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FOUNDER'S NOTE

As we approach our ninth year in June, reflecting on GavaKsh's journey fills me with pride and gratitude. Starting in 2014 and officially registered in 2015, we've strived to make a meaningful impact on the lives of underprivileged children. It hasn't been an easy path, but every challenge has been a learning opportunity. We've grown from a small group in an ITO slum to serving 550 students across Delhi and Haryana, with plans to expand further. Our focus extends beyond academics to include extracurricular activities and career readiness. GavaKsh is more than a project; it's a way of life built on unity, acceptance, and gratitude. We aim to empower our GavaKshars to become happy, responsible individuals who embrace their true selves. I extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated team for their hard work and dedication, and I look forward to the journey ahead as we continue to fulfil the dreams of our GavaKshars.

- Archana GavaKsh

ABOUT US

In 2015, Ms Archana Srivastava, alongside a dedicated group of volunteers, initiated a transformative journey by adopting a slum/community near ITO and immersing themselves in educational endeavours. Their unwavering motto centred on ensuring every child's right to education, a fundamental human entitlement. Volunteers passionately advocated for sending children to school, recognizing its paramount importance. As the need became apparent, they took the initiative to provide direct instruction, supplementing it with engaging educational and recreational activities.

For five years, the volunteers committed themselves to teaching the children, dedicating 2-3 hours daily to their education. However, the onset of the pandemic last year necessitated a halt to their on-site operations.

Undeterred, the team pivoted, conceiving the GavaKsh Digital Pathshala in July 2020. This innovative digital platform has since provided free online classes to over 50 students, guided by a team of more than 30 dedicated volunteers and core members. Beyond academic pursuits, the program prioritizes holistic development, nurturing well-rounded individuals.

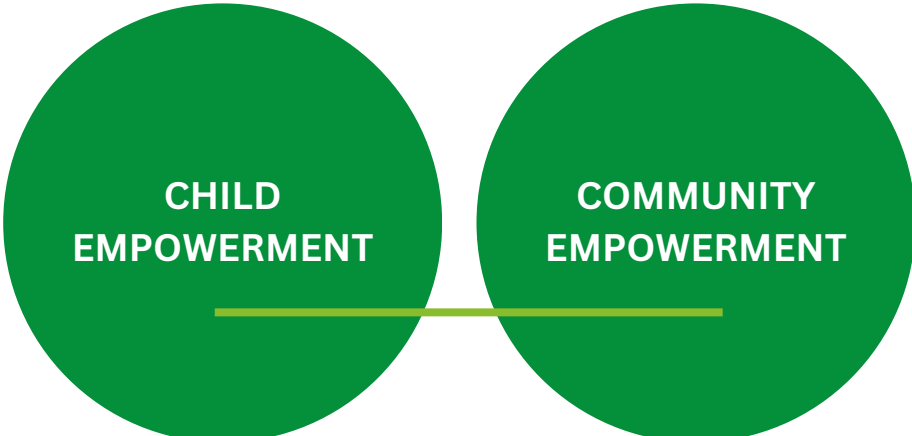
OUR AIM

Allow us to introduce you to GavaKsh – A Window to Happiness, an adventurous NGO dedicated to ensuring that every child, regardless of their circumstances, has access to the transformative power of education. At GavaKsh, we firmly believe in democratizing this essential tool for happiness and are committed to offering a comprehensive learning experience to those with limited means. Our name, GavaKsh, embodies our mission, transcending mere education to foster a culture of knowledge creation and meaningful impact among children.

Central to our ethos is the notion that support is paramount in achieving our goals. We prioritize two main areas of focus:

Child Empowerment: We advocate for 360-degree holistic development, recognizing that education encompasses more than just academics. Through a range of initiatives, we aim to empower children to thrive in all aspects of their lives.

Community Empowerment: We believe in the strength of collective effort and aim to engage kindred souls at every turn. By fostering collaboration and cooperation within communities, we strive to create a conducive learning environment for children, particularly those from marginalized backgrounds.



CHILD
EMPOWERMENT

COMMUNITY
EMPOWERMENT

Currently, we are proud to support 550 students through our online and offline centres, providing them with a safe and joyful space to learn and grow.



OUR VISION

The essence of GavaKsh is beautifully encapsulated in the joyous expressions of the children whose lives we touch. We see children as bearers of immense potential, with seeds of possibility nestled within their hearts. Through GavaKsh, we aspire to nurture these seeds, fostering a vibrant future for each child. Ultimately, what truly matters to us is the realization that the gleam in their eyes, mirroring boundless dreams, can now be within their grasp.

OUR MISSION

Our goal is to illuminate the lives of underprivileged children and uplift the entire community by opening doors to new possibilities and fostering avenues for their prosperity, with education serving as the cornerstone with the prime focus on Child Empowerment and Community Empowerment.

EVENTS

Reflecting on the past year, we've had a thrilling array of events that united joy and anticipation.

2023
APRIL

02 APR Hand Writing Competition

At the Sahnoli centre, we organized a handwriting competition in both Hindi and English languages.

07 APR

ENGLISH CALLIGRAPHY COMPETITION

07 APR

Counseling session with Nidhi Pandey

GavaKsh facilitated a counselling session with Ms Nidhi Pandey for our Digital Pathshala students who recently completed their 12th board exams and are facing uncertainty regarding their future academic paths. Ms. Pandey, a psychologist, led the session with great expertise. She helped students explore various career options based on their interests, guiding them towards informed decision-making. Drawing from her own experiences, Ms. Pandey inspired the students, instilling confidence in their abilities. The session ended with a fruitful doubt-clearing segment, ensuring that all student queries were resolved.



Under the leadership of Ms. Shivani Tripathi, head of teaching at Digital Pathshala, the competition was held. Its purpose was to stimulate students' creativity and involvement in co-curricular activities, offering a welcome respite from their usual online class routine. Certificates were presented to both winners and participants, acknowledging their dedication and accomplishments.

16 APR

**MIRROR ACTIVITY/OBSERVATION:
A WORKSHOP WITH RAHUL SIR**

During his visit to the centre, Mr. Rahul Sharma engaged in an interactive session with the children, focusing on the theme of "Observation." The activity encouraged the children to reflect on how they perceive their environment and the people around them. In groups, the students spent time observing their surroundings before sharing their insights and interpretations.

The workshop brought great joy to the participants, who maintained their enthusiasm throughout. They expressed a desire for more time and a conducive learning environment to delve deeper into the subject matter. Finally, they shared their key learnings and discussed the potential benefits of the activity in their daily lives.



08 APR

**BEST WITH
THE WASTE**

Our children ingeniously crafted a beautiful roof light hanging using repurposed waste plastic cups.



19 APR

**WORKSHOP
WITH
JASLEEN**

GavaKsh hosted an engaging workshop at the ITO centre in New Delhi, led by facilitator Jasleen Kaur. With a wealth of experience as a soft skills trainer, Jasleen has successfully worked with children using yoga, theater, and creative activities. Throughout the workshop, she empowered our students with innovative teaching techniques and practical strategies to unleash their full potential. It proved to be a rewarding experience, offering participants new avenues for growth and development.



2023

MAY

04 MAY

BEST OUT OF WASTE

Despite the rain, the students showcased their creativity by crafting remarkable art pieces—a jhumar (chandelier) and a storage wall hanging—using recycled glasses and plastic bottles from soft drinks.

20 MAY

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION



Earth Day was commemorated at the centre with students planting saplings and relishing the tranquility of nature.

20 MAY

PAPER CRAFT ACTIVITY

Students from both offline and online centres participated in paper craft activities. Using various materials such as paper, thread, wool, fabric scraps, leaves etc. they created stunning sketches and dress designs.

05 MAY

COORDINATORS UNION VISIT

Coordinators Hardeep from Likhi, Sunil from Sehnoli, and Joya from GavaKsh paid a visit to the ITO centre in New Delhi, where they received a warm welcome from our dedicated volunteer, Zeba, and the delightful children. The interactive session was filled with laughter as the children shared jokes, displayed their impressive dance moves, and showcased their singing talents. Hardeep and Sunil distributed art supplies to the children, followed by an enjoyable painting session. The gathering provided a valuable opportunity for coordinators from different centres to come together, fostering a strong sense of camaraderie. The team members discussed various requisitions, ideas, and needs, further strengthening their bond.

14 MAY

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

To commemorate Mother's Day, the children engaged in crafting art and craft pieces using old t-shirts and shirts. They created beautiful paintings and penned heartfelt messages to convey their love and gratitude to their mothers. Archana Ma'am and Rahul Sir graced the centre with their presence on this special occasion. Additionally, the children recorded short videos expressing their deep appreciation for their mothers' love and sacrifices. It was a touching celebration devoted to honoring mothers.



31 MAY



WORLD TOBACCO DAY

GavaKsh recognized World Tobacco Day's importance, particularly for young schoolchildren susceptible to this harmful addiction. Coordinators from offline and

online centres held awareness sessions, emphasizing tobacco's risks. Children were encouraged to educate their families and seek help if needed. A poster-making activity was conducted, and students and volunteers visited communities to spread awareness and advocate for a tobacco-free lifestyle.



09 JUNE

GAVAKSH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

GavaKsh marked its 8th glorious year in Haryana, joined by the entire GavaKsh family and our special guest artist, Rupesh Sharma, and his team. The celebration included cake-cutting, capturing memorable moments, children cheering, and the creation of wonderful memories.

18 JUNE

FATHER'S DAY

'MINI VERSION OF MY DAD' ACTIVITY

Children commemorated Father's Day at both offline and online centres by crafting delightful "Mini version of my dad" models. Their creative endeavors yielded charming and endearing representations, each expressing their deep affection for their fathers.

2023 JUNE



03 JUNE

PUPPET SHOW BY ANAND KUMAR

Mr Anand Kumar, a gifted freelance puppeteer and artist, delivered a captivating puppet show at our ITO centre in New Delhi. The performance left the children of GavaKsh entranced, their eyes gleaming with wonder and their hearts overflowing with joy.

09 -15 JUNE



MANDALA ART WORKSHOP

GavaKsh hosted a transformative six-day Mandala Art workshop with artist Rupesh Sharma, focusing on creativity, mindfulness, and self-expression. Children explored imaginative storytelling through art, learned Mandala basics, and celebrated GavaKsh's anniversary with dance. The workshop concluded with students showcasing their intricate Mandala designs, promising to return for future sessions.

21 JUNE



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA

Children and volunteers celebrated International Day of Yoga by engaging in movement exercises and stretching to promote physical well-being.

27 JUNE

OPENING OF OUR FIRST DIGITAL AND COMPUTER LAB - JANAK MOHINI KAPUR COMPUTER LAB & DIGITAL CLASSROOM

GavaKsh's much-awaited digital lab and computer class, sponsored by Janak Mohini Kapur Memorial, are now up and running. Led by Project Coordinator Joya, the inaugural session kicked off with heartfelt interactions and knowledge-sharing. Regular computer classes are in full swing, offering essential education. The digital lab facilitates various workshops and sessions, connecting students with experts and providing new opportunities and a better learning environment.

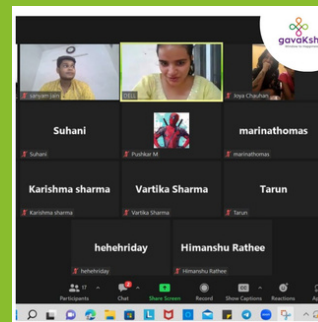
06 JULY

HINDI ELOCUTION COMPETITION

In a recent session, students were introduced to Hindi Elocution through various activities. They had the chance to articulate their thoughts and visions on the subject, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation for effective verbal expression in Hindi.

2023 JULY

03- 04 JULY



MEDICAL WORKSHOP WITH SHAGUN RATHI

Shagun Rathi, an aspiring MBBS student, conducted a virtual first aid workshop, offering invaluable life-saving skills to children. In the two-hour session, participants learned essential first-aid techniques to handle emergencies effectively. Topics covered included heart attacks, snake bites, burns, fractures, and more. The workshop emphasized the critical importance of basic first aid knowledge in preventing acute and fatal injuries, especially for children who may encounter accidents while playing or exploring. We aim to empower children to respond effectively to emergencies.



06 JULY

AAYUSHMAAN CARD

GavaKsh initiated a program to assist residents of Sehnoli and Likhi in obtaining the Ayushman Card, eliminating barriers

caused by a lack of information. The initiative includes identifying eligible individuals, raising awareness about the scheme, and facilitating the documentation process.

12 JULY

ENVIRONMENT DAY

The environment is vital for sustaining life on Earth, providing food, air, water, and more. Individuals must safeguard it. Educational activities were held to enlighten students about environmental importance, yielding positive outcomes. Students also expressed their thoughts through posters, essays, and discussions, promoting awareness and action for environmental conservation.



12 JULY

HAND PAINTING

Young GavaKshars showcased their creativity through beautiful hand paintings, imprinting their hands on paper to create imaginative artwork.

12 JULY

FIRST AID BOX MAKING

Following the medical workshop, children across



all centres were assigned the task of creating first aid boxes. They enthusiastically applied their newfound knowledge and skills, resulting in the production of both aesthetically pleasing and practical first-aid kits.

14 - 15 JULY

THEATRE WORKSHOP WITH SAHIL RAI

Theatre artist Sahil Rai conducted a two-day workshop at Likhi and Sahnoli, focusing on social issues

like gender discrimination, neglect of girl child education, early marriage, and dowry. Sahil, along with students and volunteers, planned acts, wrote and learned scripts, and rehearsed tirelessly. Despite having just one day for rehearsal, their performance was magical and fantastic. This transformative experience left our GavaKshars not only entertained but also enlightened, with lessons that will shape their futures and impact others positively.

18 JULY

DRAWING COMPETITION FOR VOLUNTEER

In Digital Pathshala, drawing activities serve as a creative outlet for volunteers to contribute positively to their students' lives. These activities not only showcase volunteers' artistic skills but also foster meaningful connections within the GavaKsh family, leaving a positive impact on our little GavaKshars and program planning for them.

21 JULY

ART AND CRAFT CLASSES WITH RAZIA

We're thrilled to welcome Raziya, our new volunteer at the ITO centre. Raziya joins us every Friday and Saturday, engaging the children in fun and simple art and craft activities using basic materials.

22 JULY

BALLOON ART

In this month's activity, students were tasked with portraying different human emotions on balloons, resulting in astonishing creations! They were moulded into various shapes and adorned with expressive faces.



17 JULY

TREE PLANTATION AT SEHNOLI

Students and coordinator Sunil planted over 20 trees at our School



centre, fostering a deeper connection with nature and promoting environmental preservation.

19 JULY

RESPONSIBILITY CARDS ISSUED TO CHILDREN: LIKHI

We introduced a responsibility system by providing students with responsibility cards, empowering them to maintain cleanliness at the computer lab, Likhi, and Sahnoli centres. Through these cards, our goal is to instill a sense of ownership and responsibility for our shared spaces.



20 JULY

PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT WITH JASLEEN

Jasleen Kaur, a yoga and life skills trainer within our GavaKsh family, has taken a proactive step to enrich the lives of our young

GavaKshars. She has introduced personality development classes twice a week through Digital Pathshala, aiming to foster personal growth and development among the children.



24 JULY

SPOKEN ENGLISH CLASSES WITH NISHEETA

Effective personality development requires proficiency in English and fluent communication. Jasleen facilitated spoken English classes for students, collaborating with Nisheeta to ensure holistic development, where both communication skills and personality growth are emphasized, providing students with comprehensive guidance.

13 AUG



THE TIRANGA YATRA !!

A Tiranga March was organized in Sehnoli and Likhi villages ahead of Independence Day. Our GavaKshars filled both villages with patriotic fervor, resonating with chants of "Vande Mataram" and embodying the spirit of loyalty.

15 AUG

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



Independence Day celebration included dance, plays, games, impressive stunts, making it a lively and memorable event.

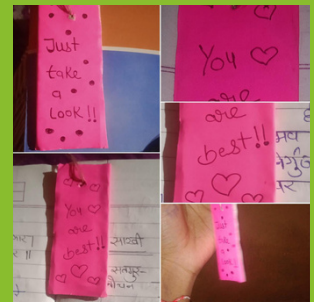
2023

AUGUST

03 AUG

BOOKMARK MAKING

This engaging activity allowed students to unleash their creativity on paper while imparting a meaningful message to learn and follow. With enthusiasm, they experimented with various colors to express their artistic imagination. Using innovative ideas, they created and decorated bookmarks to captivate the reader's imagination. Such activities not only teach valuable life lessons in a short time but also keep students' competitive spirits high.



06 AUG

A WEEKLY VISIT AND EVALUATION OF STUDENTS' PERFORMANCE.

Coordinators meet with parents weekly to gather feedback on students' overall performance. When necessary, they visit students' schools to personally meet with teachers, ensuring open communication and collaboration for student success.

15 AUG

AN HONOURING CEREMONY

On 15th August, a felicitation ceremony was held in Sehnoli village. The village sarpanchs and respected elders acknowledged the efforts of GavaKsh. Coordinators Deep and Sunil were honoured for their contributions.

24 AUG

RAKSHABANDHAN CELEBRATION

Sunil and Deep, cherished by their students as not just teachers but elder brothers, were celebrated during Rakshabandhan for their love, care, and guidance.



24 AUG

RAKSHABANDHAN ACTIVITY

Children crafted beautiful rakhis using colorful paper, threads, beads, and other materials found at home. At the ITO centre, they embraced the theme of nature, creating stunning rakhis adorned with leaves and flowers.

20 AUG

HARIYALI TEEJ

On the occasion of Hariyali Teej, we organized a cooking competition where students were tasked with preparing a dish using chickpeas as the core ingredient. The students showcased remarkable creativity and presented delicious dishes. Additionally, GavaKsh Likhi conducted a plantation session, planting a Hibiscus plant to commemorate the occasion. Some students also created drawings to celebrate Hariyali Teej.

2023

SEPTEMBER



08 SEPT

JANAMASHTI

GavaKsh hosted a matka making competition, showcasing students' beautifully decorated matkis adorned with colors, beads, ribbons, shiny laces, mirrors, and peacock feathers. The celebration also included a Dahi Handi Mahotsav, featuring a Radha Krishna play and dance performance.

05 SEPT

TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATION



Students expressed gratitude to the founder volunteers and teachers with heartfelt wishes, paintings, handmade cards, poems, and songs. Two GavaKshars, Prince and Sanjay, gifted their teacher and coordinator, Sunil, beautiful portraits as a special gesture for Teacher's Day.

14 SEPT

HINDI DIWAS



Our children immersed themselves in the vibrant world of our mother tongue

learning, laughing and revealing the beauty of Hindi at this Hindi diwas.

20 SEPT

RENOVATION OF SEHNOLI CENTRE



With the generous support of the Sarpanch of Sehnnoli Village and other GavaKsh supporters, we have successfully renovated our Sehnnoli Pathshala in Haryana, enhancing its functionality and aesthetic appeal. The improvements include:

- Flooring and lighting upgrades
- Repainting the centre
- Installation of two large coolers and six fans to ensure a comfortable learning environment during hot summers
- Installation of an inverter to address frequent power cuts
- Construction of two toilets and one bathroom on the premises
- A cemented courtyard with newly planted trees for sports and recreational activities
- Painting the boundary wall in tricolour
- Installation of a sturdy iron main gate
- Repairing the connecting main road

18 SEPT

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



The founder Archana GavaKsh's birthday was celebrated on September 18th. Children marked the occasion by cutting cakes, crafting beautiful cards, and sending heartfelt wishes. The day was filled with singing, dancing, and joyful celebrations.

02 OCT

SWACHHA BHARAT ABHIYAAN

GavaKshars honored the birth anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri by creating inspirational posters, cleaning their surroundings, and sharing their ideologies.



These enhancements have greatly improved the facilities and overall experience for students and staff alike.

2023
OCTOBER

04 OCT

DENGUE AWARENESS WORKSHOP

To address the increasing dengue cases in India and the associated risks, GavaKsh Pathshala organized an awareness workshop on Dengue prevention and treatment at the Sehnoli centre in Haryana. A medical representative from the village government dispensary was invited to conduct the workshop.

15 OCT

GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY



Global Handwashing Day was celebrated with a focus on the importance of proper hand hygiene. Students received valuable lessons on the correct handwashing techniques through visual demonstrations and also created awareness posters.

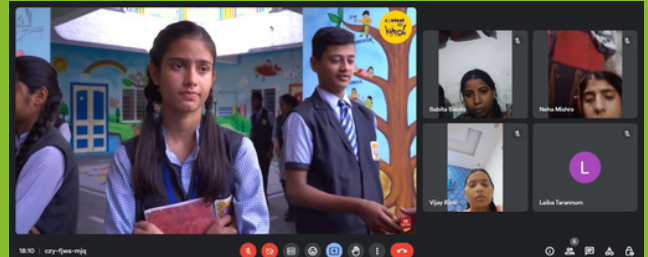
17 OCT

SAPLING PLANTATION

The children of GavaKsh repurposed water bottles, colorful pots, and small matkis to plant saplings, promoting sustainability and environmental consciousness.

11 OCT

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY WORKSHOP



On World Mental Health Day, a Google Meet session was conducted between volunteers and Digital Pathshala students to discuss children's mental health. Students were educated about the signs and symptoms of stress and anxiety, and they were provided with tips, measures, and helpline numbers for support.

23 OCT

DUSSEHRA CELEBRATION



Beautiful drawings depicting Rama and Ravana were created by the children.

Additionally, some children crafted small statues of Ravana using paper and cardboard, showcasing their creativity and artistic skills.

31 OCT

RASHTRIYA EKTA DIWAS

Digital Pathshala celebrated Rashtriya Ekta Diwas by showcasing cultural diversity. Volunteers and students dressed in traditional attire, sharing pictures to promote unity.

2023

NOVEMBER

01 NOV

HARYANA DIWAS



Haryana Diwas was celebrated at Sehnoli and Likhi centres, where

Haryana's rich tradition and culture were celebrated through painting, songs, and poems.

05 NOV

DIYA MAKING ACTIVITY



Stunning diyas adorned with colours and mirrors were crafted and later used to illuminate the centres.

11 NOV

DIGITAL LAB AT SEHNOLI



We achieved another milestone by inaugurating our second digital lab at Sehnoli, Haryana. As a gift to the children, we provided them with another avenue for gaining knowledge. The inauguration ceremony was attended by the Sarpanch and other prominent figures from Sehnoli village. Children expressed their gratitude to Archana ma'am. On the eve of Diwali, adding to the festivities, the centres were adorned with lights, diyas, and rangoli.

09 NOV

HANGINGS BY PRIMARY STUDENTS

Under the guidance of our volunteers, primary students of Digital Pathshala crafted hangings with sheets, showcasing their creativity and teamwork.

10 NOV

RANGOLI COMPETITION



This festive month was marked by vibrant and illuminating activities. Rangoli competitions were organized across all centres, adding to the festive spirit.

12 NOV

GIFT DISTRIBUTION



Volunteers received tokens of gratitude during Diwali celebrations.

12 NOV

THE ENTERTAINMENT BOX



The inauguration of our digital lab brought new opportunities for the children. The coordinator designated one day a week for entertainment and media activities, including a screening of the movie 'Super 30'.

21 NOV

BRIDGE OF LIFE

At ITO, an activity called 'Bridge of Life' was conducted, allowing children to explore and understand the purpose of life in an engaging and educational manner.



20 NOV

BOOK SHELF WITH CARDBOARD

Likhi students showcased their creativity by crafting beautiful bookshelves from cardboard and coloured paper.

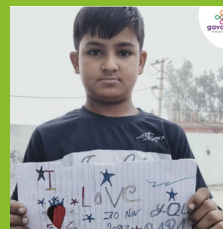
24 NOV

HYGIENE WORKSHOP

Shagun Rathi led an educational workshop on personal hygiene and environmental cleanliness, connecting all GavaKsh centres for an insightful session.

30 NOV

GRATITUDE DAY



Gratitude Day was celebrated across all centres at the week's end.

01 DEC

INITIATIVE OF COORDINATORS

The Likhi centre faced prolonged issues with a blocked main drain and a collapsed wall obstructing the entrance, leading to water logging. Coordinators Sunil Prajapati and Hardeep Yadav, along with students and volunteers, took charge of the situation and personally carried out the necessary construction work to resolve the issue.

02 DEC

PAPER COLLAGE ACTIVITY WITH RAZIA

Paper collage activity was conducted by our art and craft volunteer, Razia, at the ITO centre.

03 DEC

PERSONAL INTERACTION SESSION

Held a session with volunteers on Sunday to gather suggestions for enhancing the Digital Pathshala, focusing on evolving during class hours, improving kids' attention, and introducing new methods and techniques.

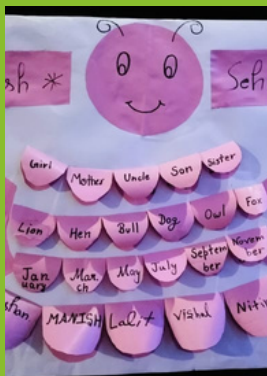
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DECEMBER

12 DEC

CLEANLINESS DRIVE

Students and volunteers joined forces for a cleanliness drive at Likhi centre.



15 DEC

LEARNING WITH PAPER ART

Paper craft learning activity engaged students in creative endeavors.

06 DEC

PAPER CRAFT



Primary girls created beautiful paper crafts.

15 DEC

GUESSING GAME WITH LITTLE ONES

Digital Pathshala featured a fun guessing game for young learners.

24 DEC

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP WITH PRIYANSHI

Priyanshi, a dedicated volunteer, organized an online workshop for all our centres, including Digital Pathshala, via our digital lab. Children learned to create beautiful Christmas decorations like shoes, trees, and hangings using papercraft.



25 DEC

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Christmas was celebrated with children dressing up as Santa, distributing gifts, singing, dancing, and showcasing performances.



15 DEC

PROUD MOMENT

Our GavaKshars excelled in a Haryanvi folk dance competition, securing 1st and



2nd positions and receiving certificates along with prize money.

20 DEC

PEER SUPPORT



Peer support relies on coordination and guidance from senior and alumni students.

22 DEC

MOTIVATION AND GUIDANCE SESSION



Session held at Digital Pathshala to motivate and guide class 12th students for upcoming board exams.

2024

JANUARY

01 JAN

COMMUNITY VISIT

As part of routine community outreach, our coordinators visited students' homes to personally check on their growth and development.



01 JAN

MANDLA ART MADE BY ANSH

Since our initial Mandala Workshop in Palwal, children have been exploring their creativity with this art form, incorporating it into various avenues of expression.



13 JAN

LOHRI CELEBRATION



Lohri was celebrated with joyful song and dance around the campfire at Sehnoli and Likhi village centres, marking the ripening of the winter crops sown in preceding months.

17 JAN

WORKSHOP WITH JASLEEN



A fantastic session on personality development and communication skills with Jasleen Kaur was held via the digital lab, offering valuable insights and growth opportunities.

17 JAN

COMPUTER LAB DECORATION

The children created stunning posters to adorn the computer lab, enhancing its visual appeal and fostering a welcoming environment. This aesthetic touch promotes comfort, safety, and a sense of belonging among students, contributing to heightened academic performance and feelings of pride and happiness.

26 JAN

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

Republic Day at GavaKsh was a vibrant celebration of patriotism and national pride, featuring stirring songs, captivating dance performances, and a special program arranged by Digital Pathshala. Supporters, ex-volunteers, and collaborators joined the GavaKsh family for an engaging event filled with games, quizzes, and competitions, making it a memorable three-hour extravaganza.

27 JAN

A SPECIAL VISIT



During a routine home visit, Sunil Prajapati, the head of the Sehnoli centre, had the opportunity to engage with the grandmother of Meenakshi and Jatin, students in classes 9 and 6 respectively. She warmly welcomed him into her home and expressed joy at her children's improved academic performance. Delighted with their newfound manners and behaviour, she expressed gratitude for the presence of GavaKsh Pathshala in their village.

31 JAN

GRATITUDE DAY

This month, we celebrate Gratitude Day by expressing our appreciation and giving thanks to the individuals who work tirelessly behind the scenes, providing a solid foundation and support to GavaKsh's frontline leaders. We extend our gratitude to the founder, Project Head, and all the centre heads for their invaluable contributions.

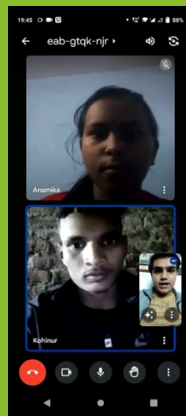
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FEBRUARY

04 FEB

DRAWING COMPETITION BY SAKSHAM BHARTI FOUNDATION

The 25th Drawing Competition, hosted by the Saksham Bharti Foundation at GavaKsh Pathshalas, celebrated creativity and talent. Winners were honored with prizes, while participants received certificates in recognition of their artistic contributions.



02 FEB

INTERACTION SESSION AT DIGITAL PATHSHALA

A collaborative session with volunteers at the Digital Pathshala to gather insights, suggestions, and ideas on how to enhance and improve the system for the benefit of the children and the team.

11FEB

MEDITATION SESSION

Meditation sessions at GavaKsh Pathshala Likhi and Sehnoli aimed to reduce student stress, boost confidence, and improve self-esteem.



23 FEB

MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP WITH ANON FOUNDATION



In collaboration with the Anon Global Foundation, an insightful workshop on mental health and wellness was held at Likhi and Sehnoli. The workshop aimed to equip children with tools for resilience and foster a thriving mind, along with exploring the journey to inner harmony through Project Uunchai by Anon Foundation. The workshop module covered empowering with 21st-century skills, parenting presence, classroom compassion, adolescent challenges, choices reset,

reinventing oneself, and digital harmony. Hosted by the founder and president, Ms Arti Girdhar, and vice president, Shammi Proothi, this virtual session was attended by approximately 100 students from Likhi and Sehnoli centres, connected through the digital lab.

25 FEB

BEST FROM THE WASTE



Our sustainable heroes displayed creativity by crafting a beautiful dustbin from recycled cardboard and colorful papers.

28 FEB

CENTRE CLEANING



Teamwork truly does make the dream work. Led by our centre coordinator, Sunil Prajapati, our young GavaKshars collaborated to clean and renovate their Pathshala. Such initiatives foster crucial life skills among children, including problem-solving, listening, leadership, and creative

thinking. Moreover, they contribute to the development of higher levels of self-confidence, self-esteem, empathy, and compassion.

2024

MARCH

29 FEB

GRATITUDE DAY

On Gratitude Day, we honored the boundless love and support of our mothers. Children expressed thanks through heartfelt gestures like pictures, cards, poems, and songs, recognizing their omnipresence and angelic presence in times of need.

03 MAR

PARENTS INTERACTION

During a routine home visit, Sehnoli Centre head Sunil Prajapati had the opportunity to engage with the grandmother of Meenakshi and Jatin, students in classes 9 and 6 respectively. She warmly welcomed him into her home and shared joyfully how her children's academic performance had significantly improved. She expressed delight at their newfound well-behaved and well-mannered demeanour, attributing their progress to the presence of GavaKsha Pathshala in their village.

14 MAR

PROUD MOMENT



GavaKsh is elated to announce that two of our dedicated and

hardworking students, Reshma and Gudiya from GavaKsh Pathshala Likhi, have successfully cracked the National Means – cum – Merit Scholarship (NMMS) examination. NMMS is an annual examination conducted by the Science Branch of the Directorate of Education, Delhi, for students studying in class VIII of Government/Aided schools. It is a centrally sponsored scheme of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India.

05 MAR

HOPSCOTCH



As March approaches, we recognize the stress and pressure children experience during exams, transitioning to a new session, and managing expectations. We've

discovered the perfect therapy: HOPSCOTCH. It not only enhances physical balance, body control, and strength but also fosters focus, attention, sharing, negotiation, and enhances cognitive and social skills. At GavaKsh, we wholeheartedly believe in holistic education.

10 MAR



CELEBRATING WOMEN WITH ANAMIKA JOSHI

What better way to celebrate Women's Day than by spending it listening to Anamika Joshi (Batto), a talented Hindi spoken word artist, scriptwriter, performer, actor, and producer? Her session was filled with enchanting poems and mesmerizing, enlightened thoughts.

18 MAR

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY



GavaKsh Pathshala is more than just an educational centre; it's a home for our children. Here, they not only learn and grow academically but also socially and emotionally. We provide a platform for them to understand the importance of cleanliness, respect for their environment, and environmental responsibility. Through activities like cleaning and tree planting, we empower them to beautify their second home while fostering values that enrich their lives.

25 MAR

HOLI CELEBRATION

GavaKsh students celebrated Holi in the Pathshalas, spreading love, happiness, and joy. They created vibrant colours, shared joyful moments, and made sweet memories. Wishing everyone a Holi filled with laughter, love, and

endless fun. They smeared each other with gulal and sought blessings from their elders on this auspicious day.



On the final Gratitude Day of this session, GavaKsh chose to express appreciation to our young GavaKshars for being the inspiration, foundation, and driving force behind the essence of GavaKsh. An online session led by Project Head, Joya Chauhan was organized, where she thanked the children for embracing life to the fullest. Founder Archana GavaKsh also shared a heartfelt note with our champions, expressing gratitude for their resilience, determination in shaping their own destinies, and for inspiring our ongoing mission.

31 MAR

GRATITUDE DAY



HELLO LOVELY GAVAKSHARS,
THIS IS THE LAST GRATITUDE DAY CELEBRATION FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024. AND THIS TIME WE ARE HONOURING OUR GAVAKSHARS. I WOULD WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK IN YOUR STUDIES THIS YEAR. I AM VERY PROUD OF YOU WHEN I SEE YOU DEVELOPING AND PULLING OFF AMAZING CREATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS. I HAVE TO SAY THAT YOU ARE THE REASON I HAVE MEANING IN MY LIFE. MY ULTIMATE GOAL, IN MY OPINION, IS TO SUPPORT YOU IN REALISING YOUR DREAMS AND FULFILLING YOUR LIFE'S GOALS. I AM THANKFUL TO YOU THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN MY LIFE MORE MEANING. GAVAKSHARS, YOU ALL HAVE MY GRATITUDE. I LOVE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU! ALSO MY SPECIAL LOVE TO ALL YOUR TEACHERS FOR DOING THEIR BEST TO SUPPORT YOU IN YOUR STUDIES.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU
LOVE,
ARCHANA MA'AM

SPOTLIGHT

In Sehnoli, Haryana, the pursuit of education and community development has seen remarkable strides, marked by two significant achievements. Through the generous support of the village sarpanch and the unwavering dedication of our team, the Sehnoli centre has undergone a transformative renovation, elevating it into a modern hub of learning. Simultaneously, GavaKsh proudly inaugurated its second digital lab, symbolizing a commitment to holistic education and technological advancement in the community. These achievements not only reflect our dedication to empowering the youth but also underscore the collaborative efforts of the community towards creating a brighter future for generations to come. Let's delve into the details of these inspiring endeavours and their profound impact on education and infrastructure in Sehnoli.

RENOVATION OF SEHNOLI CENTRE: TRANSFORMING A PLACE OF LEARNING

The Sehnoli Pathshala in Haryana has undergone a remarkable transformation, thanks to the generous support of the village sarpanch and our dedicated team along with other GavaKsh supporters. The renovation of this educational hub has not only enhanced its functionality but also elevated its aesthetic appeal, creating an environment conducive to learning and growth.

Numerous key upgrades and improvements were made to the Sehnoli centre to better serve its students and the community. The flooring and lighting received an overhaul, creating a comfortable and well-lit space for learning. A fresh coat of paint added vibrancy and cheerfulness to the surroundings.

To combat the scorching summer heat, two large coolers and six fans were installed, ensuring a comfortable atmosphere for teaching and learning.

Recognizing the frequent power cuts in the area, an inverter was installed to provide an uninterrupted electricity supply. Additionally, two new toilets and a bathroom were constructed on the premises to promote hygiene and convenience. A cemented courtyard, surrounded by newly planted trees, was created to facilitate outdoor activities and recreational events.

Furthermore, the centre's boundary was fortified with a cemented wall, beautifully painted in the tricolour, symbolizing pride and patriotism. A large and sturdy iron main gate was installed, providing security and an impressive entrance to the centre. Lastly, the connecting main road leading to the centre was repaired, improving accessibility for students and visitors.



This remarkable renovation project reflects our commitment to providing an optimal learning environment for the children of Sehnoli. It has not only enhanced the infrastructure but also transformed the centre into a place where education, growth, and community thrive. We look forward to continuing our mission to empower future generations through quality education and community development. The generous support of the sarpanch and the dedication of our team and other supporters have made this transformation possible, and we are excited about the opportunities it brings for the children of Sehnoli Village.



EMPOWERING EDUCATION: GAVAKSH UNVEILS SECOND DIGITAL LAB IN SEHNOLI, HARYANA

GavaKsh achieved another significant milestone with the inauguration of its second digital lab in Sehnoli, Haryana. This endeavour symbolized a profound opportunity for the children to expand their horizons through knowledge. The decision to introduce a second digital lab stemmed from GavaKsh's unwavering commitment to providing holistic education to the children in the community. Recognizing the transformative power of technology in education, the organization aimed to equip children with yet another avenue to explore, learn, and grow.

The inauguration ceremony was a momentous occasion, graced by the esteemed presence of the Sarpanch and other influential figures from the Sehnoli village. The event was a testament to the collaborative efforts of the community towards the betterment of educational facilities for its children.

Archana Ma'am, a pivotal figure in the GavaKsh community, received heartfelt gratitude from the children for her unwavering support and dedication to their educational upliftment. Her guidance and commitment have been instrumental in fostering an



environment conducive to learning and growth.

Moreover, the timing of the inauguration coinciding with the eve of Diwali, the Festival of Lights, added a sense of jubilation to the occasion. As a gesture of celebration, the children adorned the centres with vibrant lights, traditional diyas (lamps), and intricate rangoli designs. Their enthusiasm and artistic expressions illuminated the atmosphere, adding a touch of festivity and joy.

The inauguration of the second digital lab marked not just the acquisition of new technology but the opening of new doors of opportunity for the children.

It signified a step towards embracing modern educational tools while honouring cultural traditions and celebrations.

In essence, the inauguration of the second digital lab was not just about technology; it was a profound investment in the future of the children, empowering them with the tools and knowledge necessary to shape their destinies and contribute meaningfully to their communities and beyond.





Disability: Not a
Limitation for
Abhiranjan



Himanshi: Buniyad
Scholarship
Awardee



Sagar: Buniyad
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Reshma's Triumph
over NMMS
Examination



Gudiya's Triumph
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Examination



Deepak's
Success Story



Himanshu's
Success Story

IMPACT STORIES

In the rich tapestry of education, each success story becomes a beacon, guiding others through the maze of challenges. This section is a celebration of those who have faced adversity with unwavering determination and resilience.

We proudly showcase the achievements of our students, whose journeys are intertwined with the nurturing support of GavaKsh, reflecting the essence of empowerment and resilience.

Additionally, we highlight the inspiring journey of Abhiranjan Kumar, a visually impaired student whose story has propelled GavaKsh towards a new direction. Abhiranjan's success underscores GavaKsh's commitment to extending its services to help individuals with disabilities, opening new avenues of support and empowerment.

As we immerse ourselves in these tales of triumph over adversity, let us honour the unwavering spirit of these individuals and recognize the transformative impact of our initiatives in reshaping futures and rewriting destinies.

A circular portrait of a young man with short brown hair and a light beard, wearing a red polo shirt. He is looking down with a slight smile. The background of the portrait is a light blue textured wall. A green circle is positioned to the right of the portrait, overlapping the purple header bar.

Abhiranjan Kumar

Abhiranjan Kumar, a visually impaired student from Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya, New Delhi, joined GavaKsh in 2023. Faced with academic challenges, Abhiranjan's father sought immediate assistance, presenting a unique case for our Pathshala.

Recognizing the critical need for personalized support, we prioritized Abhiranjan's preferences, organizing trial classes with available volunteers to ensure his comfort and empowerment.

Abhiranjan's heartfelt testimonial echoes the profound impact of GavaKsh, where he found not just academic aid but also moral support and guidance. With mentors like Mumtaz and Suhani dedicated to his journey, Abhiranjan epitomizes the inclusive ethos and commitment to individual empowerment fostered at GavaKsh.



My name is Abhiranjan Kumar, my goal is to become a proud Indian by doing something for the people who cannot see. Before joining GavaKsh I was not able to get moral support and people tend to avoid me because of my disability, but after joining GavaKsh, I realized my disability makes me a special person. I received a lot of moral support and proper guidance here. Team mai mughe aaj tak 2 teachers ne padhaya hai- Mumtaz mam and Suhani mam. Mumtaz Ma'am is a great teacher and Suhani Ma'am is an amazing motivator and mentor. It feels like being in a family here. I have been a part of GavaKsh for more than a year and it's like a blessing for me.





Himanshi

In a moment brimming with pride and elation, two promising beneficiaries from Likhi village, Haryana, achieved the esteemed honour of being selected for the prestigious Buniyad Scholarships. Mission Buniyaad, an initiative by the Government of Haryana in collaboration with the Vikalpa Foundation Trust, stands as a beacon of hope, dedicated to educating, supporting, and empowering underprivileged students attending government schools in Haryana.

The Buniyad program, with its innovative "one-classroom" setting, endeavours to nurture students' aspirations from an early age, fostering a spirit of healthy competition. Its overarching goal is to instil a deep-rooted "passion for knowledge and education" among students, equipping them for national-level competitive examinations through meticulous guidance, innovative methodologies, and comprehensive engagement.

Inspired by the visionary outlook of Mr. Naveen Mishra, the Vikalpa Foundation believes fervently that every child, regardless of their circumstances, deserves access to top-tier education.

This belief materialized into the groundbreaking "Super-100" program.

Himanshi, one of the beneficiaries, shares her jubilation, **"Getting selected for Buniyad brought immense joy. It was my first attempt, and I succeeded, motivating me to work even harder."**

Alongside my regular school studies at GavaKsh, Hardeep Sir conducts quizzes and prepares us for competitive exams, focusing on GK and reasoning, which has been very helpful. Shashi Ma'am teaches mathematics exceptionally well, providing me with substantial support. My dream is to become a mathematics teacher. Thank you, GavaKsh Pathshala Likhi."

Sagar, another recipient, expresses his disbelief and gratitude, **"When I got selected for Buniyad, I couldn't believe it at first. I had to double-check to convince myself that it was true. I feel immensely grateful for the guidance and support from GavaKsh's teachers and my school teachers. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all my teachers and GavaKsh."**



Sagar



Reshma

Two dedicated GavaKsh students, Reshma and Gudiya, have achieved remarkable success in the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship (NMMS) examination.

The NMMS examination, overseen annually by the Science Branch of the Directorate of Education, Delhi, offers a prestigious opportunity for students in class VIII of Government/Aided schools. As a centrally sponsored scheme of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India, NMMS aims to identify and support deserving students, acknowledging their academic merit and potential.

Reshma and Gudiya's triumph in this demanding examination reflects their tireless efforts and commitment to excellence in their studies. Their outstanding performance not only brings pride to themselves but also the entire GavaKsh family, showcasing the effectiveness of our educational support programs.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Reshma and Gudiya for their outstanding achievement. Their success

serves as an inspiration to all GavaKsh students, reaffirming our belief in the transformative power of education.

Gudiya expresses her gratitude, **"I am overjoyed and grateful. I extend my sincere thanks to my teachers, mentors, and the entire GavaKsh community for their unwavering encouragement and belief in my abilities. With this scholarship, I am motivated to pursue my educational aspirations with renewed determination and enthusiasm."**

Reshma humbly states, **"I am humbled and honoured to have achieved success in the NMMS examination. This accomplishment signifies the culmination of years of hard work and dedication. I am immensely grateful to GavaKsh for providing me with the necessary support and guidance throughout my journey. This achievement serves as a reminder of the endless possibilities that lie ahead, and I am eager to continue striving for excellence in my academic pursuits."**



Gudiya



Himanshu

Tales of triumph from Likhi village shine a light on the journeys of two young men who found their path to success through GavaKsh. This year, they achieved remarkable milestones by clearing their 12th grade and securing coveted central government positions as Gramin Dak Supervisors in the post office.

Himanshu's introduction to GavaKsh came through a friend, leading him to become a student under the guidance of Hardeep sir. Witnessing Hardeep as the Coordinator of GavaKsh Pathshala filled Himanshu with excitement. Apart from regular studies, he treasured the special sessions and workshops organized during Archana Ma'am's visits.

Throughout his journey, Hardeep sir and Yachna ma'am played pivotal roles, not just assisting Himanshu in his studies and exam preparations but also providing unwavering guidance and motivation. Himanshu attributes his success to the dedicated support of the entire GavaKsh team.

In his own words, **"Since my selection as**

a GDS in the Post Office, my family, especially my father, is overjoyed. They want me to continue my education and aim for higher positions. I am confident that with more hard work, I can climb up the ladder and become an officer. I strive to make my parents even prouder."

Deepak, hailing from a family of six with his father running a small shop and his mother being a homemaker, joined GavaKsh in 2022. Here, he not only received a quality education but also found the guidance to navigate his academic journey.

Deepak expresses his heartfelt gratitude, saying, **"When I was selected for the Post Office job, I couldn't believe it initially. I am immensely happy, and my family shares in my joy. This marks the first government job in our family, and what brings me the greatest joy is knowing that I can now financially support my family. Thank you, GavaKsh. Thank you, Hardeep sir. Thank you, Yachna ma'am."**



Deepak

THANK YOU!

"In conclusion, as we reflect on the past year, we are filled with a profound sense of gratitude and pride for the strides we have made in advancing education and community development. From the transformative renovation of the Sehnoli centre to the inauguration of our second digital lab, each achievement represents a step forward in our mission to empower individuals and uplift communities.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated team, supportive partners, and the resilient communities we serve for their unwavering commitment and collaboration. Together, we have not only transformed physical spaces but also ignited minds, inspired dreams, and cultivated hope for a brighter tomorrow.

As we look ahead, let us continue to innovate, collaborate, and advocate for inclusive and equitable education for all. With determination and compassion as our guiding lights, we are confident that we will continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals and communities, one step at a time.

Thank you for your ongoing support and belief in our mission. Together, we are shaping a future where every individual has the opportunity to thrive and fulfill their potential. Here's to a future filled with endless possibilities and boundless opportunities for growth and prosperity."



"In the journey of education, every step forward is a testament to the power of knowledge and the resilience of the human spirit."



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