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Empowering urban & rural children from humble backgrounds through literacy & creative learning initiatives

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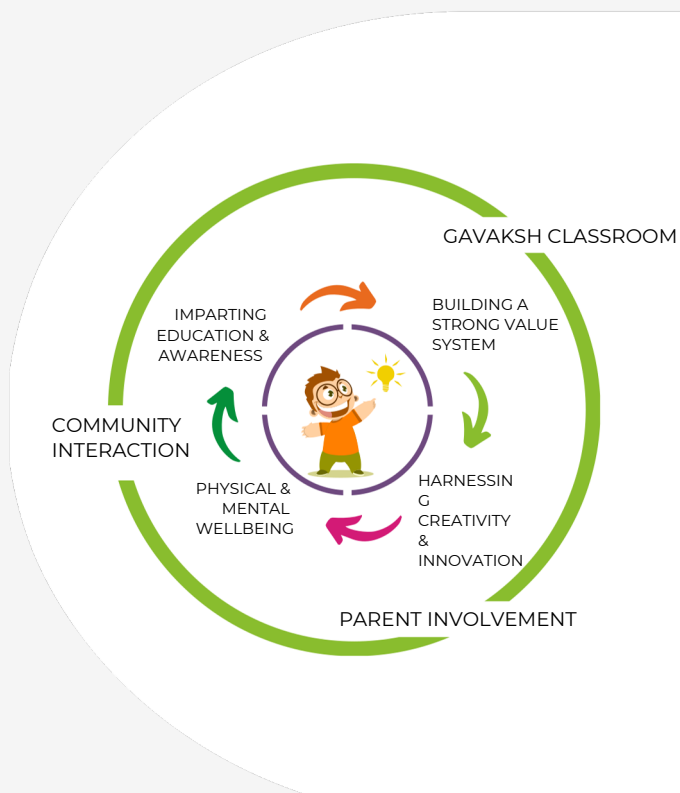
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ABOUT US

Gavaksh was founded in June 2015 to provide learning experiences for underprivileged children that motivate them to envision a meaningful future.



OUR PURPOSE

EVOLVING AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED AND FACILITATED TO GAIN KNOWLEDGE

PREVENTING A CHILD'S ECONOMIC BACKGROUND FROM BECOMING A DETERRENT TO LEARNING.

DESIGNING MODELS THAT PROVIDE AN ALL ROUND LEARNING EXPERIENCE

PROVIDING OUT OF THE CLASS AND BEYOND THE TEXTBOOK LEARNING EXPERIENCE



VISION

Establishing all encompassing learning centres that engender opportunities for growth and development of children from weaker section of society.



MISSION

To provide out-of-the-class and beyond-the-textbook learning experiences through modules that are adaptable & relevant to the socio-economic environment.

OUR APPROACH

Transformation and empowerment starts from being empathetic to the daily struggles of the families, whose children are part of the GavaKsh ecosystem.

Gavaksh was quick to realise that it needs to move away from template-based education to touch lives and enable them to develop purposefully

Apart from course materials, there was a need for personal and attitudinal development, co-curricular activities, talent recognition, sports, also including social interaction.

UNDERSTAND THE
EDUCATIONAL,
ECONOMIC, & SOCIAL
BACKGROUND OF THE
CHILD'S FAMILY

CURATE AND DESIGN AN
IMPACTFUL LEARNING
MODULE THAT LAYS THE
GROUND FOR
ENROLMENT

IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS
AND EXECUTE ACTION-
DRIVEN STRATEGY THAT
LEADS TO PERSONAL
DEVELOPMENT &
ACADEMIC GROWTH

REFORM AND MODIFY
COURSE STRUCTURE
BASED ON IMPACT
CREATION, ENSURING
MENTAL & PHYSICAL
WELL- BEING THROUGH
EMPATHETIC
INTERACTION

OUR CREDENTIALS



WE ARE A REGISTERED NGO
WORKING FOR THE
WELFARE OF CHILDREN
FROM UNDERPRIVILEGED
BACKGROUND.



WE ARE DULY REGISTERED &
APPROVED BY THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FOR
RECEIVING CSR FUNDING



WE ARE 80G AND 12A
CERTIFIED WHICH REDUCES
TAX LIABILITY IN RESPECT OF
THE AMOUNT DONATED TO
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HAPPINESS.

FOUNDER'S NOTE

**"IT IS EASIER TO BUILD STRONG CHILDREN THAN TO REPAIR BROKEN MEN."
– FREDERICK DOUGLASS**

At GavaKsh, we believe every child deserves the chance to be seen, heard, and supported. What began as a small initiative has grown into a vibrant learning community where curiosity, creativity, and compassion lead the way.

Over the past year, we've deepened our commitment through new workshops, the launch of a computer lab in Sehnoli, and the continued growth of Digital Pathshala—making learning joyful and accessible for all. To every child, volunteer, and supporter: thank you for walking this path with us. Together, we're building not just learners, but confident, kind, and capable individuals ready to shape a brighter world.

With gratitude,

Archana GavaKsh
Founder & President, GavaKsh India



SPOTLIGHT

This section shines a light on the most defining moments of the year at Gavaksh. From groundbreaking initiatives to collaborative campaigns, Spotlight captures the essence of events that shaped our journey and left a lasting impact on the communities we serve.

WEAVING MAGIC WITH WORDS: A STORYTELLING SESSION BY MR. HEROK PAL

Storytelling is one of the oldest and most powerful forms of communication. It transcends generations, bridges cultures, and helps us make sense of the world. At Gavaksh, we believe in nurturing not just academic excellence but also emotional intelligence and creative expression — and storytelling beautifully brings all of these together.

On 14th April 2024, our students were treated to a wonderful session led by Mr. Herok Pal, an experienced storyteller who graciously volunteered his time to engage with our young learners. His presence lit up the room, and the session turned into an interactive, laughter-filled experience where imagination flowed freely.

Through his expressive narration and captivating style, Mr. Pal didn't just tell stories — he showed our students how storytelling is an art form that involves voice modulation, body language, emotion, and timing. The session helped our Gavakshars understand that stories are not just for amusement; they are tools for learning, empathy, and self-expression.

Children were seen sitting in rapt attention, some leaning forward with curiosity, others smiling with delight. For many, it was their first experience of hearing a story told live with such flair. For all, it was a moment of inspiration — one that planted the seed of creativity and emotional expression.



We are deeply grateful to Mr. Herok Pal for sharing his gift with our children and for encouraging them to explore the storyteller within themselves. We hope this session will inspire them to begin crafting their own tales, infusing them with the emotions and ideas that make each of their voices unique.

As we say at Gavaksh — every child has a story to tell, and we're here to help them find their voice.

THE POWER OF PRESENCE — STORYTELLING WITH REHBIR

Gavaksh Pathshala, Likhi & Sehnoli



At Gavaksh, we believe that stories have the power to spark imagination, ignite hope, and build a bridge between hearts. On a remarkable day at our Likhi centre, our students experienced this magic firsthand, thanks to a deeply moving and vibrant storytelling performance by the incredibly talented Rehbir — a young, passionate storyteller and motivational artist from Delhi.

What made this moment truly special wasn't just the performance — it was the intention behind it. Rehbir travelled over 120 kilometers, one way, just to meet our Gavakshars in person. Although we had initially invited him to conduct a virtual session via Digital Pathshala, he insisted on being there physically. His desire to interact face-to-face with the children reflects the kind of rare commitment and heartfelt dedication that aligns perfectly with the spirit of Gavaksh.

Rehbir's striking 'Nukkad Natak' (street performance) at Likhi, followed by a storytelling session at Sehnoli, left a deep impression on everyone present. His storytelling wasn't just about words — it was about emotion, energy, and empathy. His presence uplifted the children, made them laugh, think, and dream.

The visit reminded us all that human connection — real, tangible, and heartfelt — still holds immense power in an increasingly digital world. Rehbir and Jasleen's generosity, time, and energy are testaments to the growing network of kind-hearted individuals who believe in our mission and walk that extra mile — quite literally — for our children.

Thank you, Rehbir and Jasleen, for showing our Gavakshars what passion, effort, and storytelling from the heart truly look like.



A DAY OF LAUGHTER AND HEALING WITH SHEETAL AGARWAL AND THE CLOWNSELORS

15th May 2024

Special Guests: Ms. Sheetal Agarwal and the Clownselors Team

Participants: Children and educators at Gavaksh

OBJECTIVE:

To bring joy, laughter, and emotional relief to children through the unique and impactful practice of medical clowning, while introducing them to the therapeutic power of humor as a tool for healing and mental well-being.

EVENT OVERVIEW:

On 15th May 2024, Gavaksh Pathshala welcomed a truly unique and heartwarming guest—Ms. Sheetal Agarwal, founder of Clownselors, along with her talented team of medical clowns. Clownselors is a pioneering group that practices medical clowning, a form of therapy where trained volunteers dressed as clowns visit hospitals, care homes, and institutions to spread cheer, ease anxiety, and bring emotional relief to patients, particularly children.



Ms. Agarwal, known for trading her typical work attire for a bright red nose and a colorful wig, has dedicated her life to uplifting spirits through laughter. Her team's visit to Gavaksh was nothing short of magical.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY:

Grand Welcome & Introduction: The team of Clownselors received a warm, joyous welcome from the children and staff. Ms. Agarwal introduced the concept of medical clowning, sharing stories from hospitals where laughter brought healing and hope to countless patients.

Interactive Clowning Session: The Clownselors performed playful skits, engaged in interactive games, and used music, mime, and humor to entertain and emotionally connect with the children. The atmosphere quickly filled with peals of laughter, wide smiles, and sparkling eyes.

Therapeutic Play & Engagement: Through gentle humor and kindness, the clowns interacted with children individually, encouraging them to express themselves, laugh freely, and enjoy the moment. It was a safe space where every child felt seen and uplifted.

Reflection & Discussion: Post the session, a short circle was held where children shared.



their feelings about the experience. Many expressed how happy and light they felt. The Gavaksh team reflected on the importance of emotional well-being in a child's holistic development

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Children understood that joy and healing go hand-in-hand.
- Exposure to the concept of emotional first-aid and mental well-being.
- Developed appreciation for empathy-driven service professions.
- Reinforced the value of community, compassion, and the therapeutic power of human connection.

IMPACT:

The experience created a lasting emotional imprint on the children and educators alike. It was a day filled not just with entertainment, but deep inspiration and valuable life lessons about healing through kindness and joy. Children who often face difficult life circumstances were reminded that happiness is not only possible—but also shareable.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

Gavaksh expressed heartfelt gratitude to Ms. Sheetal Agarwal and her Clownsellers team for taking the time to share their joy, energy, and purpose. Their presence turned an ordinary day into an extraordinary celebration of life and laughter.

CONCLUSION:

The visit by the Clownsellers was not just a session—it was a beautiful reminder of the magic that lies in a smile. For the Gavaksh family, it will remain one of the most cheerful and uplifting experiences in our journey of learning and growing together.



RANGBODHINI - CONNECTING WITH SELF AND OTHERS THROUGH ART

Celebrate Gavaksh's 9th Birthday!

Rangbodhini Art Workshop: June 5th - 9th, 2024

Rangbodhini, a project by Gavaksh, was dedicated to nurturing creativity, self-awareness, and self-expression among the children of Likhi and Sehnoli villages in Palwal district, Haryana. This initiative introduced them to different art forms such as Mandala Art, Warli Painting, and others, promoting creativity, co-existence, and co-creation.

Featuring Renowned Artist Rupesh Sharma

- An artist and educator on a mission to empower disadvantaged youth through art.
- Founder of An Art Amity.
- Advocate for Mental Health, Child Rights, and Body Consciousness.
- Known for his dynamic live painting performances and transformative art-based interventions.

Inspiring young minds and creating a brighter future through the arts!

DAY 0 (4TH JUNE 2024):

On day zero, Rupesh and his team arrived in Palwal in the afternoon. After arranging all the necessary materials for the workshop, they went for a walk in the village in the evening to engage and connect with the villagers and students. At night, after dinner, they sat on the terrace for an informal interaction with a few students to get updates on what had happened in the village over the last year. Finding it a safe space, some students opened up and shared their vulnerabilities.

(The overall purpose of our Range Bodhini project was to help children understand and connect with their own selves and others using art as a transformational tool. The sessions were divided into three parts, considering three modes of knowledge transfer: facilitation, coaching, and training. In the first part, they facilitated kids in the journey of understanding themselves and others through reflection and interaction. In the second part, they introduced them to new art forms such as Warli painting, abstract painting, etc. In the third part, they gave them hands-on experience creating different art forms.)





DAY 1 (5TH JUNE 2024):

The day-1 started with our first session at Sehnoli at 8:30 am. They engaged with students from class 8 to 10. The session began with an icebreaker activity. They reconnected with the kids and revised everything that they had learned last year. A special group was made for students who didn't attend last year's workshop. They were guided separately from A to Z so that they didn't leave anyone behind. After the revision, everyone created a new mandala as a review of last year's workshop. The session ended on a high note with a very exciting fun activity followed by some homework. The session ended at 11:30 am.

Rupesh's second session in Likhi started at 4:00 pm. They were welcomed by the kids with warm smiles, sparkling eyes, and some beautiful greeting cards. The session started with a warm interaction followed by reflections on different aspects of themselves. They shared our overall workshop plan with the students, set the ground rules for the next five days, and created a space for open communication. Then moved on to the revision part of the workshop and were surprised to see that the children

remembered everything taught a year before. Then they all started creating a new mandala as a work of revision. The session ended at 7:00 pm with some homework and a fun activity. In the evening, they had an informal meeting with the Gavaksh team coordinators, discussing their workshop plan and possibilities.

DAY 2 (6TH JUNE 2024):

On day two at Sehnoli, in the morning at 8:30, they started the session with some simple self-reflective questions as an inquiry about our true selves. Understanding the students' maturity level, The module was refined as needed. After planting some questions for reflection, all the mandalas were collected that the children had created as homework, and based on the quality of work, they were divided into two groups. Under the focused guidance of Ankit and Prakash, one group moved on to create some advanced mandala designs exploring new patterns and creative structures. The other group, under Rupesh's guidance, was introduced to a new art form - Warli painting. Some fun activities and energizers were done to keep the session light and interesting.

In the evening at Likhi, the session started

with introducing the four aspects of understanding ourselves: self-awareness, self-acceptance, self-management, and self-expression. Some self-reflective questions were asked to help students know themselves better. In the second half, after the artworks were collected, the session continued as one group. The decision was followed by a session on the introduction to Warli painting. After the introduction, they moved on to create the advanced mandala designs. Some fun activities were facilitated by Harshita to make the session more engaging and entertaining.

In the evening, the team visited some families, and after fun and work interactions, we celebrated Dhruv's birthday on our terrace.

DAY 3 (7TH JUNE 2024):

The flow of the sessions remained the same and started at Sehnoli at 8:30 am, with a warm interaction and a session on understanding the self. A deep reflective Vishal Ji conducted the session. In the second part of the session, Bhawna Ji assisted students in creating beautiful mandalas along with Ankit and Prakash. The other group was engaged in creating Warli paintings. The session ended with some reflections and beautiful insights from the students.

In the afternoon, the A3 team and Gavaksh had a warm interaction while having lunch. Vishal Ji and Bhavana Ji bid goodbye in the afternoon.

The evening session at Likhi started with an interaction intended to understand the true nature of human beings by discussing the universal values of compassion, dignity, and fairness of self and others. Students also learned how to manage different emotions and how to express emotions beautifully to

ourselves and others. The session was followed by a session on Warli painting, and then a session on understanding the meanings of different types of mandalas. The session later led to a conversation circle intended to create a space for personal sharing and reflections.

In the evening, an informal session was held with a few students to help them figure out their personal life situations.



DAY 4 (8TH JUNE 2024):

On the 4th day of the session, the team started directly with two different groups, setting a goal to complete the artwork in the first half of the session. Group 1 worked hard to give detailing and final touches to their artwork, while the other group created an abstract art with the intention to express themselves by breaking the rules and patterns that stop them from nurturing their creative selves. In the second half of the session, all the students gathered, collected their artworks, and had a brief discussion on how important it is to know and express oneself to have a beautiful life. Discussing

this, the group moved to the next part of our session, which was intended to help students connect with others. Students were made randomly sit in pairs of two. A guided session was facilitated to bring their awareness to the importance of co-existence, co-creation, and collaboration. A face painting session was then facilitated where everyone used their skills to decorate and beautify their partners, leading to a strong connection. This session was a celebration of oneness.

In the evening at Likhi, the workshop followed the same pattern. In the first half, everyone gave a final touch to their artwork. In the second half of the session, all the learnings were summarized from the sessions on understanding oneself and the importance of understanding is introduced and connecting with others for a happier society. A guided meditation session held next focusing on coexistence, co-creation, and collaboration. The session was followed by the face painting session.

At night, after dinner, the team went through all the artworks created by the students and selected a few masterpieces to inspire others.

Day 5 (9th June 2024):

On 9th June, the team invited all the students from class 1 to class 10, started the session with a fun activity led by one of the students. A warm interaction session with all the students was followed by a fun dance circle. Some students performed their dance acts and other performances, and we cut the cake to celebrate Gavaksh's 9th birthday. The session ended with gift distributions. Students showed their love and gratitude through greeting cards and warm hugs.

The evening session at Likhi was filled with emotions. We not only celebrated Gavaksh's birthday but also celebrated hope, art, and life. We talked, danced, laughed, and cried together. The students' love and strong emotions touched our hearts. A few students shared their vulnerabilities, while others shared their gratitude. The session felt incomplete as we had a lot to share, but we felt whole and complete. We felt more connected to ourselves in this journey of connecting with these beautiful souls. With a promise to see them again soon, we bid them goodbye.

SARA'S VISIT

Gavaksh Pathshala, Sehnoli and Likhi

Facilitators: Sara (President, Mancikalalu Onlus) and Rahul (Author, consultant, educator and social worker)

Sara from Italy, a digital communication specialist, social worker, and President of Mancikalalu Onlus, has been visiting India regularly for the past eleven years. Over the years, she has interacted with numerous NGOs and organizations focused on supporting disadvantaged children. She has a

deep passion for creative expression, often engaging children through drawing and painting. On this occasion, Sara, along with Rahul, visited Gavaksh Pathshala, Sehnoli and Likhi, to conduct an enriching session, focusing on essential life themes such as love, happiness, friendship, and dreams.



OBJECTIVE OF THE ACTIVITY:

The purpose of the activity was to create a space for the children to express their emotions and thoughts through art, while learning important values such as love, happiness, and friendship. Through creative engagement, Sara and Rahul aimed to inspire the children to dream and believe in their future.

ACTIVITY OVERVIEW:

The session began with an introduction where Sara and Rahul explained the importance of emotional expression and how it can be explored through various forms of art. They

highlighted four key themes—Love, Happiness, Friendship, and Dreams—and asked the children to reflect on these themes in their own lives.

Following this, Sara led a hands-on drawing and painting session. Each child was encouraged to create their own artwork based on one or more of the themes. While the children painted, Sara and Rahul engaged in individual conversations with them, asking about their thoughts and feelings, and guiding them to express those feelings through their art. The children were encouraged to think about the people and things they love.



THEATRE IN EDUCATION WORKSHOP: EMPOWERING UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN THROUGH CREATIVE EXPRESSION

In collaboration with Muskan Sharma and Farman from Rebine – The Creative Arts Company

OVERVIEW

In December 2024, Gavaksh partnered with Rebine – The Creative Arts Company to bring a transformative three-day theatre-in-education workshop to the children of Likhi and Sehnoli villages. Led by theatre practitioners Muskan Sharma and Farman, the workshop aimed to foster creativity, confidence, and community among underprivileged children through the expressive medium of theatre.

Through music, movement, writing, and performance, the initiative offered a safe and inspiring space for children to discover their voices, explore their emotions, and build essential life skills in an atmosphere of trust and encouragement.

OBJECTIVES

The workshop was designed to:

- Offer children a platform for creative and emotional expression.
- Enhance self-confidence and self-esteem through collaborative activities.
- Cultivate key life skills such as communication, empathy, and problem-solving.
- Strengthen social bonding and a sense of belonging within the group.



WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

Day 1 – 28th December | Likhi Village

The inaugural day saw enthusiastic participation from over 150 children. Activities encouraged imagination, rhythm, and expression:

- Group Singing set the tone, promoting unity through shared rhythm.
- Poem Writing allowed children to explore inner emotions through words.
- Rhythm Creation transformed everyday items into musical instruments, highlighting creativity and resourcefulness.
- Word Association & Lyrics Writing built vocabulary and storytelling skills.
- Reflection Circles offered space for children to articulate their experiences and feelings.

Day 2 – 29th December | Sehnoli Village

More than 120 children joined on Day 2, diving

deeper into theatre-based exploration:

- Action Songs and Trust Games fostered coordination, cooperation, and interpersonal bonding.
- Theatrical Exercises and Emotional Exploration enabled children to express complex emotions through body and voice.
- Frozen Images & Mirror Work developed observation, concentration, and non-verbal storytelling skills.
- Improvisations encouraged spontaneity and confidence in navigating unknown scenarios.

Day 3 – 30th December | Sehnoli Village

The final day focused on performance and consolidation of learnings with 60 children:

- Collective Games & Character Work helped children embody and observe human behaviour.
- Dialogue Writing & Scenario Acting introduced elements of scripting and stagecraft.



- Short Plays served as a culmination of the children's creative journey, allowing them to perform their own stories.
- Feedback and Reflection Sessions helped reinforce learning and celebrate individual growth.

OBSERVATIONS AND IMPACT

Throughout the workshop, remarkable shifts were observed in the children:

- A visible increase in self-assurance and willingness to take creative risks.
- Strengthened group dynamics and peer collaboration.
- Enhanced focus, empathy, and problem-solving capabilities.
- A joyful awakening of imagination—many children wrote their first poems or lyrics during these sessions.

By the end of the workshop, children confidently performed original plays and shared their creative writing, displaying not just artistic skills but also emotional intelligence and interpersonal growth.

Conclusion

The Theatre in Education workshop stood as a

testament to the power of the arts in nurturing self-expression, confidence, and community among young learners. In collaboration with Rebine, Gavaksh was able to provide underprivileged children with a rare opportunity to explore their potential in a creative, supportive environment.

This initiative reinforced our belief that creativity is a catalyst for change—building not just better students, but stronger, more empathetic individuals. We remain committed to creating more such platforms where every child's voice is heard, valued, and celebrated.



HEALTH AWARENESS SESSION: IMPORTANCE OF NAIL AND TEETH CLEANING

12th October 2024

At Gavaksh, we prioritize the holistic well-being of our students alongside their education. On 12th October 2024, a special group discussion and health awareness session was organized to emphasize the importance of personal hygiene, focusing on nail and teeth cleaning.

The session began with an interactive discussion where children shared their daily hygiene practices. This open exchange allowed us to identify common misconceptions and areas for improvement.

Through a practical demonstration, the importance of keeping nails trimmed and clean was explained. Children were taught how long nails could harbor germs, leading to infections and illnesses. Similarly, the session highlighted the significance of regular teeth cleaning to prevent cavities, gum disease, and bad breath.

Key tips shared during the session included:

- Trimming nails weekly and keeping them dirt-free.
- Brushing teeth twice a day using the correct technique.
- The role of healthy eating in maintaining oral health.
- Washing hands regularly to avoid transferring germs.

To make the session more engaging, children participated in a fun Q&A segment and pledged to adopt better hygiene habits. They also shared how they would educate their friends and family members about the importance of cleanliness.

Such awareness sessions are integral to Gavaksh's mission of promoting not only education but also the overall development of our students. By instilling good hygiene habits early, we aim to ensure a healthier future for every child.

SPREADING WARMTH AND LOVE AT GAVAKSH PATHSHALA



As winter approached, a heartwarming event unfolded at Gavaksh Pathshala, Sehnoli, where children were gifted warm hoodies to shield them from the chilly weather. This thoughtful initiative was a testament to the spirit of care and compassion that defines the Gavaksh community.

The event was graced by Archana Gavaksh, the visionary Founder of Gavaksh, accompanied by her father, brother, and nephew, whose presence added a special warmth to the occasion. Their commitment to supporting underprivileged children is truly inspiring.

The event was further strengthened by the presence of:

Sunil Prajapati, our dedicated Centre Coordinator, who worked tirelessly to organize the distribution.

Dulichand Baghel, the Sarpanch of Sehnoli, who emphasized the importance of community support.

Masterji Pyarelal, a respected elder, whose

blessings inspired the children. Jasveer Fauji, a committed supporter of Gavaksh initiatives.

Together, this group of compassionate individuals ensured the success of the program, spreading warmth—both physical and emotional—to every child present.

This initiative reminds us that small acts of kindness can bring immense joy and make a lasting impact. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved in this noble effort and look forward to many more moments of shared compassion and love.



A HEARTFELT VISIT BY OUR BELOVED VINOD SIR

We had the incredible honor of welcoming Vinod Sir, a lifelong supporter of Gavaksh, at our centres. His visit was nothing short of inspiring, leaving an indelible mark on everyone he met. Here's a glimpse of his memorable journey from Delhi to Haryana:

Warm Welcome: He was greeted with aarti ki thali and flowers as a token of love and respect.

Interaction with Kids: Vinod Sir engaged warmly with our students, listening to their dreams and sharing his wisdom.

Gratitude Expressed: Our students presented him with a heartfelt thank-you card, a gesture of their love and appreciation.

Reshma's Presentation: Our student Reshma proudly shared the activities at Gavaksh Pathshala Likhi, including laa po laa and mandala art.

Calendar Discussion: Vinod Sir took the time to discuss the upcoming calendar printing with our team.

Chocolate Distribution: In a touching moment, he personally distributed chocolates to every student, making each child smile.

Exploration: Walking with grace and determination, he toured the computer lab, digital classroom, and our guest house, appreciating every corner.

Sehnoli Visit: He visited the Sehnoli centre, spoke with students, and distributed more chocolates, spreading joy wherever he went.

Lunch with Humility: Despite his stature, he



humbly visited our coordinator Sunil's home and enjoyed a simple yet warm meal, radiating genuine admiration and love.

Vinod Sir's unwavering support and humility continue to inspire us. His dedication to Gavaksh's mission and his heartfelt interactions remind us of the power of love, kindness, and simplicity.

Thank you, Vinod Sir, for your immense contribution and for being a guiding light for Gavaksh!



PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION AT GAVAKSH SEHNOLI CENTRE

24th February 2025

Gavaksh Sehnoli Centre witnessed an inspiring Public Speaking Session, where children confidently expressed their thoughts on various topics of their choice. The session was designed to enhance their communication skills, boost confidence, and encourage self-expression.

It was truly heartening to see the young speakers articulate their ideas with enthusiasm and clarity. From personal experiences to social issues, the students spoke on diverse subjects, demonstrating their ability to think critically and present their viewpoints effectively.

The session not only helped in developing their public speaking skills but also instilled leadership qualities, as they learned to express themselves with conviction. Such initiatives play a crucial role in nurturing self-assured individuals, preparing them to face future challenges with confidence.

Gavaksh remains committed to fostering holistic development among its students, and sessions like these reaffirm the importance of communication as a powerful tool for personal and academic growth.

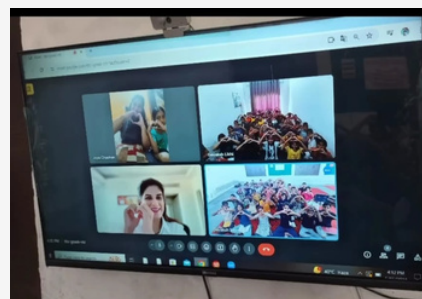
CELEBRATING WOMANHOOD WITH TANYA SACHDEV

15th April 2024

Platform: GavaKsh Digital Pathshala

Guest Speaker: Tanya Sachdev – Entrepreneur and Influencer

Participants: Gavaksh team and girl students from various centres



OBJECTIVE:

To honour and reflect upon the journey of womanhood by engaging young girls in a session focused on self-awareness, empowerment, and feminine energy, led by an inspiring woman role model.

EVENT SUMMARY:

On 15th April 2024, Gavaksh Digital Pathshala

hosted a special online session to celebrate womanhood with the vibrant presence of Tanya Sachdev—an entrepreneur, social influencer, and passionate advocate for women's growth. The session was a heartfelt initiative to empower young girls by helping them discover the strength, grace, and uniqueness that comes with being a woman.

The program began with a warm welcome and brief introduction of Tanya, followed by

an engaging talk where she shared her journey, challenges, and learnings as a modern woman building her path in the world of business and social media. Her honest storytelling and relatable insights resonated deeply with the girls, making the session inspiring and personal.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

Enlightened Discussion: A candid and open conversation on what it means to be a woman in today's world. Tanya touched upon key themes such as self-worth, embracing one's individuality, overcoming societal barriers, and believing in one's dreams.

INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES:

Reflection Exercise: Girls were asked to close their eyes and reflect on the women who inspire them and the values they admire in themselves.

Sharing Circle: Some girls shared their aspirations and feelings about being a girl, creating a safe space of expression and mutual encouragement.

Creative Expression: Participants were invited to write or draw what "womanhood" means to them, bringing out powerful and emotional representations of strength, love, and creativity.

IMPACT AND OUTCOMES:

Empowerment: The girls walked away with a deeper sense of pride in their identity and gender.

Awareness: The session highlighted the importance of inner strength, resilience, and emotional intelligence.

Inspiration: Tanya's journey became a source

of motivation for many to dream bigger and aim higher.

Bonding: The event fostered unity, sisterhood, and a nurturing environment where every voice was heard.

FEEDBACK:

Participants shared that the session made them feel valued, seen, and powerful. Many expressed a desire to attend more such sessions featuring women leaders and role models.

CONCLUSION:

"Celebrating Womanhood with Tanya Sachdev" was not just an event—it was a celebration of identity, courage, and potential. It reaffirmed Gavaksh's commitment to nurturing confident, aware, and empowered young girls who recognize the creator within themselves.



THEATRE IN EDUCATION BY REBIN MUSKAAN WITH SHARMA AND FARMAN SAIFI



“Art can transform our lives. When we connect with art, we are ultimately connecting with our inner selves. Drama, being part of art, enables us to look within and to listen to ourselves, realize who we are, and what we care about. It connects us to our thoughts, feelings, perceptions, and our outer realities and experiences.”

OVERVIEW OF WORKSHOP:

The three-day workshop aimed to familiarize ourselves with the children and introduce them to Drama and creative arts. We conducted icebreaker games, observation and interaction activities, and introduced basic theatre and drama techniques. We also conducted creative arts sessions and group discussions to understand the children's perspectives and ideas.

Facilitators:

Muskan Sharma and Farman from REBINE – The Creative Arts Company

Participants:

300+ children from Likhi and Sehnoli villages.

OBJECTIVE:

To get familiar with the children and introduce them to Drama and creative arts, to develop a year-long project plan.

DAY 1:

- Worked with children from Likhi Village, aged 10-16
- Icebreaker games and warmup
- We conducted icebreaker games to build connection and trust.
- Theatre Games for team building and unity
- Observation and interaction:
 - observation and interaction were done with the children to understand their interests and needs.
 - Their behaviour, body language, and communication styles were noted.
- Introduction to Drama
- Basic theatre and drama techniques were introduced to the children.
- group discussion about what we love to do and what should we do.

DAY 2:

- Morning session: Continued with the same

age group (10-16) from Likhi Village

- Afternoon session: Worked with children from Likhi Village, aged 5-9
- Continuation of theatre and drama activities
- Theater and drama activities to build on the previous day's work.
- Frozen images and role-playing exercises were practised.
- A sensational journey through meditation towards their favourite human and place.
- The children were encouraged to express their creativity and imagination.
- Had group discussions to understand the children's perspectives and ideas.
- Asked open-ended questions to encourage critical thinking and problem-solving.



DAY 3:

- Worked with children from Sehnoli Village, aged 5-9 (morning) and 10-16 (afternoon)
- Recap of previous days' activities and introduction to theatre and drama techniques improvisation and role playing
- Group discussions on open-ended question for developing their creative and critical thinking and to know more about the village.
- Final interaction and feedback session
- Children shared their thoughts and suggestions on the workshop
- Facilitators provided feedback and encouragement.

ACTIVITIES:

- Icebreaker games
- Observation and interaction
- Introduction to theatre and drama techniques
- Group discussions
- Recap of previous days' activities
- Final interaction and feedback session
- Planning and brainstorming for a year-long project

PURPOSE:

- To establish a connection with the children and understand their needs and interests
 - To introduce theatre, drama, and creative arts as a tool for self-expression and confidence-building
 - To gather information and ideas for developing a year-long project plan
- Observation:

We observed a notable difference in the behavior and participation levels of the children from Likhi Village and Sehnoli Village. In Likhi, where we had previously conducted a workshop, the children were more comfortable, open, and eager to participate. They had already developed a familiarity with the concepts and were ready to build upon their previous experience.

In contrast, the children from Sehnoli Village, who were new to this type of workshop, were initially hesitant but eventually warmed up and showed great enthusiasm. They enjoyed the activities immensely, and their excitement was palpable. This highlights the importance of considering prior exposure and experience in our workshop planning, and the need for an introductory workshop in Sehnoli Village.

Conclusion:

The three-day workshop organized by

Gavakash and facilitated by Rebine - The Creative Arts Company was a resounding success, achieving its objective of familiarizing ourselves with the children and introducing them to Theatre, drama, and creative art with 300+ children from two villages, gained insight into their interests and needs, and collected valuable feedback and ideas for developing a year-long project plan. The children showcased their creativity and talent, and we are eager to continue our collaboration, grateful for the opportunity to work with these inspiring children. This project will have a positive impact on the children and the community.



CREATIVE VISION - THE DREAMSCAPE WORKSHOP



At Gavaksh, every learning opportunity is designed to nurture the creativity and imagination of our students. This quarter, we conducted a special workshop titled 'Creative Vision - The Dreamscape Workshop', an innovative session aimed at encouraging children to visualize and express their dreams through art, storytelling, and discussions.

A JOURNEY INTO IMAGINATION

The workshop was led by one of our very prominent volunteers, Rahul Sharma, who is an accomplished author, consultant, and educator. With his vast experience in mentoring young minds, Rahul played a pivotal role in guiding the students through thought-provoking discussions on dreams and aspirations. His engaging approach helped students articulate their ambitions, whether it was becoming doctors, teachers, scientists, or artists, and encouraged them to envision a world full of kindness, peace, and sustainability.

Rahul began the session by sharing his own journey—how dreams shape reality and how his passion for education led him to work with young learners. He emphasized the importance of perseverance and self-belief, inspiring children to set goals and work towards them with dedication. His words resonated deeply, making the session both personal and motivational.

ART AS A MEDIUM OF EXPRESSION

To bring their visions to life, children were provided with a variety of art supplies and were encouraged to depict their dreams on paper. The results were nothing short of inspiring—paintings of futuristic cities, sketches of community-driven schools, and drawings of their envisioned selves in their dream professions.

Rahul personally interacted with each student, offering insights and motivating them to think beyond the ordinary. He encouraged children to use colors, symbols, and shapes to express not only their aspirations but also the emotions tied to them. Some students chose to create collages, combining cutouts from magazines and newspapers, symbolizing their unique perspectives on success and happiness. Others experimented with different textures and materials to make their dreams feel more tangible.



STORYTELLING AND THEMATIC DISCUSSIONS

Adding a literary touch, students also participated in a storytelling segment where they crafted narratives around their aspirations. The stories ranged from fantasy-filled adventures to real-life struggles and triumphs, showcasing their creativity and ability to translate dreams into words. Rahul's expertise in storytelling helped students refine their narratives, making them more expressive and impactful.

He encouraged the students to develop characters that embodied their ambitions—some wrote about brave astronauts exploring new planets, while others created stories about compassionate doctors saving lives in rural areas. Through these narratives, students learned that storytelling is not just about imagination but also about reflecting on real-world possibilities and the steps needed to turn dreams into reality.

A COLLECTIVE DREAM FOR GAVAKSH

A unique aspect of the workshop was a collective vision board for Gavaksh. Students collaborated to create a mural depicting their ideal future for their school—complete with libraries, digital classrooms, and spaces for innovation and creativity. Rahul Sharma's mentorship played a crucial role in shaping this activity, guiding students to think critically and work together towards a shared vision.

During this session, children also expressed their ideas for improving education accessibility, technology integration, and community participation in Gavaksh's future growth. They designed a roadmap, listing steps they could take as students to contribute, such as helping younger peers, maintaining a clean and vibrant school environment, and developing leadership skills.

IMPACT AND TAKEAWAYS

The Dreamscape Workshop left a lasting impression on the young minds, instilling in them the belief that their dreams are valid and achievable. It also reinforced the importance of resilience, hard work, and education as stepping stones toward their aspirations. Many students shared that they felt more confident about their future after this workshop, with a clearer understanding of how their skills and passions could shape their paths.

Rahul Sharma closed the session with an open forum where children could ask questions. The discussion ranged from career guidance to overcoming self-doubt. His heartfelt answers encouraged students to embrace challenges and never stop dreaming, no matter the obstacles in their way.

By the end of the workshop, each participant took home not just their artwork but a renewed sense of determination and hope. We at Gavaksh remain committed to fostering such engaging experiences that empower children to dream big and work towards a brighter future.

This workshop was more than just an activity –it was a transformative experience for every participant, reinforcing the essence of education as a tool for empowerment. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Rahul Sharma for his time, wisdom, and unwavering support in making this workshop a grand success.

Stay tuned for more inspiring initiatives as we continue our journey of learning and growth!



EVENTS

A vibrant year filled with learning, celebration, and connection—Events offers a comprehensive glimpse into the diverse range of activities hosted across our centers. From cultural festivals to community outreach, this section reflects the energy and engagement that defined our calendar.

APRIL 01

New Session

Marking eight years of impact, Gavaksh began the new session with bird water bowls and marigold planting—symbols of care, growth, and new beginnings.

APRIL 05

Removing Time Barrier

At Digital Pathshala, our core team met at 11 p.m. to chart a 3-month roadmap for Classes 10 and 12 post-board support. We are deeply grateful to our volunteer heroes—students and professionals from all walks of life—who selflessly teach till late hours, proving that true commitment knows no clock.

APRIL 09

Welcoming UPES

Welcoming UPES Dehradun interns for the second year, Gavaksh held an orientation to onboard these enthusiastic changemakers, whose energy and commitment to social impact continue to inspire.

APRIL 20

Replantation

At Likhi, the girls took up the rewarding task of relocating and replanting wild grasses, enhancing both the greenery and beauty of the premises through their hard work and joyful teamwork.

APRIL 28

Weekly Cleaning

A clean and organized study environment fosters focus, pride, and well-being, which is why our team thoroughly cleaned every corner—from classrooms to courtyards and toilets—ensuring a truly conducive space for learning.

APRIL 30

Gratitude Day Celebration

On Gratitude Day, the Gavakshars expressed heartfelt thanks to their home, Sehnoli village, celebrating their cultural roots while pledging to protect the environment and uplift their community's well-being.

MAY 10

A Moment Stolen

Amidst our pursuit of educational change, moments like these remind us of life's quiet lessons—when Sehnoli centre head Sunil Prajapati chose to nurture a tiny, overlooked vine outside the Gavaksh Pathshala wall, he unknowingly cultivated a watermelon plant, teaching us that even the smallest acts of care can blossom into something truly fruitful.

MAY 11

Mother's Day Celebration

She holds the power to rewrite destinies with her strength, dedication, and love. This Mother's Day, our children celebrated all mothers with heartfelt poems, handmade cards, and deep gratitude for the irreplaceable role they play in their lives.

MAY 31

Gratitude Day Celebration

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JUNE 09

Gavaksh Birthday

To mark Gavaksh's ninth anniversary, we once again gifted our children three days of creativity and joy through the Rangbodhini workshop with artist Rupesh Sharma—filled with laughter, music, art, games, and heartfelt celebration, it was a beautiful tribute to Gavaksh's love, vision, and enduring legacy.

JUNE 21

International Yoga Day

On International Yoga Day, all Gavaksh centres—including Digital Pathshala—came alive as students, volunteers, interns from UPES Dehradun, and Gavaksh family members united to celebrate the harmony of body and mind through yoga, embracing its role in fostering a balanced and mindful way of life.

JUNE 30

Gratitude Day Celebration

This Gratitude Day was a heartfelt celebration of family, where children created cards, crafts, and messages to honor those who stand by us through life's highs and lows—fostering appreciation, love, and the unbreakable bond that makes a family truly special.

JULY 02

Writing Test Held at Gavaksh, Sehnoli

A successful writing test assessed students' written communication skills while promoting literacy, creativity, and critical thinking through personal and social reflection.

JULY 06

Future Cartoon Character Activity

Young learners at Digital Pathshala explored their dreams and imagination by creating cartoon characters of the future—an engaging activity that sparked creativity and offered a window into their hopes for a better world.

JULY 08

Forgiveness Day Celebration

Gavaksh Digital Pathshala marked Forgiveness Day by encouraging children to reflect on the often-overlooked lives of tiny creatures, fostering empathy, awareness, and a deeper respect for all forms of life through thoughtful discussions and reflections.

JULY 08

Tree Plantation Activity

Students at Gavaksh Pathshala, Likhi, actively participated in a successful tree plantation drive, planting saplings, learning about environmental conservation, and pledging to nurture nature—fostering a strong sense of ecological responsibility and sustainable living.

JULY 14

Creative Expressions: Mandala Art and Painting Activity at Gavaksh Pathshala, Likhi

Gavaksh Pathshala, Likhi, held a joyful painting session focused on Mandala art, where students explored their creativity through vibrant designs—an engaging activity that nurtured artistic expression, focus, and pride in their unique creations.

JULY 31

Gratitude Day

Gavaksh Pathshala celebrated its monthly Gratitude Day with a heartfelt focus on self-appreciation, as students created handmade cards expressing thanks to themselves and others, fostering self-love, emotional growth, and a deeper sense of gratitude for the people and opportunities shaping their journeys.

AUGUST 03

Friendship Day Celebration

Gavaksh Pathshala celebrated Friendship Day with creativity and joy as students crafted heartfelt messages and drawings, shared stories, and deepened their bonds—highlighting the importance of friendship, empathy, and meaningful connections in their lives.

AUGUST 08

Haryanvi Teej Celebration

On the occasion of Haryanvi Teej, Gavaksh Pathshala hosted a vibrant art-based celebration where children joyfully explored the festival's cultural richness through drawings of traditional rituals, festive scenes, and nature, deepening their understanding of heritage while expressing creativity.

AUGUST 11

Unfurling Patriotism: Gavaksh Students take Tiranga Yatra with Pride and Enthusiasm

As part of the Independence Week celebrations, Gavaksh Pathshala organized a spirited Tiranga Yatra through Sehnoli village, where students, teachers, and community members came together in a vibrant display of patriotism, unity, and national pride—honoring the legacy of freedom fighters and reaffirming their commitment to the nation's future.

AUGUST 15

Independence Day Celebration

The Independence Day celebration at Gavaksh Pathshala, Likhi was a vibrant blend of patriotism and cultural pride, where students dressed in traditional Haryanvi attire performed spirited dances and heartfelt songs—beautifully honoring both the nation's freedom and their rich local heritage.

AUGUST 19

Rakshabandhan Celebration

A heartwarming tribute to the bond between students and their beloved teacher Hardeep, as the girls tied rakhis on his hand, turning him into their “biggest brother” and filling the day with love, laughter, and joyful memories.

AUGUST 26

Janmashtami Celebration at Gavaksh Pathshala, Likhi

A vibrant display of devotion and cultural pride, with children dressed as Radha and Krishna performing heartfelt dances, engaging in creative activities, and joyfully connecting with the spirit and teachings of Lord Krishna.

SEPTEMBER 02

Writing competition

A writing competition was organised to nurture creativity, boost self-expression, and strengthen students' communication skills, reinforcing its commitment to holistic and imaginative learning.

SEPTEMBER 05

Teacher's Day

Students took on teaching roles in a fun role-reversal activity and expressed heartfelt appreciation through handmade cards—honoring the bond of learning and respect shared with their teachers.

SEPTEMBER 12

Joyful Celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi

Clay idol-making, vibrant paintings, and storytelling sessions beautifully blended creativity, devotion, and cultural learning—fostering artistic expression and a strong sense of community among the students.

SEPTEMBER 18

Founder's Birthday

The birthday of founder Archana Gavaksh was marked with heartfelt cards, video messages, and a joyful ceremony—honoring her inspiring vision and unwavering dedication to empowering children through education.

SEPTEMBER 29

Gavaksh Pathshala, Hosts Serene Meditation Session

A peaceful meditation session was held at the Likhi and Sehnoli centers, promoting mindfulness, emotional well-being, and focus—reflecting Gavaksh Pathshala's commitment to holistic education and the integration of daily mindfulness practices.

SEPTEMBER 30

Gratitude Day Celebration

Gratitude Day was marked with heartfelt cards and messages from students, honoring the selfless volunteers whose support and kindness have deeply impacted their lives—strengthening bonds and celebrating the power of appreciation and community.

OCTOBER 02

Gandhi Jayanti

Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated with heartfelt tributes as students at Gavaksh Pathshala created powerful portraits of Mahatma Gandhi—honoring his values of truth, non-violence, and self-reliance through creativity and reflection.

OCTOBER 09

Creative Tributes to Our Nation's Pride

Gavaksh students created vibrant charts of India's national symbols—blending creativity with patriotism and deepening their connection to the country's cultural heritage and identity.

OCTOBER 10

Pre-Dussehra learning session

Students explored values from the Ramayana—like truth, loyalty, and humility—reflecting on their relevance and pledging to apply these lessons in their everyday lives.

OCTOBER 22

Special Visit

A special visit from Sumit Sir, Vivek Sir, Sandeep Sir, and Archana Ma'am brought heartfelt interactions and encouragement that deeply inspired the children and reaffirmed Gavaksh's shared commitment to quality education and holistic development.

NOVEMBER 27

Celebrating Sunil Sir's Birthday at Gavaksh Pathshala

Gavaksh Pathshala celebrated the birthday of volunteer and Centre Coordinator Sunil Sir with heartfelt cards, joyful moments, and a warm show of gratitude from the children and team.

NOVEMBER 29

November Birthday Celebrations: A Day of Joy and Togetherness

Gavaksh ended November with a joyful birthday celebration for all children born in the month, fostering love, laughter, and a deeper sense of community.

NOVEMBER 30

Gratitude Day Celebration

Gavaksh celebrated Gratitude Day by honoring doctors as true heroes, recognizing their compassion, dedication, and life-saving contributions through heartfelt messages, artwork, and shared stories.

DECEMBER 10

World Mental Health Day

Open discussions and expressive art activities were conducted to encourage students to reflect on their emotions, normalize mental health conversations, and embrace emotional well-being as a vital part of their overall growth.

DECEMBER 16

Writing Test: A Step Towards Language and Expression

A writing test was conducted to strengthen students' handwriting and language skills in both Hindi and English, while encouraging self-expression, clarity of thought, and communication confidence.

DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day Celebration

Gavaksh Pathshala celebrated Christmas with creativity and joy as children made festive cards, dressed as Santa Claus, and shared laughter, chocolates, and warm wishes—spreading the true spirit of togetherness and celebration.

DECEMBER 31

December Birthday Celebration

The December birthday celebration at Gavaksh Pathshala was a joyful and heartwarming event, where students, teachers, and staff came together to honor the December-born children with cake, gifts, games, and shared laughter—fostering a strong sense of love, belonging, and festive cheer.

DECEMBER 31

Gratitude Day Celebration

On the final Gratitude Day of the year, Gavaksh students celebrated the spirit of thankfulness by creating heartfelt cards, sharing cherished memories from 2024, and pledging to carry forward the values of gratitude, hope, and kindness into 2025—ending the year on a note of reflection, joy, and renewed purpose.

JANUARY 13

Lohri Celebration at Gavaksh Pathshala, Sehnoli

students gathered around a bonfire, sang traditional songs, danced, and shared festive treats—embracing the warmth of cultural tradition, community, and togetherness.

JANUARY 14

Makar Sankranti Celebration at Gavaksh Pathshala

Vibrant celebration filled with kite flying, cultural learning, traditional sweets, and joyful activities that brought students together in the spirit of unity, gratitude, and hope.

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JANUARY 21

Book Reading Competition at Gavaksh Pathshala

A joyful celebration of books and storytelling, where students confidently read aloud with expression and fluency, inspiring a deeper love for reading and learning.

JANUARY 23

Exploring the World of Plants Through Art

Young learners explored the parts of a plant through a fun and creative art activity, combining hands-on craft with valuable lessons about nature, growth, and the beauty of the natural world.

JANUARY 26

Republic Day Celebration at Gavaksh Pathshala Sehnoli

Vibrant cultural performances and heartfelt tributes inspired students to honor the Constitution and embrace their role as responsible citizens.

JANUARY 30

January Birthday Celebration at Gavaksh Pathshala Sehnoli

January birthdays were celebrated with joy, laughter, and heartfelt togetherness, fostering love, friendship, and a strong sense of community among the children.

JANUARY 31

Gratitude Day Celebration

This month's Gratitude Day at Gavaksh was dedicated to honoring farmers, with students expressing heartfelt appreciation and pledging to support sustainable practices and reduce food waste.

FEBRUARY 03

Weekly Test Conducted on Board

A dynamic board-based weekly test fostered real-time problem-solving, boost student confidence, and enhance interactive learning.

FEBRUARY 06

Jumping Activity – Building Strength and Coordination

A fun-filled Jumping Activity that boosted students' physical coordination, focus, and team spirit through an engaging play-based challenge.

FEBRUARY 08

General Knowledge Quiz

General Knowledge Quiz sparked curiosity, encouraged teamwork, and made learning fun and interactive for all students.

FEBRUARY 10

Maths Test

A focused math test for 8th-grade students to assess their exam readiness and reinforce key concepts ahead of the annual examinations.

FEBRUARY 13

Writing Test to Enhance Expression and Clarity

A focused math test for 8th-grade students to assess their exam readiness and reinforce key concepts ahead of the annual examinations.

FEBRUARY 15

Parents-Teacher Meeting Report

The Parents-Teacher Meeting at Gavaksh Digital Pathshala fostered inclusive and collaborative engagement through video calls, enabling parents and teachers to review student progress, address concerns, and prepare effectively for the upcoming annual exams.

FEBRUARY 27

February Birthday Celebrations

February birthdays were celebrated with joy and warmth, bringing children together in a spirit of love, unity, and shared happiness.

FEBRUARY 28

Gratitude Day Celebration

Gavaksh Pathshala honored the selfless service of nurses, inspiring students to appreciate their compassion and dedication through heartfelt messages, art, and meaningful reflections.

MARCH 02

Enhancing Skills Through Regular Writing Practice

A focused writing practice session to strengthen handwriting, boost creativity, and build confidence in written expression as a key to academic growth.

MARCH 07

The Power of Meditation in Student Life

A guided meditation session to promote inner peace, focus, and emotional well-being, reinforcing the school's commitment to holistic development.

MARCH 08

Women's Day Celebration at Gavaksh Digital Pathshala

Gavaksh Digital Pathshala joyfully celebrated International Women's Day with heartfelt poems, stories, and reflections, honoring the strength, love, and invaluable contributions of women in students' lives.

MARCH 12

Gavaksh Pathshala Celebrates the Festival of Colors

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MARCH 22

Celebration of World Water Day at Gavaksh

Gavaksh Pathshala marked World Water Day with creative posters, role-plays, and pledges, inspiring students to conserve water and become responsible stewards of this precious resource.

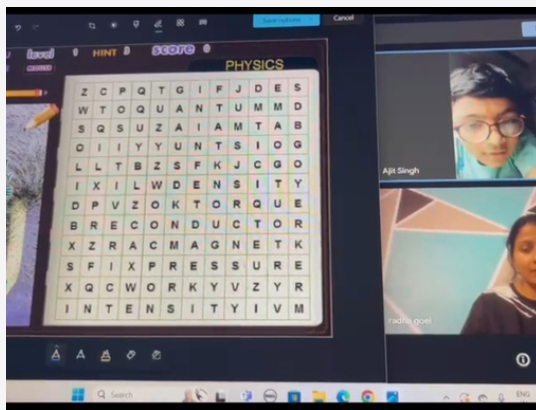
MARCH 23

Honoring the Brave: Shahid Diwas Observed at Gavaksh Pathshala Likhi

On Shahid Diwas, Gavaksh Pathshala paid tribute to national heroes Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, and Rajguru, inspiring students with their legacy of courage, sacrifice, and patriotic spirit.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

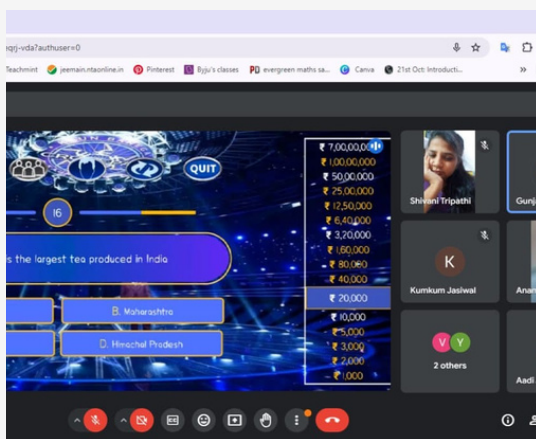
At the heart of Gavaksh lies our commitment to continuous learning and skill development. This section documents the educational programs, training sessions, workshops, and expert-led talks that empowered our learners, educators, and volunteers throughout the year.



APRIL 04

Improvised learning

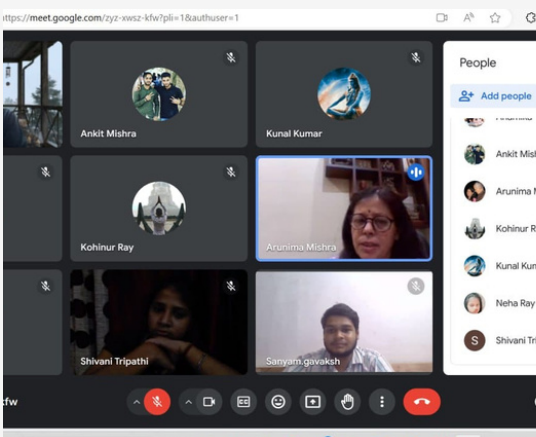
At Gavaksh, we strive to make learning fun and engaging. Class 5 volunteer Radha introduced a new interactive activity to spark curiosity and make the session more enjoyable. Her creative approach brought energy and excitement to the classroom, reinforcing our commitment to joyful, inquiry-based learning.



APRIL 07

KBC

Distance is no barrier to fun at Gavaksh Digital Pathshala! We hosted an exciting online quiz competition—KBC (Kaun Banega Crorepati) style. Volunteers and children from across the country joined in, showcasing knowledge and quick thinking. This much-loved activity strengthens bonds and brings joyful learning to life, no matter the location.



MAY 08

Career counselling with Arunima

To help students make informed decisions post board results, Digital Pathshala hosted a career counselling session with Ms. Arunima, a government-certified counsellor from the Manodarpan initiative. Her expert advice provided clarity and confidence to our Gavakshars.



JUNE 10

Personal Engagement

At Gavaksh, we believe every child learns at their own pace. With patient one-on-one support from our volunteers, children build confidence, bridge learning gaps, and rediscover the joy of learning. This quiet, personal engagement ensures no child is left behind.



JUNE 26

Peer Support

At Gavaksh, teamwork goes beyond classrooms. Our centre heads, Hardeep and Sunil, regularly visit each other's Pathshalas, sharing insights and supporting one another. During a recent visit to Likhi Pathshala, Sunil led a discussion on environmental protection and inspired students to plant at least two trees—proving how small steps can spark big change.



JULY 05

From Idea to Solution

Author, educator, and social worker Mr. Rahul Sharma visited Gavaksh Pathshala for an inspiring session on story writing. Through his activity "From Idea to Solution", he shared practical tips on crafting narratives and encouraged students to unleash their creativity. The interactive session ended with children writing their own stories, sparking enthusiasm for storytelling and self-expression.



JULY 10

Paper Craft Activity

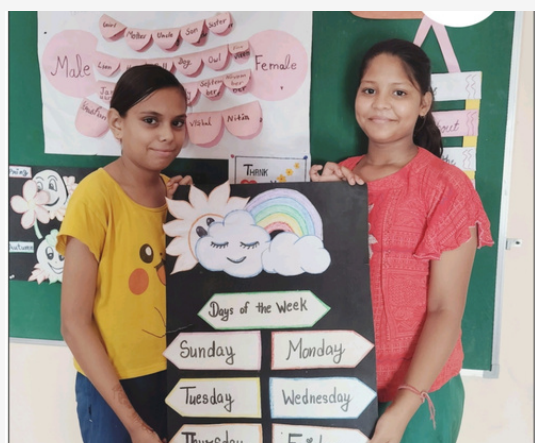
At Gavaksh Pathshala, Sehnoli, children explored their creativity through a fun paper craft activity. They enthusiastically made flowers, animals, and decorative items, improving their fine motor skills while expressing their artistic talents. The session was a joyful and engaging experience for all.



JULY 15

Fostering Love for Reading

Gavaksh launched a weekly reading program to inspire a love for books and strengthen literacy skills. With curated Hindi and English books, guided sessions, and creative activities, children are building confidence, imagination, and storytelling abilities. Plans for “Gavaksh Bookshala” libraries and storytelling events aim to make reading a lifelong habit.



JULY 16

Vibrant Days of the Week

Gavaksh students created a colorful “Days of the Week” chart using paints, stickers, and creative designs. The activity blended learning with art, helping children remember the days while expressing their creativity. The final chart was a lively and collaborative masterpiece.



JULY 20

The Leafy Language of Art

At Gavaksh Pathshala, Sehnoli, students created stunning artworks using leaves to craft human figures and imaginative depictions of girls. This activity blended creativity with nature, encouraging artistic expression and a deeper connection to the environment.



JULY 23

Paper Cup activity

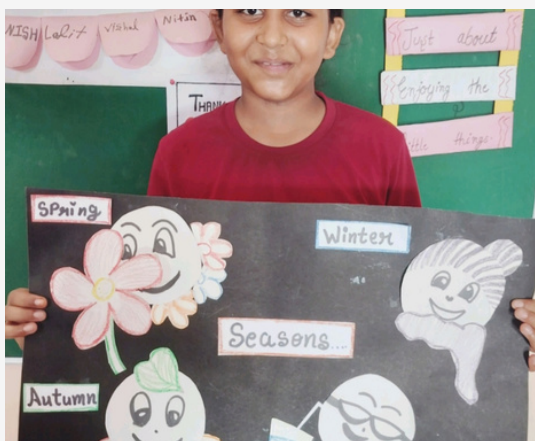
At Gavaksh, a fun and engaging paper cup competition was held for the girls, combining speed, creativity, and focus. Participants raced to collect cups placed at a distance and then built tall, stable towers with them. The activity sparked excitement and friendly competition, encouraging quick thinking, coordination, and problem-solving. It turned out to be a joyful learning experience for all!



JULY 26

Sparking Awareness

Students of Gavaksh Pathshala presented an engaging play, “Sparking Awareness”, to educate peers on electrical safety. They creatively demonstrated how to recognize dangerous electrical situations and the necessary precautions to avoid accidents. The initiative combined fun with learning, equipping children with essential electrical safety knowledge.



AUG 08

Seasons' Vision

Children explored the beauty of seasons through a vibrant art and craft activity. Together, they created a large chart depicting spring, summer, monsoon, and winter using emojis and symbols like the sun, clouds, raindrops, and rainbows. The activity blended learning with teamwork, helping students understand nature’s cycles while showcasing their artistic flair.



AUG 09

Speedster Challenge

Students participated in the “Speedster Challenge,” a fun activity designed to promote fitness, focus, and teamwork. Competing in pairs, they raced to fill narrow-neck bottles by carrying water from a distant bucket, balancing speed with precision to avoid spillage. The challenge not only sparked excitement but also taught the importance of using resources like water wisely.



SEPT 22

Colours of Nature

In a vibrant craft session at Gavaksh, children brought a tree to life with colors and creativity. They painted branches and trunks in beautiful hues and decorated them with paper leaves and flowers, each symbolizing their unique touch. The activity celebrated nature’s beauty while showcasing the imagination and artistic spirit of our young Gavakshars.



OCT 13

Teacher's Training Workshop

A Teacher Training Workshop was organised to inspire creativity and empathy in teaching. Educators explored effective communication, goal-setting, and active listening through interactive activities. The session renewed their passion for creating engaging classrooms and reinforced Gavaksh's commitment to empowering both teachers and students.



OCT 19

Engaging Activity: Living and Non-Living

Rahul Sir and Mayank Sir conducted Drama and Theatre activities with Gavaksh students. In the Group Drama Activity, older students transformed newspaper articles into performances, building comprehension and public speaking skills. The Theatre Workshop encouraged storytelling and emotional expression, nurturing confidence and creativity.



NOV 06

Artistic Expression

Students explored their creativity using only pens and pencils. From intricate patterns to thoughtful sketches, their work showcased imagination, focus, and resourcefulness. Without colors, the young artists skillfully used shading and linework to bring their ideas to life. The session celebrated artistic expression and proved that creativity needs just a simple tool and an inspired mind.



NOV 07

Education in Process

Guided by dedicated volunteers, students participated enthusiastically in activities that nurtured both academic skills and holistic growth. This initiative is more than just teaching—it's about inspiring children to dream big and building a brighter future through knowledge and care.



NOV 12

Circle of Focus

Playful learning took center stage with “The Circle of Focus,” an activity designed to sharpen concentration, reflexes, and active listening. Children moved around a circle to a beat, freezing instantly on hearing “STOP!”—a fun test of focus and self-control. The session ended with a discussion on how these skills help in studies and daily life.



NOV 15

Engaging Learning Activity with Rahul and Mayank

Rahul Sir and Mayank Sir led an inspiring session on Drama and Theatre. In the Group Drama Activity, students transformed newspaper articles into short performances, building their reading, comprehension, and public speaking skills. The Theatre Workshop encouraged storytelling and self-expression, as Rahul Sir guided children to explore emotions through drama.



NOV 15

Our Young Journalists

Young learners stepped into the shoes of journalists in an engaging session led by author and social worker Rahul Sharma. They explored newspapers, analyzed headlines, discussed key stories in groups, and performed skits based on news articles—showcasing teamwork, critical thinking, and communication skills.



NOV 20

Fun and Learning with Board Game

Laughter and joy filled Gavaksh Pathshala as children immersed themselves in a lively session of board games. Beyond fun, the activity nurtured problem-solving, teamwork, patience, and decision-making, making it a playful yet powerful learning experience. Moments like these show that learning often happens best through shared experiences and joy.



NOV 28

Smashing Boundaries

In an energetic badminton session, students showcased their skills, learning discipline, teamwork, and sportsmanship while staying active. Each match not only boosted their fitness and coordination but also built confidence and a spirit of healthy competition. The court became a space for fun, learning, and growth—reflecting Gavaksh's commitment to holistic development.



DEC 01

Self Study

Self-study empowers children to take charge of their learning journey with confidence. Guided by teachers and supported by the Gavaksh Bookshala and Digital Pathshala, students explore concepts at their own pace while building critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Peer study groups further encourage collaboration and strengthen community bonds.



DEC 07

Art and Craft Activity

Children explored their creativity in the "It's Your Day" art activity, crafting a vibrant board with words like 'Fear,' 'Help,' and 'Thank You,' illustrated through colorful designs. The session encouraged self-expression and emotional awareness in a fun, meaningful way.



DEC 18

Daily Reading Initiative

Students explored timeless tales from the Ramayana, Akbar-Birbal, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, and Chandrashekhar Azad. These stories taught lessons on truth, courage, wit, and sacrifice, inspiring young minds while enhancing their reading skills. Through such sessions, Gavaksh continues to nurture knowledge and strong values.



JAN 07

A Step Towards Knowledge

At Gavaksh Pathshala, Sehnoli, children immersed themselves in Hindi books, strengthening their language skills and exploring the joy of reading. This initiative not only builds vocabulary and comprehension but also fosters curiosity, creativity, and a lifelong love for learning.



JAN 10

The Foundation of a Healthy Life

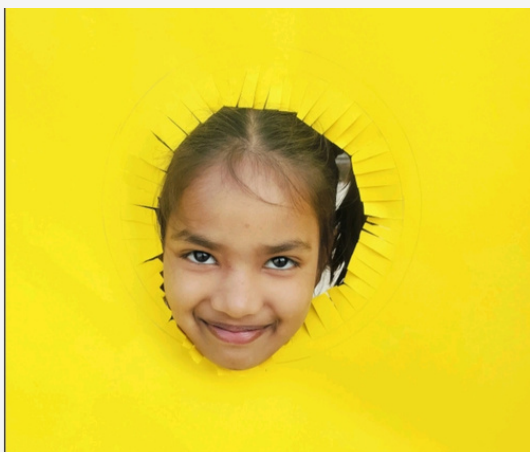
Students participated in an awareness session on the importance of regular exercise for physical and mental well-being. They discussed ways to incorporate walking, yoga, and sports into their daily lives and learned how exercise enhances fitness, mood, and confidence. Stretching and jumping jacks made the session fun and engaging and inspired students.



JAN 18

Group Study, a Powerful Way to Learn Together

Students participated in a collaborative Group Study Session to discuss and explore different subjects. The activity encouraged teamwork, communication, and critical thinking, helping students gain deeper insights and build confidence. Such initiatives make learning more interactive and empower children with skills beyond textbooks.



JAN 20

Whose Leading the Chart?

Laughter and creativity came alive as children designed a colorful "selfie chart" shaped like a flower. Each child became the blooming flower by peeking through the center, turning the activity into a joyful blend of art, teamwork, and self-expression. Their bright smiles made the day unforgettable, proving once again that learning is happiest when it's fun!



JAN 24

Daily Book Reading Session

Students explored timeless stories from the Ramayana, Akbar-Birbal, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, and Chandrashekhar Azad. These tales inspired lessons on truth, wit, leadership, courage, and selflessness. The session not only improved reading skills but also instilled values to guide their personal and social lives.



JAN 26

Interactive Science Session

On Republic Day, Rahul Sir and Hardeep Sir brought science alive through exciting hands-on experiments. From colorful chemical reactions to simple demonstrations of motion and gravity, students watched in awe as scientific concepts unfolded before their eyes. The interactive session encouraged curiosity, critical thinking, and active participation, making science fun.



FEB 15

Word Play Activity

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FEB 20

Creativity Unleashed

Young artists showcased their creativity in an engaging Art and Craft session. Highlights included a beautifully crafted peacock made with colored paper and cardboard, and a fun clock-making activity that combined art with learning about time. These hands-on projects nurtured teamwork, imagination, and a sense of pride.



FEB 22

Maths Shape Project Activity

To make math fun and interactive, students participated in a creative Shape Project activity. They prepared colorful charts showcasing circles, squares, triangles, rectangles, and more, thoughtfully labeling each shape and adding artistic touches. The session helped reinforce their understanding of geometry while encouraging critical thinking about shapes.



MAR 01

Group Study

Students participated in an interactive group study session that encouraged teamwork, communication, and problem-solving. By discussing concepts and supporting each other, they not only strengthened their understanding of subjects but also built confidence and stronger peer relationships.



MAR 16

Nurturing Young Minds

Students immersed themselves in stories and informative texts, strengthening their vocabulary, comprehension, and critical thinking skills. They shared insights, discussed moral lessons, and explored how reading opens doors to new perspectives and cultures. By fostering a love for books, students are empowered with knowledge and creativity for a brighter future.



MAR 17

Computer Skills Session

Students enhanced their digital literacy by exploring essential tools and applications needed in today's technology-driven world. They learned the basics of operating a computer, navigating the internet safely, and using programs for writing, presentations, and creative projects. This hands-on learning not only built their confidence but also equipped them with practical skills for academics and beyond.

ACHIEVING MILESTONES

Each milestone is a testament to perseverance, purpose, and partnership. This section highlights the key achievements of the year—goals met, programs expanded, and dreams realized—as we continue to build a more inclusive and empowering learning ecosystem.

GAVAKSH BOOKSHALA – A STEP TOWARDS QUALITY EDUCATION:



At Gavaksh, we firmly believe that education is the key to unlocking brighter futures. However, many underprivileged children still face significant barriers to accessing quality learning resources, such as books. In line with our vision of providing holistic education, we are proud to announce a new milestone—the establishment of Gavaksh Bookshala, a small yet significant library that marks a step forward in our mission to provide quality education to underprivileged children.

Gavaksh Bookshala is designed to serve our 450 young Gavakshars, enabling them to borrow books for home use. It represents not just a collection of books but a gateway to knowledge, creativity, and imagination. We recognize that reading is essential to a child's growth. It nurtures curiosity, sharpens critical thinking, and opens doors to countless possibilities. The Bookshala ensures that each child has the opportunity to explore worlds beyond their own and develop the habit of reading, which is crucial for academic success and personal development.

The impact of this initiative will be far-reaching, as it:

- Fosters a love for reading and learning
- Enhances language skills and comprehension
- Expands knowledge and broadens perspectives
- Develops critical thinking and analytical skills
- Empowers students to become confident, curious, and creative individuals

This milestone is especially significant in rural and underserved areas where educational resources are limited. For many of our Gavakshars, this is the first time they can access a variety of books outside the classroom. The joy of holding a book, taking it home, and immersing in stories and information is a transformative experience for these children.



As we celebrate this achievement, we remain focused on expanding our library, with dreams of a fully-fledged Gavaksh Bookshala in the near future. Our journey has just begun, and we are excited to see how these young minds flourish with the support of this library. Together, we are creating a future where every child has the opportunity to grow, learn, and thrive.

This achievement is a testament to the dedication and hard work of the Gavaksh team, who have worked tirelessly to create a conducive learning environment. The Bookshala is a safe space where students can explore, learn, and grow, with the

guidance of mentors and peers. This success would not have been possible without the support of our dedicated team and partners, and it further strengthens our belief in the power of education to transform lives.



ACHIEVEMENT: GAVAKSH MANDALAS GRACE KEGGFARMS' 2025 CALENDAR



In a remarkable testament to the transformative power of art and education, Keggfarms—a socially conscious organization deeply committed to environmental sustainability and human upliftment—has honored the creative spirit of Gavaksh children by featuring their artwork in its 2025 Annual Calendar.

Keggfarms, true to its vision of going beyond commercial objectives, partners with initiatives that strive to make the world a more inclusive and compassionate place. One such initiative is Gavaksh, which focuses on providing quality education and holistic development opportunities to underprivileged children in rural India. Our collaboration with Keggfarms is a proud moment, showcasing what happens when empathy meets opportunity.

Project Rangbodhni, one of Gavaksh’s flagship initiatives, centers around invoking the transformative power of art. It allows children who have often never held a brush or seen a canvas to dive into creative self-expression. Through this project, many of our children have discovered new dimensions of their identity and gained confidence in their voices and visions.

A beautiful extension of Project Rangbodhni

is the Mandala Art Project. Rooted in rich cultural symbolism, mandalas—circular

patterns representing balance, harmony, and unity—became the perfect medium for our students to explore their inner worlds. Each stroke of their pencil or brush reflected not just artistry, but also growth, resilience, and newfound joy.

In the 2025 Keggfarms Calendar, 12 mesmerizing mandalas created by Gavakshars have been featured—each one representing a month of the year, and each one crafted by a child who once had no access to formal education or structured creative learning. This initiative not only celebrates their artistic talent but also serves as a powerful reminder of the untapped potential that resides in every child, waiting to be nurtured.

We are deeply grateful to Keggfarms for recognizing the talent of our children and amplifying their work through such a prestigious platform. This achievement is not just a celebration of art—it is a celebration of hope, access, and the boundless possibilities that open up when a child is given the chance to dream.

As the world turns its pages through 2025, we hope each mandala in this calendar serves as a quiet yet profound reminder—that real change begins when we invest in the dreams of those who need it most.



2025

As a conscious Citizen of Mother Earth, Keggfarms believes that its endeavors must go beyond commercial objectives to render this World a little better. Both in respect of environment and those who people this Planet. It is thus that apart from greening the lands that Keggfarms is endowed with, it also, by commitment, contributes to assuage the lives of less privileged. Supporting Gavaksh which is dedicated to empowering under-privileged children from rural areas by providing them access to education is a manifestation of one such initiative of Keggfarms.

Gavaksh- a social initiative- focuses on nurturing the potential of young children from economically weaker sections society by providing them educational opportunities and endowing them with skills and self-confidence.

The potential of these under privileged children evolves and expresses itself in numerous ways. Project Rangbodhini, one of the initiatives of Gavaksh, seeks to invoke the transformative power of Art. Thus, fostering self-expression and self-awareness. Mandala Art Project provides for this creative expression.

This Calendar carries 12 Mandalas, each created by a young child who earlier had no access to any formal education or training and are proof of the latent talent which would have remained unlocked but for the initiative of Gavaksh.

Mandala art, features intricate, circular patterns symbolizing harmony, unity, and balance.

TOUCHING LIVES

At the core of Gavaksh's mission are the stories of transformation that inspire us to keep moving forward. Touching Lives brings together powerful case studies of students whose journeys reflect resilience, growth, and the life-changing impact of education and support. These narratives showcase how Gavaksh's interventions have opened doors to new opportunities, helping young minds overcome challenges and thrive.

A MOMENT OF PRIDE: SAGAR'S INSPIRING ACHIEVEMENT



At Gavaksh, we celebrate every milestone our students achieve, as each success story reflects the power of education, dedication, and resilience. This quarter, we take

immense pride in sharing the remarkable achievement of Sagar, a bright and hardworking student of Gavaksh Pathshala, Likhi. Sagar has successfully cleared the Super 100 Level-1 test, marking another significant step forward in his academic journey.

THE JOURNEY OF EXCELLENCE

Sagar's achievement did not happen overnight—it is the result of his unwavering commitment and passion for learning. His journey began with a strong foundation when he cleared the Buniyad test, a crucial exam designed to assess fundamental skills and academic preparedness. This success was a stepping stone, motivating him to aim higher and take on greater challenges.

With determination and focused effort, Sagar

prepared rigorously for the Super 100 Level-1 test, an advanced assessment that identifies exceptionally talented students with the potential to excel in academics. His dedication paid off, as he successfully cleared the test, proving that perseverance and hard work always lead to success.

A BEACON OF INSPIRATION

As a 10th-grade student, Sagar's achievement is not just a personal victory but a source of inspiration for all students at Gavaksh. He has set an example that with the right mindset, strong guidance, and consistent effort, any challenge can be overcome. His success reflects the impact of quality education and the supportive learning environment that Gavaksh provides to its students.

SUPPORT FROM GAVAKSH AND MENTORS

Behind every success story, there is a strong support system. Sagar's journey has been nurtured by the dedicated educators at Gavaksh Pathshala, who have provided him with the knowledge, motivation, and resources needed to excel. Our mentors and teachers have played a crucial role in guiding him, ensuring he received the best academic preparation and emotional support throughout his journey.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Clearing the Super 100 Level-1 test is just the beginning for Sagar. With his ambition and drive, he is now preparing for the next level of the Super 100 program, where he will face more advanced challenges and opportunities to further enhance his skills. His journey ahead promises to be even more rewarding, and we have no doubt that he will continue to achieve great heights.

A MESSAGE TO OUR STUDENTS

Sagar's success is a testament to what hard work, discipline, and perseverance can achieve. His story serves as a motivation for all Gavaksh students to dream big, work hard,

and never give up on their goals. If he can do it, so can you!

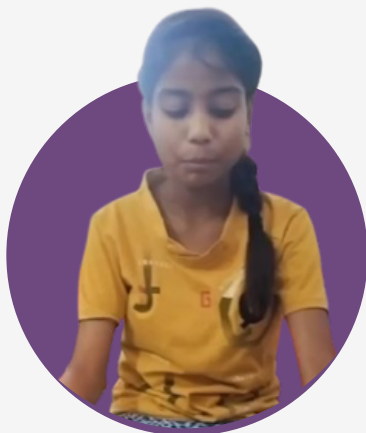
WE ARE GAVAKSH STUDENTS!

Sagar's victory is a collective moment of joy for the entire Gavaksh family. It reinforces our belief in the potential of every child and the importance of providing them with the right opportunities to grow and succeed.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Sagar on this incredible achievement and wish him the best for his future endeavors. His journey is just beginning, and we are excited to see what he accomplishes next!

Say it with pride – We are Gavaksh students!

KOMAL'S SMALL STEP, GIANT LEAP



What may look like a simple picture of a young girl reading a few lines is, in fact, a powerful reflection of hope, perseverance, and transformation. Meet Komal — a bright student of

Gavaksh Pathshala, Sehnoli. Her journey is a reminder that even the smallest steps can lead to remarkable progress.

When Komal first joined our learning center, she struggled to identify alphabets, let alone read words or sentences. Reading seemed like a distant goal. But through consistent encouragement and the compassionate guidance of Sunil, our dedicated Sehnoli

Centre Head, Komal began to believe in herself. Sunil initiated a simple yet impactful practice — urging every child to read at least one page each day. Slowly but steadily, Komal embraced this routine.

Today, she can read full sentences — a feat that once felt unimaginable. Her journey may not yet be complete, but her progress is a reason to celebrate. Each word she reads now is a testament to her courage and the supportive environment that Gavaksh strives to offer every learner.

Komal's story echoes our belief that with patience, persistence, and the right support, every child has the potential to thrive. As we watch her turn each page, we are filled with optimism — for Komal and for countless others like her, whose small steps are turning into life-changing strides.

A JOURNEY BEYOND BARRIERS: NITIN'S STORY OF DETERMINATION



At Gavaksh Digital Pathshala, every learner is a symbol of courage, and today, we are proud to share the inspiring story of Nitin — a remarkable young

boy who happens to be our family's second sight-challenged learner.

Alongside his equally determined peer, Abhiranjan, Nitin reminds us daily that true learning knows no limitations. With the right guidance, a nurturing environment, and the sheer will to persevere, every dream is achievable. Both boys are enrolled in our Digital Pathshala program and are being

mentored by our committed educators, Yashika and Gunjan. These two teachers go the extra mile to ensure that the lessons reach every student in a way that resonates with their unique needs and potential.

What sets Nitin apart is not just his courage but also his emotional depth. On Mother's Day, like many of our students, he opened his heart and expressed his feelings in a heartfelt message, reaffirming the power of inclusive education and emotional literacy.

At Gavaksh, we are deeply proud of Nitin and Abhiranjan — their journey is a powerful testimony to resilience, the importance of accessible education, and the unshakeable belief that when students and teachers walk hand-in-hand, even the most formidable obstacles can be overcome. We remain committed to supporting their dreams and walking beside them every step of the way.

A PROUD MOMENT: RADHIKA'S TRIUMPH AT JNV ENTRANCE



We are filled with immense pride and joy as we celebrate one of Gavaksh Pathshala's shining stars — Radhika — who successfully cleared the

entrance examination and earned admission into Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV), Mungeshpur, for Class 6.

This is no small achievement. The JNV entrance exam is highly competitive, conducted at the national level, and designed to identify and nurture talented students from rural and underprivileged backgrounds. Radhika's success is a reflection of her determination, hard work, and the unwavering support she received from her teachers and mentors at Gavaksh.

JNV Mungeshpur, located in the North West district of Delhi, is a fully residential, co-educational school funded by the Ministry of

Education (formerly MHRD), Government of India. The school is part of a prestigious network of Navodaya Vidyalayas run by the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, an autonomous body committed to providing high-quality education to bright students, free of cost.

For Radhika, this milestone opens up a world of opportunities — access to quality education, exposure to diverse learning environments, and a chance to pursue her

dreams with confidence. For us at Gavaksh, it is a reaffirmation of our mission: to bridge gaps, unlock potential, and change lives through education.

We are incredibly proud of Radhika's accomplishment and look forward to watching her grow and thrive. Her journey inspires not only her peers but also all of us who believe in the transformative power of learning.

GAVAKSH SHINES AGAIN: SONU'S INSPIRING ACHIEVEMENT AND PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



Gavaksh is once again beaming with pride as we share a remarkable story of success that has emerged from our vibrant community. Sonu, one of our talented and hardworking

students, has made us all proud by securing a prestigious scholarship awarded by the 'Community Ekta Manch' of Palwal district, Haryana. This recognition comes in response to his outstanding performance in the annual examinations, where he scored an impressive 83.6%.

Sonu's journey is an inspiration not just for his fellow classmates at Gavaksh Pathshala but also for many others who face numerous challenges in pursuit of education. His father is a daily wage laborer .

According to him, studying in a government school in his village with very limited access to quality education and facilities and no educational guidance was incredibly

challenging for Sonu. He struggled significantly during his tenth grade and was desperately searching for support and guidance.

In his own words, "I was very upset and distraught as it seemed I wouldn't be able to clear the board exams that year. Fortunately, during that difficult time, I came to know about Gavaksh, which provides free and quality education to children. It gave me my last hope, and I immediately connected with them. They extended their kind and helping hand without delay and started working on my education with full dedication, knowing that there wasn't much time left for the board exam. We both put in our heart and soul, and miraculously, I scored 84.8% in my tenth board exam!

I continued my education at Gavaksh, and again, with everyone's hard work and consistency, I scored 86.3% in my 12th board exams this year as well. A few months later, on the occasion of Independence Day, I received an invitation from the village Community Ekta Manch. Being honored and awarded in front of so many people was an

overwhelming and proud moment for me. I could hardly believe that I was the same boy who had once been losing hope and struggling just to clear his exams, and now I was standing on such a big stage, receiving appreciation from the community. I could only imagine how proud I made my parents feel that day.

Gavaksh is not just an organization; it is a beacon of hope, a light, and a promising path. I am immensely grateful to Archana Ma'am, Sunil Sir, and each and every volunteer at Gavaksh who bring so much happiness and success into our lives."

His story highlights the power of dedication, hard work, and community support in achieving academic excellence. Today, we celebrate Sonu's success as a beacon of hope and determination for all young learners who dream of a brighter future.

A TESTAMENT TO PERSEVERANCE AND DEDICATION

Sonu's success is a testament to his unwavering perseverance. Coming from an underprivileged background, Sonu has faced several challenges that would discourage many. Despite the difficulties in his path, he never let obstacles deter his focus on education. His consistency in showing up for every class, participating in all activities, and diligently working through his studies has borne fruit.

Scoring 83.6% in the annual examinations is no easy feat, and Sonu achieved this while managing the hardships that life often threw at him. This remarkable score speaks volumes about his dedication and also serves as a source of immense motivation for other students who aspire to achieve similar goals.

A SCHOLARSHIP THAT REFLECTS PROMISE

The scholarship awarded by 'Community Ekta Manch' is a significant recognition of Sonu's potential. Community Ekta Manch, an esteemed organization in Palwal district, is known for promoting education and supporting deserving students who exhibit academic promise. Their scholarship is a mark of their confidence in Sonu's ability to excel further and bring about positive changes to his community.

Winning this scholarship is more than just a financial reward. It is a powerful reminder that potential knows no boundaries of social or economic background. It affirms that talent and hard work are valued and recognized, especially when accompanied by genuine intent and discipline. Sonu's achievement not only ensures that his journey in education will be less burdened by financial constraints but also gives him an added incentive to dream bigger and aim higher.

THE ROLE OF GAVAKSH PATHSHALA IN SONU'S JOURNEY

Sonu's achievement is also a reflection of the dedicated environment at Gavaksh Pathshala. At Gavaksh, we believe in empowering every child, irrespective of their circumstances, by providing quality education, guidance, and opportunities to explore their potential to the fullest. Sonu's success story is a result of combined efforts — the hard work of our talented educators, the supportive environment, and Sonu's commitment to his learning.

Our initiative at Gavaksh Pathshala focuses on holistic development, beyond just academics. We encourage students to develop critical thinking, explore their creativity, and stay committed to learning through fun, innovative activities and supportive mentorship. Sonu is one of many

children who have benefitted from this approach, which goes beyond the textbooks and into real learning experiences that instill confidence and encourage curiosity.

The journey that Sonu and his peers embark upon is not an easy one. They face challenges that many others may not even have to think about, from difficult socio-economic conditions to a lack of proper resources. However, Gavaksh is committed to ensuring that these challenges do not become roadblocks. We strive to level the playing field by making learning fun, accessible, and meaningful for our students, ensuring that they have every opportunity to shine.

A BEACON OF HOPE FOR MANY

Sonu's success is not just an individual victory; it is a beacon of hope for many other children at Gavaksh and beyond. His journey is a reminder that success is possible, no matter the difficulties one faces. Sonu is an example for his fellow classmates that hard work, commitment, and resilience are key to achieving one's dreams.

Sonu's story also resonates with the parents of other children in the community. It showcases the importance of education as a transformative tool, and it inspires parents to support their children in their learning journeys. The recognition from Community Ekta Manch has become a source of motivation, not just for Sonu, but for his entire community, reminding them that talent and effort are always rewarded.

A COMMUNITY'S SHARED PRIDE

At Gavaksh Pathshala, we value the concept of community learning. Sonu's success is the success of the entire Gavaksh family — the teachers who have encouraged him, the

fellow students who cheered him on, and even the volunteers who have worked tirelessly to create an environment where children can flourish. The scholarship awarded to Sonu is a symbol of what can be achieved when the community comes together to support and uplift its children.

This sense of shared pride extends beyond the boundaries of Gavaksh and touches every heart in the community that contributed to Sonu's journey. The scholarship is a testament to the collective belief that every child deserves the opportunity to learn and succeed, regardless of their circumstances.

THE ROAD AHEAD: DREAMS AND ASPIRATIONS

For Sonu, this is just the beginning of an exciting journey. With the financial support from Community Ekta Manch, Sonu now has a golden opportunity to explore his aspirations without the burden of financial constraints. He dreams of becoming a teacher someday — a goal inspired by his love for learning and the positive influence of his own teachers at Gavaksh. Sonu believes that education is the most powerful tool to transform lives, and he wants to contribute by guiding others on their path to learning.

Gavaksh Pathshala will continue to stand by him, providing mentorship, resources, and a nurturing environment for his growth. Our belief is that Sonu's success will inspire many more children in his community to pursue their education with passion and dedication.

Sonu's accomplishment is a proud moment for Gavaksh Pathshala and a testament to what can be achieved through hard work, resilience, and community support. His success serves as a reminder that education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty and creating new opportunities. We are confident that Sonu will continue to make

strides in his academic journey, inspiring many others along the way.

Gavaksh remains committed to nurturing more such talents, creating more success stories, and empowering every child with the tools they need to dream big and achieve greatness. Today, we celebrate Sonu's

victory, and tomorrow, we hope to celebrate many more like him, whose journeys will make a difference in the world. Congratulations to Sonu on his well-deserved achievement, and heartfelt gratitude to the Community Ekta Manch for believing in his potential and investing in his future.

A JOURNEY OF DETERMINATION AND SUCCESS



At Gavaksh Pathshala Likhi, we believe in empowering young minds to dream big and achieve their aspirations. Vikant, a bright and determined student from Class 9, is a

shining example of how perseverance and the right guidance can transform lives.

Hailing from a humble family of seven, where both parents work as laborers, Vikant faced numerous challenges growing up. Despite these hardships, he remained steadfast in his pursuit of education, motivated by the unwavering support of his family and the nurturing environment at Gavaksh Pathshala.

His journey took a remarkable turn when he participated in Mission Buniyaad, an ambitious scheme by the Haryana Government aimed at nurturing talented students through quality education and competitive preparation. The program is closely aligned with initiatives like Haryana Super 100, which provide a robust platform for promising students to excel academically and compete on national and global stages. Vikant qualified through all three rigorous rounds of the Mission Buniyaad examination,

showcasing his academic excellence and resilience. Reflecting on his achievement, he shared:

"I am humbled and honored to have achieved success in the Mission Buniyaad examination. This accomplishment signifies the culmination of years of hard work and dedication. I am immensely grateful to Gavaksh and Hardeep Sir 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."

This milestone not only highlights the impact of the Haryana Government's progressive initiatives like Mission Buniyaad and Haryana Super 100 but also underscores the transformative role of Gavaksh Pathshala in empowering underprivileged children with access to opportunities and holistic development.

Vikant's success story is a source of inspiration for his peers and a testament to what can be achieved with determination, hard work, and the right support system. As he continues his academic journey, we are confident he will reach even greater heights and become a beacon of hope for others in his community.

DIALOGUE

The journey of GavaKsh is deeply enriched by the voices that believe in it. In Dialogue, we share heartfelt words of appreciation, encouragement, and reflection from our stakeholders—partners, supporters, volunteers, and community members—whose faith and support drive our mission forward.



Ms. Geetanjali
Founder, Sattvh Alchemy
& Caserack

Geetanjali is an ardent believer of living her life soulfully, following her passion and what her heart desires. She is a homemaker and mother of two young sons. She believes in nourishing and nurturing, love and care at home and her environment.

She initiated Dawn, first ray of light, as an endeavor to introduce meditation and its benefits in young minds in the year 2012. As with the passage of time she introduced meditation and meditation space by another venture, The Divine Alchemy by Geetanjali, which is now named Sattvh Alchemy.

In 2023, she started a new venture of creating designer leather products under the name Caserack. Since then she is focused on making this a renowned brand in Leather.

She is a lover of a healthy environment and plants around her and so is looking forward to introducing sustainable and organic products for the modern lifestyle. She is also passionate about writing down her thoughts and sharing same as much as she can

Ques. Can you share your personal journey and how you became involved with GavaKsh?

Ans. My journey with GavaKsh started when I decided to work in the field of providing value education and meditation to the children, and this was entirely out of passion. I started working with private schools around my area where I met Devika Gulati, founder of rhythm of life. When I joined them, I met Archana, who was also working there, but with the flow of time, as she was destined to have her own platform, She created GavaKsh, Window to Happiness. When I got into GavaKsh, I realised that I was sharing whatever I had learnt at the same time, I was also learning a lot more from the children

Ques. What role do you believe education plays in breaking the cycle of poverty, and how does GavaKsh contribute to this?

Ans. Definitely, Education play a very important role in breaking the cycle of poverty and not just poverty, but also their self-esteem and education is not just limited to reading and writing. Although that too is very very crucial in today's world. It is also the practical knowledge by which one can put that into action. GavaKsh is contributing a lot today to this. when I visited their Centre, I was amazed by how just a very few of the team members were able to gather the whole crowd in the village itself and was teaching them things that would not just in the books, but also beyond that the way they were teaching and the way children were also engrossed in learning. So there was some motivation as well as a way in which children were so interested in learning.

Gavaksh is doing a very good job in providing education, especially at places where education is scarce and not available for everyone in the area!!

Ques. What message would you like to share with readers who are interested in learning more about GavaKsh and supporting its mission?

Ans. I would want the readers to know that I have been with Gavaksh through its ups and

downs since the very beginning when Gavaksh Rose and when Gavaksh was halted for sometime, but at the same time, the Wax never stopped. The credit goes to Archana for her consistency and The constant effort that she always made to stay in touch with her in a fire that is to be here for the community, hats off to Archana, who is the founder of Gavaksh the window to Happiness a platform where when we teach others, we also learn in return and we learn a lot But a lot



Mr. Rahul Sharma

Ques. Can you share your personal journey and how you became involved with GavaKsh?

Ans. My journey with GavaKsh began in 2015 when I took a meditation session with children at their centre in Delhi. This experience profoundly moved me, as I witnessed the joy and potential in these young minds despite their challenging circumstances. Inspired by their resilience and the positive environment GavaKsh provided, I decided to become a part of this incredible organization. Over the years, I've been involved in various activities, from tutoring, and theatre to being a part of community events. Seeing firsthand the impact GavaKsh has on children's lives has been immensely rewarding, and it continues to fuel my passion for supporting their mission of education and empowerment.

Ques. In your opinion, what are some of the most pressing challenges facing underprivileged communities today, and how do you think organizations like GavaKsh can address them?

Ans. I believe underprivileged and rural communities face numerous challenges, with poverty, lack of access to quality education, and inadequate healthcare being among the most pressing. These communities often struggle with the right knowledge, the right guidance, unemployment, and limited opportunities for advancement. Education is a crucial factor in breaking the cycle of poverty,

yet many children in these areas lack the resources and support needed to succeed academically. Organizations like GavaKsh can make a significant impact by focusing on these key areas. By providing educational support, such as tutoring, scholarships, and school supplies, they can help children achieve better academic outcomes. Community development projects that create job opportunities and improve living conditions can also empower individuals and foster sustainable growth. GavaKsh's holistic approach can address multiple facets of these complex issues, leading to lasting change.

Ques. What role do you believe education plays in breaking the cycle of poverty, and how does GavaKsh contribute to this?

Ans. Without a shadow of doubt, education is vital in breaking the cycle of poverty as it opens doors to better job opportunities and higher incomes. It empowers individuals with knowledge and skills, fostering self-reliance and informed decision-making. GavaKsh contributes by providing essential educational support, such as tutoring, scholarships, and school supplies. By ensuring children in underprivileged communities have access to quality education, GavaKsh helps them achieve better academic outcomes and brighter futures. This support not only improves individual lives but also strengthens entire communities, creating a foundation for

sustainable growth and development.

Ques. What message would you like to share with readers who are interested in learning more about GavaKsh and supporting its mission?

Ans. GavaKsh is committed to breaking the cycle of poverty through quality education and community support, offering tutoring, scholarships, school supplies, and health initiatives. Your contributions, whether through donations, volunteering, or spreading the word, can help bring these essential resources to more underprivileged communities. By working together, We can create lasting change and give every child the opportunity to thrive.



Joya Chauhan
Project Coordinator - GavaKsh

Ques. Can you share your personal journey and how you became involved with GavaKsh?

Ans. Being a commerce graduate, I began my professional journey in management and administration, where I honed my organizational and leadership skills. However, my career took a pause when I embraced motherhood, dedicating nearly a decade to raising my children. This phase of life allowed me to experience the profound joys and challenges of nurturing young minds while also gaining a deeper understanding of the vulnerabilities and needs of children.

During this time, I encountered the best and worst facets of life, which reshaped my perspective and fueled my passion for social impact. Realizing the transformative

power of education and empathy, I decided to pursue a master's degree in social work to channel my experiences and insights into meaningful action.

As an empathizer, a mother, and a social worker, I strongly believe that children are the most vulnerable members of our society,

often falling prey to its harsher realities. This conviction led me to join GavaKsh, where I work to create a safe, nurturing space for underprivileged children. I am committed to providing them with love, care, quality education, and awareness—essential tools not just for their protection but for building a better, more compassionate society.

To me, every child represents the future, and empowering them today is the most significant investment we can make for a brighter tomorrow. My journey with Gavaksh has been deeply fulfilling, allowing me to merge my professional skills and personal experiences into a cause I truly believe in.

Ques. According to you, what are some of the most pressing challenges the underprivileged community are facing today, and how do you think organisations like Gavaksh can address?

Ans. One of the most pressing challenges underprivileged communities face today is a lack of access to quality education. Education is the foundation for breaking the cycle of poverty, yet many children are deprived of this basic right due to financial constraints, inadequate infrastructure, or lack of awareness.

Another major issue is poor health and hygiene awareness. Children and families in these communities often struggle with malnutrition, preventable diseases, and limited access to healthcare, further hindering their growth and well-being.

Social stigma and lack of opportunities are additional barriers. Many underprivileged children are unable to dream beyond their circumstances due to societal discrimination and the absence of platforms that nurture their potential.

Organisations like Gavaksh play a pivotal role in addressing these challenges. By providing free, quality education and a safe learning environment, Gavaksh empowers children to dream big and achieve their goals. The focus on holistic development—including health awareness, extracurricular activities, and life skills—ensures that children not only excel academically but also grow into confident

and responsible individuals.

Additionally, through initiatives like Gavaksh Bookshala and digital learning programs, we aim to bridge the gap between rural and urban education, creating equal opportunities for all. By involving the community and fostering a sense of collective responsibility, Gavaksh works to build a better future for these children and, ultimately, a stronger society.

This holistic approach is not just about addressing immediate needs, but also about creating long-term change and promoting sustainable development. Every step we take together brings us closer to a brighter and more equitable world.

Ques. What role do you believe education plays in breaking the cycle of poverty, and how does Gavaksh contribute to this?

Ans. Education is one of the most powerful tools for breaking the cycle of poverty. It empowers individuals with the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to seize opportunities and improve their circumstances. For underprivileged communities, education provides a pathway to employment, financial independence, and a better quality of life. It also fosters critical thinking, self-reliance, and social awareness, enabling individuals to contribute positively to society.

Gavaksh plays a vital role in this mission by making quality education accessible to children from underprivileged backgrounds. Through its innovative programs, Gavaksh ensures that children not only receive academic knowledge but also develop holistically with life skills, values, and creative thinking. Initiatives like Gavaksh Bookshala, digital learning platforms, and extracurricular activities enrich their learning experience,

while health and hygiene awareness programs promote their overall well-being.

By creating a safe and nurturing environment, Gavaksh helps children dream beyond their current realities and equips them to break free from the constraints of poverty. Every child empowered through education at Gavaksh carries the potential to transform their lives, uplift their families, and contribute to building a stronger, more equitable society.

Ques. What message would you like to share with readers who are interested in learning more about Gavaksh and supporting its mission.

Ans: If you believe in the power of education to transform lives, I invite you to join us on our journey at Gavaksh. We are more than just an

organization—we are a family dedicated to empowering underprivileged children with the tools they need to dream, grow, and succeed.

Your support, whether through time, resources, or spreading awareness, can make a lasting impact. Every small act of kindness contributes to building a brighter future, not just for these children but for society as a whole. Together, we can ensure that no child is left behind and every child gets the opportunity to realize their potential.

Explore more about Gavaksh, its initiatives, and the incredible stories of change we're creating every day. Your involvement can be the difference that sparks hope and inspires change. Let's work together to make education and opportunity accessible to all!

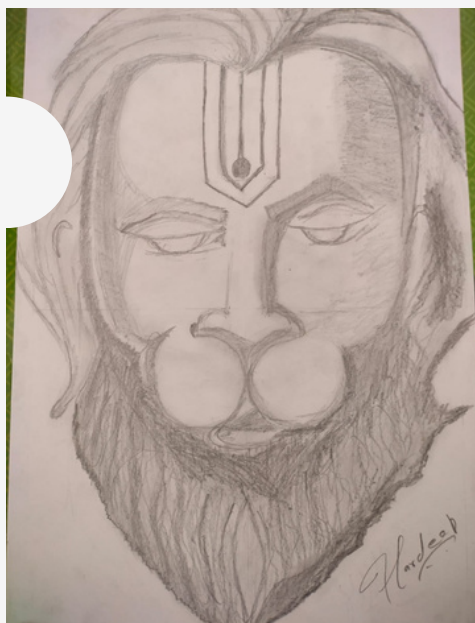


Mr. B. Das
Director, Joy Reap Metal
Vietnam Com Ltd.

"As someone who comes from a humble village background and now serves as a Director of a multinational steel company, I truly understand the power of education in transforming lives. My journey led me to Gavaksh through its inspiring founder and my close friend, Archana. What I found in Gavaksh was more than just an organization—it is a movement rooted deeply in the belief that education is the most powerful tool to break the cycle of poverty.

Underprivileged communities today face the dual challenges of poverty and illiteracy. Gavaksh stands out by addressing these issues at the grassroots level, especially in rural areas where help is needed the most. Their method-oriented and compassionate approach not only uplifts children through quality education but also shapes them into skilled, employable individuals who can contribute meaningfully to society.

I wholeheartedly appreciate and support the work Gavaksh is doing. It's a noble mission that deserves the attention and involvement of all professionals who have benefitted from society. I urge everyone to give back—get connected with Gavaksh and contribute to this transformative cause. Together, by nurturing and educating our youth, we can shape a brighter, more powerful India. Imagine the potential of a nation where the majority is educated—India would truly become a force to reckon with."



From the Heart of Our Centre
Coordinator
Hardeep, Centre Coordinator

In the journey of nurturing young minds and supporting the community, our team members, too, experience moments of vulnerability and reflection. One such deeply personal moment was shared by Hardeep, our dedicated centre coordinator, who chose to channel his emotions through art during a particularly difficult phase in his life.

Here is his heartfelt note:

"Today, I drew something. Not out of obligation or formality—but because I genuinely felt the need to. I was navigating a confusing and emotionally challenging phase, burdened with uncertainties about my near future. I have always believed that I carry within me the ability to create meaningful art, yet I seldom act on it—perhaps due to reasons I haven't fully understood.

But today, I allowed myself that freedom. With a pen and paper in hand, I found myself instinctively drawing the divine energy I resonate with the most—Bajrang Bali (Lord Hanuman). He has always been my pillar of strength, a symbol of unwavering devotion, power, and compassion. Through this act of creation, I found a rare moment of peace and clarity.

This experience reminded me of a simple yet powerful truth: during times of emotional unrest, we must not hesitate to sit quietly with ourselves, to express through art or words. These small acts can be profoundly healing.

I want to thank Rupesh Sir and his team for holding a space where such honest expressions are welcomed and supported. It

means a lot."

Hardeep's words are a reminder that Gavaksh is not just a learning space for children—it's a sanctuary for all of us. A place where emotions are acknowledged, creativity is nurtured, and healing becomes possible through shared humanity.

GAVAKSH CENTRES

Presently, GavaKsh is holding classes for over 600 in a total of four centres, identified as GavaKsh PathShalas and an online platform, GavaKsh Digital PathShala

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ITO, New Delhi

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PathShala**
Pilkhuwa,
Ghaziabad

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