



Vision Tracks

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



In November last year, we marked a significant milestone at Shiksha Prayas as we celebrated 25 years of our journey. It was a moment of reflection, gratitude, and renewed commitment. Today, as we move forward through 2026, our work is already in motion, and the year ahead holds new energy, larger ambitions, and meaningful possibilities for the children and communities we serve.

For more than two decades, our mission has remained simple yet powerful: to ensure that every child, regardless of background, has access to education, opportunity, and hope. Through our free tuition centres and mentorship initiatives across Haryana, we have worked to bridge learning gaps and help children from government schools stay on track with their education. Over the years, this collective effort has touched the lives of thousands of students, each one carrying forward the promise of a brighter future.

The year ahead holds immense possibility.

We had launched our STEM education program in early 2023, and it is already showing strong results. The initiative is helping students build skills for higher education, employment, and long-term empowerment.

Our students recently participated in the National Robotics Championship, competing alongside top teams across the country. The program has enhanced their technical knowledge, awareness of future skills, and confidence. They are also gaining exposure to global organizations such as Sunsure, NCR Atleos, Eurolife, Syneos, and Onlygood, broadening their industry perspective.

As India rises as a global force in technology and AI, our students are preparing to be part of this new world, equipped with emerging tools, digital thinking, and problem-solving skills. At the heart of this effort is a simple belief: education can transform lives, families, and communities, and every contribution creates an impact far beyond the classroom.

In the months ahead, I invite our partners, supporters, volunteers, and well-wishers to continue this journey with us. Together, we can help every child learn, dream bigger, and go further. The future we are building is about dignity, opportunity, and the power of possibility.

With gratitude and hope,

Rajeev Sinha, President

From “Impossible” to National Stage: Shiksha Prayas Wins **Sustain Award** at First Tech Challenge

Sometimes the most unbelievable journeys begin with a simple question: *Why not try?*

Just as the year began, our STEM partner announced the **Annual First Tech Challenge** and invited Shiksha Prayas to participate.

Our first reaction? *Impossible.*

We had never worked with an Arduino kit, had no coding experience, and were suddenly being asked to compete against established robotics teams from across the region.

But our STEM mentor **Poonam Ma'am** saw something we almost missed, the spark in the eyes of six students eager to take on the challenge.

Six intensive training sessions later, our team arrived at the North India Regional Round at SGT University, Gurgaon, ready to launch artefacts into the goal post using a robot programmed for both autonomous and driver-controlled commands.

Across two days of technical evaluations, pit tests, and judge interactions, our young team showed grit, curiosity, and determination. And then came the surprise.

Shiksha Prayas won the Sustain Award.

From absolute beginners to a place at the National Championship, an achievement that filled the entire team with pride.



With Nationals in sight, the team doubled down on preparation. Long training sessions at STEAM Varsity, demanding weekend commutes, and countless hours of testing and rebuilding became routine.

Students Piyush, Shiv, Zeeshan, Alfaiz, Khushi, along with mentor Poonam, worked tirelessly with chassis, motors, sensors, controllers, batteries, and microcontrollers to perfect their robot. At the Pan-India event held from 6–8 February, sixty teams from across the country from major metros to small towns competed for a place in the finals. Among these seasoned participants, including teams from prestigious schools such as Dhirubhai Ambani School. The Shiksha Prayas team performed very well, stood its ground and could proudly secure a in the prestigious event -confident, resilient.



Powering Potential: Sunsure Energises STEM

Just when the momentum was building, **Sunsure Energy** stepped in with a generous sponsorship to support the **STEM programme for the next academic year**. With this support, the dream of having robotics tools and kits **permanently available at the Shiksha Prayas centre in Kanhai** is now closer to reality. Once the robotics kit moves from STEAM Varsity to Kanhai, every student will have access to this exciting technology. Sunsure volunteers also conducted **Math doubt-clearing sessions** for students preparing for the **Class X Board examinations**. Their patience and dedication in helping students grasp difficult concepts made a meaningful difference.



CLASSROOM SNEAK PEEK

NCR Atleos: Building Confidence in English

Our long-time partners NCR Atleos continued to enrich English learning at the Kanhai centre through engaging sessions that encouraged students to speak confidently and express themselves freely.

This session became even more special thanks to our generous donor Ms. Nidhi Bassi, who gifted a projector to the Siwan centre.

For the first time, students could clearly see the online session projected for the entire class. What was once a struggle sixty students crowding around a single laptop has now transformed into a far more engaging learning experience.



GREEN REVOLUTION

21st February 2026
Saturday 3pm

All Shiksha Prayas Centres:
Taraori, Polar, Siwan, Kanhai

IIT Madras Volunteers: Learning Beyond Textbooks

A fresh group of volunteers from IIT Madras has joined us to support all centres with Social Studies. Their sessions blend school curriculum with current affairs, bringing subjects alive through discussions and quizzes.

The first session, focusing on the Green Revolution, saw enthusiastic participation from both students and centre heads, who shared observations from their hometowns and farming communities.

We hope to bring the same change to our Polar and Taraori centres, where students still rely on a single laptop and a couple of mobile phones.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

At Shiksha Prayas, learning is never limited to textbooks. From meditation and music to sports and celebrations, our students experience a vibrant mix of activities that nurture both mind and spirit.

Guided Meditation Sessions

On **17 February**, Pradeep from the **Narayan Pyramid Dhyaan Kendra, Siwan**, conducted a guided meditation session and spoke about the many benefits of mindfulness.



A Global Musical Journey

On **24 January**, volunteers from IIT Madras took students on a fascinating musical journey across cultures and genres as a tribute to Goddess Saraswati, the goddess of knowledge and arts.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Quiz Champion



Lakshay Dhawan, currently in Class XI and preparing for **NEET**, secured **second prize in the Science Quiz** at his school in Kurukshetra on **16 February**.

Awesome Alumnus



Before we sign off, we celebrate Deepak Arora, our Taraori alumnus, honoured by NHA for restoring a flash-flood-hit NH44 stretch in under six hours—ensuring uninterrupted connectivity to Jammu & Kashmir. A proud moment for all of us.

A Young Athlete Shines



Little **Kajal from Class V, Kanhai**, sprinted to **third place in the 100-metre race** at the **Khel Utsav held on 26 February at Tau Devi Lal Stadium**, competing against students from institutions across Gurgaon.



Our alumnus Balram Kumar once again proved his mettle at the 134th Bombay Art Society Annual Exhibition. A testament to his evolving craft and unwavering dedication to the arts.




Shiksha Prayas is a 25-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


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