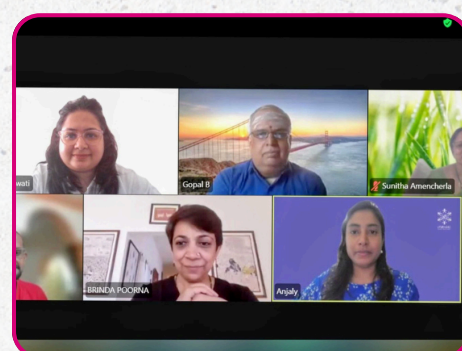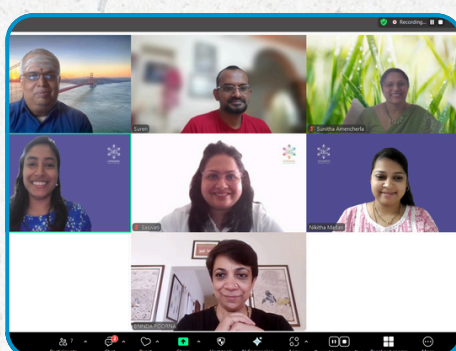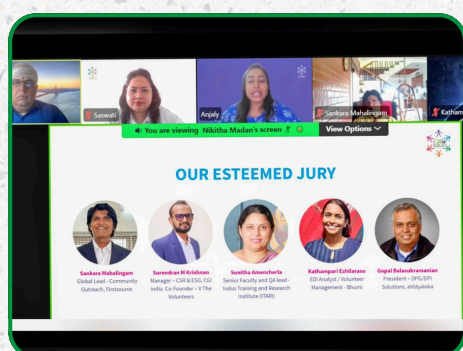eVidyaloka
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# Recognising Excellence: Volunteer Champion Awards Jury Round

The **Volunteer Champion Awards (VCA)** are eVidyaloka's way of honouring the extraordinary spirit of volunteerism that fuels our mission. This year, every volunteer who contributed during **AY 2024–25** was considered for recognition, with the final selections made in the Jury Round held on August 2nd.
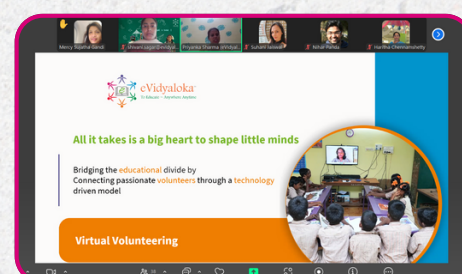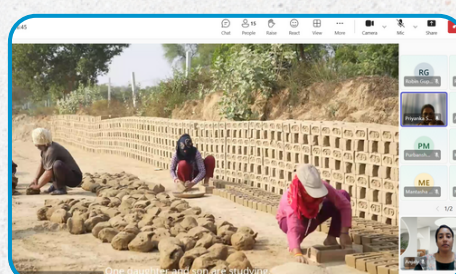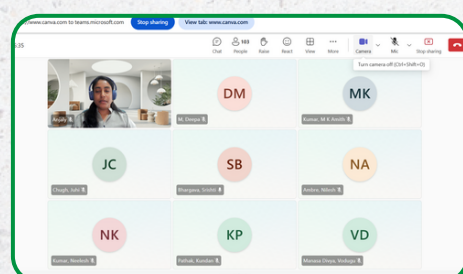
An esteemed panel of leaders from the fields of CSR, education, and volunteerism carefully evaluated the nominations. We are proud to share that **70 volunteers** were selected as winners across categories, including **Volunteer Teachers and Content Developers.**



The Volunteer Champion Award is more than just a trophy—it is our heartfelt tribute to the time, passion, and dedication that each volunteer brings to rural classrooms.

# Corporate Orientations: A Month of Strong Partnerships

August was buzzing with corporate energy as we hosted a series of orientations with **Emerson, KPMG, HSBC, Fidelity, Reliance, and Firstsource.** These sessions not only introduced employees to eVidyaloka's mission but also inspired them to step forward as changemakers in rural education. With 230+ employees signing up to volunteer, the enthusiasm and support from our corporate partners reaffirmed the power of collective action in bringing quality learning to every child.

# EmpowerED Refresher Training for Class Assistants in Assam

**On 2nd–3rd August,** a two-day refresher training under the **EmpowerED Programme** was held at **Don Bosco Institute, Guwahati,** supported by the **Murty Trust.** The sessions brought together Class Assistants from across Assam to revisit eVidyaloka's mission, clarify roles, strengthen operational practices, and explore new initiatives like the EDGE and Spoken English programs.



Through interactive activities, peer learning, and recognition of their contributions, the training renewed motivation and equipped Class Assistants with greater clarity, confidence, and skills to create meaningful classroom experiences for rural students.

# Ghattu Block Rises from 427th to 5th in NITI Aayog Rankings (2024-25)

Ghattu Block created history in 2024–25, rising from **427th to 5th in the NITI Aayog Block Ranking.** SSC results showed a remarkable 10.79% improvement, increasing from **84.06% in March 2024 to 94.86% in March 2025.** This outstanding achievement reflects the power of strong leadership, teamwork, and community-driven education.

To address teacher shortages, eVidyaloka provided volunteer-led classes, practical lessons, interactive teaching methods, and 10th-grade worksheets, helping students strengthen understanding, build confidence, and prepare effectively for exams.



Under the visionary leadership of the Hon'ble Collector & District Magistrate, Sri Santhosh BM, IAS sir, Ghattu Aspirational Block has recorded a remarkable 10.79% point increase in SSC 2025 results (From 84.06% in March 2024 to 94.86% in March 2025)
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**GHATTU MANDAL – Year wise SSC Pass percentage**

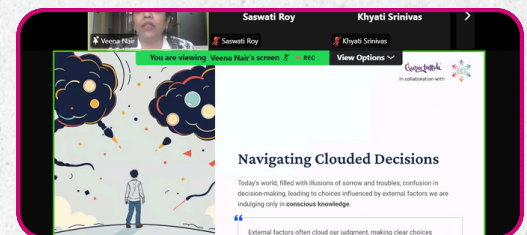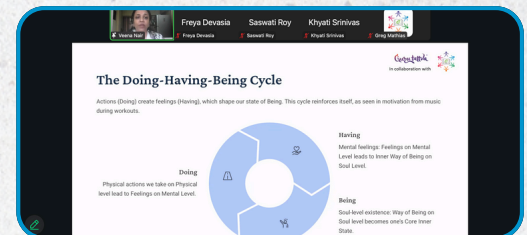| Year | Total Students | Boys | | | | Girls | | | | Total | | | |
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| March – 2022 | 543 | 195 | 161 | 34 | 82.56% | 348 | 333 | 15 | 95.69% | 543 | 494 | 49 | 90.98% |
| March – 2023 | 496 | 177 | 98 | 79 | 55.37% | 319 | 277 | 42 | 86.83% | 496 | 375 | 121 | 75.60% |
| March – 2024 | 502 | 167 | 115 | 52 | 68.86% | 335 | 307 | 28 | 91.64% | 502 | 422 | 80 | 84.06% |
| March – 2025 | 567 | 213 | 189 | 22 | 88.73% | 351 | 346 | 5 | 98.58% | 564 | 535 | 27 | 94.86% |

Ghattu's transformation is a collective success, driven by dedicated volunteers, proactive community involvement, and committed leadership.

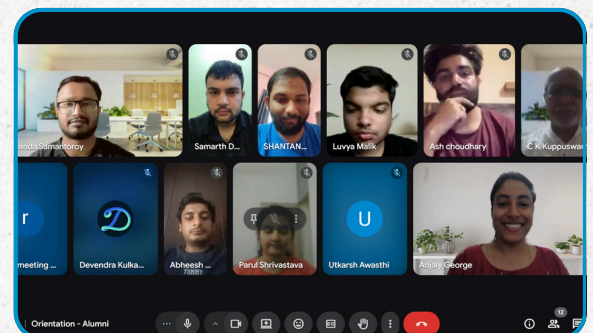# eleVate Webinar: Mindful Classrooms for Impactful Teaching

**On August 23rd,** we held the first eleVate webinar of 2025–26 with a session on **Mindful Classrooms.** The session was designed to help volunteers make their teaching more effective and impactful. Led by Veena Nair from the Shree Shivkrupanand Swami Foundation, the webinar highlighted how meditation can reduce stress, improve focus, and build harmony in classrooms. Volunteers also experienced an 8-minute guided meditation, offering them simple tools to reconnect with themselves. This marks the beginning of our monthly eleVate series—designed to bring fresh learning opportunities that help volunteers create a greater impact.





# BITS Pilani Goa: Driving Impact through Pro Bono Consulting

In August, **BITS Pilani Goa** concluded a two-month Pro Bono Consultation with eVidyaloka, channeling their expertise into strengthening outreach strategy, volunteer acquisition, and program expansion. Their recommendations pave the way for greater participation and deeper engagement. Encouraged by the success, the team now looks to extend this initiative across other BITS Pilani campuses, ensuring broader reach and sustained impact.



# Online Classes Begin in Assam



eVidyaloka has successfully commenced online classes in Assam, marking another step forward in reaching students with quality digital learning. With the support of volunteer teachers and local facilitators, children in Assam now have access to engaging lessons, interactive sessions, and new opportunities to learn beyond the classroom walls.
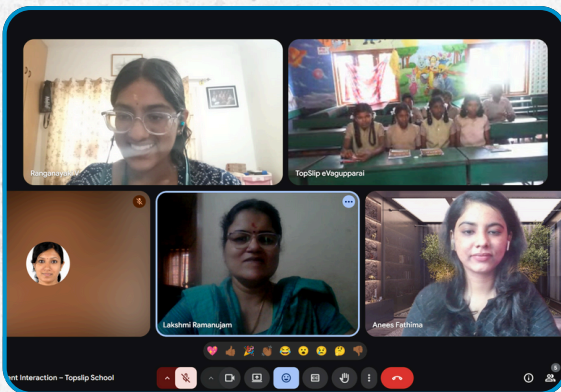
# Celebrating Independence Day and National Sports Day

Across all states, eVidyaloka celebrated Independence Day and National Sports Day, engaging students and volunteers in festive and inspiring activities.
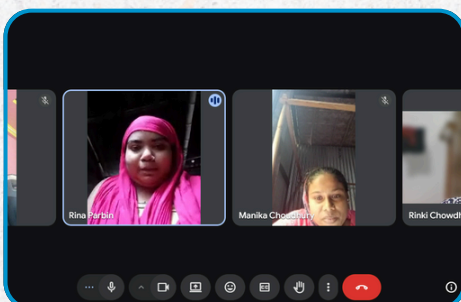


On Independence Day, **volunteer Sanil Samaiya visited GHS Bhatni,** Madhya Pradesh, spending quality time with the students. In a thoughtful gesture, he distributed notebooks to encourage learning, adding an extra spark of joy to the celebrations. These events reflect our commitment to holistic student engagement and fostering a sense of community and celebration in schools.

# Strengthening Connections: Donor Meets Learners



In Tamil Nadu, Ranganayagi, the Topslip donor, connected with the school to observe classes conducted by our volunteer teacher. The connect turned into one of the most engaging student interaction sessions, filled with enthusiasm, curiosity, and joyful learning. Moments like these highlight the strong connection between donors, volunteers, and students in nurturing meaningful education experiences.

# Enhancing Class Assistant Impact Through Training Programs



To strengthen classroom support, eVidyaloka conducted refresher training sessions for existing class assistants (CAs) and rolled out new CA training programs across Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Gujarat. These sessions are designed to equip CAs with essential skills and tools, ensuring effective classroom facilitation and better learning outcomes for students.

# A Volunteer's Thoughtful Contribution in West Bengal

Dimitra Ganguli, Volunteer Teacher at JHS Petadih Hirakhep School, West Bengal, donated a set of tube lights to her classroom to ensure students have a bright and comfortable learning environment during the rainy season. Such thoughtful contributions go a long way in creating a positive impact and making learning spaces more effective.



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# Lessons in Language, Laughter, and Learning: A Volunteer's Heartfelt Jo



Dwaipayan Chakraborty, a dedicated volunteer teacher with eVidyaloka for nearly three years, shares how teaching students across Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal has been deeply rewarding. Adapting to remote classrooms, teaching math in Hindi and Bengali, and using playful examples—like drawing laughter with a reference to a "dozen eggs" in Bengali—have made learning both effective and delightful. Dwaipayan's journey beautifully illustrates how creativity, empathy, and collective effort bring education alive, one virtual class at a time. Read the full story here

# "AMMA SLATE": A Simple Idea Ignites a Literacy Movement

In a rural corner of Andhra Pradesh, two Grade 7 students, Amrutha and Manya Sri, sparked a quiet revolution in literacy. Inspired through eVidyaloka's National Student Innovation Challenge (NSIC), they identified a local challenge: Many in their community struggled with basic reading. Refusing to accept this as the norm, they dreamed up a simple yet profound solution—AMMA SLATE, a tool designed to help people of all ages learn and practice literacy skills. Their initiative shows how bright minds, even young ones, can illuminate entire communities. Discover the full blog here

# Making Science Fun: Rubai's Volunteer Journey



Rubai Sen Sarma brings science to life in rural classrooms. Teaching Grade 7 and 8 students, she uses everyday examples, bilingual explanations, quizzes, and home experiments to make complex concepts engaging and accessible—turning virtual classes into interactive learning spaces. For Rubai, the real reward isn't awards, but the lightbulb moments, curious smiles, and newfound confidence in her students.

Read the full journey here

# Seeing Solutions: Rural Students Innovate with AI

In rural India, eVidyaloka's BRAIN program turned classrooms into innovation labs. Students began applying AI to solve local challenges—from predicting water demand and designing smart dustbins, to monitoring drainage issues and building fire-extinguishing robots. Using everyday tools like ChatGPT, cardboard models, and simple
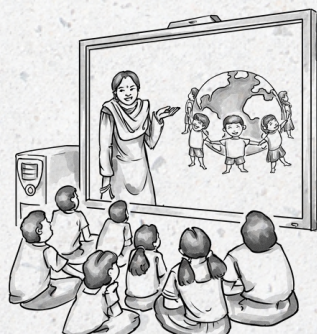


sensors, they illustrated how technology can spark creativity and address real-world problems—even in resource-constrained settings. This initiative demonstrates that with a bit of guidance and curiosity, young minds can transform their surroundings through innovation. More about this story here.

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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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