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Official Newsletter of eVidyaloka Trust

eVidyaloka Celebrates 14 Years of Impact

Fourteen years ago, eVidyaloka began with a simple yet powerful vision—to transform rural education in India through digital classrooms. Today, we celebrate not just the passage of time but the impact, dedication, and unwavering spirit of our growing community.



From teaching a class of 150 students to reaching over 2 lakh children, from 25 volunteers to a global network of 70,000 passionate changemakers, and from setting up digital classrooms in 6 schools to delivering quality education in more than 950 government schools, the journey has been one of continuous growth and transformation.

What started as a spark has grown into a movement, proving that empathy and empowerment can drive lasting change. This milestone is a testament to the collective effort of every individual who has contributed to making education accessible to children in remote and underserved communities.





This is just the beginning. The mission continues, stronger than ever.

Thank you for being part of this transformative journey.

Together, we transform lives through education.



Collaboration with IIM Bangalore: Digital Classroom at GHPS Belur

On January 23rd, eVidyaloka marked a new milestone with the inauguration of a digital classroom at GHPS Belur, Hassan district, in collaboration with IIM Bangalore. This partnership underscores our shared commitment to leveraging technology for quality education in rural India.



The event was graced by **Prof. Gopal Naik from IIM Bangalore** as the Chief Guest, alongside **Brinda Poornapragna, CEO of eVidyaloka**. Their presence, along with the enthusiastic support of local authorities, alumni members, teachers, and the Headmaster of GHPS Belur, made the occasion truly memorable.



A special thanks to our on-ground partner, HCT, for their unwavering support in making this initiative a reality.

This collaboration is just the beginning. By combining expertise, resources, and vision, we aim to bridge educational gaps and empower students in government schools with digital learning opportunities.



Mathematics for Everyone: A Celebration of Numbers



eVidyaloka celebrated National Mathematics Day with a vibrant and engaging **Mathematics for Everyone** event. Over 1,000 students from 16+ states explored the beauty of mathematics through creative activities like Math Model Making, Math Through Art, Math Poster Making, and Students' Market.



Nine teams made it to the Finale, held in collaboration with Mr Cooper.

Anand Mohanram, Managing Director, Mr Cooper India and a passionate Math enthusiast himself, served as the judge. Out of the nine finalist teams, four winners emerged, showcasing remarkable creativity in simplying the mathematical concepts.







A big round of applause to all the winners and heartfelt thanks to all the field teams, employee volunteers from Mr Cooper and the children for making this celebration a success!









Congratulations to all the winners!

EDGE Winners Announced!



We are thrilled to announce the winners of "Empowering Dreams Through Goal-Setting Effectively" (EDGE)—a program designed to foster student leadership.







Through the IPL (Introduction, Planning, Leadership) framework, students learn how to:

- · Understand the fundamentals of leadership
- Set clear, achievable goals
- Develop strategies to overcome challenges
- Reflect on progress and celebrate achievements



104 teams from 14 states participated in the program, working on exciting projects under the mentorship of 104 Class Assistants who guided them in this journey. Through various stages of presentations and screening 10 teams have emerged as winners.





















From social awareness to environmental sustainability, these projects reflected the incredible potential of our young changemakers.



eVidyaloka at SIBM Bengaluru: Inspiring Future Changemakers



The eVidyaloka team engaged with 80 students at the Symbiosis Institute of Business Management (SIBM), Bengaluru, to share our mission and discuss volunteering opportunities.

Through this session, students learned how they can make a meaningful impact by teaching rural children through eVidyaloka's digital platforms.





A special thanks to SIBM Bengaluru for their warm hospitality! We look forward to welcoming passionate new volunteers into our mission of bringing quality education to the remotest classrooms of the country.

KPMG Visit to GHPS Basvanna Nagara: A Day of Learning & Engagement





On January 17, 2025, 14 representatives from KPMG, including Maria, Bhavnit, Tom, Alex, Jennifer, Manohar, and Sandeep, visited GHPS Basvanna Nagara to first-hand experience the impact of eVidyaloka's Digital Classroom Program (DCP).





Welcomed by Headmistress Ms. Vara Lakshmi, students from Grades 5 to 7 eagerly engaged in discussions, project presentations, and interactive activities.



- Students showcased innovative projects on solar energy and rainwater harvesting.
- The KPMG team explored Karnataka's government's digital platform and eVidyaloka's LMS, Jupiter, used for tracking student progress.
- The team also distributed stationery kits to the students, with other learning materials.
- Fun activities like musical chairs and volleyball strengthened the bond between students and visiting team.

The visit reaffirmed the power of digital education and its transformative role in rural communities. The KPMG team expressed their interest in volunteering, recognizing the impact of technology-driven learning.

Vizag City Chapter Meet: Building Connections



The Vizag City Chapter Meet took place on January 4, 2025, at Tenneti Park, Visakhapatnam, bringing together 12 passionate Volunteers from across the city–one of them traveling 120 kms to attend this meet!



We had Gupta, the Field Coordinator representing FXB India Suraksha, our program partner, and Ranjith from KPIT technologies, our volunteer partner, join us for this event. Volunteers shared their experiences, with senior members offering insights and guidance to first-time teachers.

Two returning Volunteers, who had taken a break from teaching, expressed a renewed commitment to resuming their roles next year. A passerby couple, inspired by the discussion, decided to start volunteering and promote eVidyaloka through their tuition institute.







The meet ended on a high note, with volunteers pledging to bring more educators into the movement and strengthen our reach in rural schools.

BRAINIAC 2025: The Finalists Announced



As part of the **Build Rural Artificial Intelligence Network (BRAIN) initiative, BRAINIAC 2025** was launched to empower students in rural schools to **explore AI and develop real-world solutions** by applying the AI knowledge and concepts learnt.











BRAINIAC received over **1,000 submissions** from **400 schools** across **10 states**. 400 projects advanced to the quarterfinals. The top 77 projects made it to the semifinals.

After a rigorous evaluation by **Microsoft's Jury Panel**, 10 finalists are selected from **77 submitted projects**. The top innovations demonstrated **creativity**, **AI knowledge**, **resource optimization**, **scalability**, **and real-world impact**.





















The finalists will now compete in the **Grand Finale on February 21, 2025, at Chancery Pavilion, Bengaluru**, where they will present their projects for the final evaluation.

We eagerly await their groundbreaking AI solutions!



Math Beyond the Classroom: A Celebration to Remember!

What happens when math turns into an adventure? At eVidyaloka, students across multiple states redefined learning on Mathematics Day, making it a truly unforgettable experience. Through interactive model-making, hands-on experiments, math-inspired art, and dramatic skits on famous mathematicians, students embraced the subject in new and exciting ways.





Parents and teachers were amazed by the enthusiasm, as children confidently explored complex concepts through creativity and collaboration. Some schools were so inspired by the success of the event that they have now decided to make Mathematics Day an annual tradition.

See how these celebrations are reshaping education in rural India and inspiring young minds to fall in love with numbers. Read the full story here: <u>eVidyaloka Blog</u>.

Volunteering with eVidyaloka: A Transformative Journey

What if you could change a child's life from the comfort of your home? That's exactly what thousands of eVidyaloka Volunteers are doing—bringing quality education to students in remote villages through digital classrooms. From teaching English to making math engaging, Volunteers play a crucial role in shaping young minds.





Each session is more than just a lesson—it's an opportunity to build confidence, spark curiosity, and inspire dreams. Volunteers share stories of students who have overcome their fears of subjects like mathematics, students whose reading abilities have improved dramatically, and those who now dream bigger because someone believed in them.

Find out how volunteers from across the globe are becoming mentors, educators, and changemakers—one virtual class at a time.

We have picked a few inspiring stories for you here.



Transforming Rural Education: Stories of Hope and Triumph from eVidyaloka Classrooms

Education is the key to unlocking potential, and at eVidyaloka, every classroom tells a story of resilience, growth, and transformation.



Munipriya from Andhra Pradesh struggled with public speaking, but with structured guidance, she now participates in discussions fearlessly. These are just two of the countless stories where students have discovered their potential through accessible digital education.

Meet Mohit from Rajasthan, a student who once feared mathematics but, through engaging digital lessons and encouragement from his Volunteer Teacher, now solves problems with confidence.



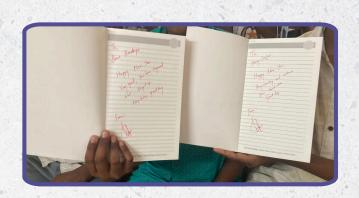
With each class, barriers are being broken, and new possibilities are unfolding. Join us in celebrating these young changemakers and the power of quality education in rural India.

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The Heart of Teaching: A Volunteer's Act of Kindness at GHPS Basvanna Nagara

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True teaching goes beyond textbooks—it's about connection, compassion, and making a difference. This heartwarming story from GHPS Basvanna Nagara highlights how Shilpa, an eVidyaloka Volunteer, brought joy to her students with a simple yet meaningful act of kindness.





To celebrate the New Year, she personally curated small gifts for each of her students, showing them that they are valued and loved. The impact? Smiling faces, renewed motivation, and a classroom filled with warmth and appreciation.

This story reminds us that sometimes, the smallest gestures can leave the deepest impact. Read about Shilpa's inspiring journey and how she's building not just academic success, but emotional bonds that last a lifetime. Read more here.

eVidyaloka is able to transform the educational landscape of rural India with access to quality education because of the unwavering support of our patrons and Volunteers.

You too can join us in this mission.

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