

# Sewa Sandesh

**May: A Month of Motivation, Manifestations and Magnanimousness**

## Editors Note

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**The Ripple Effect:  
Creating waves of Positive Change**

In today's interconnected world, even the smallest actions can create waves of change that reach far beyond their starting point. This phenomenon, often called the "Ripple Effect," reminds us that every effort has the potential to inspire, empower, and transform entire communities.

At Sewa International, this principle guides our work every day. Whether it's providing urgent relief in the border regions of Jammu & Kashmir, forging strategic partnerships to support sustainable development, or nurturing future leaders through our fellowship and skills training programs, each initiative is a deliberate ripple in the vast pond of social progress. These ripples combine and expand, creating a powerful current of hope, resilience, and opportunity.

As you explore the stories in this edition of our Sewa Sandesh, you'll see how compassion, collaboration, and commitment come together to generate lasting impact. We invite you to join us in creating these ripples because together, our collective efforts can build a better tomorrow, one action at a time.

*Dhanyawaad!*



**Jineshlal R.V.**  
Executive Director  
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## A New Beacon of Hope: Sewa Mahila Jyoti Kendra Launches Its 3rd Centre

With immense joy and pride, Sewa International announces the launch of the third Sewa Mahila Jyoti Kendra, a milestone made possible through our continued collaboration with Oracle. Rooted in the vision of empowering women to stand tall as entrepreneurs, this initiative is not just about skill training- it's about transforming lives.

The new centre, set up after a thoughtful and heartfelt assessment of community needs, stands as a beacon of opportunity for countless women ready to take their first step toward independence.

This is more than just a centre, rather it's a promise. A promise that Sewa International will continue walking alongside women from every corner of our communities, until each and every one of them is empowered, self-reliant, and shining with confidence.



## Transcending Barriers for Transgender: SHE-CAF Initiative Celebrates New Beginnings

Sewa International, in partnership with Mithwa Sankalp Samiti, proudly marks the successful completion of the Transgender Skills Training Program in Chhattisgarh. For six transformative months, this initiative has equipped members of the transgender community with essential skills, opening doors to new opportunities and empowering them to step into the world with pride and purpose.

As certificates are handed over to the trailblazing trainees, we don't just see an end, rather we witness the beginning of many powerful life journeys. With every new job secured and every dream awakened, we are reminded that inclusion is not just a word, it's a movement.

This is not just the end of a training program, but the beginning of many inspiring life stories!







## Voices of Strength: SHE-CAF Women Lead Awareness Amid National Tensions

At a time when uncertainty looms due to rising tensions between Bharat and Pakistan, the women of Sirees Women Skill Academy—part of Sewa International's SHE-CAF initiative in Bengaluru—rose to the occasion with purpose and poise. In a heartfelt awareness campaign, these empowered trainees took to their community, urging citizens to stay informed through credible sources, refrain from spreading unverified information, and embrace calm vigilance over panic.

Through interactive dialogues and meaningful engagement, the campaign not only shared practical preparedness tips but also kindled a deep sense of unity and patriotism. It was more than just an event—it was a testament to the spirit of social responsibility that SHE-CAF instills in every participant.

In moments of national challenge, these women reminded us what true courage looks like—quiet, grounded, and united. Sewa International stands proudly beside them, and with every heartbeat of the nation, we echo their message:

We stand together. We stand for peace. We stand with our Armed Forces. Jai Hind!

## Myanmar Embassy Recognizes Sewa International's Support

In moments of crisis, solidarity speaks louder than words. Sewa International is deeply honored to have received appreciation from the Embassy of Myanmar for our timely support during the recent earthquake crisis. This recognition reaffirms our commitment to serving humanity—beyond borders, beyond differences.

Whether it's a natural disaster or a humanitarian emergency, Sewa stands ready to extend a helping hand. We are grateful for this gesture from the Myanmar Embassy and remain inspired to continue our mission of compassion and action, wherever it is needed.

Let's keep the spirit of service alive—[click here to read and share the post](#) and help amplify the impact.

## WASH Club Warriors: Students Leading Hygiene with Heart

At GIC Badagaon in Tapovan, Uttarakhand, 30 spirited students and 2 passionate teachers are rewriting the hygiene narrative through the newly formed WASH Club, part of Yusen's School-Level Interventions. From organizing cleanliness drives to championing menstrual health and safe sanitation, these young leaders are turning awareness into daily action. They're not just spreading messages, they're shaping mindsets and building healthier school communities.

As we all know, when children lead and communities listen, the real change begins.



## SCODE in Action: Equipping Young Minds for Dealing in Emergencies

As part of the SCODE Mission, a dynamic one-day Disaster Preparedness Training session was held at Atal Utkrishit Government Inter College, Kothli, in the Khauto Likhla region of Narayan Bagad block in Uttarakhand. Led by expert trainer Lokendra Balodi, 50 spirited students gained hands-on experience in CPR, first aid, stretcher-making, and emergency response, equipping themselves not just with skills, but with the confidence to act when it matters most. With encouragement from Principal Mr. Sati and support from Block Lead Mr. Sanjay Singh, these future leaders were proudly recognized with certificates for their commitment to building safer, stronger communities.

When disaster strikes, preparedness is our first line of defense.



## Guiding Dreams: Career Counselling Lights the Way in Joshimath

In the quiet classrooms of Joshimath, futures are being shaped. MSW (Masters in Social Work) interns from the Central University of Kerala conducted impactful career counselling sessions at Government Model Upper Primary School, Salud Dunga, and Sanskratik Evam Kala Manch. With empathy and clarity, they helped students explore diverse career paths, recognize their strengths, and dream with direction.

Because when guidance meets opportunity, young minds find their way forward.





## Understanding the Reality: Reaching Out to Border Communities in Jammu & Kashmir

In the border regions of Jammu and Kashmir, families continued to face daily challenges and uncertainty, still coping with the lasting impact of recent events. In a compassionate response, Sewa International's Executive Director, Shri Jineshlal R.V., led a field visit to the affected areas. The team witnessed firsthand the pain of displacement and the strength of community resilience. These interactions are now shaping a targeted relief strategy, focused on restoring dignity and stability to the lives disrupted. Sewa International stands firm in its unwavering commitment to support these communities and we invite you to join us in bringing hope, healing, and long-term relief to those who need it most.

## Forging Partnerships for Long-Term Support in J&K

Sewa International has taken a meaningful step toward long-term relief for the border communities of Jammu & Kashmir by partnering with Centillion Networks Private Limited. This collaboration aims to strengthen humanitarian outreach and provide skills-based support in some of the most vulnerable areas.

In a symbolic moment, Shri Shyam Parande (Secretary, Sewa International), Shri Jineshlal R.V. (Executive Director), and Dr. Radha Kishore Ji (Director, Centillion Networks Pvt. Ltd.) came together to formalize this shared commitment.

This partnership is rooted in a common vision—offering sustainable development, safety training, and dignified livelihood opportunities to those affected. Sewa International continues to stand by these communities with compassion and a clear purpose.

We invite others to join us in this effort—to rebuild, empower, and bring lasting change where it's needed most.



## Sewa Speaks: Voices of Leadership, Vision for the Organisation

Sewa Speaks is a new initiative by Sewa International aimed at sharing the perspectives and thought process of our leadership on the holistic development of the nation. Through this platform, we bring you insights that shape our mission and guide our actions.

Stay connected and hear directly from our leaders—subscribe to our YouTube channel and be a part of the dialogue that drives meaningful change.

[Click here to read more](#)



## From Struggle to Strength: Our story of Pineapple farmers from Tripura

In the quiet hills of Tripura, where tradition runs deep and opportunities are few, 300 farmers dared to dream bigger.... (watch video to know the whole story)



## Prerna Satra: A Journey of Inspiration Begins

We are pleased to announce the launch of an inspiring new series of sessions titled 'Prerna Satra'. The first session of Prerna Satra kicked off with energy and purpose at Sewa International office— Delhi, featuring Dr. Bharat Pathak, Vice Chairman of MGNCRE (Ministry of Education, Government of India) and a Trust Board Member of Sewa International.

Drawing from his vast experience in social service, Dr. Pathak shared powerful reflections that deeply resonated with the team. His words lit a spark of renewed motivation and strengthened our shared resolve to serve with empathy and intent.

Where experience speaks and vision begins.



## Strengthening Impact Through New Partnerships

We are pleased to announce new partnerships with esteemed corporate collaborators who share our vision for national service. Their commitment to contributing meaningfully to the country has opened the door for a strong alliance with Sewa International.

Together, we look forward to amplifying our collective efforts and serving the nation with dedication, purpose, and shared values.



### HIMSAMWAAD 2025: Event Rescheduling Announcement

We are happy to inform you that the new dates for HIMSAMWAAD 2025 have been finalized – the event will now be held from **23rd to 25th June**.

The event was postponed earlier due to unforeseen circumstances. We appreciate your patience and continued support as we worked to confirm the new dates.

Stay connected for the latest updates and event details.

[sewainternational.org](http://sewainternational.org)



## Sewa Fellowship 2025-27 Applications Now Closed: GLC Camp Upcoming

The application window for the Sewa Fellowship Cohort 2025-27 has officially closed, with over 12,000 applications received this year. The rigorous selection process is underway, with the first two rounds already completed successfully.

The final stage will be conducted through Grassroots Leadership Camps scheduled from June 21st to June 28th at three locations: Jaipur, Guwahati, and Bangalore.

We extend our best wishes to all fellows as they advance through this crucial phase of the selection process.



**RADHIKA SHESHADRI**  
Senior Associate - Programs

## Meet Sewa PARIVAR

### My Journey with Sewa International

I'm Radhika Sheshadri, based in Bangalore, and have been with Sewa International for the past nine years. With a supportive husband and a son who recently graduated and now lives in the US, I feel grounded in both family and purpose. My journey with Sewa has been deeply fulfilling, allowing me to contribute to causes close to my heart, especially empowering underprivileged women and girl children. Working on the SHE Project has been especially meaningful, as it uplifts entire communities. Sewa has not only given me a platform to serve but has also helped me grow personally and professionally.

### What does the word 'Sewa' mean to me

To me, "Sewa" means serving others with a pure heart, without expecting anything in return. I truly believe in the principle "Nar Sewa, Narayan Sewa" – service to mankind is service to God. Every time I reach out to help someone in need, I feel I am receiving blessings. It gives me a deep sense of peace and purpose to know that in my small way, I am making a difference in the lives of others and giving back to the community.

### Recent incident that brought me joy

During a recent visit to a remote school in Ghordi, a small village in Jammu, I was deeply touched by the happiness on the faces of the girl students when they saw the new toilets. In this hilly area, where children walk 1-2 hours to reach school, they never had access to basic facilities. The teachers and students thanked us with so much warmth, and it brought tears to my eyes. Something as simple as a toilet made such a big difference in their lives. It made me want to do even more – to reach more schools and help every girl feel safe, comfortable, and proud to attend school.