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Chairperson's Note

Dear Readers,

Namaste.

When you read the Cover Story of this issue, you will learn how some of our alumni have charted new journeys for themselves—unhindered by their family's economic or social circumstances. They are but a few examples from the vast number of students who have passed through the portals of our Chatralayams, and more recently, from our Vidyalayas.

They have chosen different careers and different paths in life, but one thing binds them all: They come from families who deeply valued education, yet could not afford the foundation that would secure a brighter future for their children.

For over a quarter of a century, our seva has sought to bridge that gap. We provide not just access to education, but access to possibility—for the aspiring children of rural and tribal India. Our work goes far beyond classrooms and textbooks. It is about instilling confidence, self-belief, and a sense of purpose. It is about helping a child recognise his or her potential, and empowering them to use it for the betterment of their community, society, and ultimately, the nation.

Our Chatralayam coordinators and Vidyalaya teachers embody this mission every single day. They do more than teach; they mentor, guide, and support. For many of our students, they become extended family—steady hands and compassionate hearts who ensure that no child feels alone on their journey.

Each year, when our alumni return to their Chatralayams, it is a deeply moving moment. They come back not only to reminisce, but to give back—to share their experiences, inspire younger students, and contribute to the continued growth of AIM for Seva. Seeing them step into the world with integrity, resilience, and a strong moral compass reaffirms the purpose of our work.

Our seva is a quiet one—much like a seed that grows unseen beneath the soil before it finally breaks through. And it is in this quiet nurturing that transformation takes place. The impact may not always be visible in the moment, but over time,



it blossoms into confident young adults who carry forward the values they have imbibed.

As you read this issue, we invite you to celebrate not just the achievements of our alumni, but the collective effort that made those achievements possible—families who trusted us, teachers who guided with dedication, donors who believed in our mission, and well-wishers who continue to stand by us.

Together, we are not merely supporting education. We are shaping futures—one child at a time.

Warm regards,

Sheela Balaji
Chairperson & Managing Trustee

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Educating India's Heartland: Lives Reimagined Through Learning



AIM for Seva's journey over the past 25 years has been rooted in the belief that access to quality education should never be determined by geography or economic circumstance. From its pioneering Chatralayam model to expanding Vidyalayas (integrated educational institutions) the organisation continues to transform lives—one child, one community at a time.

Since its inception in 2000, AIM for Seva has been a transformative force in rural and tribal India, driven by the simple yet profound belief that every child deserves access to quality education. For many children in remote areas, geographical isolation, financial hardships, and social barriers make education a distant dream. AIM for Seva addresses these challenges through its Chatralayam model—free residential hostels that allow children to pursue uninterrupted schooling while providing a nurturing environment, mentorship, and holistic support. Over time, the organisation has expanded its reach beyond hostels, establishing rural schools that continue to provide free education, accommodation, and opportunities for personal growth.

What started with a single idea has evolved into a movement reshaping rural India's educational landscape. Through holistic support, mentorship, and enduring values, AIM for Seva's Chatralayams and educational initiatives are not just teaching children—they are empowering future leaders, changemakers, and contributors to society.

The impact of these initiatives is rarely immediate. Like any capital-intensive, developmental project, the fruits of this work take years to manifest. The first signs of success often emerge a decade after a child enters a Chatralayam, when the lessons learned, values instilled, and skills acquired begin to translate into meaningful achievements in higher education, careers, and community leadership. The journey is long, but the results are profound—not just for the children, but for their families, villages, and society at large.

As AIM for Seva celebrates its silver jubilee, these outcomes are becoming increasingly visible. Alumni are stepping into diverse careers, contributing to their communities, and carrying forward the values they imbibed during their formative years. We showcase some stories of alumni from our Chatralayams and Vidyalayas in Madhya Pradesh. Their stories are a testament to the power of sustained effort, mentorship, and an unwavering commitment to empowering rural India through education.



THE JOURNEY OF TRANSFORMATION

Take **Bigyan Chorkhi**, for instance. Hailing from Kanankta Para in Tripura's Dhalai district, Bigyan joined the Gayathri Devi AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls in Khategaon, Madhya Pradesh, in 2013, at the start of her middle school years. She remained with AIM for Seva for 10 years, completing her academic journey in 2022. Supported throughout by the institution's care and infrastructure, Bigyan went on to earn a B.Sc. in Chemistry from Swami Dayananda Arts & Science College in Manjakkudi, Tamil Nadu (a college run by the Swami Dayananda Educational Trust, a sister organisation of AIM for Seva). Alongside her academics, she qualified in Yoga and completed a six-month aviation course, reflecting her commitment to holistic learning. Today, Bigyan is training to join IndiGo Airlines as part of their ground staff, taking confident steps toward a promising aviation career.

"AIM for Seva is not just an institution. It gave me the wings to fly."
— **Bigyan Chorkhi**

Bigyan's story is mirrored by countless others who have transformed their lives through education and mentorship. **Deepali Singare**, from the village of Bablai, faced financial hardship that made education seem impossible. Her story is one of transformation through opportunity. From the modest surroundings of Bablai village, Khargone district, she joined the Inder and Prabha Sharma Girls School in Khategaon, Madhya Pradesh, in Grade 6, and continued until Grade 10. For Deepali and her family, educational access once seemed a distant dream. AIM for Seva offered not just free schooling and accommodation, but mentorship, values, and the confidence to excel. Encouraged by teachers and inspired by Pujya Swamiji's vision, she pursued higher education, completing a B.Sc. and a B.Ed. Today, she serves as Head Master at Government Secondary School, Bhisari, giving back to her community as an educator—a dream she held close since childhood.

"I wanted to guide, support, and uplift children just as AIM for Seva did for me." — **Deepali Singare**

Similarly, **Mamta Dawar** from Gamdi village credits AIM for Seva with giving her the opportunity to pursue her dreams. Hailing from the village of Gamdi in Jhabua district, Mamta's life was reshaped by the opportunities afforded to her through AIM for Seva's support. She studied from Grades 6 to 10 at the Inder and Prabha Sharma Girls School, Khategaon, Madhya Pradesh, where she built a strong educational foundation and imbibed essential life values. After completing her secondary education, she continued her studies in Indore, earning a B.Sc. degree, followed by a B.Ed. in 2023. Today, Mamta is a primary school teacher at Primary School Bherupada,



Bigyan Chorkhi



Deepali Singare



Mamta Dawar

Petlawad, fulfilling her lifelong dream. Her achievements stand as a proud moment for her family, her village, and the entire AIM for Seva community.

“This success is the reward for my struggle, my family's sacrifice, and the trust of the AIM for Seva family.”

— Mamta Dawar

PASSION MEETS PURPOSE

Education at AIM for Seva doesn't just nurture academics—it shapes leaders, innovators, and changemakers. A resident of Lepa village in Khargone (Madhya Pradesh), Deepak Kevat joined the AIM for Seva Chatralayam in 2007 as a Class 6 student. Over the next decade, he blossomed academically and personally, finishing his B.Com in 2017. Passionate about physical fitness and sport, he pursued a Bachelor of Physical Education (BPED) and now works as a Skating Coach at SDPS International School, where he has been guiding young skaters for three years. Deepak dreams of winning a Gold Medal for India in Skating, and he lives by the values he learned through AIM for Seva, inspiring the next generation. He also founded Sky Skater Academy, a platform dedicated to helping skaters of all ages grow and build confidence—a powerful reminder that passion and purpose can shape entire communities.

“AIM for Seva taught me that passion, discipline, and values can turn dreams into reality.” — Deepak Kevat



Deepak Kevat

Together, these stories highlight the long-term vision and impact of AIM for Seva's work. By combining free education, residential support, mentorship, and opportunities for skill development, AIM for Seva ensures that rural children are not only educated but empowered to shape their own futures, contribute to society, and become agents of change in their communities.

As AIM for Seva moves forward into the next phase of its journey, these alumni stand as a testament to the organisation's philosophy: education is a long-term investment in human potential, and when nurtured with care, guidance, and values, it produces leaders, changemakers, and community builders who carry the organisation's vision forward.



LOOKING AHEAD: A SILVER JUBILEE AND BEYOND

As AIM for Seva celebrates 25 years of service, the alumni are living proof of the organisation's impact. From village children to educators, professionals, and community leaders, the legacy of Chatralayams continues to grow. Each success story is a reminder that nurturing young minds, instilling values, and providing opportunities can transform lives—and eventually, entire communities.

With holistic education, mentorship, and unwavering commitment, AIM for Seva continues to pave the way for the next generation of rural India to dream bigger, aim higher, and achieve the extraordinary.

A look at the main events and happenings from our Chatralayams and social service institutions across India.

Awards and Accolades



A Young Voice Shines at the Mandal Level

D. Ramcharan, a Class 10 student, brought pride to the Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Yadavaram Village, Kamareddy District, Telangana, by securing the Second Prize in the Mandal-level Essay Writing Contest. The competition was part of the Annual Student Competitions – 2025, organised by the T-SAT Network in collaboration with the Telangana State Gazetted Headmasters' Association.

Sports Stars Attain District-Level Glory

Students from the AIM for Seva Pushpeshwar Chatralayam for Boys, Nemawar, Dewas District, Madhya Pradesh, delivered outstanding performances at the District-Level Individual and Intellectual Competition (Harda 2025), winning top honours across athletic and academic categories:

- Ayush Jamra (Class 5) – 1st Prize, 200m Running
- Shourya Uikey (Class 5) – 1st Prize, Science Quiz
- Devilal Bhabor (Class 5) – 1st Prize, Javelin Throw
- Karan Muniya (Class 6) – 1st Prize, 100m Running
- Daksha Jarman (Class 6) – 1st Prize, Science Quiz
- Pankaj Dodwe (Class 6) – 1st Prize, Shot Put

These students hail from tribal regions of Madhya Pradesh such as Dhar, Jhabua, Dewas, Harda, and Alirajpur, where access to education and economic stability is often limited. With the nurturing guidance of AIM for Seva, they are growing with discipline, values, and confidence. Their achievements powerfully demonstrate how opportunity and the right environment can transform young lives.





Speaking for the Constitution with Confidence

On the occasion of Constitution Day (26th November), **K. Mahidhar Reddy, an Intermediate 1st Year student at the Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Anantapur Mandal, Anantapur District, Andhra Pradesh**, won the 1st Prize in an oratory competition conducted on themes including Local Self-Government and The Uniqueness of the Indian Constitution.



Young Minds, Deep Impact

K. Pavan Reddy, a Class 8 student at the Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Anantapur Mandal, Anantapur District, Andhra Pradesh, earned 2nd Prize in both the elocution and essay writing competitions held as part of the Constitution Day celebrations.



From Classroom to Assembly

V. Teja Narasimha Achari, a Class 9 student at the Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Kamalapuram Village, Kadapa District, Andhra Pradesh, secured 1st place at the Kamalapuram Constituency-level selections during the Constitutional Celebrations. He then went on to participate in a Mock Assembly, held on Constitution Day, 26th November, at the original Assembly building in Amaravati. Taking on the role of Opposition MLA, Teja debated public issues, and gained firsthand experience of the democratic processes in our country.



Running with Purpose and Community Spirit

On 16th November, students of the **Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Tilakwadi, Belgaum District, Karnataka**, enthusiastically participated in a Half Marathon organised by the Rotary Club of Belgaum. The event promoted fitness, community bonding, and social awareness. Our students displayed exceptional discipline and sportsmanship, earning appreciation from the organisers and reinforcing the importance of healthy, constructive pursuits.

Rooted in Seva



Sharing a 'Warm' Moment

Demonstrating compassion in action, the staff and students of the **Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Tribal Boys Chatralayam, Alwal, Secunderabad Medchal-Malkajiri District, Telangana**, recently distributed blankets to the poor, needy, and dedicated workers of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation.



Lighting the Way with Clean and Sustainable Energy

A new solar PV system has been installed at the **Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys**, and the **Swami Dayananda Saraswati Vidyashram**, both in **Dighawat Village, Bhadohi District, Uttar Pradesh**. This was made possible by a generous donation of Rs. 3,25,000 from M/s Mathuradas Vissanji Foundation, Mumbai, supporting sustainability and clean energy initiatives—and in line with our Chatralayam's holistic value-based learning of living in harmony with the environment.

Learning Beyond the Classroom



A Day of Joy, Movement, and Self-Discovery

An engaging interactive session was conducted by the team from Amogh Welfare Foundation at the **AIM for Seva Smt. Shanti Dogra Chatralayam for Girls** and **AIM for Seva Dharam Kirti Dogra Chatralayam for Boys**, both in **Padali Khurd Village, Khargone District, Madhya Pradesh**. The session focused on movement, creativity, and emotional awareness. Students took part in group exercises, concentration games, role-plays, creative drawing, and activities to understand emotions, followed by a joyful dance session. Each child received a small token of appreciation, making the day refreshing, confidence-building, and memorable.



A Journey of Faith and Spiritual Reflection

On 21st December, students of the **Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Tribal Girls Chatralayam, Nandyal, Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh**, embarked on a spiritual tour, visiting revered Lord Shiva temples and the Venkateswaraswamy Temple at Omkaram, Shiv Nandi, and Vishnu Nandi.



Young Dreamers Take Flight at the Airport

Students of the **Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Dabok Village, Udaipur District, Rajasthan**, enjoyed an educational outing to the Udaipur Airport, where they observed airport operations, saw airplanes up close, and learned how travel systems connect people across the world—an enriching real-world learning experience.



Hands-On Skills Shaping Confident Futures

The Skills on Wheels vocational programme, sponsored by the Polyhydron Foundation, was held on 15th November at the **Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Tilakwadi, Belgaum District, Karnataka**. Students received hands-on exposure to health and hygiene, gardening, carpentry, welding, electrical work, and handicrafts, expanding their practical skill sets.



Learning from Nature: Herbs, Healing, and Happiness

Students of the **Arsha Vidya Tirtha AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Sitapura, Jaipur District, Rajasthan**, went on a Green Zone tour, learning about herbal medicine and its traditional uses. The outing also included a picnic, blending education with relaxation and joy.

Joyful Celebrations



A Heartfelt Farewell

A farewell celebration for Class 10 and 12 students was held on 7th December at the **Bhavani Arun AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Chinnasalem, Kallakurichi District, Tamil Nadu**. The event began with prayers to Pujya Swamiji, followed by vibrant cultural performances. Swamini Suddhavidyananda Saraswati Ji shared inspiring words, making the send-off warm and memorable.



Lighting Lamps, Celebrating 25 Years of Seva

On 7th December, marking AIM for Seva's Silver Jubilee, the **Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Odiampet Revenue Village, Puducherry**, organised a Tiruvilakku Pooja, bringing together students, donors, and well-wishers in a meaningful community celebration.



Meet and Greet

A Visit Filled with Blessings, Smiles, and Shared Meals

On 6th November, long-time donor Mr. Krishna Shenai and his family from the US visited the **Jaya Smrithi Dhama AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Arasikatte Village, Udupi District, Karnataka**. They performed Saraswathi Pooja, filling the hostel with devotion and joy, and later hosted a special dinner for the boys, much to everyone's delight.

Channels of Empowerment



Stitching Pathways to Dignified Livelihoods

A representative from the Yellow Bag Foundation, Madurai, recently visited the Tailoring Centre in Edupuram, Andhra Pradesh, and assured support by placing orders with our trained students, helping them move towards sustainable livelihoods.



Welcoming the New Year with Hope and Togetherness

The New Year was celebrated with joy and enthusiasm by students and staff at the Tailoring Centre in Alwal, Telangana.



Celebrating Skill, Confidence, and New Beginnings From Alwal Chatralayam

On 30th November, a certificate distribution ceremony for the first batch of the six-month tailoring course, which began on 10th March and trained 25 students, was held at the Tailoring Centre in Alwal, Telangana. Certificates were presented by Swamini Sumatmananda Saraswati, who had inaugurated the Vocational Centre earlier in the year. The tailoring machines were generously sponsored by Sri Suresh Srinivasan (USA).

Appreciation from Swamini Sumatmananda Saraswati

Celebrating Skill, Confidence, and New Beginnings

Swamini Ji shared heartfelt reflections on the event, appreciating the dedicated efforts of the organizing team and the teacher, Tulsamma, whose experience, patience, and meticulous guidance empowered many women—mostly homemakers—to master tailoring skills free of cost. She congratulated all participants, welcomed the next batch of 25 women, and spoke of the joy of witnessing confidence, creativity, and inner happiness blossom among the learners. The event concluded with a warm community lunch, celebrating not just skill development, but a step closer to Atmanirbharata, self-reliance.



Our schools act as forums to help children maximise their potential and gain the benefit of holistic development. We share some of the main highlights from the happenings taking place at our schools in Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Uttarakhand.

Swami Dayananda Saraswati Vidyalyaya

Roorkee Tehsil, Haridwar District, Uttarakhand

Celebrating Heritage: Sanskrit Mahotsav-2025

On 17th November, students of Swami Dayananda Saraswati Vidyalyaya participated in Sanskrit Mahotsav-2025, organised by the Uttarakhand Sanskrit Academy at Arya Kanya Inter College, Roorkee. The event brought together talented students from more than fifteen schools across the region, celebrating the richness of Sanskrit language and culture.

Amidst this vibrant cultural gathering, the SDSV team secured Second Position in the Group Dance Competition. Their performance stood out for its grace, discipline, rhythmic coordination, and profound cultural expression rooted in Sanskrit heritage. The students' dedication and artistic excellence were warmly appreciated by the judges, the audience, and fellow participants, making the achievement a moment of pride for the institution.



Building Character Through Service: Praveshika Camp at SDSV, Roorkee



On 15th November, Swami Dayananda Saraswati Vidyalaya successfully hosted a Praveshika Camp organised by the Hindustan Scouts and Guides, providing students with an enriching and character-building experience. Students from Classes 3 to 8 participated enthusiastically in the camp, where they were introduced to the core values of discipline, teamwork, self-reliance, and practical life skills.

The camp was led by Trainer Mr. Vaibhav Gaur (D.O.C.), who addressed the students and highlighted the significance of the Scouts and Guides movement. He spoke about their responsibilities toward society and the nation, inspiring students to face challenges with patience, confidence, and composure. The session also included engaging hands-on activities such as tent-building, which the students followed attentively and completed successfully, demonstrating cooperation and learning by doing.

The Principal, Mr. Girish C Uniyal, encouraged the students to imbibe the values of discipline, cooperation, and good conduct in their daily lives. He reminded them of their important role as responsible citizens and emphasized contributing positively to society through service and integrity.

The camp concluded with the formal registration of students into the Scouts and Guides, marking the beginning of their journey in service, leadership, and personal growth. Overall, the Praveshika Camp proved to be an inspiring and memorable experience for all participants.

Smiles, Songs, and Celebration: Celebrating the Spirit of Childhood



SDSV joyfully celebrated Children's Day on 14th November with great enthusiasm and warmth. The programme commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp and offering of floral tributes, setting a respectful and auspicious tone for the occasion. This was followed by a brief talk highlighting the life and ideals of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, focusing on his deep affection for children and the true significance of celebrating Children's Day.

To make the occasion special, the teachers presented a vibrant cultural programme comprising lively dances, melodious songs, and engaging short acts. These performances were a delightful surprise for the students and filled the atmosphere with joy, laughter, and applause.

The Principal, Mr. Girish C Uniyal, addressed the gathering with inspiring thoughts, emphasising the values of love, harmony, discipline, and the importance of continuous learning. The celebration concluded with the distribution of sweets and the Principal's warm wishes to all students, making the day memorable and meaningful for everyone present.

Swami Dayananda Saraswati Vidyalaya

Padali Khurd Village, Khargone District, Madhya Pradesh

Learning Beyond the Classroom: Children's Day Educational Tour



On 14 November, in celebration of Children's Day, students of Swami Dayananda Saraswati Vidyalaya, Padali Khurd, embarked on an educational tour that combined learning, exploration, and joyful experiences. Accompanied by their teachers, the students visited several significant and enriching destinations, including the Jayanti Mata Temple, the Wildlife Museum, and the serene Sidhwarkut Ashram. At each location, the children actively engaged in various educational and recreational activities, gaining insights into cultural heritage, wildlife awareness, and spiritual values. The tour provided an excellent opportunity for experiential learning outside the classroom, fostering curiosity, observation, and teamwork. Overall, the day proved to be both enlightening and memorable, filled with enthusiasm, discovery, and happiness.

Class 10 Student Wins Silver at Nimad Khel Mahotsav

Bherusingh Singad, a student of Class 10 at Swami Dayananda Saraswati Vidyalaya, Padali Khurd, brought pride to the institution by securing Second Position in the Wrestling Competition at the Nimad Khel Mahotsav. The prestigious sports event was held from 22 to 24 November at Maheshwar and witnessed the participation of talented athletes from across the region. Bherusingh's achievement reflects his dedication, discipline, and rigorous training, as well as the encouragement and guidance provided by his coaches and teachers. His commendable performance stands as an inspiration to fellow students to pursue excellence in sports alongside academics.



An Inspiring Visit by Padma Shri Awardee, Acharya Jonas Masetti

Our Vidyalaya was deeply honored to welcome a distinguished group of guests, including Padma Shri (2025) Awardee Acharya Jonas Masetti, Swamini Sadvidyananda Saraswati and Mr. Manish Pandey, CEO of the Cultural Ministry and Ekatma Dham, Omkareshwar, along with his team. Their visit was a moment of great pride and inspiration for the entire school community.

During the programme, Acharya Jonas Masetti blessed the students and filled the atmosphere with devotion by rendering a soulful and melodious bhajan, which deeply touched the hearts of everyone present. Swamini Sadvidyananda Saraswati, one of the senior-most disciples of Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati, addressed the students and enlightened them about the civilian awards of India, encouraging them to strive for excellence and selfless service.

Mr. Manish Pandey shared valuable insights into the vision and lifelong contributions of Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati, emphasizing the importance of cultural values, spiritual wisdom, and national heritage in shaping responsible citizens.

The programme concluded with Swami Aishvryananda Saraswati, Director, who highlighted the remarkable achievements of Acharya Jonas Masetti and extended heartfelt gratitude to all the esteemed guests for their gracious presence and blessings upon the Vidyalaya



Victory and Team Spirit: SDSV, Padali Khurd, Excels in Saansad Khel Mahotsav

Students of Swami Dayananda Saraswati Vidyalaya, actively participated in the block-level matches of the Saansad Khel Mahotsav, a nationwide sports and fitness festival organized under the vision of the Fit India Movement. The initiative aims to promote a sporting culture, teamwork, and leadership among young participants, while encouraging healthy competition and physical fitness.



Our students delivered an outstanding performance, bringing home remarkable victories. They won the 200-metre race, the Kho Kho final, and the Kabaddi final in both boys' and girls' categories, showcasing their skill, determination, and team spirit.

With participation from around 10 schools, the event provided a platform to celebrate talent and sporting excellence within the local community. The achievements of SDSV students not only reflect their dedication but also inspire their peers to pursue excellence in sports alongside academics.



Big Hearts, Bigger Smiles: Pre-Primary Students Celebrate Grandparents' Day

Swami Dayananda Saraswati Vidyalaya, celebrated Grandparents' Day with its pre-primary classes on 22nd November, creating a heartwarming occasion filled with love and respect. The little ones expressed their affection by touching their grandparents' feet, applying tilak, and receiving their blessings, symbolising reverence and gratitude.

The programme featured fun-filled games for the grandparents and lively dance performances by the children, bringing smiles and laughter to everyone present. The joyous interactions between generations created a warm and affectionate atmosphere, making the celebration a truly memorable and cherished day for both children and their grandparents.

Knowledge and Team Spirit Shine at Quiz Competition

On 29th November, Swami Dayananda Saraswati Vidyalaya, successfully conducted an exciting Quiz Competition for the four houses of the school. The event tested the students' knowledge, quick thinking, and teamwork, creating an atmosphere of friendly competition and intellectual challenge. Participants showcased enthusiasm, confidence, and a spirit of healthy rivalry, making the competition both engaging and enjoyable for everyone.



Innovation and Imagination Take Center Stage

On 15th December, Swami Dayananda Saraswati Vidyalaya, proudly hosted a Science Exhibition, providing students with a platform to showcase their innovative projects and creative ideas. The exhibition highlighted the curiosity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills of the students, as they demonstrated their understanding of scientific concepts through interactive displays and experiments. Visitors, including teachers, peers, and parents, were impressed by the originality and ingenuity of the exhibits, making the event a celebration of learning, creativity, and scientific exploration.

Inder and Prabha Sharma Girls School

Khategaon, Dewas District, Madhya Pradesh

A Day of Renewal and Reverence: Deva Uthani Ekadashi Celebration



On 1st November, Inder and Prabha Sharma Girls School, Khategaon, celebrated Deva Uthani Ekadashi, a sacred day marking the awakening of Lord Vishnu after the period of Chaturmas. This auspicious occasion also heralds the beginning of many significant festivals and ceremonies in the Hindu calendar.

To help students appreciate the spiritual importance of the day, the celebration included storytelling and interactive discussions, through which students explored the deeper meanings of spiritual awakening, dharma, renewal, and gratitude. The activities not only enriched their knowledge of cultural traditions but also instilled values that encourage mindfulness, responsibility, and reverence in everyday life.

Showcasing Talent and Progress: PTM and Exhibition



On 13 November, Inder and Prabha Sharma Girls School, successfully conducted its Term 1 Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM), coinciding with a School Exhibition. The event provided a valuable platform for parents and teachers to engage in meaningful dialogue about students' progress, learning, and development.

Alongside the discussions, students showcased their work, projects, and creative expressions in an engaging and thoughtfully arranged exhibition. The display offered parents an insight into their children's talents, efforts, and accomplishments, making the day both informative and celebratory. The combined event fostered a strong sense of collaboration, encouragement, and community spirit between the school and families.

Swami Dayananda - Aava Vidyalaya

Tondikatti - Budnikhurd Village, Belagavi District, Karnataka

Fostering Affinity for History and Culture: Celebrating Karnataka Rajyotsava Day

On 01 November 2025, Swami Dayananda – Aava Vidyalaya, Tondikatti, celebrated Karnataka Rajyotsava on campus with enthusiasm and pride. The occasion commemorates the formation of the state of Karnataka and highlights its rich cultural heritage, language, and traditions.

The celebration provided students with an opportunity to learn about Karnataka's history and contributions, fostering a sense of respect and appreciation for regional identity. Through songs, speeches, and activities, the event brought the campus together in a vibrant display of cultural pride and unity.



The deepest lessons about life and living – conveyed with wit and humour by our beloved Guru, Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati.

The Bigger Picture

Unless one has a bigger picture, one cannot see small pictures as small. The picture has to be so big in one's life, that everything else becomes small. By 'small' we don't mean that one should become indifferent to situations; we mean that one should not get swept away by them. One should reduce all the situations to situations to be dealt with, easily dealt with, happily dealt with. But now the problem is, I don't deal with them; they deal with me. I am dealt with all the time. I am dealt with by my in-laws, I am dealt with by the situations, and I am dealt with by the stars too. When an astrologer says that my period of Saturn, shani-dasa, is going on and it is not good, I am dealt with by Shani. So too, I am dealt with by Rahu, I am dealt with by all the planets and devatas, I am dealt with by the bugs, insects, doctors, lawyers and sometimes by the Swamis too. Thus I am dealt with, always.

You are not meant to be so. You are a self-conscious being. You have to choose. Do you want to be dealt with by the world or you want to deal with the world? You have to choose, because your life is in your hands. You have to tell yourself, 'I am not going to be dealt with by the world anymore. I am going to deal with the world. I am going to deal with me.' That is human life. It is neither easy nor difficult.

The whole pursuit is cognitive. One needs to understand a lot about realities of life and living. One needs to be pragmatic. Pragmatism is living objectively, taking things as they are, having the capacity to deal with all situations. One may say that one is pragmatic, but it takes a lot of change for one to be so. One has to be religiously objective to be pragmatic. Religious objectivity is having a complete vision that puts one exactly in the slot where one is, and everything else around is, in a scheme. Everybody has one's own slot, wherein one has to live a life of least resistance – neither rubbing anybody, nor getting rubbed by others.

Lord Krishna in the *Gita* says, the one who is not rubbed by the world, dealt with by the world, and who does not rub others, that person is an adult. Such a person is yuktah, a complete person and sukhi, a happy person. Lord Krishna lastly utters a word – sa narah; in fact, he is a human being. Unless one is a complete person, one is still not a human being. Either one has to be programmed totally, or one has to be a master of oneself; in between is a life fraught with problems. One



cannot live like a half grown up person. One cannot lay waste one's own powers.

The subject matter of the *Bhagavad Gita* has relevance in the daily life of every human being. Whether the person is an Indian or a Norwegian, a Tribal or a Harvardian, it is relevant for everybody. For the adult, for the young, for the old, it is relevant; it is always relevant. We cannot say this with regard to other scriptures, because they do not give such a plan. They may contain some theological statements, but they do not provide a concrete plan. Theologies do not really help an individual to live a life here on Earth. First, one has to grow to be a complete person. For this, one requires a plan. Lord Krishna in the *Bhagavad Gita* gives us a plan. One should understand the vision of the whole *Gita* as a plan to grow into a complete person.

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We thank our generous donors for walking on this journey of seva with us. Their steadfast support and promptness in giving has helped us expand our seva and fulfil Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati's vision for a progressive nation.

Educating and Empowering Our Students



COMPUTER AGE MANAGEMENT SERVICES LTD (CAMS), CHENNAI

CAMS, a regular supporter of our seva towards educating and empowering children from the rural and tribal parts of India, has contributed a total of Rs. 58,68,000 towards 163 students' education and care (through the academic year) at the following Chatralayams: Shri Giridhari Lal Seth & Dr AB Seth AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Mohanlalganj Tehsil, Lucknow District,

Uttar Pradesh; Madhu & Rajkumar Nigam AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Kusumbhi Village, Unnao District, Uttar Pradesh; and Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls (Junior & Senior) Sembangudi Village, Tiruvarur District, Tamil Nadu. This valuable support, given as part of their CSR initiative, will play a significant role in enabling access to quality education, holistic development, and a nurturing environment for our children, empowering them to build brighter futures. We are happy to share a glimpse from a visit by Mr. G. Manikandan, Vice President – CAMS, to our Chatralayams in Unnao and Lucknow. Mr. Manikandan spent time with the students, speaking with them, encouraging them, and enjoying their cultural performances.



TITAN COMPANY LIMITED, BENGALURU

Titan Company Limited contributed a generous amount of Rs. 17,28,000 towards the Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Tribal Girls Chatralayam, Anaikatti Post, Coimbatore District, Tamil Nadu, towards the education, care, and well-being of 48 students.

USUI SUSIRA INTERNATIONAL PVT LTD, CHENNAI

We thank Usui Susira International Pvt Ltd for their generous contribution of Rs. 8,32,000 towards care of our residents at Swami Dayananda Krupa Care, and towards the education and care of girl students studying at our Chatralayams in Tamil Nadu.

BAJAJ ELECTRICALS FOUNDATION, MUMBAI

We received a donation of Rs. 18,36,000 towards the education and care of students at the Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Dahegaon Village & Post, Wardha District, Maharashtra, from Bajaj Electricals Foundation. Their support goes a long way towards creating a positive future for our young students, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude for their support.

LINDE FOUNDATION, BENGALURU

Linde Foundation extended its support towards our seva with a contribution of Rs. 10,80,000 (for 2025) towards sponsorship for the Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Jhakarpara Village, Purba Bardhaman District, West Bengal, enabling continued educational and residential assistance for students.

SUNDARAM FINANCE LIMITED, CHENNAI

Sundaram Finance Limited donated Rs. 5,00,001 towards education and care of students at our girls' Chatralayam in Tamil Nadu, reinforcing its commitment to empowering young girls through education.

MR. ANIL KUMAR TOLPADI, OHIO, USA

Mr. Anil Kumar Tolpadi contributed Rs. 4,00,000 towards sponsorship support for the education of children across our Chatralayams in 17 Indian states, helping sustain their academic and personal development.

MR. VASUDEV KUMARJIGUDA, HYDERABAD

Mr. Vasudev Kumarjiguda generously sponsored Rs. 1,08,000 towards the education and care of three children for one year at the Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Tribal Boys Chatralayam, Alwal, Secunderabad Medchal - Malkajgiri District, Telangana.

VEDIC LIFESCIENCES PVT. LTD., MUMBAI

Vedic Lifesciences Pvt. Ltd. contributed Rs. 1,00,000 towards student sponsorship across our Chatralayams in 17 Indian states, supporting educational needs and overall development.

DAYACHAND MALHOTRA CHARITABLE TRUST, CHENNAI

Dayachand Malhotra Charitable Trust donated Rs. 1,20,000, comprising Rs. 72,000 towards the education and care of two children for one year, and Rs. 48,000 towards providing special meals across 12 chatralayams.

MR. NANDAKISHORE DESHMUKH, NAGPUR

Mr. Nandakishore Deshmukh extended support of Rs. 1,08,000 towards the education and care of three children at our Chatralayams, contributing meaningfully to their growth and learning.



MS. DEEPA CHANDRASHEKHAR BABASHETTY, KARNATAKA

Ms. Deepa Chandrashekhar Babashetty generously donated jackets to all the children at the Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Kalabhavi Village & Post, Belgaum District, Karnataka, ensuring warmth and comfort for them during the winter season.

***We thank the following donors
for contributing towards the
education and care of students
at our Chatralayams.***

Mr. Aravind Ganesan, Chennai

Mr. Gagan Gupta, Surat

Mr. Nagabhushanam M.K., Bangalore

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Enabling Positive Change at the Grassroots

We thank the following donors for contributing to the sustenance of AIM of Seva's projects across India.



Smt. Rupa Jagannathan, USA

On 25 December 2025, Smt. Rupa Jagannathan, cousin of Swamini Sumatmananda, generously donated Rs. 30,000 towards the honorarium of the training teacher for the upcoming third batch of the free Tailoring Unit at the AIM for Seva Tribal Boys Chatralayam, Alwal, Secunderabad Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana. The cheque was handed over on her behalf by her mother, Smt. Choodamani Jagannathan, from Hyderabad.

Mr. Harish J. Shah, Chennai, donated Rs. 50,001 in support of AIM for Seva's various projects, aiding the organisation's ongoing service initiatives.

Mr. Venkateswaran S.V., Chennai, contributed Rs. 50,000 towards AIM for Seva's projects, supporting its mission of service and education.

Mr. Natarajan Krishnamoorthy, Bangalore, donated Rs. 1,00,000 towards AIM for Seva's projects, further strengthening its charitable activities.

We thank the following donors for contributing towards the care of residents' services at Swami Dayananda Krupa Care.



Laxmibai Dwarakadas Charity Trust, Mumbai, contributed Rs. 3,00,000 towards the complete care of three residents at Swami Dayananda Krupa Care for a period of one year.

Mrs. Neela Lakshmanan, Bengaluru, donated Rs. 3,00,000 towards the complete care of three residents for one year at Krupa Home, supporting their ongoing well-being and care.

Mr. V. Krishnamoorthy, Coimbatore, contributed Rs.33,630 towards the purchase of a 'Blue Star' freezer for Swami Dayananda Krupa Care, enhancing storage facilities and day-to-day operations.



*The spirit of Seva transforms you from a consumer to a contributor.
- Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati*

Join our Movement of SEVA



EDUCATION

CHATRALAYAMS (Free Student Hostels)



Vidya Danam for 1 Child

Yearly - Rs. 15,000 | Monthly - Rs. 1,250



Vidya Danam & Anna Danam for 1 Child

Yearly - Rs. 36,000 | Monthly - Rs. 3,000



Anna Danam for 1 Child

Yearly - Rs. 21,000 | Monthly - Rs. 1,750



Special Meals for our Children in a Chatralayam

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General Donation

Amount of Your Choice

SANDHYA GURUKULAMS (Evening Tuition Centres)



Sandhya Gurukulam (per centre)

Yearly - Rs. 60,000 | Monthly - Rs. 5,000

SOCIAL IMPACT

SWAMI DAYANANDA KRUPA HOME

(Residential Facility for Adult Men With Developmental Delays)



Complete care of 1 resident for 1 year

Rs. 1,00,000



Special meal for our residents

(on any day of your choice)

Rs. 5,000



Complete care of 1 resident for 6 months

Rs. 50,000



General Donation

Amount of your choice



Complete care of 1 resident for 1 month

Rs. 8,500

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