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Editors Note

From Relief to Resilience

Namaskar,

In this edition of Sewa Sandesh, we celebrate the enduring spirit of Sewa- one that goes beyond immediate relief to nurture lasting resilience in communities across India. Every initiative featured in these pages echoes the same message: true service is not just about responding to crises, but about rebuilding lives, empowering people, and restoring dignity.

From reaching flood-hit families in Maharashtra and landslide-affected villages in Himachal, to extending healthcare through the SBI Sanjeevani Clinic on Wheels in Manipur- Sewa International continues to stand with communities in their toughest times. Yet, our journey doesn't end with relief. It evolves into resilience through efforts that foster education, livelihood, and empowerment.

The distribution of bicycles to schoolgirls in Kutch and Jammu symbolizes hope on wheels- the promise of education and freedom. The Sewa Mahila Jyoti workshops in Uttarakhand, the SHE Speaks webinars for young girls, and the skill development programs in Varanasi reflect how Sewa International is investing in the nation's human potential- creating pathways for self-reliance and growth.

Our partnerships with organizations like the SBI Foundation, Vision Spring, IDBI Bank, and NSDC reinforce our belief that collaboration multiplies impact. Each story here is a testament to what compassion, when combined with collective effort, can achieve- turning vulnerability into strength and challenge into opportunity.

As we continue our mission of "Serving Humanity in Distress," we are reminded that resilience is not built overnight. It grows through every act of kindness, every lesson shared, and every hand extended in service. Through Sewa, we move from relief to rebuilding, from despair to determination, and from need to empowerment- walking together toward a stronger, self-reliant Bharat.

Dhanyawaad!



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Bringing Healthcare to Every Doorstep in Manipur



In a remarkable step toward ensuring healthcare for all, Sewa International, in collaboration with the SBI Foundation, inaugurated the SBI Sanjeevani- Clinic on Wheels in Chandel, Manipur. The initiative marks a new beginning for remote and underserved villages, where access to primary healthcare has long been a challenge.

The event was graced by Sh. Mrugank Paranjape (Chairman, Sewa International) and Sh. Jagannath Sahoo (President & COO, SBI Foundation) as the chief guests, along with senior district officials and medical officers. Their presence underscored the collective commitment to taking quality healthcare to the last mile.

The mobile medical unit will serve 20 villages across Chandel district, offering consultations, preventive care, and referral services to those in need. As the ceremonial lamp was lit, it symbolized a promise- that no one should be left behind when it comes to health and wellbeing.

Sewa International will continue such dedicated efforts to strengthen healthcare systems and serve the nation with compassion and commitment.



Deepotsav 4.0: Celebrating the Spirit of Light and Service

Deepotsav 2025 concluded with great grandeur at Maharashtra Sadan, New Delhi, radiating the spirit of unity, culture, and selfless service. The celebration was graced by eminent guests- renowned journalists Shri Rahul Shiv Shankar ji and Smt. Padmaja Joshi ji, whose presence added warmth and inspiration to the evening. The event brought together known national and international journalists at one platform along with Sewa volunteers, well-wishers, and supporters to celebrate the light of compassion that Sewa International continues to spread across the nation. Beautiful cultural performances and heartfelt reflections highlighted the joy of giving and the strength of collective service. The event was attended by over 200 people, including 150 media representatives and more than 50 media institutions, along with research scholars from IIMC and JNU DU who also participated in the event.

Sewa International will continue to kindle such lamps of hope and humanity, serving the nation with unwavering dedication.



Wheels of Hope: Empowering Rural Schoolgirls in Kutch

In Rapar Block of Kutch district, Sewa International distributed bicycles to 10 school girls from the Koli and Bhil communities in Trikmanagar and Jilarvadh villages with the support of local volunteers. For students like Jayshriben, who travels 3 km daily to reach school, these bicycles mean freedom and opportunity- a step closer to their dreams.

Sewa International will continue such efforts to empower education and serve the nation with dedication.



A Clearer Vision for Himachal's Villages



In a heartfelt collaboration, Sewa International and Vision Spring brought the gift of clear sight to remote villages of Himachal Pradesh through a series of eye check-up camps held from the 9th to the 18th of the month. The campaign concluded at the Raj Bhavan in Shimla, graced by Hon'ble Governor Shiv Prakash Shukla, celebrating the success of this noble effort. For many villagers, receiving a simple pair of glasses meant seeing the world with new hope and clarity.

Sewa International will continue such initiatives to bring light, care, and wellbeing to communities across the nation.

Wheels of Freedom for Rural Girls in Jammu



In a touching initiative to empower young girls, Sewa Bharti Jammu & Kashmir, with the support of Sewa International, distributed 40 bicycles to schoolgirls from the Marh block at Jhiri village.

The event was graced by Dr. Rakesh Minhas (IAS), Deputy Commissioner Jammu, and Ms. Pallavi, SDM Marh, who lauded the efforts of Sewa Bharti and Sewa International for promoting girls' education and self-reliance.

For many of these girls, the bicycles are more than a means of transport- they are symbols of freedom, dignity, and opportunity. Sewa International will continue such initiatives to empower girls and serve the nation with dedication.

Empowering Hill Women Entrepreneurs in Almora



Under the Sewa Mahila Jyoti initiative, Sewa International organized the Oracle 6.0 Business Development Workshop in Almora, uniting women entrepreneurs to strengthen their business acumen and confidence. The workshop was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Mayor of Almora, who inspired participants to embrace self-reliance and innovation. Through interactive sessions on entrepreneurship, digital marketing, and financial literacy, 20 women gained practical insights to grow their enterprises and lead by example in their communities.

Sewa International will continue empowering women entrepreneurs to build sustainable livelihoods and contribute to the nation's progress.

Spreading Smiles Through Hygiene Awareness in Manipur



The SBI Sanjeevani Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) team in Manipur conducted an engaging awareness session on personal hygiene, oral care, and skin health at Koinonia Training School, Chandel. Over 400 students and 21 teachers participated enthusiastically as the team used interactive discussions and demonstrations to promote healthy daily habits. The session encouraged children to take small yet meaningful steps toward better health and wellbeing.

Sewa International will continue such awareness drives to nurture healthier communities and serve the nation with care and compassion.

Empowering Youth Through Skills and Opportunities in Varanasi



At the Sewa International Skill Centre, Rajatalab, a Rojgar Mela and Certificate Distribution Ceremony was organized under the CSR initiative funded by IDBI Bank and NSDC. Graced by Ms. Sudha ji, AGM, IDBI Bank Varanasi, and Mr. Dinesh Mishra, Additional Commissioner (CGST), the event brought together 240 trained students eager to begin their professional journeys. Over 50 students received confirmed job offers, while 73 were shortlisted for the next round- marking a proud milestone in linking skill development with real employment opportunities.

Sewa International will continue empowering India's youth through skill training and livelihood programs to build a self-reliant nation.

Launching of Annual Report 2024-25 & Social Journalism Report



At Deepotsav 4.0 event this month, Sewa International proudly launched its Annual Report 2024-25 and Social Journalism Report, marking another milestone in its journey of service. The Annual Report captures a year filled with compassion, commitment, and collective action- from disaster response and healthcare initiatives to stories of grassroots changemakers brought to light.

The Social Journalism Report is a collaborative effort by participants of the three-month Social Journalism Program, who explored the work of various organizations and documented inspiring case studies. Their dedication and insight brought forward stories of changemakers creating real impact on the ground.

We congratulate all the social journalists for their hard work and passion. Sewa International will continue to share such stories of service and resilience across the nation.

SHE Speaks: Inspiring Conversations for Young Girls

On World Teachers' Day

Join us for
Online Webinar

SHE Speaks:

Voices of Confidence, Change & Empowerment

5th October 2025
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

GUEST SPEAKER

Smt. Anita Vijay Bahadur
Academic Resource Person
Education Department, Uttar Pradesh

CHIEF GUEST

Smt. Sangeetha Warriar
Mentor- SHE & Trustee,
Sewa International

The SHE Team of Sewa International has launched a monthly webinar series titled "SHE Speaks", designed to educate and create awareness among young girls about sanitation, hygiene, and empowerment. The first session, held on October 5, 2025, focused on the theme "Teachers: Building Futures Beyond Classrooms." Through this initiative, Sewa International aims to nurture informed, confident, and health-conscious young women who can lead change in their communities.

Sewa International will continue empowering girls through education and awareness to build a healthier and stronger nation.

Relief Beyond Reach: Sewa International's Support for Himachal's Landslide Victims



Amidst the devastation caused by recent landslides in Himachal Pradesh, Sewa International, in collaboration with Seva Bharati, carried out a series of relief activities in three segments, ensuring timely support to the affected families.

In the first phase, held on 4th October 2025, volunteers from the Banjar unit distributed tarpaulins and blankets to 77 disaster-affected families in the Sainj block's Latada and Kanoun panchayats. The gesture brought smiles to many elderly beneficiaries who expressed heartfelt gratitude.

The second and third phases focused on dispatching and distributing relief materials to Manali, including solar lights, LED lanterns, induction cookers, oxygen supplies, and over 100 school bags. These essentials reached the region safely and were distributed with the help of local volunteers, restoring hope and stability to families and ensuring children could return to learning.

Sewa International will continue extending compassionate relief to disaster-hit regions, standing firmly with communities in their journey to rebuild and recover.

Extending Relief to Flood-Affected Families in Maharashtra



Supporting the flood victims in Beed district, Sewa International continued its relief efforts, reaching out to distressed families with essential ration kits. Over the past days, more than 300 families across villages like Gopat Pimpalgaon, Dhalegaon, Shripat Antarwala, Dalbag, Tapenimgaon, and Takalgaon received much-needed support. Led by Sewa Fellow Parvati ji and dedicated volunteers, the relief materials were carefully packed and distributed, ensuring timely help to those in need.

Sewa International remains committed to standing with affected communities in times of crisis and serving the nation through compassion and action.



Art for Awareness: A Fellow's Journey of Change

Sewa Fellow Janardan, from Batch 3, met renowned singer Anup Jalota ji during his visit to Mumbai- a moment of encouragement in his inspiring journey. As part of the entrepreneurial track of the Sewa Fellowship, he founded his own NGO, Kala Samvaad, which uses the power of art to raise awareness on social issues and has already received a grant.

Sewa International will continue nurturing such changemakers who use creativity and compassion to serve the nation.

Meet Sewa Parivar



Hari Prasad Thoram

Assistant Manager, Program

My SEWA Journey: A Path to Social Transformation

Dear SEWA Family,

My name is Hari Prasad Thoram, and I've been working with SEWA since April 2017. Sharing my journey with this organization fills me with excitement, as it's a story that has truly helped me discover myself.

When I first encountered SEWA, the powerful saying, "Seva Hi Paramo Dharma" (Service is the highest duty), resonated deeply. In my college days, I understood seva as simple acts of kindness, like helping a visually impaired person cross the road. But when I officially began my journey here, I realized that seva is not just for individuals; it is for the entire society.

Serving Through 'Sponsor A Child'

I currently work with SEWA International as the Assistant Manager of the Program. My initial role was Field Coordinator for the 'Sponsor A Child (SAC)' project—one of SEWA's great flagship programs. SAC supports underprivileged children across India. I genuinely love this program because I feel I am serving the cause of education for a better society. By providing educational sponsorship to children from the neediest families, we are giving them the tools to build a brighter future.

My Happiest Moment

One of my happiest and most memorable moments in SEWA was my first project visit to Cherla in the Khammam District of Telangana. In this area, the Koya tribes reside, and SEWA supports a school for their children. What made this visit special was the remote location—there was no road access, no phone signals, and communication was a huge challenge. I stayed there for a full day, trying to understand their lifestyle and food habits. During that visit, I asked an 8th-grade student why he was studying. His answer was profoundly moving: "We don't have a proper road to our village. We live in a very interior place. If I study well, I will become a Government Officer, and I will get the chance to ask for a road for my village." He dreams of becoming an IAS Officer. Hearing that, I felt incredible happiness, knowing we are helping to fulfill his dream.

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



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