

Celebrating the Spirit of Volunteerism International Volunteer Day 2025

On 6 December 2025, eVidyaloka celebrated International Volunteer Day, honouring the dedicated volunteers who continue to inspire and support students across rural India.



We were honoured to host **Maya Menon**, Founder Director of The Teacher Foundation, as our guest speaker. With over four decades of experience in education, she shared insightful perspectives on effective teaching practices and the role of Social Emotional Learning (SEL) in classrooms. The celebration was made special with a moving video message from students expressing their appreciation, along with an interactive poll where volunteers shared their experiences - celebrating the meaningful impact of our volunteer community.

Empowering Curiosity Science Lab Inauguration

With the generous support of volunteer **Harshvardhan Singh**, a Science Laboratory was set up at UHS Charghara, Jharkhand. The lab was formally inaugurated, marking an important step toward strengthening hands-on learning for students. To celebrate the occasion, students actively participated in practical science activities, bringing concepts from textbooks to life and sparking curiosity through experiential learning.

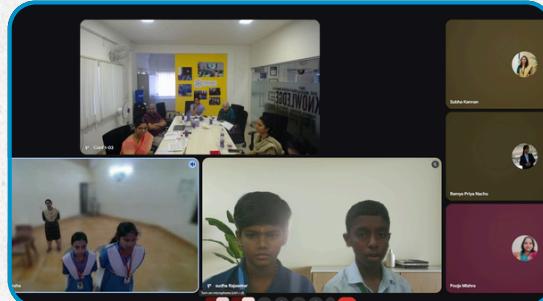
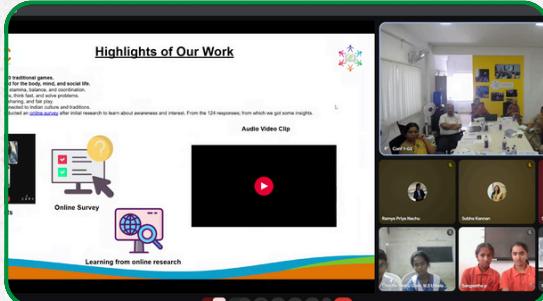


NSIC 2025 Semi-Finals

Sparking Innovation Across States



The National Student Innovation Challenge (NSIC) semi-finals were conducted across six states—Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Bihar. Following a structured three-session model, the program guided students through the journey of identifying real-world challenges and designing innovative solutions aligned with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and Traditional Indian Practices.



Volunteer teachers played a pivotal role throughout, mentoring students, clarifying concepts, and helping them prepare for each stage of the competition. Their consistent support not only built confidence but also nurtured curiosity, critical thinking, and a problem-solving mindset. The semi-finals were a vibrant display of creativity, collaboration, and innovation, reflecting the potential of young minds to address social and environmental challenges meaningfully.

Celebrating Human Rights Day across Assam

On December 10th, students across all 10 KGBVs in Assam celebrated Human Rights Day, commemorating the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). The day was marked by activities aimed at fostering awareness of fundamental rights, equality, and dignity among young learners.





Students engaged in poster-making, created visuals depicting equality, education, and freedom, and participated in video screenings to understand human rights in everyday life. The celebration also included awareness speeches, where students highlighted the importance of protecting and respecting rights for all. Through these activities, students developed critical thinking, communication skills, and a deeper appreciation for their role in promoting human rights.

Maths in Daily Life: Students celebrate National Mathematics Day

National Mathematics Day was celebrated across all states on December 22, commemorating the birth anniversary of **Srinivasa Ramanujan** and highlighting the importance of mathematics in everyday life. The celebration focused on helping students connect classroom concepts with real-life applications, while building interest, confidence, and logical thinking through interactive learning.



As part of the celebration, students participated in short skits and creative presentations based on the theme "Maths in Daily Life." Through 2-3 minute performances, they showcased how mathematics is used in everyday situations such as shopping, budgeting, cooking, travel, and time management—making learning practical, engaging, and meaningful.

Corporate and other Volunteer Orientations

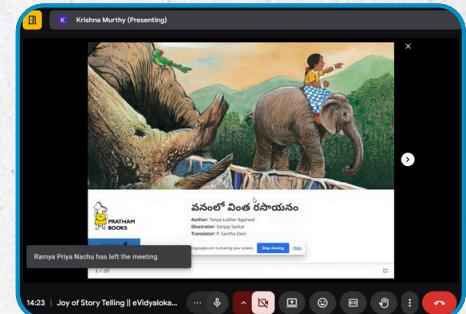
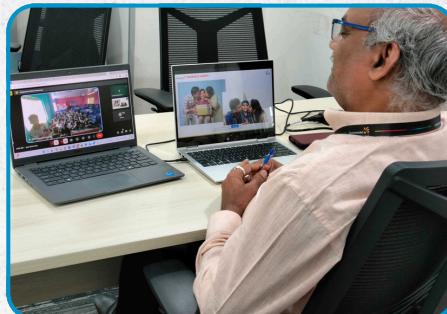
In December, orientations were conducted with corporate partners to introduce eVidyaloka's mission and volunteering opportunities. Sessions were held with EY GDS and over 60 employees from LTTS, while introductory discussions with Protean and D. E. Shaw explored future collaboration possibilities.

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Joy of Storytelling Sessions

To mark International Volunteer Day 2025, over 121 employees from Coromandel took part in eVidyaloka's Joy of Storytelling initiative, marking the start of a meaningful partnership. Between 9 and 19 December, volunteers conducted 123 storytelling sessions across 12 states, reaching more than 2,800 students.



Through expressive narration and interactive storytelling, volunteers sparked imagination, strengthened listening and vocabulary skills, and nurtured a love for stories—making learning engaging and memorable for young learners.

Field Visit: Connecting with Classrooms on the Ground

Nikitha Madan, Head of the Volunteer Relations Management Team at eVidyaloka, recently visited three schools in the Vizag district—ZPHS Vellanki, ZPHS Tarluvada, and KGBV Anandapuram—to engage with students and school teams and gain firsthand insights into the impact of our programmes.



During the visit, she connected with several students who were earlier recognised through eVidyaloka initiatives such as EDGE and NSIC. Feedback from schools was overwhelmingly positive, with teachers sharing that students' enthusiasm for volunteer-led online classes has grown significantly. Increased participation, confidence, and joy in learning were evident throughout the interactions, reaffirming the value of consistent volunteer support in classrooms.

Skill Development Training for Class Assistants

A three-day digital literacy and skill development training was conducted for Class Assistants across 15 states. The sessions focused on building confident facilitators by equipping them with practical strategies for engaging learners, maintaining classroom



discipline, and fostering inclusive, interactive learning environments. Participants also learned low-resource teaching methods and storytelling techniques to enhance student focus, participation, and language skills.



CRISIL Audit at Bangalore Schools

The CRISIL team conducted audits at GHPs Basavanna Nagara and GHPs Vimanapura in Bangalore to evaluate the effectiveness of ongoing educational initiatives, infrastructure readiness, and the overall learning environment. Teachers, administrators, and students actively participated, sharing their experiences and highlighting the progress made across various programs. These audits provided valuable insights to strengthen our efforts and ensure better learning outcomes for students.



Bengaluru City Chapter Meet

On 14 December, volunteers from the Bengaluru City Chapter came together at Samagata Foundation for an engaging in-person meet-up. Organised and led by Sweta Singh, Shameem Taj, and Archita Priyambada, the event brought 24 volunteers together for a session filled with connection, collaboration, and shared learning.





The meet featured interactive icebreakers, team activities, and an open forum where volunteers shared their classroom experiences and personal journeys, sparking reflection and peer learning. The gathering concluded with a group pictures and informal networking over refreshments, leaving attendees inspired and eager for regular quarterly meet-ups to strengthen collaboration and learning within the volunteer community.

Air Liquide RAINBOW Initiative School Visit

On 3rd December, the Air Liquide team visited Marathi Primary School, Sangavi, Pune, under the RAINBOW initiative. **Olivier** and **Sera** engaged with students, reviewed school needs, and appreciated the ongoing Digital Classroom Program. Led by HM Sonavane Ma'am, the school team warmly welcomed the visitors and showcased their remarkable efforts. The visit was both productive and inspiring, reflecting the power of collaboration in supporting meaningful learning experiences.



Turning Dreams into Direction with EDGE



The EDGE (Empowering Dreams through Goal-setting Effectively) program is helping students move beyond academics by encouraging them to identify their aspirations, set clear goals, and plan actionable pathways for the future. Through guided reflection and structured mentoring, students are learning to connect their dreams with purpose and confidence.

EDGE continues to empower young minds to think ahead, dream big, and take meaningful steps toward their ambitions. [Read the full blog here](#)

Impact Beyond the Classroom



The impact of eVidyaloka's digital classrooms continues to extend beyond students to families and communities. Schools have reported improved learning outcomes, increased student confidence, and greater engagement from parents. From exam success stories to stronger teacher-student connections, these moments highlight

how community-supported digital education creates meaningful change.

Impact observed beyond the classroom walls



Lessons Beyond Numbers: A Volunteer's Journey



Volunteering with eVidyaloka transforms how students experience learning. Teaching mathematics in rural Telangana, Krishnapriya Mannepalli used storytelling, real-life examples, games, and puzzles to make lessons engaging. Students began enjoying math and thinking beyond formulas.

The rewards went beyond academics – students gained confidence, participated actively, and approached problems with curiosity. Krishnapriya also learned lessons in patience, empathy, and communication, proving that meaningful learning happens through connection and encouragement. [**Discover how volunteer teachers make learning impactful.**](#)



Discovering Confidence through Digital Learning

eVidyaloka's EmpowerED program helps students—especially girls in government residential schools—gain digital skills, confidence, and creativity for a technology-driven future. Students like Pritika Boro and Junaki Begum are learning tools like MS Word, Excel, Paint, and even coding, discovering new ways to solve problems and express creativity. With guidance from volunteer teachers and class assistants, they are turning digital learning into opportunities for growth and innovation.



Through EmpowerED, girls across rural India are building skills, exploring possibilities, and preparing to become future innovators and leaders. [**Read the full story.**](#)

In every classroom, a spark of curiosity waits to shine.

Every child deserves the chance to explore, learn, and dream. Your support can light the way – one lesson, one skill, one future at a time.

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