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Chairperson's Note

Dear Readers,

Namaste. The new academic year has commenced and studies and activities are in full swing across our 93 Chatralayams and 8 residential schools.

After schooling and college, what happens to a student of the AIM for Seva system? Our **Cover Story** highlights four such alumni who have succeeded in their chosen vocation, as a lawyer, educator, sports entrepreneur and sports coach.

These stories also reaffirm the belief that if children from modest means are given an enabling environment and supporting infrastructure, they become trail blazers in their own right.

This issue carries other interesting stories across our educational projects spread across 16 states. Today, learning has moved beyond books and blackboards and that is evident from the news we get from the field. From career guidance workshops to music based training sessions and STEM learning, AIM for Seva is going all out and ensuring a holistic education and learning experience for its students during their critical years of schooling.

As we herald in the festive season, we seek your goodwill and continued support for the benefit of thousands of students from rural India.

Warm regards,

Sheela Balaji
Chairperson & Managing Trustee

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Tasting Success

The first seeds of change in a grassroots movement don't become evident overnight. They take time to sprout, flower and bloom. What started as an answer to a tribal woman's concern of her children walking long distances through unsafe paths to reach the nearest school in 1999, is today a pan Indian movement that supports rural education via free student hostels (Chatralayams) and schools.

The icing on the cake for a social sector organization like ours is when we see former students from our system create a name for themselves in their chosen paths. Our ***Cover Story*** *puts the limelight on four such inspirational alumni from the AIM for Seva network.*



Life in The Robes



If there is a minus somewhere, there are pluses too. Advocate **Pranita Kotkar's** story is perhaps a reflection of that philosophical sentiment.

She was born and raised in a family with limited means. Her parents toiled incredibly hard as daily wage labourers. But the environment made it up. "I was born and raised in Sawantwadi, a beautiful town in Sindhudurga district, Maharashtra," reflects Pranita.

Though the parents doted on their two daughters but after sometime, it became difficult to afford schooling for two, young promising girls. In 2009, Pranita's mother came to know about a girl's hostel run by AIM for Seva in Sawantwadi **(Kumari Deepa Devi Singh AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls)** and Pranita managed to find a second home when she entered Class 6. She stayed in the hostel till she completed Class 9. "Despite our financial hardships, we have always been a close-knit and supportive family," shares Pranita. What's equally heartening to hear is that Pranita's mother played an instrumental role in ensuring her daughter completed her schooling and higher studies.

And Pranita did not disappoint the trust her mother had reposed on her. "I was a very studious child and was consistently ranked among the top 5 in my class," confesses Pranita.

Slowly, she emerged as an all-rounder. **"I actively participated in almost every competition—including elocution, singing, storytelling, *sloka* recitation, and dance—and frequently won prizes and secured top positions, which kept me motivated throughout my school years."**



Pranita's favourite subject in school was English and she adored her English teacher, Ms. Naik, and was proud to be one of her favourite students. "Outside of regular schoolwork, I loved spending hours reading books in the library. I was also deeply passionate about extra-curricular activities, especially elocution (*waktrutva*) and storytelling competitions," sums up Pranita.

As a young child, Pranita was extremely fascinated with the world of performing arts and dreamt of becoming an actor someday!

"I always hoped to create a distinct identity for myself and bring joy to people through screen or stage," shares Pranita.

But as they say, life has its twists and turns. Pranita's father had struggled with alcohol addiction and her mother wanted her bright daughter to continue her studies in a peaceful environment. "Looking back, my mother actually took a very brave and bold step by sending me to the AIM for Seva hostel," recounts Pranita.

Pranita is extremely grateful for living and studying in a *Gurukul* kind of atmosphere during her formative years. "It provided the structure, safety, and peace I desperately needed, and I quickly adjusted and felt truly happy and content living there," she recollects.

She adds that going to school was a fulfilling experience for her. **"While it required hard work, it never felt like a burden because I genuinely loved studying. Having a dedicated environment to learn made the hard work highly enjoyable."**



Post schooling, Pranita completed her bachelor's degree in political science. She then went on to successfully clear her 5-year LLB (Bachelor of Laws) degree after which she went on to complete her Master of Laws (LLM), specialising in criminology.

Today, Pranita dons multiple hats. She is a practicing criminal advocate and alongside her legal career, she is also a well-known social media influencer and public speaker, popularly recognized across the region as the 'Kokan Anchor.'

And the people at Kumari Deepa Devi Singh AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Sawantwadi, Maharashtra, forever remain close to her heart. "I formed very deep and meaningful bonds during my time at the hostel. What I cherish most is how the values, ethics, and strict discipline instilled in me at the hostel help me connect with and help so many people today. For me, the hostel came as a ray of hope in the pitch darkness of my early life. Before joining the hostel, I was like an unshaped lump of clay. It is truly because of the divine blessings and grace of Param Pujya Swami ji (Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati, Founder, AIM for Seva) and Param Pujya Mata ji (Swamini Swatmanishtananda Saraswati ji, hostel coordinator at Sawantwadi) that I was moulded into a beautiful, meaningful sculpture. I also want to warmly thank our beloved Veera Dada, who was a guiding light for all of us at the hostel. My heartfelt thanks go to my favorite rectors, Raul Tai, Dalvi Tai, and Mangal Tai, for their motherly care and guidance. I cannot forget Dhuri Kaki and Dhuri Aji, who cooked delicious, nourishing meals for us with so much love in the kitchen. I am also thankful to all my fellow hostel mates because every single one of these individuals played a part in shaping who I am today," says Pranita matter-of-factly.

As a lawyer, Pranita has also realized the importance and impact of work done by organizations like AIM for Seva. "True national progress can only happen when grassroots communities are uplifted, and that begins with providing equal opportunities to underprivileged children. AIM for Seva doesn't just provide free food and shelter; it builds a strong foundation of values, culture (*Sanskar*), and education. By turning rural and tribal students into confident, independent, and ethical professionals like lawyers, teachers, and entrepreneurs, AIM for Seva is directly transforming the social and economic fabric of our country," concludes Pranita.

From Last Mile to Front and Centre

Mention P. Sangeetha's name in the tribal village of Mavadappu, and everyone will instantly recognise it. After all, she was the first person in the entire tribal settlement to complete schooling.



Mavadappu is a tribal settlement that is tucked away in the Annamalai Tiger Reserve area in Tamil Nadu, and is accessible only by foot – that too, after a grueling three-hour journey from Thirumoorthy Hills near Udumalpet, Tamil Nadu. Schools are a rarity in such remote locations, and children have to walk for hours to get to the nearest educational institution.

Further, many tribal families don't see formal education as a necessity. This applies especially for girls, as parents feel it will become an impediment to finding a suitable partner for their daughters, since few men have completed schooling.

Sangeetha, a hard-working, inquisitive student, was introduced to the **Atmalaya Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls in Udumalpet, Tamil Nadu,** by a senior district administrative officer in the region, almost 15 years back.

Sangeetha recalls that her parents were initially reluctant to send her to the Chatralayam, but the dream of an educated daughter who would make them proud won them over. Recollecting those moments, Sangeetha shares an emotional anectode.

"I informed my father that school fees had to be paid. It was off season for honey collection (June to September). Nevertheless, my father climbed a slippery shutter in Thirumoorhthy hills in the Western Ghats, extracted honey, sold it and gave the money for school fees. When I noticed my father was barefoot and enquired about the same, he casually replied that if I had bought slippers, I would not have had the money to pay the school fees!"

That conversation made Sangeetha realise the harsh reality of her life at that point of time. Nevertheless, she did not allow this to overpower her. Instead, she defeated the clutches of life by studying hard in the enabling environment at Udumalpet. And the hostel coordinator, Swamini Gurupriyananda Saraswati ji, became her second mother. "Frankly speaking, I have learnt a lot from her. She helped me build my life and taught me a lot of things like self-sufficiency and confidence while interacting with people."

The hard work began to show results. Sangeetha won the Best Student Award several times, and excelled in her Class 12 Board Examinations (in 2017) by scoring 1103 out of 1200, with 198 in history, 194 in commerce and 190 in economics and accountancy.

Today, it's homecoming for her as Sangeetha dedicatedly serves as the vice principal of the **Swami Dayanananda Rotary Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Kadalur, Tamil Nadu.**

"Our Founder, Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati used to say, 'Give the world the best you have and the best will come back to you.' It is because of such people who are doing seva that people like me got educated. If AIM for Seva wasn't there, even I would not have been there. So we should give how much ever we can because the society as well as the nation has done a lot for us."

In fact, students like Sangeetha are a testimony that handing over the reins of responsibility to the doers is the best way to create a generation of empowered citizens.

In a way, Sangeetha stands as a symbol of hope and inspiration to all children in her tribal settlement. What's more, many parents are now coming forward to enroll their children in schools and our Chatralayams – a true sign of progress.

"Mataji (Swamini Gurupriyananda Saraswati ji) once asked a child about her inspiration and she mentioned that she wanted to become like me. Initially, that response made me a bit uncomfortable. But then I realised, if I can inspire someone, we have to achieve something, right?"

Yes, vice principal Maam and our heartiest wishes on your continued growth and success.

Lakhs Me: May Devi Lakshmi's Grace Remain Intact on this 'Ati Uttam' Rajput

His businesses have a combined annual turnover of Rs. 30 lakhs and his firms active on GeM , the Amazon of government procurement. As **proprietor** of **Sani Kripa Enterprises and Shree Balaji Enterprises, Uttam Singh Rathore's** ventures dabble in stationery, furniture, electronics, electrical, IT hardware, sports items and other institutional supplies. In short, anything that brings in the moolah! But Uttam Singh Rathore begs to differ.



"Office furniture accounts for a huge portion of sales," he reveals.

As a government approved procurer and seller, Uttam Singh's customers are mostly Army cantonment bases in New Delhi, Jaipur, Assam Rifles and India Post. He has his own spanking new office near Neemrama, Rajasthan, with 3 executives reporting to him and their cumulative monthly package totaling Rs. 1 lakh, per month.

But this wasn't the case in the beginning. This enterprising Rajput lost his father, the sole bread winner of the family to a road accident in 2009. The

silver lining was his father was a long standing employee in a hospital in close vicinity to the **Arsha Vidya Tirtha AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Jaipur, Rajasthan.**

The hospital management stepped in to fund the MBBS degree of his older brother while the younger sibling eventually found a home away from home in the neighbouring Arsha Vidya Tirtha AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Jaipur, Rajasthan, the same year as the untimely death of their father.

Originally from Barau village, Jhunjhunu district, Rajasthan, the initial days in the hostel proved to be the toughest. "I remember coming crying into the Chatralayam and homesickness persisted for a while," he recollects. Gradually, the daily routine, coupled with love and care, nourishing food and constant emphasis on seva, brought in the first seeds of change in the young lad.

Uttam Singh Rathore joined the Chatralayam in Class 5 and stayed on in the Jaipur hostel till June 2017, when he completed his diploma studies from Vivekananda Institute of Technology Jagatpura, Jaipur. He later went on to do a BBA (bachelors in business administration) from Gyan Vihar, Jaipur.

It was now time to metamorphise as an all rounder. Uttam Singh became a district level cricket player during his graduation days but unfortunately, financial constraints played spoilt sport and cricket had to go back foot.

Nevertheless, the cricketing tryst taught him a valuable lesson in playing front foot too. He tried jobs in the hospitality and electricals space, but that income wasn't enough for himself and the family back home.

Around that time, a relative working in Nagaland beckoned him to try his luck in the north east frontier. Uttam Singh Rathore packed his bags and journeyed, west to east. A chance encounter with a few people in the state opened up opportunities in the government procurement and selling space. The twin enterprises were born during Covid and Uttam Singh Rathore trekked back home with his fledging venture. The silver lining during the pandemic was that online and digital saw a big boost and this greatly aided Uttam Singh Rathore's newly established firms. Today, this enterprising young man has successfully established his credentials in the government supply sector. Another striking trait of this young Rajput is his compassion towards all, especially sentient beings.

"My dream is to work for animals, birds and cows for I believe in giving back through volunteering, donations, creating social awareness and other acts of kindness," explains Uttam Singh Rathore.

As part of this effort, Uttam Singh Rathore always makes it a point to do *Gau Seva* with *Gur* (jaggery) and fruits, every Thursday and Sundays, at a Gaushala near his residence.

The seeds of animal care and welfare got instilled during the Jaipur Chatralayam years when he took care of the cows in the hostel compound, as part of seva and *dharm.* Reflecting on AIM for Seva and the impact the Jaipur Chatralayam eco system had on him during his growth years, Uttam Singh Rathore is all praise for the work done and states that the organization is an epitome of accessible education, spiritual knowledge and quality healthcare.

As an alumnus, Uttam Singh Rathore is looking to maintaining ties with his second home that shaped him during his formative years.

"I would like to support the Chatralayam and create opportunities for other younger students in the years to come," he shares.

Uttam Singh Rathore's journey is a wonderful example of how our alumni are not only evolving as successful and responsible professionals in their chosen fields but also as compassionate contributors to society.



Skating Skywards



Deepak Kevat aka Deepak sir, **Founder, Sky Skater Academy** seems to have an unwavering commitment to excellence in skating and he wants his sporting startup in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, to be a culmination of passion translating to performance.

"Every individual has the potential to excel and our academy offers a comprehensive training experience designed for people of all ages and abilities. From beginners to advanced athletes, we provide expert coaching, personalised programmes and a supportive community that fosters growth," says Founder and Head Coach, Deepak matter-of-factly.

He adds, **"Whether the student is aiming for district, state, or national competitions, or simply looking to improve their fitness level and enjoy the sport, Sky Skater Academy is there to help."**

While the beginner lessons are for those who want to start their skating journey, in the advance coaching segment, the focus shifts to tailored sessions aimed at experienced skaters wanting to refine their skills and enhance their performance. The centre also offers personalized classes for those who want focused training with respect to their skating goals.

Deepak Kevat also has a full time job as a skating coach at SDPS International School, Indore, Madhya Pradesh. His day begins 5:30 am with skating coaching for one batch. School duty is from 7:30 am till 2:30 pm. In the evenings, Deepak Kevat and team train two batches from 5 to 7 pm, each class being of one hour duration. During the peak training season, the student count moves up to 100. While most of the skating trainees are in the 3 to 18 year bracket, there are a few seniors too, mostly enthusiastic parents of kids.

Interestingly, the Eureka moment vis a vis skating came through Dhoom-2 and Hrithik Roshan. After that, there was no looking back for Deepak Kevat. He left his job at the start of Covid and immersed himself in self tutoring videos on skating. He topped this up with skating lessons from a coach in Indore who taught him the basics and Deepak continued to hone his skills through observation and self coaching before venturing as a full time coach.

Skating whether as a job or as an entrepreneurial pursuit is 24x7 for him and Deepak is not complaining one iota because it's his full time passion *('junoon')* now.

"In all, we nurture discipline, teamwork and resilience, preparing our students for challenges beyond," he states.

Today, two other assistant coaches work along with the budding sports entrepreneur. It's a far cry from twenty years ago when a 10 year old boy walked straight into the arms of **Swami Aishvaryananda Saraswati ji, Coordinator, AIM for Seva's projects in Madhya Pradesh.** Deepak Kevat had lost his mother at the time of his birth and his father, a month later. At the time of his Chatralayam entry, he just had Rs. 10 in his pocket that he promptly gave to Swami Aishvaryananda Saraswati ji (project coordinator, AIM for Seva Madhya Pradesh) for safe custody. Cut to the present. During 2025-2026, Sky Skater closed its books with an annual profit of Rs. 3.6 lakhs.

One of the students Divya K has this to share. "The personalized lessons at Sky Skater helped me improve my skating skills significantly. The trainers are really passionate and create a fun atmosphere for learning."

On the other hand, Dheeraj Sharma from Indore can't help but gush how the Sky Skater team completely transformed his skating skills. "The trainers are incredibly supportive and knowledgeable," he says.

Nevertheless, challenges remain. Deepak rues many a time, parents discontinue coaching just when the child is peaking due to lack of sponsorship that includes kit and equipment for promising athletes. Deepak cites the example of a student who has reached the district level but unable to proceed further as his father is an auto rickshaw driver and finances are a constraint.

Before entering the Chatralayam, Deepak was looked after by his paternal grandmother who was in her sixties. They lived 150 kms away from Indore in a small village. Deepak's grandmother came to know about the AIM for Seva hostel at Indore that looked after children free of cost. She brought the 10 year old to Swami Aishvaryananda Saraswati ji who was just managing one hostel in the region then. After that, there was no looking back for Deepak who crisscrossed from Indore to Hoshangabad to finally Nemawar Chatralayam, where he completed his graduation.

In fact, Deepak warmly recollects the summer training camp that he underwent with Acharya Navneet (who manages our Chatralayams in Rohtak, Haryana and Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh) after he completed his Class 10 in 2012. "From the basics of banking and accounting, computer repair and technician to plumbing work, it was a great learning experience. I was in my growth phase then and that open environment instilled lot of confidence in me," he recollects warmly.

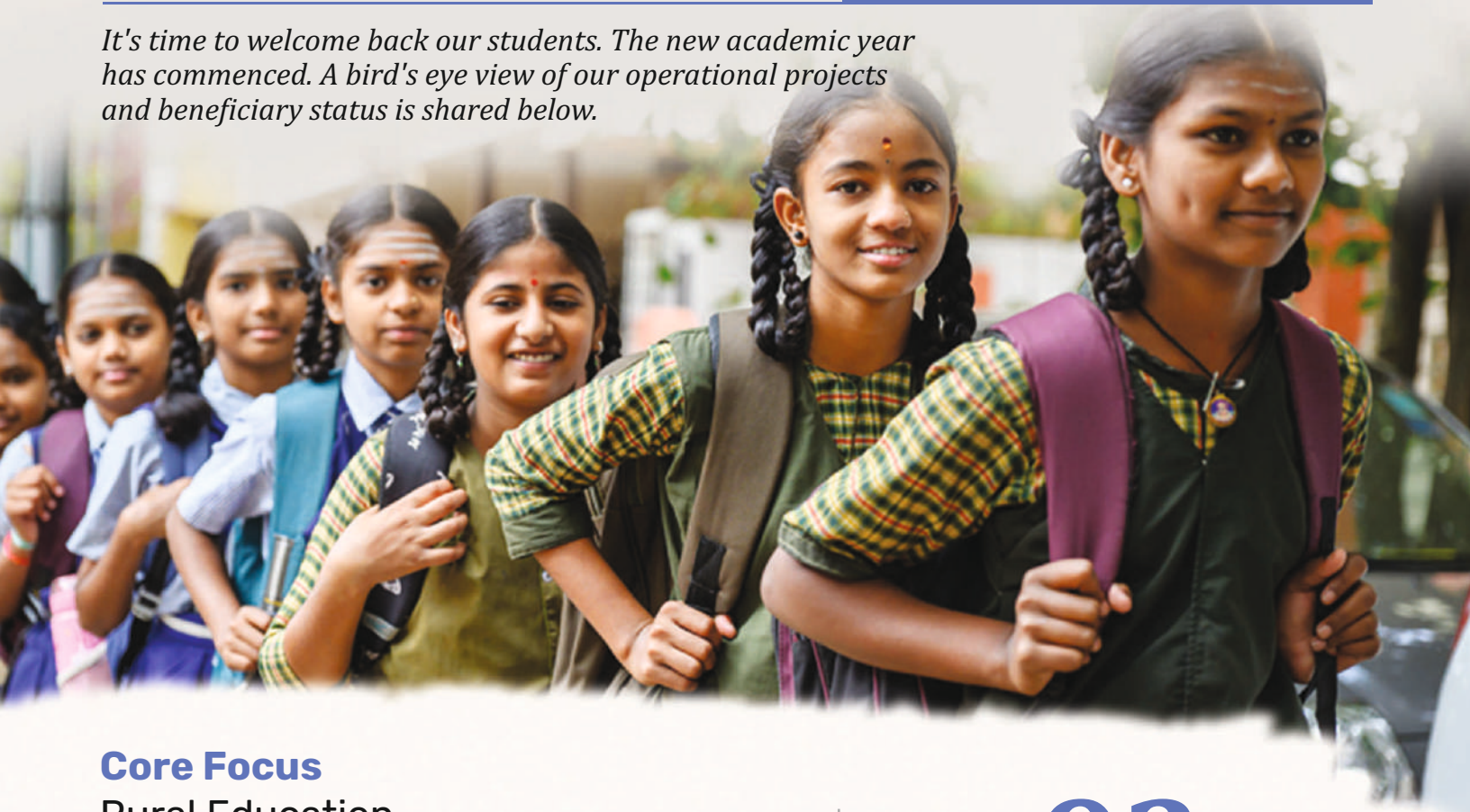
Deepak sir, a very big salute to you.

In the end, do we see Swami Aishvaryananda Saraswati ji smiling and saying, *"Bhai Wah. Mera Deepak Ne To Khub Kamal Kar Dikahye."* (My Deepak has truly done some wonders).



AIM FOR SEVA SNAPSHOT: 2026-2027

It's time to welcome back our students. The new academic year has commenced. A bird's eye view of our operational projects and beneficiary status is shared below.



Core Focus
Rural Education

Flagship Programme
Chatralayams, Rural Schools and *Sandhya Gurukulams*

Annual Student Strength
11,000

All India Presence
16 States

93
Chatralayams

27
for Girls

66
for Boys

Students Supported Annually
4,000



AIM for Seva Schools

8 Schools

3114 Students Enrolled During 2026-2027

1492 Girls

1622 Boys

States Present:
Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand





Sandhya Gurukulams
(Evening Tuition Centres)





Centres Operational
167

Students Benefitted Annually
4175

States Present
Andhra Pradesh
Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh
Odisha and Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu and Puducherry



AIM for Seva started its journey to educate rural India in Anaikatti, Tamil Nadu. Today, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry are home to 20 Chatralayams. In addition, AIM for Seva runs 2 schools in Tamil Nadu and a home that provides long term care and support for adult men with developmental delays near Chennai.

The state project preview (Tamil Nadu and Puducherry) is shared below.

Chatralayams

Students Supported (2026-27) **1427** | Girls **704** | Boys **723**

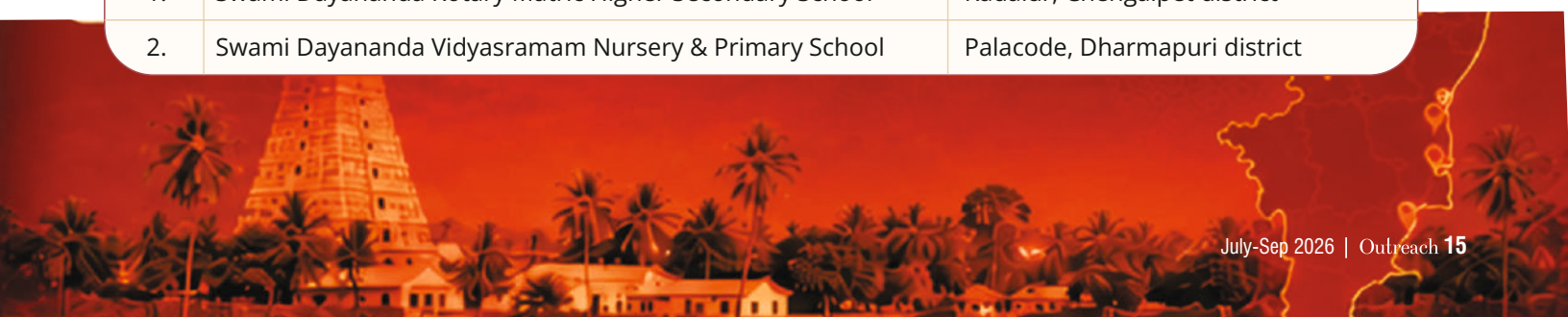
Number of Villages from Where the Students Come from **525**



Educational Project Locations

S.No	Name of Chatralayam	Location
1.	Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls (Junior)	Sembangudi village, Tiruvarur district
2.	Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls (Senior)	Sembangudi village, Tiruvarur district
3.	Atmalaya Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls Udumalpet, Tirupur district	Kurichikottai village
4.	Bhavani Arun AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls	Chinnasalem, Kallakurichi district
5.	Emirates AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls	Karagur village, Dharmapuri district
6.	Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Tribal Girls Chatralayam	Anaikatti, Coimbatore district
7.	AIM for Seva Dayatirtha Chatralayam for Girls	Thennampattu village, Tirupattur district
8.	Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Saradha Chatralayam for Girls	Polur, Tiruvanamalai district
9.	Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys	Uchimedu village, Cuddalore district
10.	Arun-Divya AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys	Sembangudi village, Tiruvarur district
11.	Smt. Sukanya Shankar Memorial AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys	Thippanampettai, Tiruvarur district
12.	Bragathsundara Kujambal AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys	Thiruvidaimarudur, Thanjavur district
13.	Dayasagar AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys	Palani, Dindigul district
14.	Seshachariar AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys	Cumbum, Theni district
15.	Anugraha Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys	Karagur village, Dharmapuri district
16.	S. Viswanathan Memorial AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys	Sriperumbudur, Kancheepuram district
17.	Swami Ranganathananda Memorial AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys	Perambalur district
18.	Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys	Sathyamangalam, Erode district
19.	Swami Dayananda Residential Vedic Chatralayam	Kodavasal, Tirvarur district

Schools		
1.	Swami Dayananda Rotary Matric Higher Secondary School	Kadalur, Chengalpet district
2.	Swami Dayananda Vidyasramam Nursery & Primary School	Palacode, Dharmapuri district



CARE FACILITY

Swami Dayananda Krupa Care

Location
Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu

Project Description
A residential facility that provides long term care and support to adult men with developmental delays.

Residents in Campus
43



PUDUCHERRY

Swami Dayananda AIM For Seva Chatralayam

Location: Odiampet village

Number of Girls Supported (2026-27): 22





In this section of the Quarterly, we share updates of our flagship programme, Chatralayam.The main highlights from the Chatralayam network included the following:



After Studies What?
Addressing students concerns' and guiding them on various career options.



Music Education
By renowned artists and to foster creative intelligence and meaningful learning amongst school going children.



Learning Beyond School
Fun and break in monotony through regular excursions.



Health and Wellness
When drug abuse and mental health take centre stage.

Career Counselling and Guidance

As part of AIM for Seva's commitment to nurturing holistic education and empowering rural students, an educational guidance programme was organised with a special focus on strengthening the academic performance of students, particularly those preparing for their Class 10 board examinations at Sawantwadi, Maharashtra. The programme saw participation of both the girl and boy hostelers from **Sawantwadi (Kumari Deepa Devi Singh AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls and Dayasagar AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys).** This initiative's genesis arose from observations made by an alumnus during a recent Chatralayam visit. During educational material distribution and subsequent interactions, the need for focused academic support, structured study practices and mentoring was identified.

Recognising that access to right guidance can help students realise their full potential a special session was organised to equip them with practical tools for academic success. As part of this, Sri. Manoj Tirodkar (Sawantwadi), coordinator of Home Revise Education, shared insights into effective study practices, examination preparation, and goal setting.



The session addressed key areas such as:

- ✓ Developing effective daily study habits and structured study schedules.
- ✓ Translating consistent preparation into improved examination performance.
- ✓ Setting academic goals and striving for excellence.
- ✓ Building discipline, focus, and confidence in the learning process.
- ✓ Developing a purposeful approach towards achieving academic aspirations.

Through such initiatives, AIM for Seva seeks to strengthen the educational ecosystem within its Chatralayams, extending beyond access to education to include mentorship, academic support and the development of each student's potential.

When Musical Notes and Creativity Filled the Air



On 12th September 2026, the students at **DVG AIM for Seva Chatralaya for Girls** and **Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralaym for Girls, Yelahanka, Karnataka,** were in for a special treat. Renowned flautist, **Sri. Pravin Godkhindi** engaged with our students that culminated into a very inspiring session. During the course of interaction, Sri. Pravin Godkhindi shared valuable insights of the art of flute playing and the beauty of Indian classical music. This programme provided the Yelahanka girls with meaningful exposure to India's rich musical heritage, fostering appreciation and curiosity for the classical arts.

To add to the Diwali sparkle, a one day (on 26th September 2026), *diya* making workshop was organized for the students, fostering creativity and cultural expression. The participants enthusiastically crafted 300 *diyas*, showcasing their skills and teamwork.

Throwball Champs



We are delighted to share that students of the **Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Chikkamagalur, Karnataka,** emerged as winners at the district level throwball championship. With this win under their belt, the boys now progress to the division level championship. By showcasing their talent and determination, the students at Chikkamagalur have brought pride to their institution.

Healthy Beginnings to the New Academic Year

Our children's health and well being is of top most priority for us. Since inception, AIM for Seva has been at the forefront in conducting regular health and wellness check-up and eye testing for the benefit of its student community. After all, a healthy child means reduced absenteeism and better performance in school.

Joining Hands for the Pulse Polio Programme



We are delighted to share that the Government of Telangana's Pulse Polio programme was conducted on 28th June 2026 at the **Alwal** Chatralayam premises **(Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Tribal Boys Chatralayam)** located in **Telangana.**

By offering our space as a service point, the hostel joined hands in supporting community health, while continuing its mission of nurturing young lives and extending the spirit of care from our hostel family to the wider public.

Annual Health Check-Ups



Under the RBSK (Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram) initiative, the students at the **Bhim Saroj Khanna and Gera Nirula AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Katni, Madhya Pradesh,** underwent their routine health check-up on 21st August 2026.

The Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram is a government child health programme in India that screens children from birth till 18 years for early detection and free treatment of 32 common health conditions.



A free eye screening camp was organized in collaboration with TVS Srinivasan Services Trust (SST), Padavedu, Sankara Eye Hospital and the District Blindness Control Society, Tiruvannamalai, Tamil Nadu for the benefit of the students at the **Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Saradha Chatralayam for Girls, Padavedu, Tiruvanamalai district, Tamil Nadu.**

As part of the check-up, all girls underwent a comprehensive vision screening enabling early identification of eye-related concerns. Students requiring follow-up care or spectacles were referred for further treatment, with a view to improve vision and reading.

A Push to Mental Health and Awareness



In today's day and age, mental agility is as important as physical well being. Adolescence brings with its hormonal and body changes as well as changes in the brain and mind.

Bearing that in mind, a programme on child mental health was organised on 9th August 2026 at the **Sawantwadi hostel premises (Kumari Deepa Devi Singh AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls and Dayasagar AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys). Both these hostels are located in Sindhudurga district, Maharashtra.**

The session was led by psychologist, Ms. Minakshi Alavani, Founder-President of Sahaj Trust, an NGO in Sindhudurg, dedicated to promoting mental health awareness, counseling and support.

With over 15 years of experience working with school students, Ms. Alavani shared valuable insights on nurturing emotional well-being and resilience in children. On the whole, it was a very informative and valuable session.



Students from the **Bhavani Arun AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls Chinnasalem, Tamil Nadu,** underwent their annual medical examinations upon commencing the new academic year.

Buzzing Out



With dengue doing the rounds, prevention and safety takes precedence. The hostel staff at the **Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Bardhaman, West Bengal,** conducted a Dengue Awareness Programme in six nearby villages. As part of the initiative, mosquito repellents were distributed throughout the area and residents were encouraged to keep their surroundings clean. The campaign also emphasized the importance of early medical attention—advising anyone experiencing fever to visit the local health centre for a blood test.

Rakhi Day at Unnao



On 28th August 2026, **circle officer of Ajgain Police Station Sri. Tej Pratap Singh and Sri. Mukul Dube, Chief of Nawabganj Police Station, along with their staff, celebrated Raksha Bandhan with our girls.**

During the programme, the lady officers sensitized the students about personal safety from strangers, explained how to reach out to the police. They shared information on various government schemes for girl students. To make the occasion sweeter, each girl was gifted a box of sweets, adding joy to the celebration and strengthening the bond of care and protection.

A De-Addiction Camp



Sometime back, a de-addiction programme was conducted at the ***Sandhya Gurukulam*** premises at Dudhiya, Gujarat.

The proceedings of the programme reaffirmed the collective commitment to a drug-free society and guiding today's youth towards healthier, responsible living.

Field Trips



Our students from Thennampattu, Padavedu, Chinnasalem, and Uchimedu Chatralayams enjoyed a memorable one-day trip to Trichy. The itinerary included visits to the sacred Srirangam Temple and Samayapuram Temple, followed by an exciting outing to the Kids Birds Park. The trip offered students both spiritual enrichment and recreational joy, that combined culture, learning and fun.

As the new academic season begins, its time to meet, greet and congratulate students who brought home laurels.



Say Hello to the School Pupil Leader

We are proud to share that Nishanth of Class 10 has been elected as Head Boy, a proud recognition of his dedication and inspiring qualities. Nishanth studies and resides at the **Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Yadavaram, Telangana** that is home to 42 boys.

This milestone is also a reminder of how the Chatralayam continues to shape young minds, not just academically, but also as future leaders, ready to serve and inspire others.

Moreover, Nishanth's success reflects his personal commitment and also the supportive hostel environment that nurtures confidence, discipline, and responsibility among students. This milestone is a reminder of how the Chatralayam continues to shape young minds, not just academically, but as future leaders ready to serve and inspire.

All-Rounders from Yelahanka

The **DVG AIM for Seva Chatralaya for Girls** and **Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Yelahanka, Karnataka** have emerged as important centres for girl child education and all-round development.

The consistent support of the local community and other well wishers in the region has played a pivotal role in continuous and steadfast results from the girls residing and studying in this Chatralayam, over the years.

- We are proud to share that **M. Srinidhi** from Class 9, has excelled in the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship (NMMS) exam, earning a scholarship from the state government to support her future education.
- **R. Tanu** from Class 8, won the second prize in a slogan writing competition organised as part of Independence Day celebrations.

Hearty congratulations, Srinidhi and Tanu.



The girls from Yelahanka

continue to shine, this time in the creative writing space.



Aishwarya R. (Class 6)
Slogan Writing - 1st prize



Bhagya (Class 6)
Slogan Writing - 1st prize



Sahana H. (Class 6)
Essay Writing - 1st prize



Thanushree C. (Class 7)
Slogan Writing - 1st prize

A Yoga Champ in the Making



R. Kamalanayaki from Class 11, brought pride to the **Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Odiampet, Puducherry** by securing Runner-up position in Yogasana (U-17 Girls) at the Zonal School Games Championship 2025–2026, Zone-IV. This event was organized by Ansari Duraisamy Government Higher Secondary School, Thondamanatham Puducherry.

R. Kamalanayaki is emerging as an all-rounder. At the school level, she won the first prize in a speech competition on Kamarajar and third prize in an essay competition.

Good going, Kamalanayaki.

Continued Accolades



E. Manikandan from the **Dayasagar AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Palani, Tamil Nadu** who scored 87.6% and secured the 2nd position in his school in the Class 10 public examination. In recognition of his hard work and dedication, members of the Palani Mahalakshmi Temple Trust honored Manikandan and presented a cheque of Rs. 2,000 as an encouragement for his academic success. This gesture served as a motivation for the student to continue striving for excellence in his studies.

Manikandan continued with his good academic run. On the occasion of World Drug Day (26th June), the Palani Government General Hospital organized an inter-school essay competition on the theme of Drug Abuse Prevention. Manikandan won the 1st prize while another Chatralayam student from Palani, Krishna from Class 10 secured the 3rd prize. The competition aimed to raise awareness among students on complete drug addiction eradication and a future free from illegal activities.

In this part of the Quarterly, we are pleased to share some ground breaking moments.

House Warming Ceremony of Padali Boys Hostel

The *Grihapravesh* Puja of the Boys' Chatralayam building at the Padali school campus was conducted on 5th and 6th July 2026. The auspicious ceremony was graced by Maha Mandaleshwar Pujya Swami Pranavananda Saraswati ji, Maharaj of Vrindavan, who blessed our students, teachers, staff members, and guests from Indore and nearby areas.

This Chatralayam has been built through the generous patronage of Ms. Nalini Paul and Sri. Kamal Paul (Canada), reflecting their spirit of selfless service and dedication to the education and well-being of deserving students.

As part of the celebrations, *Annadanam* was arranged for nearly 400 people, including all residential students and teachers, making the occasion truly memorable.







Scaling New Heights

We are happy to share some exciting news from our eastern frontier. The **Dayasagar AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Kalahandi, Odisha,** now sports a new look.

A milestone moment was achieved on 10th July 2026 with the inauguration of the first floor. Special pujas were held on this auspicious occasion invoking blessings for harmony and prosperity.





Reopening of the Sriperumbudur Chatralayam

The **S. Viswanathan Memorial AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu** was reopened during the current academic year after renovation. This Chatralayam is now home to 16 boys.

As part of the formal reopening, a series of pujas were conducted by learned priests invoking blessings for success, prosperity, and safety of the students.

The programme was graced by Swami Thyagarajananda Maharaj, President of **Sri Ramakrishna Math, Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu.** He delivered an inspiring benedictory address and blessed the students and staff.

We were also honored by the presence of Sri. Rama Elumalai, Founder, Vivekananda Group of Schools, and Sri. E. Varadharajan, correspondent, who attended the entire puja and programme.







New Evening Centres of Learning

In a push to our evening tuition programme, 2 new *Sandhya Gurukulam* centres have been inaugurated in Ponnapuram village, Nandyal district on 2nd July 2026.

radha
THE EPITOME OF DEVOTION

An Evening to Remember

On 25th July 2026, the stage came alive with Radha, Krishna and the Sakhis. Acclaimed dancing duo, Sri. Shijith Nambiar and Ms. Parvathy Menon along with renowned flautist, Sri. Pravin Godkhindi held the audience captivated for over 120 minutes at the Sir Mutha VenkataSubba Rao Concert Hall , Harrington Road, Chennai.

This was the third cultural fundraiser presented by AIM for Seva in support of Swami Dayananda Krupa Care. The show's proceedings began with a warm welcome speech by the Chairperson and Managing Trustee of the organisation, Ms. Sheela Balaji.

In her address, Ms. Sheela Balaji highlighted that while we see facilities for children with developmental delays like occupational therapy, what happens when such children morph into adults? "Many of them become invisible members of society, not heard, nor seen. Around the same time, parents of such children get on in their age," stressed the Chairperson. To answer that terrifying prospect of "Who After Me?" Swami Dayananda Krupa Care was founded by Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati himself in 1998. The Chairperson also shared that the products in the hampers given to the audience were individually crafted with love and care by each of the residents at Krupa for the fundraiser evening.

In his speech, Dr. R.V. Giridhar, chief executive officer of Swami Dayananda Krupa Care gave a sneak peek into a day at Krupa and how our residents were meaningfully engaged in various pursuits.

Post the inaugural speeches, the heartwarming film on Krupa Care captured the true essence of the project. It was now time for the show to begin, **Radha—The Epitome of Devotion.**

In the opening segment, the aesthetically designed cradle captivated the hearts of the audience. As per folklore, Radha is older to Krishna and her bringing in a simple peacock feather for her beloved Krishna when compared to the other lavish gifts showered on the baby bedstead signified the central theme of the narrative that *Bhakti* or devotion transcends everything.

The show stealers were *Kalinga Narthana* and the lifting of the Govardhan by Krishna in his little finger. The flute maestro, Sri. Pravin Godkhindi and the accompanying musicians, Sri. Sai Vamshi (Indian percussion) and Sri. Vinod Shyam Anoor (Mridangam) received a thunderous applause for the two rounds of *Tani Avartanam* (a segment where the musicians show their technical and creative prowess) in between the dance musical.

Proceeds from Radha—The Epitome of Devotion would be utilised towards creation of a new laundry block at Swami Dayananda Krupa Care. The simple activities of handling loads, washing, ironing and folding will go a long way in skill building, independence and active participation by Krupa residents in day to day activities.

This structured laundry unit will add another dimension for the residents to express themselves. In due course of time, the scope would be expanded and this ergonomically designed structured space is set to evolve as an institutional set up that is expected to provide opportunities for income generation for the residents through active participation and effort.

Our Gratitude

We whole heartedly thank the audience and distinguished guests, supporters, donors, well wishers, volunteers, members from the media fraternity and others who all came together to support this special cause and make the evening truly memorable.











In this section of the issue, we share happenings from AIM for Seva's school network.

Brief highlights across our educational institutions include:



Initiatives to Retain Academic Focus During Annual Holidays:
To ensure students remain connected to their school portions during annual holidays, award systems have been piloted.

Push to STEM Based Learning and Cultural Education:
This included initiatives like a Beginners Guide to Robotics, activities that celebrated traditional meal customs and workshops on classical dance and art forms.

Fostering School Leadership: Student body elections

Developing a Pool of All-Rounders: Sustained exposure to sports, physical activities, cultural practices and spiritual education.

Teach the Teacher Courses: Deepen our educators understanding of Indic culture, values and traditions, so that they could pass on these values to students.

SWAMI DAYANANDA ROTARY MATRICULATION HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL

Kadalur, Tamil Nadu

Academic Excellence Award Programme



Celebrating academic excellence across all grades, The Swami Dayananda Rotary Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Kadalur, Tamil Nadu, hosted an Academic Excellence and Merit Scholarship Award ceremony in the school premises.

The first rank holders in the annual examinations from LKG to Class 12 were conferred with medals while merit scholarships and shields were awarded to Class 10 achievers for their outstanding performance in the 2025–2026 public examination

In addition, medals, certificates, and rank badges were presented to the second and third rank holders of the annual examinations, recognising their commendable efforts. The awards were presented by Sri. Arivazhagan, DSP, Mamallapuram, in the presence of Sri. Vimal Nathan, Inspector, Koovathur.

Prizes for Summer Holiday Homework

Remember the school days when there was a last minute rush to the stationery store to buy supplies for project work or co-option of all in the family to complete the holiday homework.

In a bid to instill discipline and streamline the holiday homework completion and submission, the school authorities gave away awards to students from LKG to Class 9 who diligently completed their summer holiday homework on time and submitted it digitally prior to school reopening.

The awards were presented by the school vice principal, Ms. Sangeetha. The recipients received their prizes with joy on the very first day of the academic year, inspiring them to continue striving for excellence.

Prize Winners List: K. Logavarshan (LKG) | V. Nidharshan (UKG) | U. Hemadharshini (Class 8) | P. Shobana (Class 8) | V. Keerthi (Class 8) | S. Lekha Shri (Class 8)

In addition, 'Well Done' certificates were presented to students from LKG to Class 9 and Class 11 who secured 90% and above in the 2025–2026 annual examinations, recognizing their hard work and dedication.



Banana Leaf Day

Perhaps the biggest attraction in any wedding or festival is finally the food and *prasadam.* Since time immemorial, food has been placed and served in the banana leaf in Tamil culture. Today, its use its restricted to special and sombre occasions but did you know that the banana leaf is biodegrabale and thereby environmentally friendly too?

As part of the Banana Leaf Day programme in the school, students from classes 1 to 5 not only learnt the health benefits of the banana leaf but also appreciated its cultural significance in the Tamil tradition.



Robotics Workshop in the Campus

An introductory workshop on robotics was held for the benefit of the students. There was enthusiastic participation from the student community (classes 6 to 12). The workshop was conducted by Ms. Nithya Sharma and Sri. Dheera Sharma from AIM for Seva USA.



Takadimi Time

On 2nd September 2026, a special Bharatanatyam cultural programme was organised in the school campus in a bid to introduce our students to the elegance, grace, and rich heritage of India's classical art form.



Renowned artists Sri. Shijith Nambiar and Ms. Parvathi Menon, both distinguished alumni and former faculty of the prestigious Kalakshetra Foundation, Chennai, captivated the audience with an enchanting performance. They also shared valuable insights on the beauty, intricacies, and traditional significance of Bharatanatyam.

Adding to the splendour, Sri. Shijith and Ms. Parvathi's student, Ms. Lakshmi Priya presented a graceful recital that was warmly appreciated by all. This programme offered our students a memorable opportunity to experience the timeless charm of Indian art and culture, leaving them inspired and enriched.

Swami Dayananda Saraswati Vidyalaya

Padali Khurd village, Khargone district, Madhya Pradesh

Sports Stars

Two of our students, Bablu Dawar (Class 10) and Arun Baghel (Class 11), proudly represented our school at the District Level Athletics Championship held at NTPC, Khargone, Madhya Pradesh.

Bablu Dawar distinguished himself by winning the Gold Medal in the 100 metre race. With this remarkable achievement, he has earned the honor of representing Swami Dayananda Saraswati Vidyalaya at the upcoming Division Level Athletics Championship.

Get, set go, Bablu! We are rooting for you!



Soaking Fun

The pre-primary and primary students had a blast on 22nd August 2026 on the occasion of Rainy Day. The school became vibrant with their enthusiastic participation in a host of fun filled activities.

Main highlights included:

Creative Crafts: The students expressed creativity through colourful drawings and handmade paper umbrellas.

Splash & Dance: The little ones enjoyed a lively rain dance, twirling their umbrellas and sharing merry moments together.

Garden Lunch: The celebrations culminated with a lip smacking lunch in the school garden, fostering friendship and togetherness.

The day concluded with beautiful memories for the young learners.



Bam, Bam Bhole





A grand *Kavad Yatra* was organized in the school campus on 24th August 2026. The event saw enthusiastic participation from all, young students, staff, and elders alike. The entire community took turns to carry the *Kavad* from the school to the temple.

Adding to the excitement, some students dressed up as Lord Shiva and danced with excitement, while the faculty beautifully showcased the 12 *Jyotirlingas* (major places of Shiva worship), bringing alive the spiritual essence of the occasion.

What was heart warming was the presence and active participation of former students of AIM for Seva. It was home coming for Sri. Kedar Dowde (an alumnus from our Indore and Hoshangabad Chatralayam), who is now **section officer, Higher Education Department, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.** Along with his wife, Ms. Vandana Dodwe, the couple's presence added great warmth and inspiration to the event.

The school principal guided the event and shared the importance of staying connected to our religion and cultural traditions.



Vibrant Green Day Celebrations in the school campus. The event fostered love for nature through creative and fun based activities.



Highlights from School Investiture Ceremony.



11th *Aradhana Diwas* (23rd September 2026) of Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati in the school campus.

Swami Dayananda Avva Vidyalaya,

Tondikatti village, Belgaum district, Karnataka

Student Elections



The successful conduct of the school cabinet election gave students an opportunity to experience democratic process first hand. The programme emphasised the values of leadership, responsibility, and fair participation.

Students were encouraged to cast their votes responsibly by choosing deserving candidates without being influenced by inducements or temptations. The sessions emphasised that every eligible citizen must exercise their right to vote and actively contribute to strengthening democracy, based on the guiding principle, 'An Aware Voter Builds a Strong Democracy.'



Umbrella Day in the school campus.

Swami Dayananda Vidyasramam Nursery & Primary School

Dharmapuri, Tamil Nadu

On 15th August 2026, the staff and students got together to celebrate the birthday of our Founder, Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati. The girls and boys from the Chatralayams **(Emirates AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls** and **Anugraha Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys)** joined in the celebrations reflecting the collective spirit of the Dharmapuri educational campus.



The air was filled wih devotion and as part of the celebrations, 225 senior citizens residing nearby were honoured with vastram (sari, blouse piece, *dhoti* and *thundu*), reflective of the Indic tradition of giving during special occasions.

The programme concluded with *prasadam,* with over 500 people partaking in the offering, thus making the day truly memorable.

Swami Dayananda Saraswati Vidyalaya

Roorkee, Uttarakhand

Purna Vidya and Value Education

The school organized a two day teachers workshop on Purna Vidya and value education on 3rd and 4th September 2026.

The goal behind this programme was to deepen teachers' understanding of Indian culture and values and to explore effective ways of nurturing these values among students.

The workshop was conducted by Sri. Srikar, who made the sessions interactive, practical, and meaningful. As part of module, correct pronunciation of Sanskrit mantras were stressed as well as value education through Indian epics and stories. The event saw enthusiastic participation of teachers in role play based on the stories.

A key takeaway from the programme was, "Do not teach values to children; show them values." Teachers were reminded that students learn more from what they observe and experience than from what they are told. In his message, school principal, Sri. Girish Uniyal highlighted Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati ji's vision of education, which went beyond academic learning and focused on developing a mature, responsible, and compassionate human being.

He also shared Pujya Swami ji's inspiring message of transforming oneself from a consumer to a contributor.



Sri. Girish Uniyal emphasised that education should encourage students to move beyond self-centred consumption and in its place, they should develop a spirit of responsibility, service and contribution to society. Values must become a part of our conduct and daily living rather than remaining merely as lessons in a textbook.

The workshop was enriching and inspiring, giving teachers practical ideas to integrate *Purna Vidya* and value education into their everyday teaching curriculum with the objective of nurturing responsible, compassionate, and value-oriented young citizens who grow into contributors to society.



Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati's Aradhana day (23rd September 2026) observance in the campus.



What is a Spiritual Life?

A religious life is not a spiritual life, whereas every spiritual person lives a religious life. A spiritual person cannot become spiritual without being religious. Being religious is not just religiosity. It is to understand Isvara. You settle accounts with Isvara; we will look into Isvara. People who have a set of beliefs, and who pursue it only to go heaven, need not undergo any change whatsoever. All they need is to just live with their beliefs and die with them. This is a religious life.

In India, the religious, spiritual, cultural and social aspects of life are all closely connected. The fact is that everything is connected to the spiritual life, but we have to know it. We have forms, but we may not know the content. Spirituality helps us to see the spirit behind those forms. A spiritual life is recognising the fact that you are the solution. You have to know yourself as the truth of everything.

If this is the goal, then your life itself becomes spiritual. You are not seeking security, but we are seeking freedom from insecurity. Our *sastra* says that there is nothing more secure than yourself. What a vision! You are the most secure.

Mirabai says in one of her songs: "I went to the guru; I saluted and pleaded with him to save me. Do you know what he did? He turned my eyes towards myself. I came to my guru to be saved, to cross the ocean of becoming. Lo and Behold! I found that there was no water under my feet." What a wonderful song! We have this vision; it is everywhere. In our songs, in our literature, in all our languages, be it Tamil, Hindi, Telegu, Gujarati, Assamese or any other, the vision is very much there.

Excerpted from Vision of Vedanta by ***Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati.***
You can buy this book from ***www.avrpt.com*** *or from*
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Thank you!

It is not just financial donations. Over the last two and a half decades, our donors and well wishers have supported the education to employment journey of many thousands of students from rural India in many different ways. In this section, we capture that essence of giving.

Whether, its Vidya Danam, Annadanam, regular health checkup for our students, Special Meals or school stationery support, many well wishers have come forward and consistently contributed to our cause of educating rural India. AIM for Seva's anthem, Bharata Desa Hitaya, composed by our Founder, Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati, an ode to that giving spirit, takes many forms. Bharata Desa Hitaya — for the good of this country known as Bharat, Kuru Sevam Tvam — do what you can do. It is on this note that we like to express our sincere thanks, warmest appreciation and deepest gratitude to all our donors.











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When Senior Women Support Girl Child Education

As part of its ongoing support, the Society for Aged & Women (SAW) has come forward and donated a generous sum of Rs. 14.52 lakhs for girl child education at 2 hostels, **Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Tribal Girls Chatralayam, Nandyal, Andhra Pradesh** and **Dr. Rangrao N Jadhav AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Waravatti village, Bidar district, Karnataka.**

This sponsorship ensures education and care for 42 girls during academic year 2026-2027. The sustained commitment also highlights SAW's dedication to empowering young learners and strengthening AIM for Seva's mission of holistic education and support.

The Society for Aged and Women (SAW) has been extending consistent support to our trust since academic year 2021–22. Their sponsorship has played a vital role in ensuring comprehensive care and education for students of the Nandyal Chatralayam, with their commitment strengthening year after year.

Beginning with 13 students during AY 2021–22, their support now reaches 42 girls, 35 at Nandyal and 7 at Bidar. This expansion reflects a deep alignment with our mission and the values of seva.

Many of the sponsors at SAW are disciples of Swamini Sumatmananda Saraswati ji, whose teachings of compassion and service continue to guide SAW's members spirit of service.

In addition to student sponsorships, SAW has also organised vaccination drives for our children, demonstrating a holistic approach to well-being and care.



Giving and Sharing

Senior officials from Hansa Flex India (P) Limited, Pune, visited the **Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Boys, Chikhali, Maharashtra** premises on 16th September 2026 and generously donated materials that included mattresses, school bags, a computer, printers, and a *roti* maker valued at Rs. 2.13 lakh for the benefit of our students.

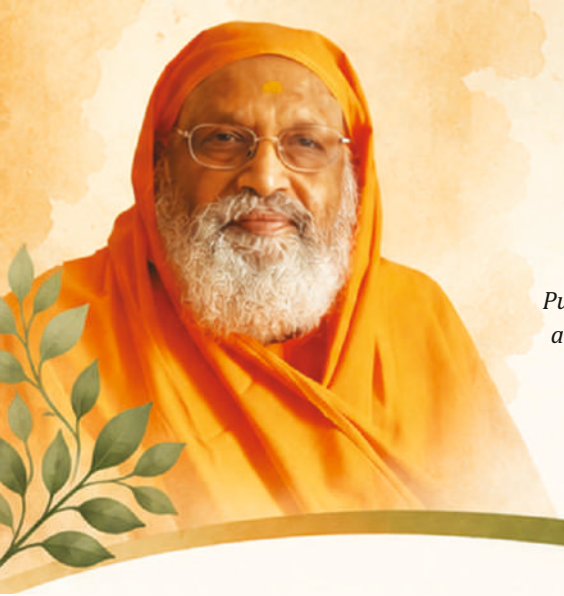
As part of ongoing efforts and engagement, the boys at Chikhali showcased their talents via short performances and it was a memorable donor engagement effort.



A Quenching Contribution

Ms. Ramya Satpurush has come forward and graciously donated a RO (reverse osmosis) purifier worth Rs. 1 lakh for the benefit of the girls residing and studying at the Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Tribal Girls Chatralayam, Anaikatti, Tamil Nadu.

We are filled with gratitude and thank all our donors profusely for their prompt action and ever willing support towards AIM for Seva's projects in rural India.



ROOTED IN SEVA

Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati was a profound thinker, philosopher, spiritual teacher and one of the greatest masters of Vedanta. Posthumously awarded the Padma Bhushan, he was the Founder of AIM for Seva, Swami Dayananda Educational Trust (SDET), Arsha Vidya Research & Publication Trust (AVRPT) and Arsha Vidya Gurukulams in India and USA. Swamiji's drive to found these organisations stemmed from his desire to bring positive change to everyone in the best ways possible.

AIM FOR SEVA

Founded in 2000, AIM for Seva is a registered non-profit organisation which aims to transform our society through a network of seva. AIM for Seva instituted its flagship project, Chatralayams (Free Student Hostels) with the aim of enabling children from impoverished rural and tribal areas to have the same opportunities as children of means. This was the start of a legacy of seva across India in the fields of education and social empowerment. Today, we are running 278 projects (covering a wide range of social issues) impacting over 20,000,000 people across India.

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Founded as a registered non-profit organisation in 2003 in Manjakkudi, a village in Tiruvarur, the birthplace of Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati, Swami Dayananda Educational Trust (SDET) has transformed the village into a vibrant yet serene village by continuously and consistently working towards achieving sustainable development. SDET's projects, spread across education, employment, Vedic school, farming, gaushala and community healthcare have ensured education to thousands of children and livelihood to villagers from Manjakkudi and beyond.

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