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# EmpowerED: NOW EMPOWERING GIRLS WITH DIGITAL SKILLS IN UTTAR PRADESH

The EmpowerED Digital Literacy program recently inaugurated 20 centers across Siddharthnagar and Maharajganj districts in Uttar Pradesh.

The formal inauguration was held at Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV), Uska Bazaar, graced by local goverment officials including Block Education Officer, Medical Superintendent and others. Representatives from Microsoft participated virtually, interacting with students and highlighting the significance of the program in fostering independent career choices for girls.



eVidyaloka's CEO, Brinda Poornapragna, also joined the virtual celebration, emphasising the importance of digital literacy in today's rapidly evolving world.



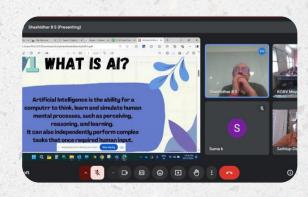
The inauguration marked a key milestone in empowering girls with essential digital skills. With the support of eVidyaloka's field team and local partner Swabhiman Samitee, the event was a celebration of progress towards bridging the digital divide in rural areas. As the program unfolds, it aims to equip young girls with the skills needed to succeed in an increasingly tech-driven world, opening up new opportunities for their future.

### EXPLORING AI: INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP SESSIONS WITH EY

In partnership with EY (Ernst & Young), eVidyaloka recently conducted an engaging AI workshop for students.

This session introduced them to the foundational concepts of Artificial Intelligence and its real-world applications. Students also explored the ethical dimensions of AI and participated in various interactive activities, making the learning experience both educational and enjoyable.

Through hands-on engagement, the students gained valuable insight into this technology shaping the future. This workshop empowered our students with knowledge that prepares them for a tech-driven world.



## EVIDYALOKA AT THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CSR IN NEW DELHI



On October 2nd and 3rd, 2024, eVidyaloka proudly participated in the National Conference on Corporate Social Responsibility (NCCSR), organised by the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs in New Delhi.

This event, held under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, celebrated India's inaugural Annual CSR Day, with exhibitions showcasing the impactful work of leading NGOs and CSR-driven organisations across the country.

eVidyaloka's work in providing quality education to rural communities received appreciation from attendees, underscoring the far-reaching impact of our initiatives.

The recognition at NCCSR strengthens our resolve to continue our mission of transforming rural education.

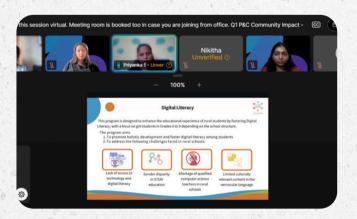








# EDUCATE & ELEVATE: CISCO INDIA HR TEAM JOINS HANDS WITH EVIDYALOKA TO SUPPORT RURAL EDUCATION





This flagship lunch-and-learn event provided a platform for eVidyaloka to connect with Cisco employees, share our mission, and invite them to support our efforts in providing quality education to rural children in India. Over 140 enthusiastic participants joined, showcasing a deep interest in our mission and impact.

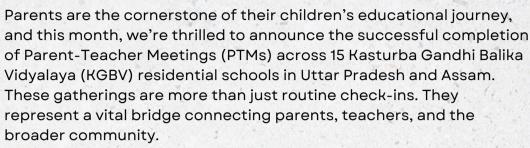
The eVidyaloka-Cisco partnership began in 2018 and saw incredible volunteer support over the years. Cisco's new global giving-back model has re-energized our collaboration. This session allowed us to reconnect with existing Cisco volunteers and inspire new champions to join our mission. eVidyaloka will receive a Volunteer Match from Cisco, highlighting their commitment to employee-driven impact and amplifying the power of our partnership.

With Cisco's support, we are one step closer to building a robust community of volunteers dedicated to transforming rural education.

#### STRENGTHENING BONDS: PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS IN KGBV SCHOOLS









For many parents, PTMs are a first glimpse



into their child's educational environment, instilling pride in their children's progress and encouraging a supportive community that deeply values learning. These meetings also strengthen our relationships with local field partners and class assistants, whose tireless work brings education to life within these communities.

#### CYBER AWARENESS MONTH: RAISING AWARENESS ON DIGITAL SAFETY IN REMOTE COMMUNITIES

Every PTM moves us closer to a shared mission of fostering a culture that





champions education.



With eVidyaloka promoting digital literacy and technology skills in rural classrooms to empower rural learners, it also highlights a critical need to raise awareness around cybercrime and fraud. With cyber-related threats escalating, the urgency for digital safety education is also important, especially in communities where awareness remains limited.

Through skill-based volunteering, KPMG collaborated with eVidyaloka during Cyber Awareness Month to offer sessions on online safety, password management, and fraud prevention.

These sessions empowered rural students and communities to navigate the digital world securely, reinforcing cyber safety as a shared responsibility.

#### NURTURING CONFIDENCE



Gayathri Sankaran, a dedicated volunteer English teacher for 7th graders at GHS K Chettikulam, brings her passion for teaching to life in eVidyaloka's virtual classroom.

From her first day, Gayathri noticed her students were hesitant and reserved, but her supportive approach gradually transformed the classroom dynamic. She encouraged them to embrace mistakes as part of learning, helping them build confidence with every class. Over time, students shed their shyness, became more engaged, and began answering questions with increasing enthusiasm.



Gayathri emphasizes that making mistakes is essential to learning—a lesson she hopes her students will carry into adulthood. "I always tell the kids to make mistakes," she shares. "This way, their shyness goes away, and they gain the confidence to be bold." For Gayathri, this journey isn't just about teaching a subject; it's about nurturing her students' growth, fostering a dynamic learning environment, and creating lasting bonds.

She expresses heartfelt gratitude for her Class Assistant and coordinator, who have supported her in creating a positive impact on these young minds. Inspired by Gayathri's journey? Learn how you too can make a difference by teaching rural India online from the comfort of your home.

For the full story and to see how Gayathri's approach is inspiring her students, read more in our blog [here].

#### VIKRAM'S INNOVATIVE AUTOMATED DUSTBIN

Vikram, a 9th-grade student at UPG HS Takrarpur, has made a remarkable impact with his creation of an automated dustbin, which was inspired by eVidyaloka's AI lessons. His innovative project impressed local education authorities, including the District and Block Education Officers, during its inauguration. Vikram's project not only demonstrated his technical skills but also addressed waste management issues at his school. His achievement, celebrated with a certificate from the officials, has inspired his peers to explore AI and innovation further.

<u>To read more about Vikram's journey,</u> <u>visit the full article [here].</u>





## A JOURNEY OF TRANSFORMATION: FROM A PRIVATE SCHOOL TO A GOVERNMENT SCHOOL



Shankar Sahukar from Nilogal has seen eVidyaloka's impact firsthand. His eldest daughter, once a shy student, now excels academically after joining eVidyaloka's online classes.

Inspired by her sister's success, his younger daughter left her private school to enroll in GHPS Nilogal, the government school offering these innovative classes.



Shankar expresses deep gratitude for the program, recognizing its transformative role in rural education.

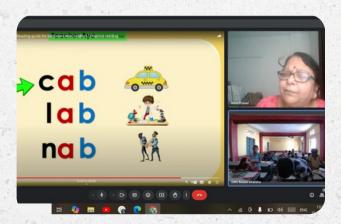


To read the full story, [click here]

### PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS TURN PASSIONATE VOLUNTEERS

**Dipali Mone,** once a private school teacher, now finds immense satisfaction as a volunteer, teaching rural students whose hunger for knowledge rekindles her passion for education. "I am teaching knowledge-hungry students in rural India. It was an awakening...The sense of satisfaction I feel at the end of the day is indescribable." Dipali shares.





Renu Prasad, after 35 years as a professional teacher, has found a new calling in eVidyaloka's online classes, bringing quality education to remote communities and enriching her retirement with purpose. "Teaching children in rural areas through eVidyaloka has made my career feel even more meaningful," Renu says.



# CELEBRATING DAAN UTSAV: NEW VOLUNTEERS AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR RURAL EDUCATION

This Daan Utsav, eVidyaloka raised close to ₹1.5 lakhs in donations and welcomed many new volunteers who registered to teach in our digital classrooms during corporate events.

Here's a look at some of our Daan Utsav highlights:





eVidyaloka at Broadridge - During Daan Utsav, eVidyaloka connected with Broadridge employees in Bangalore, raising awareness of our mission to provide quality education in rural India through volunteerism.

eVidyaloka at Capgemini - At the NGO Mela in Capgemini's Whitefield office, we engaged with employees to discuss our cause, resulting in over 30 new volunteer interests, including spot registrations!





**Daan Utsav Campaigns** - We ran fundraising campaigns across platforms and social media, gaining support from stakeholders and donors. LTIM Foundation and Cognizant Foundation joined in, promoting our cause among their employees. Our volunteer teachers also spread the word, encouraging more people to support eVidyaloka's mission.

Heartfelt thanks to all our supporters for their unwavering commitment to transforming rural education and bringing joy to children across India.

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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