

Shiksha Prayas Monthly Newsletter

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When we decided to stay silent this month and let our students take over, wonders happened. June has been a journey of self-discovery for some, fulfilment of a dream for a few, and the breaking of a language barrier for many at Shiksha Prayas.

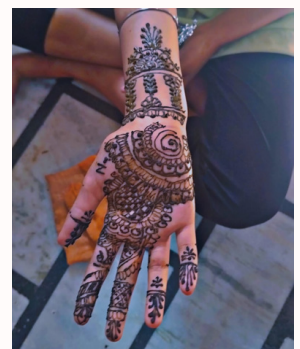
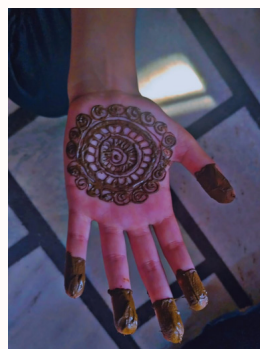
A Summer to Remember

Gitika rushes up the stairs to the second floor of the Kanhai FTC with a tiny boombox tucked safely in a bag slung over her shoulder. Taking two leaps at a time, jostling between equally rushed batchmates, she joins her friends who have been waiting eagerly to connect to the phone borrowed from Ekta Ma'am. It's plug, play and whoa! The glass panes reverberate with the throbbing beats, and the girls are completely lost in their dance moves.

In the hall outside, a shuttle cock darts back and forth amid cheers and sighs while a badminton match is on. At the other end, a classroom buzzes with soft, deliberate reading. Some choose to work on their holiday homework, yet others have the carrom board and other board games to bond with their classmates.



On some days, we even had mehendi and hair styling sessions.



From **Kanhai** to **Taraori** to **Polar**, this was a summer camp like no other. Designed and planned entirely by the students, with a teacher just about present there, their happy hours were spent most creatively at our **FTCs**.

Summer Treats in Taraori



In **Kanhai**, we also had young Shivang Wadhwa, student of Class IX, DPS, help them read, and conquer algebraic equations.



Adding a Spark to Sudeshna's Life

Daughter of a car cleaner and a homemaker, Sudeshna's remarkable school scores have propelled her parents to admit her to a boarding school in Serampore, West Bengal and study without familial distractions. Aspiring to be a doctor, her uplifting moment came when she met **SP patron Vivek Mehra** who spotted the gleam in her eyes and a steely determination to rise above her station. As she moves into Class IX, the sponsorship from Shiksha Prayas will bring much needed relief to her parents.



Mastering English with IITM

As always, **IIT Madras volunteers** put their best foot forward with another series for Shiksha Prayas. To get an English conversation rolling in an online audience sharing pocket devices is no mean task, but they did manage to get everyone's attention and participation through well-crafted games and activities. Thank you, **Tharun, Uzma, Shreyas, Yashas, Parag, Sarthak, Shreyash** and **Rakshit** for pepping up our Wednesday and Saturday afternoons throughout the summer break.



Sarthak



Tharun



Uzma



Rakshit

Balram's dreams come quietly alive....

It's your work that speaks for you, they say. It also takes you places. Outside your safe neighbourhood, to metros Mumbai and Hyderabad where your work gets prime display space, like the Jehangir Art Gallery and the Telangana Gallery of Art.

When we last spoke, Balram was on his second long distance journey to Hyderabad to receive the Solo Sponsorship Award on 9th June for his sketch, "The Flora". It was a fitting tribute to his remarkable CGPA of 9.33 in the sixth semester. Well done, Balram.



Mahatma Gandhi is known to have said, "There is more to life than increasing its speed." At the end of the summer break, we couldn't agree more.

Wishing you all a peaceful month ahead.

Warm regards,

The Shiksha Prayas Team