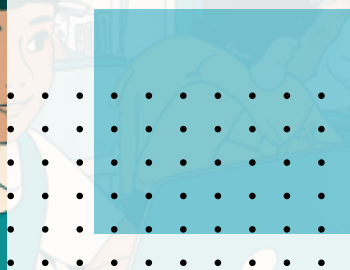




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From The Board Member's Desk

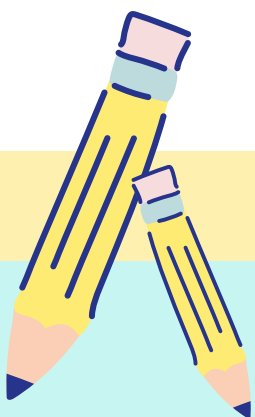
As we turn another page in our journey at Shiksha Prayas, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the continued growth and spirit across our centres. Over the past 24 years, we have built more than learning spaces — we have built a family of curious, confident, and compassionate young minds. The past two months have once again shown us how learning can truly transform lives.

September began with the launch of the STEAM program at our Kanhai Centre — a significant step forward in nurturing creativity alongside science. Guided by our mentors from IIT Madras and STEAM Varsity, students explored the world of coding, design, and innovation with wonder and determination. Their enthusiasm to learn and create reminded us that when children are given the right tools and guidance, they can achieve extraordinary things.

Equally heartening were our sessions on First Aid and Self-Defence, which taught essential life skills and courage. And as the festive season arrived, Hindi Diwas, Dussehra, and Diwali celebrations brought laughter, colour, and cultural pride to every centre — moments that reflected both learning and togetherness.

Each of these initiatives, though different in focus, share one purpose — to empower children to think freely, act bravely, and dream without limits. As we prepare to celebrate our 25th anniversary, I extend my sincere gratitude to our mentors, volunteers, and supporters who make every milestone possible. Together, we continue to light the path of opportunity, compassion, and hope for every child who walks through our doors.

Pawan Kamra
Board member, US



Progress of STEAM: A New Chapter in Learning



The STEAM Program at Kanhai began in right earnest in the first week of September under the mentorship of Ms. Poonam Yadav. Initially hesitant and unsure, students soon found themselves fascinated by the creative possibilities of the MIT App. As they began designing, coding, and merging text, image, and sound, the classroom buzzed with excitement. This hands-on approach not only boosted their confidence but also introduced them to the real-world potential of science and technology.

IITM–STEAM Collaboration

To extend the program beyond Kanhai, Shiksha Prayas partnered with IIT Madras and STEAM Varsity to bring innovation-driven learning to our Siwan, Polar, and Taraori centres. Guided by Mr. Dharam Raj Tanwar, Co-founder of STEAM Varsity, our student volunteers explored exciting topics such as Astronomy, Astrophysics, Robotics, and Design Thinking. The sessions encouraged curiosity, creativity, and teamwork, helping students connect science with everyday life. The focus of the STEAM pedagogy remains on nurturing problem-solving and entrepreneurial thinking — empowering children to think beyond textbooks and approach learning with confidence and imagination.



Building Confidence and Care: Life Skill Workshops at Shiksha Prayas

To promote safety, confidence, and self-awareness, Shiksha Prayas organized First Aid and CPR Training with Canwinn Clinic and a Self-Defence Workshop with FitComb. Both sessions equipped students with essential life skills, practical knowledge, and the confidence to care for and protect themselves and others.

First Aid and CPR Training by Canwinn Clinic

Twin lessons on survival and self-preservation addressed the unspoken fears and doubts of growing children across centres. In Kanhai, Dr. Vijay from Canwinn Polyclinic guided students through real-life situations that demanded presence of mind and empathy. At Siwan, Dr. Praveen Singla and his team demonstrated First Aid and CPR using a dummy, while in Polar, Centre Head Lalit, along with Anmol Kumar, a qualified chemist, took pains to display the right use of the First Aid kit. The sessions left a lasting impact, combining learning with reassurance and readiness.



Self-Defence Workshop by FitComb

At Kanhai, Rajveer and Meenakshi Singh from FitComb led a power-packed session on 15th October, teaching students to use strength for self-protection, followed by a special session for girls. Similarly, in Siwan, Vishal, a multi-dimensional self-defence trainer, conducted a detailed workshop that instilled awareness, alertness, and courage among all participants.



From Words to Light: Celebrating Hindi Diwas, Dussehra, and Diwali Across Our Centres

Hindi Diwas: Voices of Expression

The challenge to compose an anthem for Shiksha Prayas was met with enthusiasm, creativity, and heartfelt emotion on Hindi Diwas, celebrated on 15th September across our centres. Students expressed their love for the language through poems, songs, and verses that beautifully captured the essence of unity and pride. The event became a celebration not just of Hindi, but of expression itself — reminding us how language connects hearts and inspires collective spirit.

Dussehra and Diwali: Festivals of Joy and Togetherness

Rangoli, mehndi, crafts, music, dance, and role plays filled our centres with colour and cheer as students celebrated Dussehra and Diwali with infectious enthusiasm. At Siwan and Taraori, celebrations took place outdoors, giving children the freedom to create and express through large art displays, while Kanhai came alive with decorations and laughter that brightened the school premises. Guests, prizes, and refreshments added to the festive energy, and this year's highlight — a fun Indian Mythology Quiz — brought learning and celebration together. These festivities reminded us that joy, creativity, and community are at the heart of every celebration at Shiksha Prayas.



NCR Volunteers: Empowering Students Through Communication

At Shiksha Prayas, partnerships that nurture confidence and curiosity among our students hold a special place. The ongoing English Communication sessions by the NCR Alteos volunteer team at our Kanhai Centre have become one such inspiring initiative — blending learning with laughter and connection. Each visit brings renewed energy, turning classrooms into lively spaces of discovery and dialogue.

The sessions go beyond textbooks, using interactive activities, storytelling, and games to make English learning joyful and relatable. Volunteers patiently guide students to speak freely and express their ideas without fear of mistakes. Over time, hesitant learners have grown more articulate and self-assured, discovering that communication is not just about language, but also about confidence and self-belief.

Students now eagerly look forward to these sessions, celebrating each small milestone — a new word learned, a complete sentence spoken, a moment of applause. Teachers too notice the transformation — clearer speech, better participation, and a newfound enthusiasm to learn. We extend heartfelt gratitude to the NCR Alteos team for their continued partnership and care. Their time, encouragement, and genuine involvement have left a lasting impact, helping our students find their voice and their confidence — one conversation at a time.



Ritesh - The Shining Star of the Month

Ritesh, a bright and determined Class 7 student from our Taraori Centre, stands out for his confidence, curiosity, and love for learning. Despite having just 30% vision, he continues to pursue his studies with exceptional focus and enthusiasm.



“I like Shiksha Prayas for the mood it creates to study.”

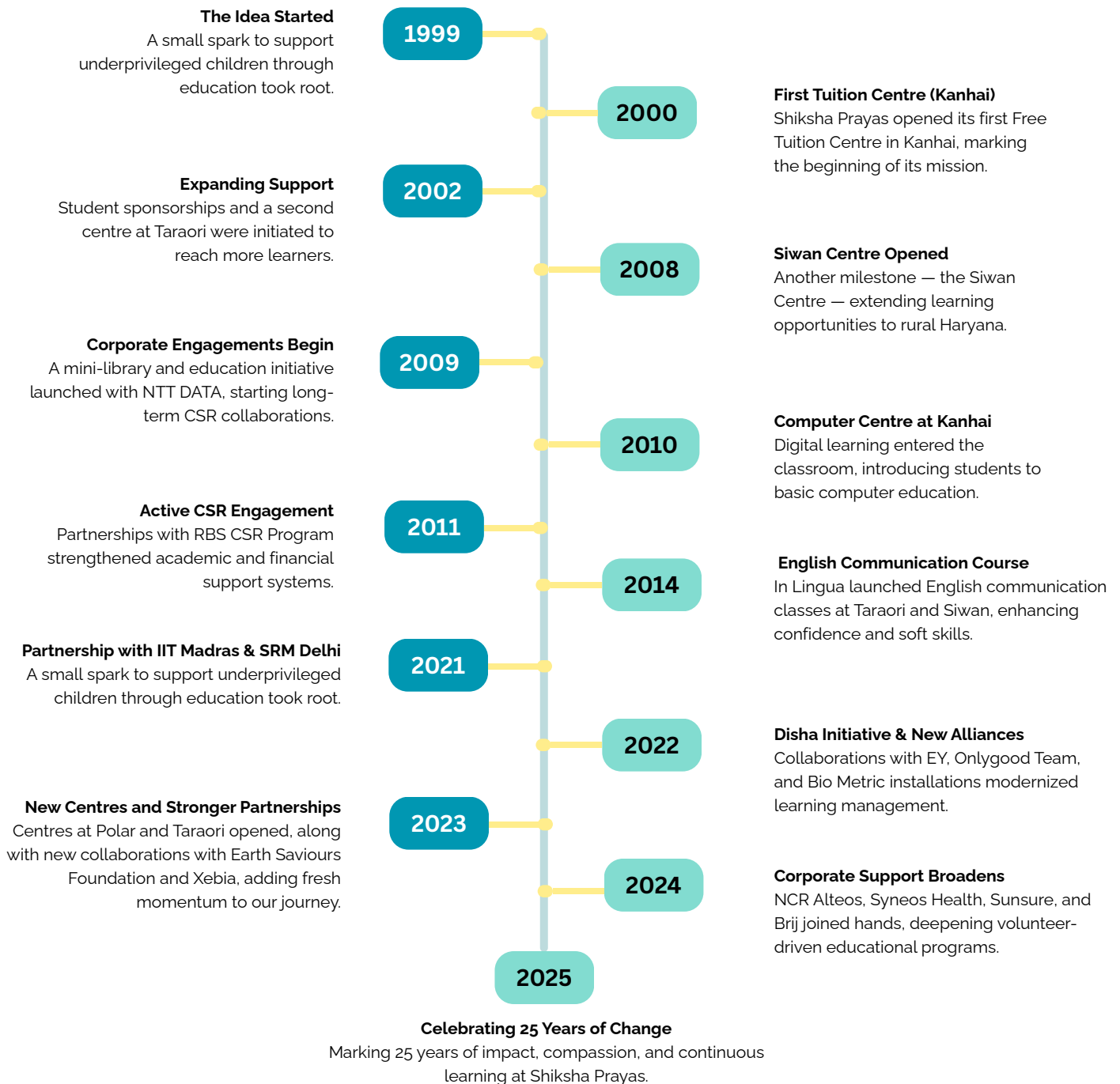
Smart, sincere, and creative, Ritesh never hesitates to ask questions until he fully grasps a concept. He is equally talented outside the classroom — a skilled harmonium player, thoughtful poet, and expressive shayari writer whose words reflect depth and emotion. His teachers describe him as intelligent and disciplined, while his classmates admire his kindness and determination. Carrying forward a proud legacy as a third-generation learner at FTC Taraori, Ritesh beautifully represents the spirit of Shiksha Prayas — learning with heart, resilience, and hope.

At Shiksha Prayas, Gayatri continues to shine — not just as a student, but as a role model for perseverance, kindness, and hope.



25 Years of Shiksha Prayas

What began as a single classroom of dreams has grown into a movement of learning, care, and opportunity — 25 years of nurturing potential, empowering minds, and lighting paths to a brighter tomorrow.



UPCOMING EVENTS

What's Next at Shiksha Prayas?

From learning new skills to celebrating traditions, the months ahead are full of opportunities and festivities. Our workshops and cultural events are designed to keep students engaged, inspired, and connected to both knowledge and heritage.

Coming Up in November



November 29, 2025

Marking 25 years of impact, learning, and hope.



November 6, 2025

Boosting confidence through communication.

Coming Up in December



Annual Sports Day - December 20 or 27, 2025

A day of energy, games, and team spirit.



Shiksha Prayas is a 24-year-old non-profit organization committed to empowering underprivileged children in Haryana through quality educational support. Operating from four learning centers located in Kanhai, Taraori, Siwan, and Polar, we offer free tuition—from Grades 4 to 10—tailored to help government school students bridge learning gaps and stay on track with mainstream education. Over the years, our initiatives & endeavours have positively impacted the lives of more than 3,500 students.

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