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## Editors Note

*Namaskar,*

At Sewa International, service begins with a simple yet powerful belief—that this society is ours, and so is the nation. When this sense of belonging transforms into action, it creates impact that reaches the last mile. Across this edition, we witness how collective vision, strong partnerships, and dedicated karyakarthis are turning ideas into meaningful change—from remote border villages to underserved communities, from healthcare access to education and dignity.

The journey of seva is not built overnight; it is shaped through years of commitment, learning, and collaboration. As reflected in the experiences of long-standing karyakarthis, every challenge becomes an opportunity when guided by purpose. Whether it is enabling children to learn, strengthening healthcare systems, or empowering communities with self-respect, each effort contributes to a larger national vision.

Sewa is not just an act—it is a responsibility. It calls upon each one of us to recognize needs, act with empathy, and inspire dignity in every life we touch. As we move forward, let us continue to serve with humility, scale with purpose, and work together to ensure that no one is left behind.

*“Seva is the highest form of Dharma.”*

*Dhanyavaad!*



**Jineshlal R.V.**  
Executive Director  
(Sewa International)

## Strengthening Healthcare in the Northeast

In a significant step towards enhancing healthcare access, **Hon'ble Sh. Biyuram Wahge** (Health Minister, Arunachal Pradesh), met with **Sh. K.G. Shyam Parande** (General Secretary & Global Coordinator, Sewa International) at Pravasi Bhavan. The discussion centered on expanding healthcare services and exploring meaningful collaborations for public welfare.

A key highlight of the meeting was the potential rollout of the Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) project, aimed at delivering essential healthcare to remote and underserved communities. Both sides engaged in constructive dialogue to address last-mile healthcare challenges in the region.

With shared vision and commitment, the collaboration holds strong promise for transforming healthcare accessibility in the state. Sewa International will continue to work towards strengthening such partnerships to ensure quality healthcare reaches every corner of the nation.



## Celebrating the Spirit of Giving

Sewa International was honoured to be part of “An Evening of Gratitude” hosted by United Way Mumbai, celebrating the impact of the Tata Mumbai Marathon 2026. The evening brought together changemakers committed to creating meaningful social impact through collective efforts.

It was a proud moment as our Chairman, Mrugank Paranjape, was recognised as a Change Legend for raising over ₹1.83 crore towards the cause. This achievement reflects the power of community support and shared purpose.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed and believed in this journey. Sewa International will continue working with the same spirit to serve and uplift communities across the nation.



## A Visit that Strengthens Inclusion and Impact

Sewa International had the privilege of hosting **Ms. Sophie** during her visit to Mysuru, where she explored the Divyang Seva Kendra under Sakshama. Interacting with beneficiaries, she witnessed firsthand the transformative impact of the centre in empowering specially abled individuals.

Members of Sakshama Mysuru, including **Shri Jayaram ji** and **Shri Praveen ji**, felicitated her in appreciation of the support extended by the Mookerji Foundation. A heartfelt moment marked the occasion as she was presented with handmade diyas crafted by the children.

With continued support across initiatives like SHE, SAC, and Sakshama, such partnerships are creating meaningful change at the grassroots. Sewa International will continue working in this direction to build an inclusive and empowered society.



## Planning with Purpose, Acting with Vision

Sewa International's Annual Goal Setting 2026 brought together teams for two days of reflection and foresight. Day 1 focused on reviewing the year gone by, with departments presenting achievements, assessing progress, and sharing key learnings. Day 2 shifted towards the future, as teams outlined strategic goals aligned with the organization's larger vision.

Guided by **Shri. Shyam Parande**, the discussions gained clarity and direction, shaping a stronger roadmap for the year ahead. The session concluded with insightful remarks from **Shri. Satya Gopal, IAS (Retd)** (Former Chief Secretary, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh) inspiring sharper focus and cohesive action.

From reflection to reimagining, the workshop reinforced a powerful message—when vision aligns with action, impact multiplies. Sewa International will continue striving to turn these goals into meaningful milestones in service of the nation.

## Empowering Young Minds at the Nation's Edge

In the remote border district of Kutch, Sewa International, with the generous support of Alpha Alternatives, distributed 520 school kits across villages in Lakhpat and Rapar. Reaching children in these far-flung regions, the initiative addressed a critical gap in access to basic learning resources.

For many young students, these kits are more than just supplies- they are symbols of encouragement, opportunity, and a pathway to a better future. By supporting education in border villages, the effort strengthens both learning and confidence among children.

Sewa International will continue to work towards ensuring that no child is left behind, bringing education and hope to even the most remote corners of the nation.



## Youth Step Forward for a Life-Saving Cause

A blood donation camp was successfully organised by Sewa International in collaboration with Dehradun Charitable Trust at Government PG College Talwari. The initiative witnessed enthusiastic participation from 85 youth volunteers of National Cadet Corps, who came forward to donate blood.

The camp reflected a strong spirit of service and social responsibility among young volunteers, contributing to a critical healthcare need. Their collective effort stands as a reminder of how small acts can make a life-saving difference.

Sewa International will continue to organise such initiatives, encouraging youth to lead the way in building a healthier and more compassionate society.



## Serving the Himalayas: Fellows Join Kedarnath Cleanliness Drive

As part of the Preserving the Sacred Path – Kedarnath Valley Cleanliness Drive 2026, 2024 Batch Fellows \*Bhavishaya Baregama\* and \*Shristi Kumari\* actively participated in cleanliness and awareness activities across the Kedarnath Yatra route.

Contributing to a larger movement of 2500+ volunteers, the initiative has already conducted 20+ cleanliness drives and cleaned nearly 40 km of sacred pathways. The campaign also focuses on plastic waste removal, waste segregation, and community awareness to promote responsible pilgrimage and environmental conservation.

Through their dedicated efforts, the Fellows reflected the spirit of service, sustainability, and commitment towards preserving the spiritual and natural heritage of the Himalayas.





## Building Dignity, Health, and Awareness in Schools

Under the SHE Project, Sewa International successfully constructed 12 toilet units across three schools in Gyalshing (Sikkim), ensuring access to safe and dignified sanitation for students. This effort marks a significant step towards improving school infrastructure and creating healthier learning environments.

Alongside this, a Menstrual Hygiene Management program reached 165 adolescent girls, combining awareness sessions with the distribution of reusable sanitary napkins to promote safe and sustainable practices.

To sustain impact, 3 WASH clubs were established, while sessions on nutrition, hygiene, and sanitation encouraged positive behavioural change among students. Sewa International will continue working in this direction to build healthier, aware, and empowered communities.

## A Mandate for Dignity: Shaping the Future of Project SHE

During our recent workshop at Pravasi Bhavan, leaders and cross-functional teams of Sewa International came together for a strategic workshop to chart the next five years of the flagship SHE (Sanitation, Hygiene, and Empowerment) Project. The discussions focused on addressing the barriers adolescent girls face in accessing safe sanitation and continuing their education, especially in remote and vulnerable regions.

Bringing together teams from operations, finance, IT, communications, and resource development, the workshop emphasized building a sustainable ecosystem beyond infrastructure- through climate-resilient WASH facilities, adolescent peer educators, and stronger community ownership.

The defining milestone of the workshop was the ambitious commitment to transform 1,000 schools across disaster-affected, border, and hard-to-reach regions over the next five years. With this vision, Sewa International continues its mission to create safe, dignified, and empowering spaces where every girl can learn, grow, and thrive.



## Meet Sewa Parivar



**Shashidhar  
Mutyala**

**Lead**  
Audio Visual Content

Every worker in the service sector should always carry the भावना that this society is theirs—and so is the entire nation. We must constantly think about the welfare of society, understand its needs, and serve with sincerity and dedication.

It is important to uphold self-respect within ourselves and inspire others to live with dignity and higher aspirations. Wherever we are, that becomes our field of action—and through our service, we must strive to enable every individual in society to live with self-respect.

**Helping every person in need is our duty.**  
*“Seva is the highest form of Dharma.”*

My 22-year association with Sewa International has been a journey of continuous learning, with each year bringing new experiences. Along the way, I have had the privilege of working with numerous dedicated karyakarthis whose commitment to service has been deeply inspiring.

Even in challenging circumstances, their unwavering dedication reminds me of the true spirit of seva. The lives of those who organize and lead service initiatives continue to motivate me.

I feel grateful to have received opportunities through Sewa International to contribute to service initiatives across the country—from Kashmir to Kanyakumari. This journey has also enabled me to extend my efforts to other service organizations to the best of my ability.

Sewa International has always supported me like a family, offering guidance and encouragement at every step. I sincerely thank the organization for giving me the opportunity to serve through my documentary films and photography, helping bring these impactful stories to society.

## Meet Sewa Fellow

Born in Barduli, a small village in Sakti district of Chhattisgarh, Khemlal Khaterji's life has been shaped by challenges from a very early age. Unlike most children who grow up with stability, schooling, and play, he spent his childhood migrating across states with his parents as a migrant labourer, where he was exposed to the harsh reality of labour trafficking. While such experiences can break a person, Khemlal chose a different path—transforming his hardships into a strong sense of purpose and a resolve that no one else should have to endure similar suffering.

A significant turning point in his journey came in 2022 when he was selected for the Sewa Fellowship. This fellowship became more than just a program— it was a platform for personal growth and leadership development.

Through the fellowship, Khemlal gained a strong understanding of grassroots work and organizational leadership, learning to design, implement, monitor, and evaluate projects while also developing practical skills in fundraising, data management, and field assessments.

Along with a few of his fellow survivors, he co-founded ILFAT (Integrated Leaders Forum Against Trafficking), creating India's first national platform led by survivors of human trafficking. Since its inception, ILFAT has grown into a powerful collective of over 2,800 members, working across issues such as child labour, labour trafficking, sex trafficking, and domestic violence. The initiative has empowered hundreds of survivors to become self-reliant, raise their voices for their rights, and support others in similar situations, while also strengthening awareness, advocacy, and collaboration to build a safer and more just society.

### **Khemlal Khaterji**

A Journey of Struggle, Learning, and Transformation

*Together, we've sketched stories of change,  
etching hope into hearts. We want to express  
our sincere gratitude for your continued support  
and readership.*

