels started.

2022

STEM learning initiative started.

2023

Super 60, Girgaon Abhyasika, and Vigyasa started.

2024

Gyandeep Mahindra started across schools in Western Mumbai.

KEY ACTIVITIES

- Book Bank
- Community Knowledge Centre
- Knowledge on Wheels
- Gyandeep Mahindra Super 60
- Girgaon Abhyasika
- Vigyasa
- STEM
- Hands-on learning and practical science exposure
- Academic support and mobile outreach

BENEFICIARY REACH

Major initiatives | **8**

Book Bank | **11,753 beneficiaries**

Community Knowledge Centre | **45,040 beneficiaries**

Knowledge on Wheels | **38,502 beneficiaries across 8 regions and 8 vans**

Gyandeep Mahindra | **6,949 beneficiaries across 12 schools in Western Mumbai**

Gyandeep Super 60 | **940 beneficiaries**

Girgaon Abhyasika | **800+ students**

Vigyasa | **9,623 students; science labs in 19 schools**

STEM | **137,335 students across 403 schools pan India**

WAY FORWARD / THE ROAD AHEAD

The initiative will continue to strengthen access to learning, practical science exposure, STEM curiosity, academic support, mobility, outreach, and stronger educational opportunities for children and youth.



Vigyasa Transforming Science Education Through Hands-on Learning

At Sungrace English High School, Ghatkopar (West), the lack of a well-equipped science laboratory meant students relied mainly on textbooks, limiting their practical understanding of science. Recognizing this need, Seva Sahayog Foundation, with the support of Aliveus Life Sciences, established a modern science laboratory under Project Vigyasa and provided equipment, teacher training, and student demonstrations.

The initiative transformed science learning by enabling hands-on experiments that strengthened students' analytical thinking, observation skills, curiosity, teamwork, and problem-solving abilities. Teachers could explain concepts more effectively, making science engaging and easier to understand.

With renewed confidence, students excelled in the Dr. Homi Bhabha Balvaidnyanik Competition, science project contests, and exhibitions. A visit to the Nehru Science Centre further enriched their learning. Project Vigyasa has inspired students to dream of becoming future scientists and marked a significant step toward bringing quality, experiment-based science education to every child.

— **Mrs. Kusum Yadav, (Teacher) Sungrace English High School, Ghatkopar (West)**



Splendid performance

Success is the outcome of determination, disciplined effort, and expert guidance. Arya Vinod Naik, a student of K.E.S. Indubai Wajekar English Medium School, Navi Mumbai, brought pride to her school by winning a Silver Medal in the prestigious Dr. Homi Bhabha Balvaidnyanik Examination.

Her achievement was built on 25 intensive training sessions (38 hours) conducted by Mr. Ravindra Ardak, a retired VJTI professor, focusing on scientific concepts, practical learning, analytical thinking, and exam strategies. Four mock examinations strengthened her time management, accuracy, and confidence, while personalized feedback helped her improve continuously.

Two special sessions by Dr. Ravikant Altekari, a retired BARC scientist, further nurtured her scientific curiosity, logical reasoning, and problem-solving skills. Arya's dedication to regular study, consistent revision, and perseverance, supported by her parents and teachers, played a vital role in her success. Her remarkable achievement serves as an inspiration to aspiring young scientists.



Dreams are not limited by the size of a home but by the opportunities and determination to pursue them. Sahil Shyam Pakhlile from Shri Mangubhai Dattani Vidyalaya, Borivali (East), proved this by overcoming financial hardships to excel academically.

Small Room, Big Dreams

Growing up in a tiny 5 × 10 feet house, Sahil struggled with Mathematics and Science and could not afford private tuition. His journey changed through the Gyandeep Mahindra Super 60 Project, implemented by Mahindra and Mahindra in partnership with Seva Sahayog Foundation. The project provided remedial coaching, hands-on science experiments, and smartboard-enabled digital learning.

With personalized mentoring, regular practice, and simplified teaching methods, Sahil transformed Mathematics into his strongest subject, scoring 97% marks. Practical science sessions further strengthened his understanding of concepts. His dedication, combined with quality educational support, helped him secure 91.20% in the SSC Board Examination 2025–26 and emerge as his school's topper. His inspiring journey shows how the right support can transform dreams into achievement.



Victory of Self-Study, Discipline, and Grit



Clearing the Foreign Medical Graduate Examination (FMGE) demands dedication, discipline, perseverance, and focused preparation. Tina Rathod's success at the Girgaon Study Center of Seva Sahayog Foundation reflects the power of consistent effort and self-belief.

From the beginning of her preparation, Tina maintained regular attendance and followed a disciplined study routine. She relied on self-study, prepared a structured timetable, revised consistently, and worked diligently to improve her weak areas. Her commitment, patience, and positive attitude enabled her to overcome the challenges of the vast FMGE syllabus.

The Girgaon Study Center provided a quiet, supportive, and motivating environment that helped her remain focused throughout her preparation. Encouragement from the Seva Sahayog Foundation further strengthened her confidence and determination.

By successfully clearing the FMGE, Tina proved that disciplined self-study, effective time management, and perseverance can turn even the most challenging goals into reality. Her achievement is an inspiration for every aspiring medical graduate.



Many talented rural students miss opportunities due to financial constraints, lack of guidance, and fear of competitive examinations. To bridge this gap, the Community Knowledge Center of Seva Sahayog Foundation implemented an NMMS (National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship) guidance program in Mohol Block, Solapur District, during the 2025–26 academic year.

The program provided 234 students from four schools with structured SAT and MAT coaching, mock tests, doubt-solving sessions, personalized mentoring, and motivational workshops. As a result, 155 students (66%) qualified in the NMMS examination, 40 students secured the scholarship, and 53 students received textbooks to support their higher education.

The initiative significantly boosted students' confidence, reduced their fear of competitive exams, and inspired them to dream bigger. It also brought positive changes in their learning attitude and academic aspirations. This success story demonstrates that with timely support, quality mentoring, and determination, rural students can achieve extraordinary milestones.

Opportunities Found, Dreams Empowered



Determination Fuelled by Education Leads to Success



Shravani Rajaram Badbe, an engineering student at Pravin Patil College of Engineering and Technology, comes from a modest family in Bhayander. Her father, an auto-rickshaw driver, is the family's sole breadwinner, making the cost of engineering textbooks a significant challenge.

Through Seva Sahayog Foundation's Sankalp Book Bank Initiative, Shravani has received the required textbooks since the 2023–24 academic year, easing her family's financial burden and enabling her to focus on her studies.

Her academic progress reflects the impact of this support. In Semester I, she scored 73.33% (8.00 SGPI), in Semester II, 80.00% (9.05 SGPI), in Semester III, 80.13% (9.04 SGPI) and in Semester IV, an outstanding 89.42% (10.00 SGPI). Having successfully completed Semester V, she is now preparing for Semester VI.

Shravani's journey proves that timely educational support, determination, and perseverance can help talented students overcome financial challenges and achieve academic excellence.

VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT



explore our project journey

OBJECTIVE OF THE PROGRAM

To bring together volunteers from diverse backgrounds and partner organizations, creating meaningful opportunities to learn, contribute, collaborate, and create positive community impact.

BEGINNING OF PROJECT

Volunteering is the soul of SSF. It was started by a group of friends and from a group of 15 friends in 2007 now there are 31,220+ volunteers. The intention was giving back to the society and in 2009 Seva Sahayog Foundation registered as a Non Profit Organization.

PROJECT JOURNEY / TIMELINE

2007

15 Volunteers

2017-18

4000+ volunteers

2022-23

10,249 volunteers

2024-25

29,054 volunteers

Till Date

31,220+ volunteers

KEY ACTIVITIES

Environment and Sustainability Drive: seed sowing, seedball making, tree plantation, bird feeder making, beach, river and park cleanups, solar lamp assembly

Craftsmanship: paper bag making, red dot bag making, wall painting, stone painting, diya painting, Gullak painting, festive joy gift

Interactive Learning: School Kit assembly, STEM and hands-on tools, chart making, puzzle making, donation making, story cube, maths wheel, electronic career guidance, Science Day celebrations

Experiential: exposure visits and outdoor visits for underprivileged school students

BENEFICIARY REACH

Volunteers engaged | 31,220+

Partner companies | 25+

States reached | 10

Initiatives | 26

Major initiative areas | Environment and Sustainability, Experiential Interactive Learning, Craftsmanship.

WAY FORWARD / THE ROAD AHEAD

Volunteer Engagement will continue to connect individuals with meaningful causes, strengthen communities through sustained volunteering, and nurture a culture of collective participation.

My Journey with Seva Sahayog



Having been part of Seva Sahayog since its inception in 2007 as the wife of late founder-director Sanjay Hegde, contributing to his vision remains my life’s highest priority.

Starting with the School Kit initiative, my journey expanded to remote regions like Jawhar and Saphale in Palghar district. Witnessing local hardships inspired us to connect rural farmers directly with Mumbai markets. To fulfill Sanjay's dream of village-level employment, we established the Boisar Skill Development Center, while his love for sports lives on through the Sanjay Hegde Sports Academy, nurturing national-level athletes.

During the terrible days of COVID-19, while most remained indoors out of fear, the Seva Sahyog team was out on the front lines for patients. Being a doctor, I was able to understand hospital requirements better to help raise funds, source PPE kits, oxygen equipment, and medicines, working round-the-clock to ensure timely delivery. Seeing every donation utilized with absolute transparency gave me a sense of satisfaction that is beyond words.

Today, while working across key projects like Kishori Vikas, Seva Swasthya, and Sports Development, every time I see confidence gleaming in a young girl's eyes, Sanjay’s words echo in my heart: ‘A human being must live for others.’

Carrying forward this journey of service - guided by the values and lessons Seva Sahayog has instilled in me - remains the ultimate mission of my life.

-Dr. Asmita Hegde,
Anesthetist,
Member, PEC- Kishori Vikas,
Sevaswasthya and Krida Vikas

Five Years with Seva Sahyog: Unrivalled!

Being associated with Seva Sahayog for the past five years has been one of the most invaluable experiences of my life. As a member of the Executive Committee and the Project Executive Committee, I made a modest attempt to contribute my experience in strategic planning, organizational development, process improvement, and leadership—skills honed over my professional career.

However, the truth is, I learned far more from here than I ever gave. The dedicated team here taught me the true meaning of ‘Service’ (Seva). I witnessed individuals and dynamic changemakers who foresaw lucrative corporate opportunities and personal comforts, driven solely by a passion to give back to society. Seeing these selfless individuals work tirelessly, day and night, treating the suffering of the needy as their own—yet carrying a smile of fulfillment—fills my heart with immense pride.

I spent a major part of my career working in multinational corporations, where the language was always centered around success, targets, and profit. But stepping into Seva Sahyog introduced me to the language of integrity, purpose, selflessness, and service. Here, behind every decision is a deeply committed volunteer, and behind every metric is a transformed human life.

When I look back today, I realize that what the organization gave me far outweighs anything I contributed: a fresh perspective, a renewed sense of purpose, and a restored faith in humanity.

I feel that in this journey, I have truly been ‘the receiver,’ and for that, I am deeply grateful.



-Ravind Mithe
Management Consultant,
Member, Executive Committee,
Member - PEC, Gram Vikas, Kishori Vikas



The Spirit of Sahayog...

A 'Seva Sahayog' has emerged as a credible bridge to bridge the gap between two mutually opposite groups in society — the 'haves' and the 'have-nots'.

According to Amarakosha, ‘Seva’ means: the work done by an individual or a group for the welfare or benefit of others.

And as per the same Amarakosha, 'Sahayog' means: the action or sentiment of more than one person coming together to do a task jointly.

So, Seva Sahayog means:

How is Seva done? — With the spirit of Sahayog.

And how is Sahayog done? — With the spirit of Seva.

Both go hand in hand!

Grammatically, one could do a lot of wordplay with prefixes, suffixes, and adjectives. But the real meaning of these words is given through action by the volunteers — and that is the hallmark of Seva Sahayog.

Dedicated volunteers are the strength of Seva Sahayog. Proper planning and its implementation with a committed attitude is the key to Seva Sahayog's success.

I have observed this in the work I have done with Seva Sahayog over the last seven to eight years.

-Jayant Joshi
Scientist. BARC,
Member, PEC-Science & Technology

Tamso Ma Jyotirgamaya.....

Operations for Seva Sahayog in Karjat began in 2016 through education, women's empowerment, and rural development. A pivotal meeting at Abhinav Gyan Mandir Prashala with Kishoreji Moghe, Rameshji Deole and Sanjayji Hegde soon launched our local sports programs.

Following my 2020 retirement, I dedicated myself fully to the foundation's mission. Today, I oversee initiatives ranging from Kishori Vikas, Samutkarsh Abhyasika, and School Kit drives to tree plantations, rainwater harvesting, and solar installations in schools in Karjat region.

Thanks to our volunteers, the Karjat Zone has transformed into a strong, family-like community. For me, this journey remains a deeply joyful experience.



-Nandkumar Maner,
Member, PEC-Samutkarsh



7 Years of Joyful Service

For seven years, volunteering with Seva Sahayog Foundation has been a deeply fulfilling journey. By providing essential school supplies, books, and support, the foundation dedicatedly transforms thousands of underprivileged children's lives. Every child deserves the opportunity to learn and grow, and I am proud to be part of this noble cause. I will gladly continue contributing to their invaluable mission in the future.

- Sudhir Pai
(HR Consultant) ISR Donor & Volunteer

Joy of Service: A Transformed Journey of My Life

Connecting with Seva Sahayog is the most fortunate event of my life. This isn't just work - It is a Satsang. Surrounded by deeply inspiring, dedicated people, I've experienced profound personal growth, learning to speak confidently, work in teams, and push past limitations.

Family and friends now see a unique peace and positivity in me - the pure joy of service. Like the tiny squirrel in Lord Rama's Ramayana mission, hitching my wagon to Seva Sahayog has made my journey deeply meaningful. Service is now my life's core purpose, and I am forever grateful for this privilege.

- Our Dedicated Volunteer
Since-2009



One helping hand can evolve thousands of lives

Under Seva Sahayog Foundation's Samutkarsh Abhyasika Project, free study centers empower underprivileged slum students in Mumbai.

As a retired headmistress, I have volunteered here for five years, drawing on my tribal-area teaching experience to guide both students and teachers. Seeing the determination in these children's eyes fills me with renewed energy and true fulfillment as I give back to society. 'True satisfaction comes from service; become a part of this noble cause.'

- Pratibha Vartak ,
Retired Headmistress -
Member, PEC, Samutkarsh



A Connection Built on Service and Direct Impact

My journey with Seva Sahayog began nearly a decade ago through a Mumbai Marathon donation, seamlessly connecting me to this incredible family. The organization's true strength lies in addressing deep-rooted social challenges with precision—from study centers and School Kit drives to Kishori Vikas and mobile science labs.

With brilliant inter-committee coordination and absolute clarity in execution, Seva Sahayog creates a self-sustaining ecosystem where past beneficiaries return as dedicated volunteers. Supporting this mission through body, mind and resource (Tan, Man, Dhan) is a matter of profound pride for me.

- Kiran Deshmukh,
Entrepreneur, ISR Donor,
Member, PEC, Samutkarsh



Our Meaningful 8-Year Journey with Seva Sahayog Foundation

In 2018, my husband, Shriram, and I sought to honor our mothers—both retired teachers—by supporting education. We discovered Seva Sahayog Foundation's Vidyarthi Vikas Yojana in a newspaper, met Mr. Karve, and were deeply moved to extend financial aid.

Today, Shriram serves as a West Zone mentor, guiding 300+ students pursuing Engineering, MBBS, and other professional degrees. Meanwhile, I actively volunteer for the Samutkarsh Abhyasika Project. Shaping the futures of thousands of underprivileged school going students alongside Seva Sahayog brings us our deepest life fulfillment and honors our mothers' legacies.

- Sneha Nakhare ,
Retired Bank Manager,
Member, PEC, Samutkarsh

An Inspirational Journey with Seva Sahayog Foundation

My journey with Seva Sahayog Foundation since 2017 has been the most enriching experience of my life. While working as a teacher, this platform provided me with the opportunity to reach out to the needy and bring about a positive change in their lives.



Educational Initiatives in Dharashiv District

Through this platform, we provided thousands of students with school kits, scholarships, free bicycles for girls, computer labs, smart TVs, solar panels, libraries, and repaired school toilets. Sharing the stage with senior district officials during bicycle distribution events in Bhoom, Paranda, and Kalamb was an unforgettable honor for me.

Flood Relief Work & Test of Trust

During the September 2025 floods, we delivered food grains, clothes, and hygiene kits to thousands of affected families. On November 6, 2025, when pending bills of ₹10.50 lakh threatened to delay relief supplies, my unwavering trust in Seva Sahayog Foundation led me to issue my personal checks worth ₹10.50 lakh to secure the food grains and deliver the help on time.

Family Involvement & Ethical Values

When my house turned into a warehouse for relief material, my wife Sonali, son Viraj, and fellow teachers offered their selfless support. Adhering strictly to the principle— ‘What is meant for the needy must reach them alone’—not a single item, not even a single pencil among thousands, was ever used for an individual family.

The joy in the eyes of underprivileged students, the satisfaction on the faces of flood victims, and the trust earned from society are my real earnings. Seva Sahayog Foundation didn't just give me an opportunity for social work; it shaped me into a sensitive, responsible, and grounded human being—and that is my greatest pride.

-Vinod Survase,
Teacher, Z. P. School Pawarnagar,
Paranda, Dharashiv.
Member, PEC-Shiksha Vikas

The ripple effect : How one gift created a lifetime of service



I am Dr. Omkar Snehal Suresh Bhalekar. I am currently pursuing my post-graduation in Occupational Therapy at KEM Hospital, Mumbai. After 12th, continuing my education felt impossible due to financial struggles. That's when through Vidyarthi Vikas Yojana, Seva Sahayog Foundation supported not just my education, but also my dreams. For the past 7 years, I have volunteered at their Bhandup study center. Many students I have taught are now pursuing higher education and living independently. Their journey inspires me to keep moving forward. Today, I serve society through my profession. Repaying the opportunity I received is my true gratitude.

-Dr. Omkar Snehal Suresh Bhalekar (OT),
Masters in Occupational Therapy
(Developmental Disabilities),
Volunteer - Samutkarsh,
Mentor - Vidyarthi Vikas Yojana

**Service is a spiritual journey...
Collaboration is our strength.**

My journey with Seva Sahyog is not merely about volunteering; it is a journey of connecting people, emotions, and dreams.

Every time I witness the confidence blossoming in the eyes of young girls through the Kishori Vikas initiative—along with their quiet realization that ‘I, too, can achieve something’ it deeply inspires me. Spending time with the students at the Samutkarsh Abhyasika feels like reliving my own lost childhood; my happiness finds a home in their innocent smiles. Handing over a School Kit to a child and seeing their face light up with pure joy marks the beginning of new dreams.

This journey has taught me that service is not just about extending help—it is about nurturing empathy and bonding hearts. Seva Sahyog gave me a fresh perspective to view society and reinforced my belief that even the smallest action can create a profound difference. I am deeply grateful for the privilege of being a part of this family.



-Varsha Santosh Parab
Partner, M/s. V MHS Hospital LLP,
M/s. Arjan Enterprises LLP,
Member, PEC-Kishori Vikas, Samutkarsh
and Saturday Seva



I Enjoy every moment.....

I am Ravindra Joshi—a Satara native, Thanekar and a retired corporate administrator from companies like Kirloskar, Hindustan Unilever, and Indofil. After retiring in 2020, sitting idle was never my style.

For over five years, I have been volunteering at Seva Sahayog's Thane office, dedicating four hours daily to a simple mantra: ‘Wherever there is a need, I step in.’ Leveraging my purchasing background, I manage end-to-end procurement for school kits, solar lamps, helmets, and educational tools.

What makes this journey special is the warm, politics-free environment where everyone affectionately calls me ‘Ravi ji.’ Even while visiting my son's family in the US, I manage procurement remotely—proving that goods aren't the only thing imported! Energized by annual events like ‘Urja,’ I plan to keep serving as long as I can, because age is truly just a number.

- Ravindra Joshi.
Member, PEC-Kishori Vikas, Shiksha Vikas

CSR SPEAKS

As I reflect on our partnership, I'm filled with gratitude for the remarkable work you continue to do and the privilege of walking alongside you on this journey.

What truly sets Seva Sahayog apart is your unwavering commitment to intentional, sustained change. Your focus on school infrastructure, digital enablement, robotics labs, and mentorship isn't just building classrooms; it's building futures. And your openness to bring our employees into this work through the volunteer calendar you've curated has enriched our organization too.

As we step into the International Year of Volunteers, I'm excited about deepening this partnership further. Your vision and our resources, combined with the genuine desire of our teams to contribute, can create something truly transformative.

Thank you for being the kind of partner who doesn't just accept support but invites us to be part of the story. That makes all the difference.

- Anagha Mondkar – HRBP (APAC)
Forcepoint

"We are pleased to share our experience of working with Seva Sahayog Foundation over the past few years as part of our CSR initiatives.

Our association with Seva Sahayog Foundation has been a positive and meaningful experience. Over the years, we have collaborated with them primarily for the distribution of school kits to underprivileged children, helping provide them with essential educational materials and supporting their learning journey.

The team at Seva Sahayog Foundation has consistently demonstrated professionalism, commitment, transparency and dedication in the implementation of the projects. Their personnel have been cooperative, responsive and well-coordinated throughout the engagement, ensuring that the projects are executed smoothly and as planned.

We appreciate their efforts in reaching out to children from underserved communities and creating a meaningful impact through their initiatives. Our experience with the Foundation has been very positive, and we value the relationship we have built with their team over the years.

We look forward to continuing our association with Seva Sahayog Foundation and supporting initiatives that contribute towards creating better opportunities for children and communities in need."

- Shantha POOJARY
Procurement Head &
CSR Lead for South Asia Area
BUREAU VERITAS

Since 2018, our organization has partnered with Seva Sahayog Foundation SSF to drive impactful Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives across rural Maharashtra. Over the past eight years, this collaboration has significantly improved educational infrastructure and student well-being. Our overall experience with SSF has been exceptional.

Together, we have successfully implemented a diverse range of impactful interventions

SSF stands out as an exemplary implementation partner due to their operational excellence:

Meticulous Planning: Every project is backed by thorough preparation and clear timelines.

Robust Governance: Continuous follow-ups and unannounced surprise visits ensure high quality and accountability on the ground.

Domain Expertise: The team demonstrates deep subject-matter knowledge across diverse fields, from solar tech to sanitation.

Hands-on Approach: We highly appreciate their deeply involved leadership style, evidenced by their active, physical participation even in granular tasks like the school kits assembly procedure.

SSF has proven to be a highly reliable, transparent, and expert NGO partner. Their structured approach combined with a genuine ground-level commitment has made our CSR journey in Maharashtra both seamless and deeply impactful. We look forward to continuing this fruitful association in the coming years.

- Sachin Anerao,
Company Secretary
SI Group - India Private Limited

The Journey Continues...

We stand in deep reverence for every hand and heart that has woven itself into this incredible 17 years journey of Seva Yadnya... We are grateful to

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for igniting the spark and granting us the priceless privilege to serve and taste the pure joy of selfless action.

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whose trust and steadfast support fuel our mission every single day.

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for opening their doors and offering us the sacred scope to create meaningful impact.

Our Countless Volunteers and Contributors

whose boundless energy and dedication remain the true heartbeat of this Seva Yadnya.

Our priceless clan of staff

Karyakartas who translate every dream into reality with their tireless efforts.

To everyone

who has given a piece of their soul to this noble cause.

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