

SPARSHA CHARITABLE TRUST

CARE FOR HUMANITY...

"The environment is where we all meet; where we all have a mutual interest; it is the one thing all of us share." - Lady Bird Johnson



Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we welcome the vibrant month of May, I am thrilled to share the wonderful progress and achievements of our Sparsha community. Summer is a crucial time for our street-based community children, who often seek small-scale jobs to support their families. To ensure their time is spent productively and engagingly, we at Sparsha have organized a dynamic summer camp filled with learning and exploration.

This month, our summer camp focused on the important theme of waste management. **Our children eagerly learned various techniques for managing waste effectively and creatively expressed their understanding through poster making and drawing competitions.** They went a step further by raising awareness in their communities through impactful street plays and poster presentations. Additionally, in **collaboration with EK Sath Foundation**, our children actively participated in a community cleanup drive, demonstrating their commitment to creating a cleaner, healthier environment.

May was also a significant month for our organization as our team undertook programmatic annual planning. **We have set ambitious targets for our key programs—Shiksha, Sanskar, Swayam, and Saksham.** These programs are designed to cater to the diverse needs of our children at different stages of their development, ensuring they receive comprehensive support and guidance.

I am incredibly proud to announce the outstanding results of our students in their SSC and HSC exams. **Our HSC students have achieved an impressive overall passing rate of 89%, with 11% securing first-class honors. In the SSC exams, our students achieved an outstanding overall passing rate of 96%, and with a 31.48% significant number attaining first-class distinctions.** These remarkable achievements reflect the hard work, dedication, and resilience of our students, and we are overjoyed to celebrate their success.

At Sparsha, we believe in the power of education and holistic development to transform lives. Seeing our students excel academically and grow into responsible, informed citizens reaffirms our mission. **We are committed to guiding and supporting them further as they embark on new journeys toward fulfilling their dreams.**

Thank you for your unwavering support and belief in our mission. Together, we are creating brighter futures for the children of Sparsha.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Sarika Vijay Desai
CEO,
Sparsha Charitable Trust

Summer Camp

Summer camp for Sparsha children continued in the month of May. **The theme for this year being “Waste Management” our children engaged in hands-on learning based sessions.** The activities and session on waste Management was conducted with Ek Saath Foundation. The camp also provided an opportunity for students to explore their creativity through dance, games, art and craft. Summer camp has been organized at 5 centres - Ambedkar Nagar, K.D Gaikwad BMC school, MHADA, Bhakti Park, S.K Roy school, Kokri Transit Camp and Mankhurd. 200 children across 5 centres along with a team of Sparsha teachers and volunteers were engaged in Summer Camp.

Sanskar

120 Sanskar students across 5 centres are part of Summer camp. Our children had sessions on Curious minds, learned about basic concepts of waste management, waste management segregation, and they even got to organize an upcycled fashion show. The children have had the opportunity to learn craft work along with volunteers. **Yoga and group games keeps their mind focused and helps them build a positive relationship with their peers.** To enhance their communications skills our dedicated team of volunteers have conducted story telling sessions and extempore speech to facilitate their communication skills.

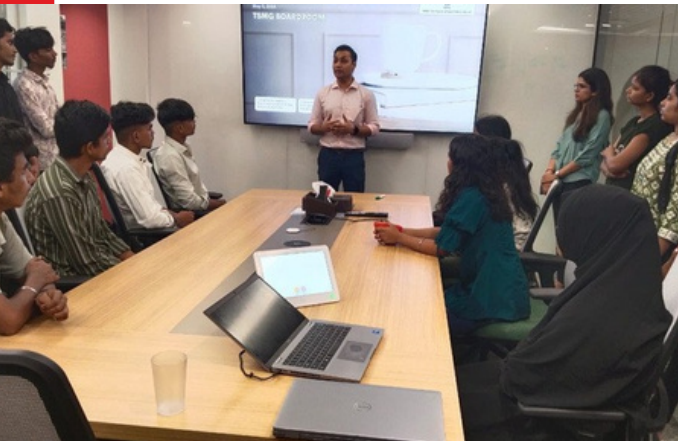


Swayam

50 Swayam children have been engaged in honing their skills through sessions on communication skills, extempore speech, craft work, yoga and zumba sessions. As part of the thematic learning, the students have tried understanding waste management segregation and how they can be the changemakers of the community to keep their surroundings clean and garbage free. **Our enthusiastic students participated in a cleanliness drive at Kokri agar transit camp song with NGO EK Saath foundation volunteers and team members.** Volunteers from Young Creative Production taught our students street play on waste management awareness. Our Swayam Children put up an outstanding street play at Kokri agar and ambedkar nagar for the community families. The play was well appreciated by all and it left an impact on the audience.



Our Activities in May



Empowering Youth through skill building

Our 25 Senior Swayam Students between the age group of 18 - 24 were part of an hands-on training on job readiness skills which was initiated by employees of Tata Strategic Management Group at their office premises. The group of students were engaged in role play based on real life situations, group discussions and a session on how to crack a job interview. The session was indeed an eye opener for all as they had never participated in an interactive activity based session. The session provided a platform for students to share their concerns too.

Soaring the Limitless Sky

As they say **“Don’t limit your challenges. Challenge your limits.”**

Children at Sparsha face innumerable hurdles with every step they take towards their dreams. Yet, none of them give up! In Spite of challenges they do not give up on trying harder. **This year our students passed out with flying colours. 89% of our students passed their HSC and 96% students passed their SSC board exams.** It is sheer hard work of our students along with support and guidance from Sparsha Teachers that our students have outdone themselves. We wish the very best ahead and hope as responsible citizens we all come together to guide and support them with the best of our capabilities for their brighter future.



Menstruation Hygiene Day - Speaking the Unspoken

Menstruation Hygiene day - an annual awareness day on May 28 to highlight the importance of mensuration hygiene was held for our community women. A team of employees from Anarock who empowered our women on menstruation hygiene and myths around it. Our women also spoke about how menstruation is still a hush word. They felt, every girl child should be able to confront their father, brother about mensuration concerns.

Lighting up Lives

Urban slums in the city of Mumbai do not have access to basic needs like water and electricity. The families residing in the slum pockets live without electricity for a week or so. Apart from facing challenges in daily activities, the children of these families miss out on their academics after sunset. **The impact is evident on their school performance. As a step forward 27 solar lamps were distributed to 27 families at Bhimnagar, Mankhurd and Shanti Nagar, Bhakti Park.** This initiative was conducted in collaboration with Team Goodera. The lamps donated were a blessing in disguise for the families who spend their life under the darkness.



Health camp - Women Wellness Initiative

Sparsha in partnership with Sion Ayurvedic Hospital organized a PCOD - Early intervention medical camp at Sparsha Intervention area at Shanti Nagar. A total of 250 women were screened and informed about PCOD and its prevention. With emerging cases of PCOD amongst young adolescent girls and women, medical camp provides an opportunity for women to discuss their concerns. Many a times taboo around discussion on mensuration prevents young girls from receiving the required intervention.

Nashik Chapter

Summer camp for 50 children at Ruipetha gaon - 2 hours from Nashik city was conducted in the month of May. The school age children participated in the camp. Activities such as awareness sessions on cleanliness, global warming were held. Apart from that children participated in art and craft activities. Yoga, zumba sessions were also organized for them. The children were also taught badminton and self defense during the camp. Reviving our traditional games like kho kho, kabaddi was incorporated in the camp. The children also participated in decorating trees close by as a fun activity. The summer camp for the children was an out of the world experience as they had never experienced a week long fun filled activities along with learning new skills and information.

