

## eVidyaloka's Chairperson Meets Bill Gates: Discussions on Digital Transformation and Education

At a distinguished gathering hosted by Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, our Chairperson, Ravichandran V, had the remarkable opportunity to meet and engage with Bill Gates, alongside some of India's foremost change-makers.

The discussions revolved around the transformative impact of initiatives like Digital India, and how they are empowering citizens – particularly in the fields of education, financial inclusion, and emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI).



As an organization dedicated to bridging the education gap in rural India through digital classrooms and volunteer-led learning, it was both inspiring and energizing for our Chairperson to exchange insights with visionaries such as Amitabh Kant, G20 Sherpa and former CEO of NITI Aayog, Abhiraj Singh Bhal, Co-founder of Urban Company, Vrinda Kapoor of Third iTech, Rajan Bajaj, Founder of Slice, Kamesh Goyal of Digit Insurance, Sunil Vachani, Executive Chairman of Dixon Technologies, Vivek Raghavan, Co-founder of Sarvam AI, Arvind Gupta, founding member of DIF India, and senior journalist Marya Shakil, among others.



This enriching interaction reinforced our belief in the power of collaboration and the importance of innovation to accelerate progress in education and beyond.

A heartfelt thank you to Bill Gates and the organizing team for the thoughtful and engaging discussions that continue to spark new ideas and strengthen our collective mission toward a brighter, more inclusive future.



# Our Chairperson represents eVidyaloka at NITI Aayog Workshop

We are proud to share that our Chairperson, Ravichandran Venkataraman, represented eVidyaloka at the prestigious National Workshop on Quality Education, organized under the State Support Mission (SSM) in New Delhi.



As part of the 'Technology for Education' panel, Ravi joined distinguished education leaders, policymakers, and innovators from across the country. The discussions centered on how technology can be harnessed to bridge learning gaps, enhance accessibility, and create inclusive educational opportunities for all students, particularly those in rural and underserved communities.

Drawing from eVidyaloka's extensive on-ground experience, Ravi highlighted how digital platforms, volunteer-driven teaching models, and localized content delivery can transform the learning experience for children across India. He also emphasized the importance of collaboration between the government, private sector, and civil society to accelerate progress toward equitable education.

We extend our sincere thanks to NITI Aayog and the Ministry of Education for creating this platform to exchange ideas, showcase innovations, and contribute toward shaping a more resilient and future-ready education system. It was an honour for eVidyaloka to be part of this important dialogue, reinforcing our commitment to building a digitally empowered learning ecosystem for every child.



# Lighting Up Learning: Inauguration of Jagmag Pathshala at GHPS Hagaribommanahalli

On 20th March 2025, a significant milestone was achieved at GHPS Hagaribommanahalli, Vijayanagara District, Karnataka, with the inauguration of enhanced school infrastructure under the Jagmag Pathshala initiative, supported by Signify India. The event, conducted in a hybrid mode to include both in-person and online participants, reflected the growing role of digital connectivity in modern education.



Representing Signify India, Rakesh Kumar Singh, Lead CSR, joined representatives from eVidyaloka, including Brinda, Akshay, Aditi, Shruthi, Deepika, Vinay, Santosh, and Madhusudhan, along with partner NGO RISE. Together, they celebrated a new chapter in creating better learning environments for rural students.

A key highlight of the day was the Signify's Jagmag Pathshala initiative, focused on improving learning spaces through well-illuminated classrooms powered by LED lighting, along with essential additions such as fans, UPS systems, and earthing solutions. These improvements have not only brightened the classrooms but also made them more comfortable, safe, and conducive to learning, creating an environment where students can focus better and engage more actively in their education.

The positive impact of the initiative was evident. Students are showing increased enthusiasm, particularly towards digital learning and AI-based subjects, encouraged by the upgraded infrastructure. The transformation at GHPS Hagaribommanahalli stands as a model for how sustainable interventions can bridge the rural-urban education divide and foster better learning outcomes.

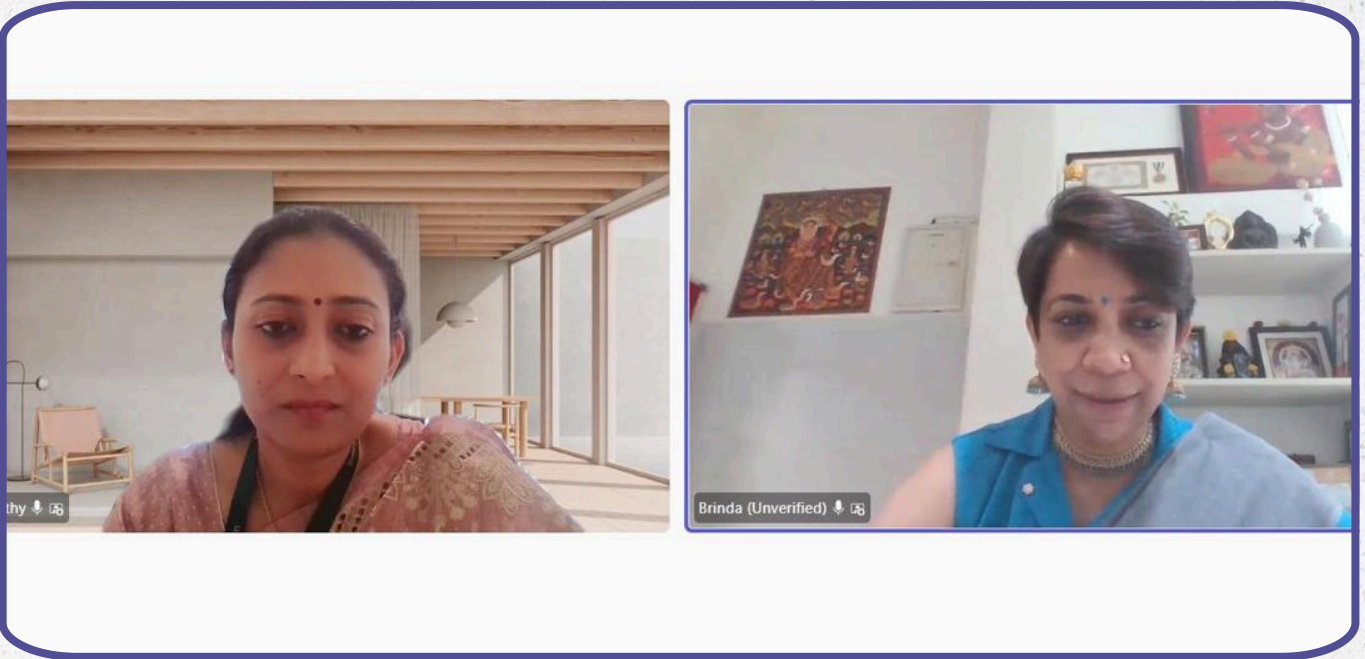


The inauguration event was a testament to the commitment of Signify India, eVidyaloka, and RISE NGO towards building sustainable and empowering educational environments. As we look ahead, initiatives like Jagmag Pathshala offer a powerful roadmap for scaling similar efforts across more rural schools, ensuring that every child, regardless of location, has access to bright, modern, and inclusive learning spaces.

# International Women's Day - Fireside Chat with Nethra Ganapathy



On the occasion of International Women's Day 2025, eVidyaloka hosted an inspiring fireside chat featuring Nethra Ganapathy, Senior Strategist at Microsoft India, in conversation with Brinda Poornapragna, CEO of eVidyaloka.



Nethra shared powerful insights drawn from her own journey, emphasizing the importance of creating spaces where women feel empowered to voice their opinions, make choices, and grow with the support of strong mentorship. She highlighted how mentorship and building robust networks have been pivotal to her career growth, encouraging women to support each other along the way.

The conversation touched upon the unique strengths women bring to leadership roles, such as empathy and persistence, and how these traits contribute to long-term success. Nethra also spoke about the value of continuous learning, staying updated with industry trends, and leveraging technology – particularly Artificial Intelligence – to drive social impact and make education more accessible.

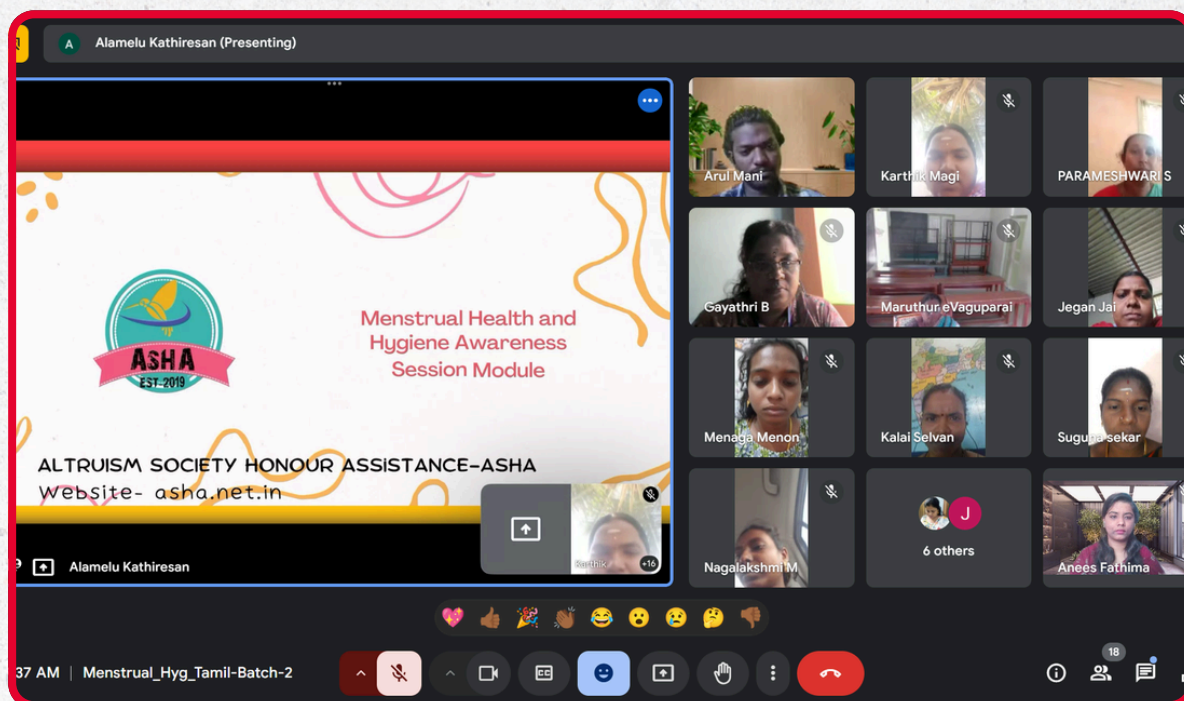
Addressing the challenges of work-life balance, she shared practical strategies for managing personal and professional responsibilities, and advocated for breaking barriers that limit women's leadership opportunities. To young women entering the workforce, her advice was clear: embrace your journey, believe in yourself, build strong support networks, and lead with empathy and integrity.

The session concluded with an interactive Q&A, where employees and volunteers engaged with Nethra on topics ranging from leadership to gender inclusivity. It was a celebration not just of achievements, but also of the resilience, journeys, and aspirations that women bring to the world of work.

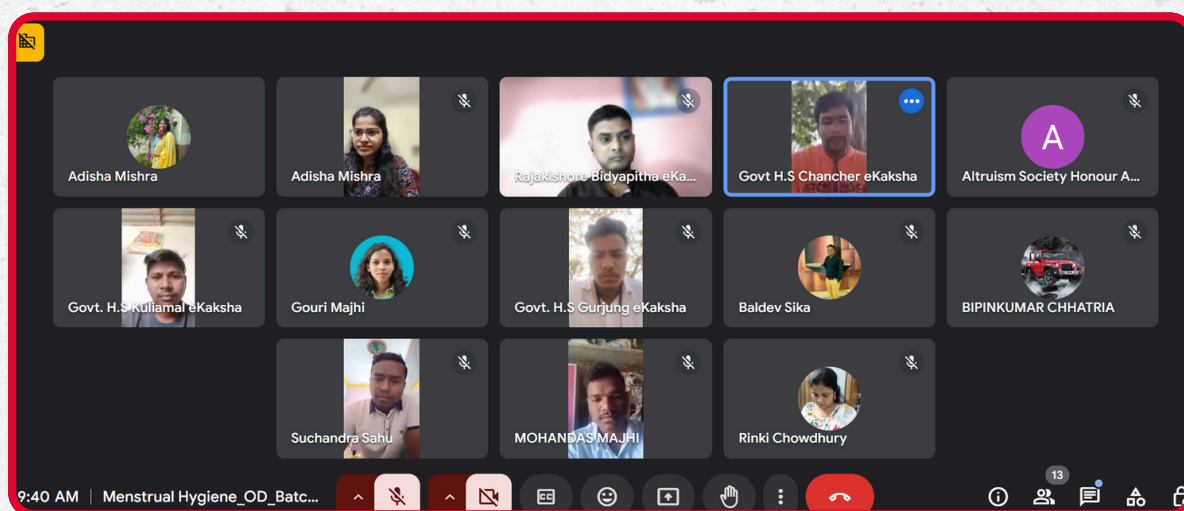


# Field Team Trainings: Empowering through Knowledge and Skills

## Menstrual Hygiene Sessions



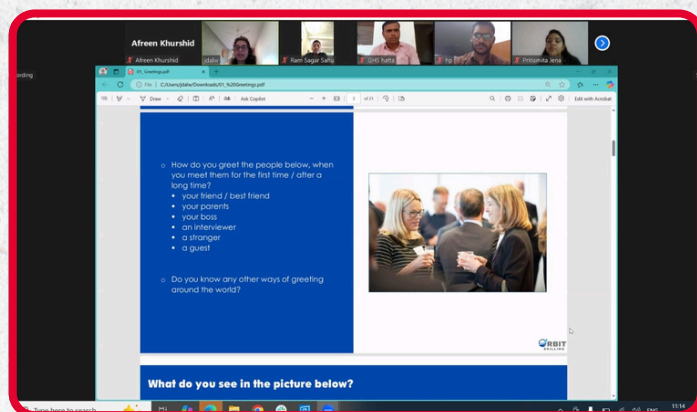
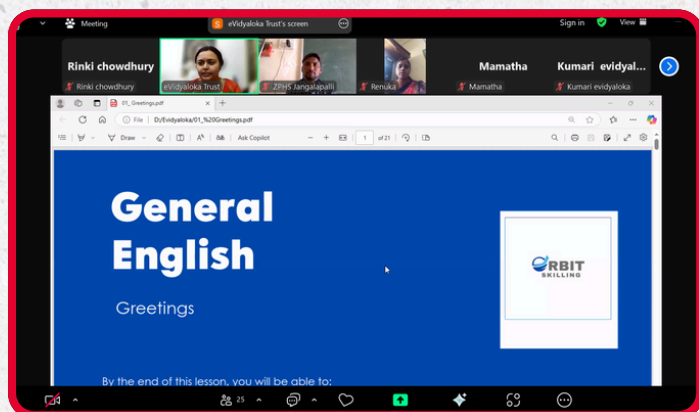
To ensure our Class Assistants (CAs) are well-prepared to support students, eVidyaloka organized Menstrual Hygiene Awareness sessions for both male and female CAs, conducted in separate batches. Since CAs interact daily with boys and girls in schools, it is vital for them to have the right knowledge and sensitivity about menstruation, enabling them to confidently assist if a girl student needs support during school hours.



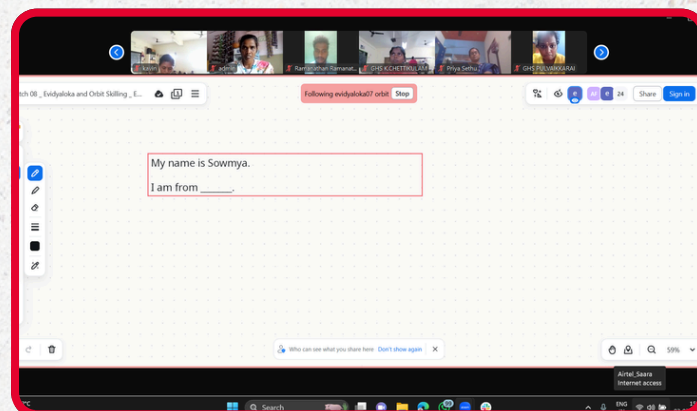
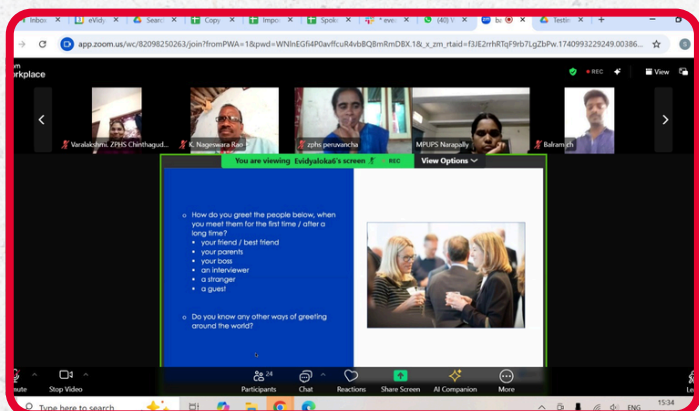
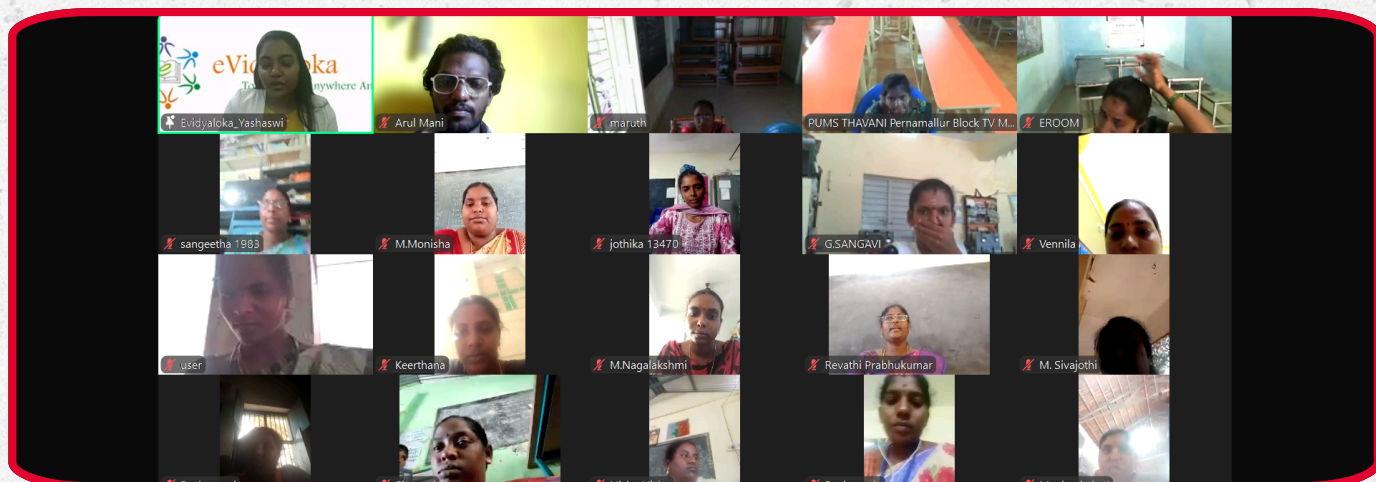
The sessions were led by ASHA (Altruism Society Honour Assistance), an Assam-based organization with expertise in this field. Trainers fluent in local languages were assigned to conduct these sessions, each lasting 90 minutes and involving 10 to 15 participants at a time. This initiative plays a critical role in building a safe and supportive environment for all students.



## Spoken English Sessions



In response to feedback from partners and Field Coordinators (FCs), eVidyaloka introduced Spoken English Training for the field team. Communication with Volunteer Teachers (VTs) and participation in group discussions often involve English, creating a barrier for many CAs. Lack of English proficiency can also limit their professional growth and confidence.



The training is being conducted by Orbit Skilling Solution, a specialist in communication upskilling. Each CA is participating in 20 interactive sessions, with batch sizes of 20 to 25 participants. Through this program, we aim to equip our field team with practical English-speaking skills, empowering them to communicate more effectively and expand their professional horizons.



# Workshops for Class Assistants in Assam, Uttar Pradesh, and Karnataka

## Personal Development Workshops

To strengthen the personal and professional growth of Class Assistants supporting the EmpowerED program, eVidyaloka hosted a two-day online Personal Development Workshop from 21st to 22nd March 2025.

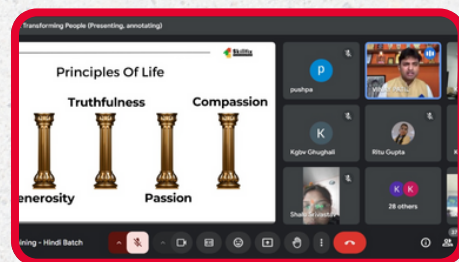
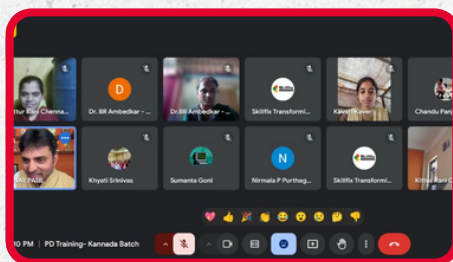
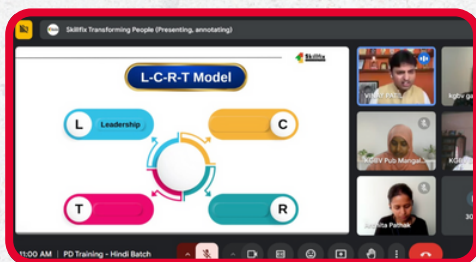
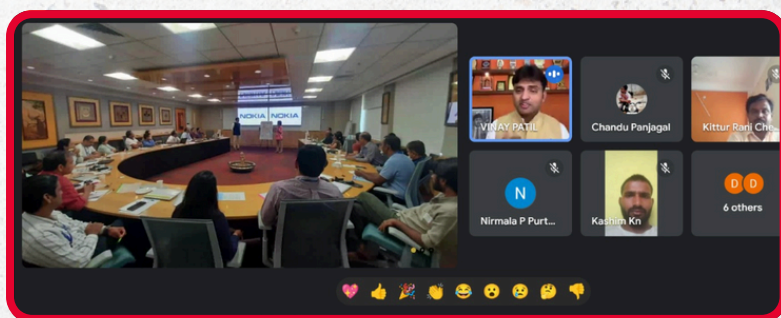


Facilitated by Vinay Patil, founder and CEO of Skillfix, the sessions were held in Hindi for participants from Uttar Pradesh and Assam, and in Kannada for those from Karnataka. The workshop saw the enthusiastic participation of 40 Class Assistants and 3 Field Coordinators, along with their respective state leads.

The goal of the workshop was to help Class Assistants cultivate essential life skills, develop leadership abilities, and build a growth mindset. The sessions combined practical strategies with reflective storytelling to create a meaningful learning experience.

**Day One** focused on five core principles of life—honesty, generosity, truthfulness, passion, and compassion—illustrated through relatable school-based scenarios. The session on self-esteem used the analogy of a chessboard to explain how each person's journey is unique, encouraging participants to focus on their own paths instead of comparing themselves with others. Attitude was another major theme, highlighting how a shift in perspective can turn challenges into opportunities. Leadership was redefined as an internal quality—one that begins with taking initiative and setting examples, rather than holding a title.

**Day Two** introduced 21st-century skills such as critical thinking, adaptability, innovation, communication, and time management. Participants were taught how to prioritize tasks using the Eisenhower Matrix. A particularly moving moment was the story of Harekala Hajabba, a humble fruit seller who built a school in his community through sheer determination and teamwork.



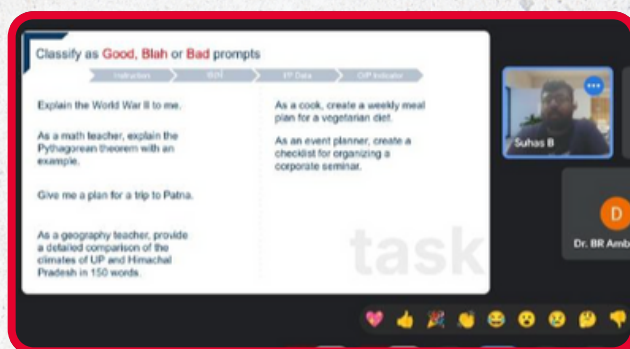
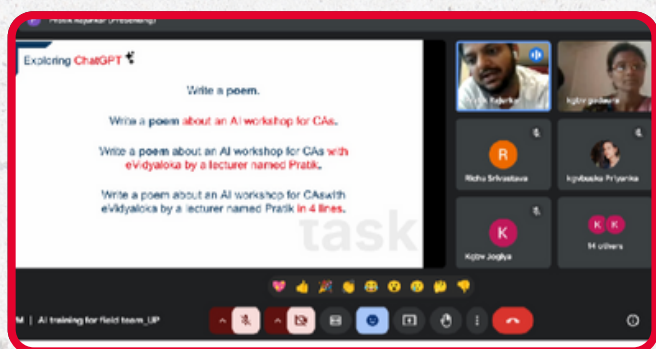
The impact of the workshop was deeply felt. Class Assistants reported increased confidence in managing time, setting goals, and building stronger relationships with stakeholders such as Volunteer Teachers, Headmasters, and parents. They left with a renewed sense of purpose and readiness to apply these learnings in their daily interactions.

## AI Workshops for Class Assistants



eVidyaloka conducted a three-day online Artificial Intelligence (AI) workshop for Class Assistants supporting the EmpowerED program to introduce foundational concepts of AI, along with practical exposure to tools that can support digital learning environments.

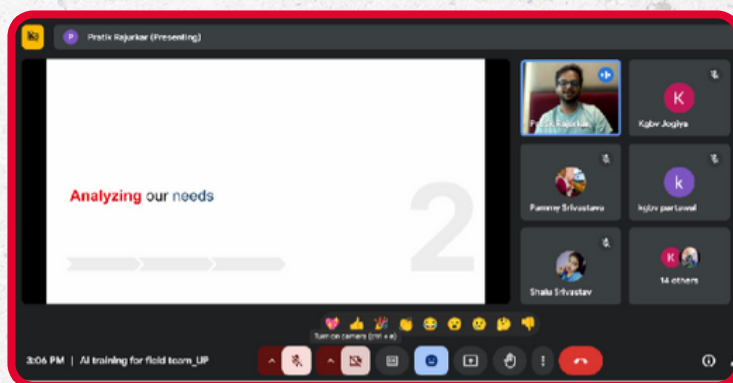
The sessions were conducted in Hindi for Class Assistants from Uttar Pradesh and Assam, and in Kannada for those from Karnataka. A total of 40 Class Assistants and 3 Field Coordinators participated, with sessions facilitated by Pratik Rajurkar in Uttar Pradesh and Assam, and Suhas in Karnataka.



Class Assistants explored how AI is shaping learning across the world, from creating personalized experiences to supporting teachers with planning and evaluation. The sessions also touched upon critical ethical aspects of AI, including data privacy, algorithmic bias, and responsible usage, encouraging participants to approach the technology with awareness and discernment.

The second day focused on developing a core skill in today's AI-powered world—prompt writing. Class Assistants learned how to structure effective prompts for AI tools, enhancing the relevance and accuracy of generated responses. Using real-life examples from classroom situations, they experimented with crafting prompts that could help with content creation, student engagement, and administrative tasks.

On the final day, the CAs were introduced to a range of AI tools that support lesson planning, worksheet generation, interactive content creation, and time-saving automations. Through live demonstrations and collaborative discussions, participants mapped out ways in which these tools could enhance their contribution to the digital classrooms.



The impact of the workshop was immediate and meaningful. Class Assistants shared that they felt more confident and curious about AI, and were eager to apply their learnings in their respective schools. One participant mentioned that learning about AI had opened up a new world of possibilities for assisting students, while another expressed how prompt writing would now be a regular part of their preparation. The sessions also sparked a sense of innovation, as participants began to envision how small changes in their workflow, aided by AI, could lead to greater efficiency and engagement in the classroom.

As eVidyaloka continues to strengthen the EmpowerED program, such initiatives ensure that Class Assistants remain not only effective in their current roles, but also prepared for the future of education.



# A Mother's Gratitude: How eVidyaloka Transformed a Family's Learning Journey

At a vibrant Parent-Teacher Meeting in Bihar, Sunita Devi shared a deeply moving story about how eVidyaloka has brought remarkable change to her family's life.



Her son, Sandeep, once shy and hesitant, discovered a new passion for learning through eVidyaloka's digital classrooms. Inspired by her son's progress, Sunita herself decided to restart her own educational journey, studying alongside him. Their story is a beautiful reminder that when we empower a child with education, we often uplift an entire family. [Read their inspiring stories here.](#)

## Beyond Teaching: Volunteers Making Learning Fun and Impactful

At eVidyaloka, teaching is an art – a fusion of innovation, care, and passion. Our volunteers go beyond textbooks to create experiences that students cherish for a lifetime. Whether it's rewarding students with tokens of appreciation, gifting books to nurture curiosity, or breaking down complex concepts into simple, joyful activities, these incredible educators are leaving an unforgettable mark on young learners.



Their efforts highlight how a little extra thought and love can completely transform the way children experience education. [Read their inspiring stories here.](#)

# Voices from Our Volunteers: Stories of Passion and Purpose



Teaching at eVidyaloka is not just about imparting knowledge – it's about building human connections, crossing boundaries, and creating ripples of change. Volunteers like Snehal, Aman, and Dnyaneshwar open up about their journeys of teaching rural children online, often learning just as much as they teach.



From introducing students to the world of Artificial Intelligence to sharing laughter and life lessons across a digital screen, their stories prove that meaningful impact knows no borders – and that true education is always a two-way street.



[Read their inspiring stories here.](#)

# Lighting Up Classrooms: Stories of Hope and Transformation



Across the states of Bihar, Odisha, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu, countless moments of joy, hope, and transformation are unfolding every day in eVidyaloka's digital classrooms. A student who once hesitated to dream now talks about becoming a scientist.



A volunteer brings festivals into lessons, turning classes into celebrations. A school principal sees renewed excitement among children.



These powerful stories, stitched together from small villages and vibrant communities, showcase how digital education is not just about teaching – it's about kindling aspirations, nurturing resilience, and lighting up futures.

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