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# Editors Note

**Namaskar,**

## ***From Compassion to Action: Stories of Purpose and Progress***

Each edition of our newsletter brings with it a fresh reminder of the power of Sewa- selfless service- and the extraordinary difference it makes when ordinary people step forward with compassion and purpose. This time, the stories speak more deeply than ever to the idea that compassion is not a feeling alone, rather it's a force. A force that, when acted upon, creates ripples of change far beyond what we can imagine.

From the determined hands of women stitching their way to financial independence in border villages, to school children finding hope through a new bench, water cooler, or a simple school bag—each initiative is rooted in understanding, empathy, and action. The young boy Rudra, walking with pride despite worn-out belongings, now becomes a symbol of what one small gesture can ignite.

This issue also brings you glimpses of community-led environmental initiatives, relief for those affected by disaster, and the tireless efforts of volunteers, fellows, and corporate partners working in harmony. Whether it's cleaning a coastline, renovating a school, planting saplings, or preparing to engage with Himalayan communities at HIMSamwaad, what connects these diverse stories is a single thread.

As you read, we invite you not only to witness this impact but to become part of it. Share these stories, support a campaign, sign up to volunteer, or simply reflect on the countless ways compassion can take form in your own life. In these pages, we honour not just the change-makers, but also the quiet commitment behind every act of kindness. Because every life touched, every voice heard, every dream supported- moves us all forward.

***With gratitude,***

***Dhanyawaad!***

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# Coming Together for a Cleaner Tomorrow: Beach Cleanup Drive with Yusen Logistics

In an inspiring show of community spirit and environmental responsibility, Sewa International recently organized a beach cleaning drive at Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu, made successful through the enthusiastic participation and support of Yusen Logistics Pvt. Ltd. This meaningful initiative brought together hearts and hands committed to preserving the natural beauty of our coastline and protecting the environment for future generations.

The drive saw the active involvement of 12 dedicated corporate volunteers from Yusen Logistics, who joined forces with local volunteers from Sewa Bharti and members of the surrounding community. Together, they worked tirelessly to remove litter and marine waste, restoring the beach to a cleaner and healthier state. Their collective effort is a reminder that even small actions, when taken together, can create a powerful ripple effect for environmental change.

Before beginning the cleanup, everyone present observed two minutes of silence in heartfelt remembrance and prayer for the victims of the recent Pahalgam tragedy. This moment of reflection added a solemn and meaningful layer to the day, reminding us of the fragility of life and the importance of coming together in times of loss.

Through this initiative, we not only cleared the beach but also strengthened the bond between corporate volunteers, community members, and our environment. It was a beautiful example of what can be achieved when compassion meets action.



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## Help Children Like Rudra

Meet Rudra, a bright-eyed 10-year-old from Aghapur, Noida, who walks to school every morning with dreams far bigger than the torn, second-hand bag slung over his shoulder. That worn-out bag doesn't just carry books, it carries hope, determination, and the silent wish for a better tomorrow.

Through Ummedo Ki Udaan, an initiative under Sewa International's SEEK (School Educational Empowerment Kit) project, we aim to restore dignity and joy to a child's learning journey. We want to ensure that children like Rudra receive brand-new school kits, including a sturdy backpack, a reliable water bottle, and a pencil box filled with promise, because every child deserves to learn with pride.

These small but meaningful items can empower a child to walk into school with confidence with no longer feeling left behind, but ready to take flight.

Let's give them more than just stationery, and rather strength to dream louder and rise higher.



**Support their dreams. Change a life.**

Together, we can help thousands of Rudras across the country carry their dreams with dignity.



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# HIMSamwaad 2025: A Dialogue for the Mountains, A Promise for the Future

The majestic Himalayan region—home to breathtaking beauty and deep-rooted cultural heritage—is also one of the most vulnerable when it comes to climate change, natural disasters, and unequal access to basic services. With rising environmental uncertainties and infrastructural gaps in healthcare and clean water, the need for focused dialogue has never been more urgent.

That's why we are proud to announce HIMSamwaad 2025, a powerful platform that brings together scientists, policymakers, grassroots practitioners, and community voices to explore and address the unique challenges faced by Himalayan communities.

Set to take place from 15th to 17th May in Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, this year's dialogue will spotlight Sustainable Development Goal 3 (Good Health and Well-being) and Goal 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation)—two pillars that are essential for the survival and resilience of mountain populations.

HIMSamwaad is not just a conference; it's a movement. A platform to bring out indigenous wisdom, local innovation, and context-sensitive solutions that can shape policies and practices. Through shared learning and meaningful collaboration, we hope to drive tangible, long-term change for some of India's most underserved yet most resilient communities.

Join us in this vital conversation for the future of the Himalayas, because every step we take together brings us closer to a more inclusive and sustainable tomorrow.

**Dates: 15th – 17th May 2025**

**Location: Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh**



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**We look forward to welcoming you  
to HIMSamwaad 2025**



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# A New Chapter Begins: School Renovation at Navi Saran, Gujarat

At Sewa International, we believe that every child deserves the right to quality education in a safe, welcoming, and inspiring environment. April 25th, 2025, marked a significant milestone with the completion of the School Renovation Program at Navi Saran, Gujarat, a heartfelt initiative made possible through the generous support of Yusen Logistics Pvt. Ltd.

This effort is much more than just physical renovation. It reflects our shared vision of nurturing young minds and creating learning spaces that promote dignity, confidence, and hope. Over the past few months, the school underwent a complete transformation. Classrooms were provided 30 new school benches/desks, giving students a comfortable and organized place to learn, along with 50-litre water cooler installation at the school premises.

To formally mark the occasion, a special handover event was held on the school premises. Representatives from Yusen Logistics joined hands with the Sewa International team in presenting the newly renovated school to the school authorities. The atmosphere was filled with excitement, gratitude, and a renewed sense of possibility as everyone came together to celebrate this turning point in the lives of the students.

As part of our commitment to creating sustainable environment, 50 saplings were planted around the school grounds. These saplings represent more than greenery, they stand as symbols of care, growth, and the promise of a better tomorrow.

Sewa International extends its heartfelt thanks to Yusen Logistics Pvt. Ltd. for their steadfast partnership, compassion, and commitment to education. With every classroom improved, every desk placed, and every tree planted, we are not just building infrastructure, we are shaping the future.





# Empower a Girl, Empower a Community!

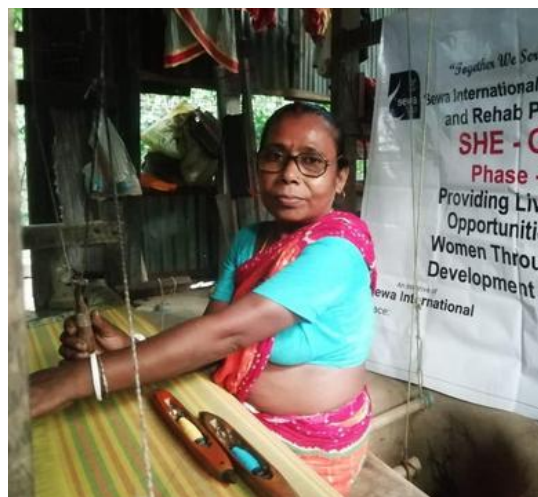
Over the past year, Sewa International's SHE-CAF (*Sanitation, Hygiene and Empowerment*) program has been quietly transforming lives in the villages of Phulia, Balakhali, and Shantiniketan, nestled near the India-Bangladesh border.

Through targeted skill-based training in weaving, tailoring, and the traditional art of Nakshikantha embroidery, more than 150 women have taken bold steps toward self-reliance. These women are now finding financial stability through dignified employment and sustainable market linkages. Their newly earned income not only supports their families but also builds a sense of confidence and independence that resonates far beyond the household.

This journey would not be possible without the unwavering support of our generous donors. Their contributions fuel our efforts, making it possible for us to expand the reach and impact of programs like SHE-CAF.

In March, these empowered women came together in vibrant celebration of International Women's Day, organizing community events, performances, and activities that highlighted their skills and unity.

Together, we are not just equipping women with skills—we are weaving hope, stitching dignity, and building resilient communities. Each story of success is a testament to what collective compassion and consistent effort can achieve.







## Support Jammu & Kashmir: Rebuild Lives, Restore Hope

Sewa International stands with the people of Jammu & Kashmir in this time of crisis. We're on the ground providing urgent relief—food, clean water, medical aid, and shelter—to families affected by the recent calamity.

**Be a beacon of hope.  
Your support can help save lives and  
rebuild communities.**

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Sewa International has already started working on the field and providing relief support to the affected.

**Together, let's bring relief, dignity, and hope where  
it's needed most.**



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# Step Into Leadership: Sewa Fellowship 2025 Applications Now Open

**Are you ready to make a real  
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The Sewa Fellowship is more than just a program—  
it's a journey of purpose, growth, and nation-building.

This immersive leadership experience invites passionate  
changemakers to work at the grassroots level, transforming  
lives in underserved communities across India while  
discovering their own potential in the process.

From learning with experts to living among communities, the  
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sustainable change.

Your journey begins with one step



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Create impact that lasts.**



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***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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