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Official Newsletter of eVidyaloka Trust

### Honored with The Hindu BusinessLine Changemaker Award 2025

We are thrilled and humbled to announce that eVidyaloka has been conferred 'The Hindu BusinessLine Changemaker Award 2025' in the Chairperson's Award category, a prestigious national recognition celebrating transformative work in rural education.





This honor is not just ours; it belongs to every team member, volunteer, partner, and supporter who has walked alongside us in our journey to empower children through education. Moments like these remind us of the collective impact we create, and inspire us to continue striving for a future where every child in India has access to quality learning.

## eVidyaloka recognized for Outstanding Contribution towards Education

We are proud to share that eVidyaloka was honored with the "Outstanding Contribution to Education" award at the 12th National CSR Leadership Congress & Awards 2025 in Bengaluru. This recognition is another testament to our ongoing efforts to make quality education accessible to children across India.







Our CEO, Brinda Poornapragna, also participated as a panelist, sharing insights on education, CSR, and social innovation. We are grateful to the organizers for acknowledging meaningful social impact – milestones like these inspire us to continue driving positive change every day.

### Celebrating Our Changemakers Teacher's Day 2025

This Teacher's Day, eVidyaloka came together to celebrate the incredible spirit of our volunteers who continue to shape young minds across the country. The celebration was held on 5th September at The Chancery Pavilion, Bengaluru, bringing together over 100 volunteers. Out of 75 award winners, 37 attended in person to receive their awards, alongside representatives from our corporate partner organizations.













The event opened with heartfelt greetings from our students, setting a warm tone for the day. The keynote was delivered by our Chief Guest, Prof. Rishikesha Krishnan (Professor of Strategy and Former Director, IIM Bangalore). The occasion also paid tribute to Late Prof. V. Krishnamurthy, honoring his lasting contributions to education.

Volunteers shared their reflections. One spoke of her 45-minute class as "the most rewarding part of her day," while another, an advocate by profession, shared how teaching has become a space for mutual learning and inspiration. Their stories echoed a shared joy and the fulfillment of giving and growing through teaching.







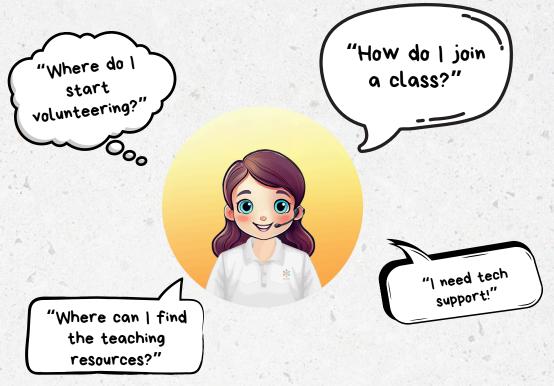


The celebration concluded with cheerful conversations. The event truly reflected eVidyaloka's vision, a community where passionate volunteers come together to make quality education accessible to every child.



### Introducing JIA Your WhatsApp Chat Assistant

On 5th September, during the Teacher's Day celebration, we proudly introduced JIA, eVidyaloka's very own chatbot. Designed to be the primary support platform for our volunteers, JIA is easily accessible through WhatsApp and can instantly respond to queries – from technical issues to teaching-related support. With JIA, volunteers now will have seamless support at all times, making it easier to focus on what they do best: teaching and inspiring students.



Reach out to JIA at: +91 6364 676 494 or Visit: https://wa.me/6364676494

#### Inauguration at PUMS Bagavandhapuram, Tamil Nadu

We inaugurated the digital classroom program at PUMS Bagavandhapuram School, Tamil Nadu, on 16th September, attended by CGI representatives Vivek Raja and Sreekailas Balan, our funding partner for these schools. The continued partnership marks a significant step in enhancing learning opportunities for students in the region.















Last year, our collaborative efforts empowered five schools, and this year, we are proud to extend our support to two more schools. This inauguration celebrates not just a new digital classroom, but the vision of accessible, quality education for every child. Our ongoing partnership with CGI continues to enrich students' learning experiences and strengthen educational outcomes, bringing meaningful change to classrooms across Tamil Nadu.

# Celebrating Teachers' Day across the States

This Teachers' Day, celebrations across all our partner schools brought students together to honor the invaluable role of teachers in shaping lives and society. The activities and interactions helped students appreciate the guidance, dedication, and support of their teachers, fostering respect, gratitude, and important social values.







The celebrations also strengthened the bond between students, school teachers, and our online volunteer teachers, creating moments of connection and shared joy. Heartfelt gestures and expressions of appreciation made the day truly meaningful and memorable for everyone involved.

### Spotlight: Anekal Education Summit



The Anekal Education Summit 2025 was a vibrant gathering of educators, innovators, and changemakers, all committed to shaping the future of education.



On the panel "Innovations in Anekal: Classrooms and Schools as Sites of Change," our CEO, Brinda Poornapragna, shared eVidyaloka's insights on transforming learning experiences, while engaging in thoughtful discussions with fellow panelists.

The summit was a day filled with inspiration, knowledge exchange, and a shared commitment to building stronger, more inclusive learning ecosystems-reinforcing the idea that every classroom can be a site of meaningful change.

# Corporate engagments: Growing Our Volunteer Community

September was another exciting month for corporate engagement at eVidyaloka. Virtual orientations were conducted for employees from KPMG, PwC, Tech Mahindra, KPIT, Cognizant, and HP Inc., providing insights into how they can contribute as volunteer teachers. This resulted in 179 employees signing up for volunteering, with several partners participating in their second round of orientation, reflecting their continued commitment to volunteering and education.









Adding to the month's highlights, JP Morgan hosted a content orientation on 23rd September, focused on creating Image-Based Questions. Over 100 volunteers joined virtually, demonstrating enthusiasm and active participation. With such strong engagement from corporate partners and volunteers, we are poised to translate this energy into meaningful classroom contributions and long-term learning outcomes.

### Celebrating International Literacy Day

On International Literacy Day, our students participated in a special program designed to highlight the power of reading and writing. Reflecting together on a video that featured inspiring stories of individuals whose lives were transformed through education and the team emphasized how strong reading and writing skills can open doors to new opportunities, personal growth, and progress in life.









The session sparked interesting conversations among students, reinforcing the message that literacy is not just a skill, but a tool for empowerment and lifelong learning.

Bringing Stories to Life: With Volunteers from Ford

Employees from Ford enthusiastically conducted Joy of Reading sessions across our centers in Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, and Telangana. Through expressive reading and interactive storytelling sessions, volunteers brought stories to life, engaging students and creating memorable learning experiences.

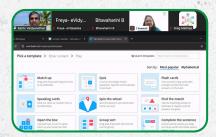






A total of 67 volunteers participated, perfectly aligning with the Joy of Reading initiative, which aims to inspire a lasting love for books among young learners. These sessions used stories to explore new ideas, values and create an interest among the students to explore books and stories as a means of learning and exploration.

#### eleVate Webinar: Engage, Play, and Teach Smarter



On 20th September, we hosted the second webinar of the eleVate series for this academic year on the theme "Engage, Play, and Teach Smarter." The session explored how gamification can transform learning by enhancing attention, retention, problem-solving, and collaboration among students.

The webinar was led by Kartic Vaidyanathan, Founder of LetsPlayToLearn (LPTL), who introduced innovative, game-based tools designed for classroom use. Volunteers also got a hands-on experience with subject-specific games, gaining practical insights and strategies to make their teaching more interactive and impactful.



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### Learning Together, Growing Together: Subiksha's Volunteering Journey



Every classroom has the power to inspire, but sometimes the biggest lessons happen beyond textbooks. Subiksha Kannan, one of eVidyaloka's passionate volunteers, began her teaching journey with a simple wish – to make a difference in a child's learning experience. When she had to take up teaching in a school in Odisha with very limited hold of Odia, Subiksha's story reflects the heart of volunteering at eVidyaloka.

Her journey is inspiring, as she overcame the language challenge and found a way to make her classes engaging while strengthening her grasp of a new language. Read how Subiksha's experience continues to fuel hope and learning in rural classrooms. Read the full story here

### Young Thinkers, Bright Futures



Real learning goes beyond textbooks—it shapes personality, builds critical thinking, and cultivates lifelong skills. In rural schools, resources may be limited, but dedicated teachers turn challenges into opportunities. Sukeerthi, a volunteer teaching mathematics in Karnataka, makes lessons engaging by connecting students with real-world events, sparking curiosity and excitement.

In Uttar Pradesh, Vandana Sharma encouraged her Grade 7 science students to explore environmental pollution creatively, using drawings to express solutions. These efforts show that when teachers inspire curiosity and responsibility, students not only gain knowledge but also grow into thoughtful, empowered young changemakers.

Read the full story here

Across rural India, countless children long for a learning that ignites curiosity, nurtures confidence, and opens doors to new dreams.

You can make it happen by volunteering, supporting, or sharing about the cause. Be the spark that turns learning into a joy they cherish every day.



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