

Namaskar,

How do we inform or engage someone while we communicate? We often tell stories to put our point across. But, have we ever thought about where do these stories come from? It is believed that these stories transcend through our imagination and shared history. Suffice it to say that a story enriches our communication which significantly relies on the language we speak. There is a flip side to it too. Any language which was created by us has an impact on us. We are under the influence of hundreds of years of evolution of words. These words

have been modified, changed, and discarded over a period of time. It shows that our language is just a reality of our time.

Precisely, the words like beneficiaries, impact, stakeholders, and sustainability are the words passed on to us. It makes me wonder how come we are not the beneficiaries instead of them. We are the ones benefiting from the acts of the people we serve.

On October 16th, world dictionary day is celebrated as Noah Webster was born on that day. He was known to be the publisher of the first dictionary in 1806.

Since then, thousands of words have been added to the dictionary. It is up to us to not only imbibe the words but also reflect upon them to bring change.

Dhanyawaad

Abhishek Kumar Executive Director Sewa International



Let there be light...

We were privileged to spend the day with the school kids.

Their smiles lit up our day. The eager eyes were looking for their Diwali gifts. They were overjoyed by receiving gifts from Sewa International. We celebrated Diwali with around 90+ students from a local slum at a government school in Baljeet Nagar, New Delhi. We took their leave and promised them to return soon.

Days like these keep us grounded and make us realise the hardships children face every day. Sewa International is always looking for ways to serve the future of India.



Moments like these fill us with gratitude

Rani (changed name), 37 years old, hails from a small village in Gujarat. She completed her 36 weeks of pregnancy and started experiencing some intensive contractions. Therefore, she was taken to the nearby Primary Health Centre, Malawa, Gujarat. The doctor immediately admitted her to the labour room which was equipped through the SHAPE project. A few hours later, she was blessed with a baby, wrapped in a warm cloth by the nursing staff, and placed beside her. We hope that healthcare in the Morbi and Sundernagar districts will evolve through our efforts.



Kaleidoscope of Kaushal

Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra's Diwali fair was organised to exhibit the talent of women farmers and artisans. We presented exclusive handmade pickles, organic splash, sweaters, handbags, and shawls all in one place. Local communities receive training from PMKK on multiple disciplines to support themselves for sustainable living.



Exploring the quantum of leadership

"Beam as a team": A three-day team building exercise was held with the aim of increasing productivity among team members. The participants from different zonal offices of Sewa came to discover specific strategic priorities that can strengthen an organisation. With multiple activities, we reflected upon our work to plan for the future.

Serving thy neighbour

People suffered during Sri Lankan economic crisis for basic necessities. It was difficult to make ends meet. They were paying high prices for basic goods. Sewa International rose to the occasion to serve the affected communities. We distributed food and medicines as an initiative to serve humanity in distress. We strived to reach the last person through our relief efforts.





Troubles bow to determination

Nirmala is a 14 years old girl from Tamil Nadu. Life has been tough for her family as her father passed away battling covid-19. Her mother was uneducated, due to which she began tailoring at home.

One day, her mother received a call from us. Sympathising for their financial situation, we informed them about the Sponsor a Child programme. Today, with our assistance, Nirmala is able to attend school without any problem. She is grateful to Sewa International for its support.

Wisdom beyond books Utilising education in practical life has always been a debatable issue. With the growing challenges like depression and anxiety among school children, it is necessary to not only address these issues but to work with students to solve them. In the midst of midterm exams, 145 students from various schools in Maharashtra successfully completed the fourth module of the Social and Emotional Learning programme. Also, we hope to empower students with the tools they need to improve their learning skills through mind mapping, SQRRR approaches, and memorisation strategies.





The game changer...

Sewa Samwaad invited Shri Popatrao Pawar for October's edition.

He is the Executive Director of the Maharashtra state government's Model Village programme and Farmer Sarpanch of Hiware Bazar. When he assumed office, his town was facing frequent drought-like conditions, low agricultural yield, problems of alcohol addiction tearing families apart, a dearth of resources, as well as high migration rates to cities. He led the transformation of Hiware Bazar from a drought-prone community to a green and prosperous model village and received the Padma Shri Award for his contributions to social work.

Come, Join us for a dialogue on Himalayan region

HIM Samwaad conference will be organised on SDGs in the Indian Himalayan Region. The theme of HIM Samwaad 2022 is - 'Call for localised solutions and implementation strategy.' It will provide a platform for multiple stakeholders of the Himalayan Region to realign our integrated sustainable development approach to the new reality of the region post-COVID. Additionally, the conference will focus on charting a roadmap for implementing localised solutions to Himalayan region issues while agreeing on the idea of development. The conference focuses on the following 4 core areas:

- 1. Climate Action
- 2. Human Development
- 3. Public Health
- 4. Livelihood

