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Editors Note

Namaskar,

At Sewa International, we believe that true development begins when opportunities reach those who have long remained beyond the boundaries of access, awareness, and opportunity. Whether it is a child in a remote Himalayan village learning the value of financial literacy, a woman gaining confidence through livelihood and menstrual health initiatives, or a family in a border community receiving timely healthcare, every effort reflects our commitment to ensuring that no one is left behind.

This edition of Sewa Sandesh brings together inspiring stories from across the country—from the border regions of Spiti, Kutch, and Gujarat to the islands of Andaman & Nicobar, and from the schools of Karnataka and Uttarakhand to communities in Maharashtra. Though diverse in geography, these initiatives are united by a common purpose: empowering individuals with the knowledge, resources, and confidence to transform their own lives.

Every classroom built, every nutrition kit distributed, every young mind inspired, and every community strengthened is a reminder that meaningful change is created through consistent action and collective effort. As we continue this journey, our resolve remains unwavering—to cross every boundary that limits human potential and to ensure that hope, dignity, and opportunity reach the last mile.

Together, let us continue building a future where empowerment knows no boundaries and every life has the chance to thrive.

Dhanyawaad!



Jineshlal R.V.
Executive Director
(Sewa International)

Building Classrooms, Nurturing Futures: New Classrooms and Washrooms in Naliya, Gujarat

A better classroom can open the door to a brighter future. In the border village of Naliya, Gujarat, children stepped into a renewed learning environment as upgraded school infrastructure was inaugurated with the generous support of Yusen Logistics. The addition of four new classrooms and improved sanitation facilities marks an important milestone in creating a safe, inclusive, and inspiring space where young minds can learn and grow.

The inauguration was celebrated with cultural performances, a plantation drive, and the joyful participation of students, teachers, community members, and dignitaries—making it a true celebration of collective progress. The programme was graced by the presence of **Mr. Hitesh Doshi and Mr. Rathish Nair from Yusen Logistics, Sh. Jadavji Vishram Gorsia (Trustee, Sewa International) and Sh. Jineshlal R.V. (Executive Director, Sewa International)** along with other distinguished guests. Every classroom built is more than just a structure; it is an investment in the aspirations of children who deserve equal opportunities, regardless of where they live.

Sewa International remains committed to strengthening education in India's border regions, ensuring that every child has access to a learning environment that inspires confidence, curiosity, and hope for a brighter tomorrow.



Hope on Wheels: MMU Brings Healthcare to India's Border Villages

For the families living in the remote border villages of Kutch, quality healthcare has often been a distant dream, with long journeys standing between them and timely medical care. This month marked a new beginning as Sewa International, with the generous support of MCXCCL and in partnership with MMPJ Hospital, inaugurated a Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) to bring essential healthcare services directly to these underserved communities.

From medical consultations and diagnostic services to essential medicines and preventive healthcare awareness, the MMU will ensure that people living in some of India's most remote villages receive quality healthcare closer to home. More than a vehicle, it is a promise that no family should have to choose between distance and dignity when it comes to their health.

As Sewa International continues to strengthen healthcare access across India's border regions, we remain committed to ensuring that every village- no matter how remote- has the opportunity to lead a healthier and more secure life.



Opening Doors to New Aspirations: SAC Application are Open

Every child deserves the opportunity to learn, dream, and build a better future- regardless of their circumstances. With the launch of registrations for the Sponsor a Child (SAC) Programme 2026-27, Sewa International is once again inviting compassionate individuals to become a part of a child's educational journey. Through this initiative, children from underserved communities receive the support they need to continue their education with confidence and hope. Each application received represents a child with aspirations waiting to be nurtured and a future waiting to be transformed.

At Sewa International, we believe that education has the power to change lives. Through the Sponsor a Child initiative, we will continue striving to ensure that no child is left behind and that every young learner is given the opportunity to dream, achieve, and thrive.



Strength Beyond Boundaries: Reaching Spiti Valley, Himachal Pradesh

In the remote villages of Pin Valley, Spiti (Himachal Pradesh), Sewa International, with the support of BAHAR Infocons Pvt. Ltd., brought hope, health, and confidence closer to India's border communities. As part of the Seema Shakti Sahas initiative, over 100 students from GSSS Sagnam and GSSS Guling participated in a three-day self-defence training programme, while six medical camps ensured essential healthcare services reached people living in these remote regions.

Led by Black Belt Karate expert Sh. Rajendra Kumar, the self-defence sessions equipped students with practical skills while instilling courage, resilience, and self-confidence. Alongside, the medical camps reinforced the importance of accessible healthcare, ensuring that both physical well-being and personal safety remain at the heart of community development.

Through integrated initiatives that combine healthcare, and youth empowerment, Sewa International remains committed to strengthening India's border communities, ensuring that every individual has the opportunity to live with dignity, confidence, and hope.



Young Voices, Lasting Change: WASH Clubs

Seven government schools across Mysuru have taken a meaningful step towards creating healthier and more informed learning environments with the formation of WASH Clubs under the SHE Project. Led by dedicated teachers and enthusiastic student ambassadors, these clubs will champion awareness on sanitation, hygiene, and menstrual health, inspiring positive change among their peers. Equipped with learning resources and united by a shared pledge to promote healthy practices, these young changemakers are ready to lead by example. Through continued capacity-building and community engagement, Sewa International remains committed to nurturing informed, confident, and health-conscious future generations.





Nourishing Hope, One Family at a Time: TB Kit Distribution in Andaman

For families battling tuberculosis, recovery depends not only on medicine but also on proper nutrition and consistent care. This month, Sewa International continued its commitment to supporting TB-affected families across South, North, and Middle Andaman by distributing nutritional kits that will help strengthen their recovery journey. With 120 nutrition kits distributed this month, the project has now reached a significant milestone of 300 kits delivered to vulnerable families.

Each kit represents more than nutritional support- it is a message of care, compassion, and solidarity for those navigating the challenges of illness. By ensuring that patients receive sustained nutritional assistance throughout their treatment, we are helping improve health outcomes while easing the burden on families.

Sewa International remains committed to standing beside vulnerable communities, ensuring that no family fights the battle against tuberculosis alone and that every step towards recovery is met with care and dignity.

From Piggy Banks to Possibilities: New Initiative

Financial literacy is not just about managing money- it is about empowering children to make informed choices for a brighter future. With the launch of "Gullak se Bank Tak", Sewa International has introduced a new initiative at GIC Badagaon, Joshimath, to nurture financial awareness and healthy saving habits among young students. Through interactive learning, hands-on activities, and guidance from banking professionals, students are discovering that every small saving today can become a stepping stone towards achieving their dreams tomorrow.

The pilot programme, led by **Sewa Fellow- Ms. Shristi Kumari**, is equipping student ambassadors with practical financial knowledge while connecting them with the formal banking system at an early age. By encouraging responsible financial behaviour from childhood, the initiative aims to build a generation that is confident, informed, and financially empowered.

Sewa International will continue creating opportunities that equip young minds with essential life skills, ensuring they are prepared not just for school, but for life itself.



Stitching Dignity, Creating Change: SHE CAF team creating Sanitary Pads

Empowerment is most meaningful when it creates opportunities that uplift both individuals and communities. At SHE-caf, women beneficiaries are skillfully producing reusable sanitary pads, transforming their craftsmanship into a source of dignity, confidence, and sustainable change. Their efforts not only strengthen livelihoods but also contribute to improving menstrual hygiene while promoting environmentally responsible practices.

As part of the SHE Project, these reusable pads will be distributed through 1,000 SHE-Flow Kits, ensuring that more women and adolescent girls have access to safe, affordable, and sustainable menstrual hygiene solutions. Through initiatives that empower women to become creators of change, Sewa International continues to build healthier, self-reliant, and more resilient communities.





Online Webinar

SHE Speaks

June Edition

Topic:
World Environment Day

Speaker:
Dr. Shyam Ranjan

Assistant Professor at the Department of Environmental Science, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, University of Delhi.



Join Us

When Conversations Inspire Change: SHE Speaks June Edition

Meaningful change begins with meaningful conversations. On the occasion of World Environment Day, Sewa International hosted another engaging session of SHE Speaks, bringing together participants to reflect on the vital connection between environmental sustainability and community well-being. The webinar served as a platform to exchange ideas, inspire collective action, and encourage individuals to become responsible stewards of the environment.

As awareness grows through dialogue and shared learning, every participant becomes a catalyst for change within their own community. Through initiatives like SHE Speaks, Sewa International will continue creating spaces for learning, collaboration, and action—because informed communities are the foundation of a more sustainable and resilient future.

Painting Hope, Inspiring Savings: Jadui Gullak Decoration Activity at Barclays Pune

What if a simple piggy bank could inspire a lifetime of financial responsibility?

At the Barclays Pune office, nearly 70 enthusiastic volunteers came together to paint and decorate wooden Jadui Gullaks, turning a creative activity into a meaningful step towards empowering young minds. These colourful gullaks will soon reach rural students in Mangaon Block, Raigad, encouraging them to develop the habit of saving and making thoughtful financial choices from an early age.

More than just an employee engagement activity, the initiative reflects the power of collective action in shaping brighter futures. With growing support from Barclays leadership and dedicated volunteers, the Jadui Gullak campaign continues to spread the message that every small contribution can create a lasting impact. Sewa International remains committed to building financially aware and empowered communities—one child, one family, and one village at a time.



Creating Safe Spaces for Every Girl to Learn: Toilet Construction in Sikkim Schools

A safe and supportive school environment can transform a child's educational journey. In Sikkim, the SHE Project, supported by Sewa USA, is strengthening this foundation by improving sanitation facilities and promoting menstrual hygiene awareness across three government schools in Gyalshing. With the renovation of 12 toilet blocks, the initiative is creating a more dignified and inclusive learning environment for 1,132 students, including 789 girls, ensuring that no child has to compromise on education due to inadequate facilities.

Beyond infrastructure, the project is fostering confidence, awareness, and healthier practices among young students, empowering them to learn without barriers. Sewa International remains committed to ensuring that every child, especially every girl, has access to safe, healthy, and empowering learning spaces where they can thrive with confidence and dignity.



Meet Sewa Parivar



Jayanth Bhatt

Manager-Programs

My Journey with Sewa International

If someone had asked me a few years ago what service meant, I would probably have spoken about helping people. Today, after being part of Sewa International, my answer is very different.

My journey has taken me from government offices and donor meetings to remote schools and villages where the smallest intervention can make a lasting difference. I've sat with teachers discussing how to improve school sanitation, interacted with adolescent girls who openly shared their questions about menstruation for the first time, and met families who continue to fight illnesses with remarkable resilience.

What has stayed with me is not the number of projects completed or reports submitted, but the people behind them. Sewa has given me the privilege of being a small part of thousands of stories. It has taught me to listen before I act, to understand before I suggest, and to remember that lasting change is built one relationship at a time.

What does the word "Sewa" mean to me?

To me, Sewa is not an activity; it is an attitude.

It is choosing to show up even when nobody is watching. It is celebrating someone else's progress without expecting recognition. It is understanding that every individual, regardless of their background, deserves respect and an opportunity to live with dignity. For me, Sewa is a lifelong commitment to making even a small positive difference wherever life places me.

Recent incident that brought me joy

One recent incident that brought me immense joy was reconnecting with a young man who had attended one of our free photography skill development programs in Bengaluru.

When he first enrolled, he wasn't particularly interested in photography. Like many young people, he was simply exploring opportunities, unsure of what he wanted to do in life. He joined the course because it was accessible and free, hoping it might help him discover something meaningful.

A few months later, I happened to meet him again at an event. This time, he wasn't there as a participant- he was the official photographer, confidently covering the entire program.

After speaking with him, I learned that the training had given him more than technical skills. He discovered a passion he never knew he had, started taking up assignments, built his confidence, and gradually turned photography into his profession.

That encounter stayed with me. We often measure success by the number of people trained or the number of certificates distributed. But seeing one individual find purpose, build a career, and stand on his own reminded me that the true impact of Sewa lies in helping people discover their potential.

Meet Sewa Fellow



Ms. Deepti Tomar

Sewa Fellow
Batch: 2022-24

Empowering Women, Inspiring Communities

"When women are empowered, families flourish, communities grow stronger, and society moves forward."

This belief has shaped the inspiring journey of Sewa Fellow Deepti Tomar from Khategaon, Madhya Pradesh. With a postgraduate degree in Journalism and Mass Communication, Deepti chose the path of grassroots development to create meaningful social change.

As a Sewa Fellow at Keshavsrishti Gram Vikas Yojana, she launched initiatives focused on empowering adolescent girls and women through education, leadership, and confidence-building. Her impactful work includes organizing a seven-day residential camp for 100 tribal girls from remote villages and leading UNICEF-supported programmes that mobilized youth and women for climate action and the conservation of the sacred Narmada River.

Today, as Program Manager of the Mata Shabari Mahila Udyog Kendra and Co-founder of Unniphath Foundation, Deepti continues to champion women's livelihoods, entrepreneurship, and environmental stewardship. Her efforts have earned her the Uditia Samman and recognition as a Climate Education Ambassador under the QS Impact Program.

Deepti's journey is a testament to the power of service and leadership. Through dedicated changemakers like her, Sewa International continues to nurture empowered women, inspired youth, and resilient communities that drive lasting social 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.*

