



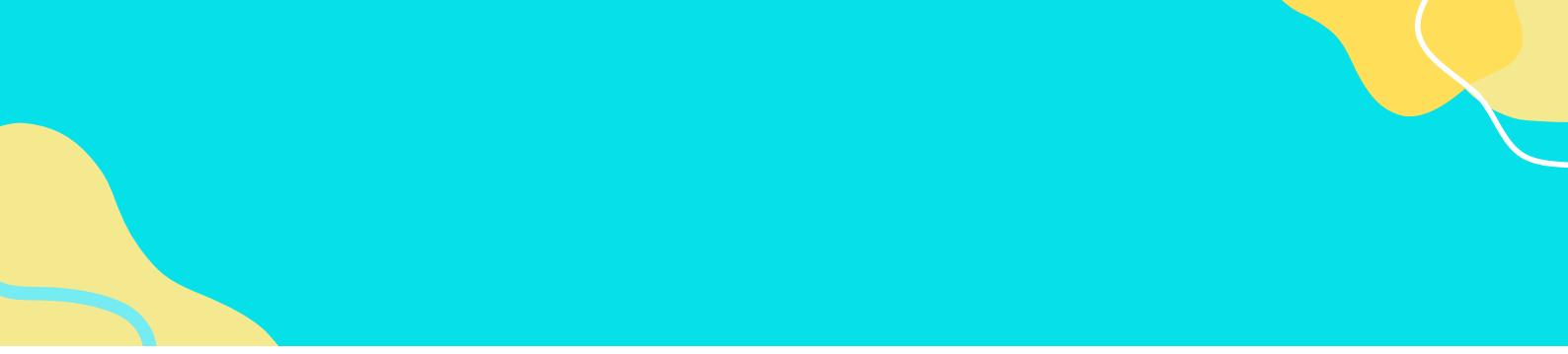
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MESSAGE FROM TEAM NYASA

As we always say, "Greetings from Team Nyasa." Over the past year, our dedication has remained steadfast toward helping those in need, bringing joy, and making a meaningful impact on the lives of the children from underprivileged communities in and around campus.

Our educational outreach expanded through initiatives like Chetana, supporting migrant children, and Akanksha, preparing 5th-grade students from Basan and Palaj government schools for the JNVST, Gyansetu, and NMMS exams—7 students from Palaj qualified for Gyansetu this year. As part of the Pathway to Regular Schooling, 8 new Nyasa school students were enrolled in Colonel's Heritage School in Chiloda, ensuring continuity in quality education.

Our flagship health camp, Sanjeevani 2025, reached close to 500 villagers in Dashela with free consultations, medicines, and the distribution of 122 powered spectacles, thanks to dedicated doctors and volunteers.

The year also featured vibrant celebrations of Independence Day, Ganeshotsav, Onam, Diwali, Holi, and Children's Day, Nyasa kids' birthday celebration bringing joy and togetherness to the Nyasa family. Nyasa kids also took part in diverse activities—from art and storytelling sessions to library visits, computer classes, and self-defence workshops, dance workshops, yoga, nature journaling—fostering holistic growth.

Nyasa's work received national recognition on Doordarshan's Avenues of Excellence, a testament to the strength of community, compassion, and collective effort. With continued support from the IITGN community, alumni, and volunteers, we remain committed to creating brighter futures—one child at a time.

- Team Nyasa



SUMMER CAMP 2024

Nyasa organised its annual summer camp from 3rd to 11th June 2025, with sponsorship from the IITGN Alumni and the Desai Foundation Trust. The camp hosted over 100 students from the Government Primary School, Borij, and the Nyasa School at IIT Gandhinagar. The IITGN community curated a wide range of fun and educational activities to help children explore new interests and develop key skills.



Activities included arts and crafts, dance, theatre, archaeology, creative learning, sports, and a library program. Dance and theatre workshops encouraged self-expression, while Peaceful Pioneers, a student wellness initiative by Prof. Pallavi Bharadwaj, Prof. Nitin Padhiyar, and the hostel office, conducted an engaging session with the children.



SUMMER CAMP 2024

The library team introduced the kids to various reference materials, careers in library science, and led an exploratory tour of the library. The Centre for Creative Learning (CCL) organised hands-on sessions that made learning science fun through toys and interactive games.



On 5th June, World Environment Day was celebrated with a plantation drive on campus. The Earthwise Society led activities that educated the children about prehistoric life and climate change.

SUMMER CAMP 2024

Dedicated yoga and sports sessions emphasised physical fitness, while medical and general awareness sessions were also conducted. The camp concluded with student performances, volunteer felicitation, and the distribution of school bags and IITGN mementoes. The event ended on an inspiring note with Prof. Jaision Manjaly, Prof. Sriram Kanvah and Prof. Manish Kumar encouraging continued efforts to grow the Nyasa summer camp in the coming years.



NYASA SCHOOL

Nyasa runs an informal school for children of migrant construction workers and other contractual staff in and around the IITGN campus. These children often come from underprivileged backgrounds, with little or no prior access to education. Operating throughout the year (except Sundays), the school functions out of Hall 15 in the Central Arcade. Here, students receive basic education and are also provided with a nutritious mid-day meal at Mohani Mess and primary health center facility, ensuring both learning and well-being.



CHETANA INITIATIVE

The seventh edition of Chetana is a vital initiative dedicated to empowering Nyasa kids. By offering elementary education at Nyasa School, this programme strives to bridge the educational gaps for these children.

It serves as a meaningful way to connect the IIT Gandhinagar community with neighbouring underprivileged communities, as many volunteers from the institute participate in teaching the children. Our volunteers teach and prepare them for the Gujarat government's STP exams with the aim of enrolling them to regular schools. About 14 kids regularly attended Nyasa school, out of which five kids are from the Stavya construction site opposite Gate II. The curriculum, based on the NCERT syllabus, includes key subjects like English, Mathematics, Gujarati, Hindi, and General Knowledge. The Nyasa organising team ensures the smooth operation of the classes, with volunteers overseeing the scheduled lessons. Weekly tests are conducted to assess the children's academic improvement.



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Art Sessions: In partnership with Art at IITGN and Step UP, weekly Saturday art sessions were held throughout the first semester. Volunteers like Ms. Anisha Mohanty (sketching), Ms. Prapti Tala and Ms. Savani Sahasrabudhe (dance - Kathak mudras, Garba, Shruti), and Mr. Rohit (craft - greeting cards) conducted engaging workshops.



Ms. Kaumudi Sahasrabudhe led painting sessions using watercolours and pencil art, and also introduced simplified techniques for drawing human faces. Under Mr. Himangshu's guidance, the children learned various drawing styles and created their own versions of Doraemon, fostering both fun and skill-building.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Library Sessions: Nyasa collaborated with the IITGN Library team for interactive learning sessions. On 10th July, Ms. Daljeet introduced concepts of individuality and diversity, followed by reasoning games by Mr. Athul. On 14th August, an Independence Day-themed session included stories of freedom fighters and tricolour-themed craft.



Other sessions included bookmark designing, festive storytelling, and games like “Odd One Out,” “Spot the Difference,” and “Antakshari,” all aimed at enhancing creativity and collaboration. A special session on 12th December, conducted by Mr. Ashique Ali and Mr. Yogi Ram, included a Hindi quiz, an educational video on opposites, a ball toss game with prizes, refreshments, and a library tour—creating a fun, balanced learning experience.



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Self-defence & Storytelling: On 9th November, Mr. Yajat Sharma led a Karate class focusing on self-defence, awareness, and fitness, which saw active participation. Earlier, on 4th November, Ms. Savani Sahasrabudhe held a visual storytelling session followed by a fun hat-making activity inspired by Japanese culture, merging creativity with cultural appreciation.



India ki Khoj: On 21st December, as part of the India ki Khoj program, visiting students from CalTech spent a memorable day with Nyasa children. They visited the children's home villages, strolled along wheat fields and the Sabarmati river, and shared tea and biscuits with caretakers. The interaction left a lasting impression, highlighting the warmth and joy of the Nyasa children.

FESTIVITIES & CELEBRATIONS

Independence Day (15th Aug 2024):

Nyasa children proudly participated in the flag hoisting and later showcased a well-rehearsed dance performance at Jasubhai Auditorium. Their efforts were acknowledged with applause, followed by a felicitation of volunteers by Prof. R.K. Thareja from IIT Kanpur.



Teacher's Day (5th Sept):

Nyasa marked the day with engaging games like Jenga and Antakshari, ending with cake and mementoes. The celebration honoured the spirit of learning and gratitude.



Ganeshotsav (9th Sept):

Around 40 Nyasa and Basan school children celebrated Ganeshotsav by crafting eco-friendly Ganesha idols and enjoying a fun quiz. Prizes like pastels and Rubik's cubes were distributed, and snacks added to the festive cheer.



FESTIVITIES & CELEBRATIONS

Onam (7th Sept): Children immersed themselves in traditional Onam games and concluded the celebration with a delightful Sadya meal. Nyasa expressed heartfelt thanks to the IITGN Onam Committee.



Diwali (31st Oct): Lakshmi Pooja, new clothes, sweets, and gifts filled the day with light and warmth. Nyasa extended the festive joy to IITGN housekeeping and security staff, underlining inclusivity and togetherness.



Children's Day: In collaboration with Awaam, Nyasa celebrated the day with poems, storytelling, dumb charades, and dance, culminating in a joyful group photo that captured the spirit of the occasion.



FESTIVITIES & CELEBRATIONS

Nyasa Kids' Birthday (23rd Feb 2025): A grand celebration was held to honour children who rarely experience birthday festivities. Group games, performances, magic shows, and an open mic session created a joyous atmosphere. The event featured the launch of new uniforms and ended with a vote of thanks, snacks, and gifts—highlighting community care and unity.



Holi (13th Mar 2025): Nyasa's Holi celebration was filled with colours, music, and laughter. It reinforced the bonds among children and volunteers and left behind cherished memories.



OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

DONATION & DISTRIBUTION DRIVES

Nyasa conducted multiple donation and distribution drives across the year to support underprivileged groups including construction workers, housekeeping staff, and mess workers at and around IIT Gandhinagar. With generous contributions from the community, essential items like clothes, footwear, bags, and hygiene kits were distributed through thoughtfully organised, choice-based drives at locations such as Bhat Metro Colony, Stavya Colony, Kudasan, and BL Colony. These efforts ensured dignity, respect, and practical aid while reinforcing Nyasa's commitment to empathy and inclusive community welfare.



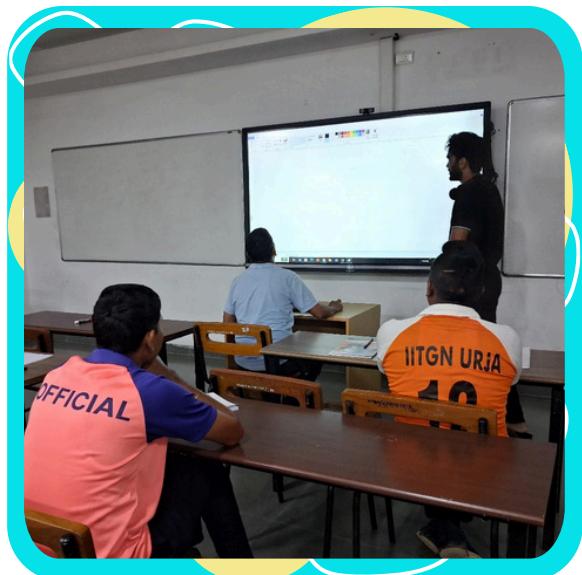
AKANKSHA INITIATIVE

Akanksha is Nyasa's focused educational outreach initiative for academically promising 5th-grade students from Basan and Palaj villages, aiming to prepare them for the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Selection Test (JNVST). After a screening test in local schools, selected students receive targeted coaching in Arithmetic and Mental Ability—core components of JNVST—along with guidance for exams like Gyansetu and NMMS. Volunteers from the IITGN community conduct regular sessions, fostering academic rigour and critical thinking. Akanksha acts as a vital bridge, empowering rural students to pursue quality education and unlock greater opportunities.



UMEED INITIATIVE

Umeed is a Nyasa initiative focused on empowering IITGN's contractual workforce—security guards and housekeeping staff—by enhancing digital literacy and English communication. Held thrice a week in both morning and evening slots in the first semester, the programme ensured flexibility and inclusivity. Participants gained hands-on experience with typing, email writing, and basic computer tools like MS Paint, Word, and Excel. The English module focused on greetings, sentence formation, and workplace phrases, reinforced through role plays and Duolingo. The initiative has significantly improved their confidence, communication, and workplace readiness, enabling personal and professional growth.



AROHAN AND FOUNDATION PROGRAM

On July 26, 2024, Nyasa conducted an introductory session for about 550 postgraduate students during Arohan, where core team members shared an overview of Nyasa's objectives, events, and joining process. The session included personal experiences from team members, introductions from the Nyasa school teacher and students, and interaction with Nyasa kids. On July 29, 2024, Nyasa hosted an orientation for 400+ newly joined undergraduate B. Tech students in the Jasubhai Memorial Auditorium. Core team members presented Nyasa's goals and activities, followed by personal stories and introductions from the organising team members. Our faculty in-charge Prof. Sriharitha Rowthu emphasized Nyasa's mission, concluding with an engaging segment where students reminisced about their experiences in social work organizations.



ALUMNI OUTREACH

The IIT Gandhinagar alumni community supported the Akanksha programme through study materials and donated Navodaya Navneet books to the students. The students improved their arithmetic and mental ability through consistent daily support. The distribution of study materials and Navodaya Navneet books equipped students with the necessary resources for exam preparation. We continued to focus on preparing students for JNVST and other exams and expanding volunteer involvement to ensure continued support. Akanksha continues to provide essential educational support, helping students in Basan and Palaj build the skills needed for future academic success.



The alumni community also supported the Sanjeevani Mega Health Camp which was organised in Dashela village this year. We thank the alumni for their contribution and the alumni relations office for their support.

WINTER CAMP

On 20th December 2024, a one-day Winter Camp was jointly organised by Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) and Nyasa for 54 students from Dashela and Dharampur villages, aiming to spark curiosity and provide creative learning experiences. The day began with an engaging Library Session, where students explored IITGN's library systems, including RFID, digital catalogues, and preservation techniques. They visited the children's section and the Centre for Creative Learning (CCL), ending the session with a fun crossword puzzle and feedback activity.



The Odyssey Astronomy Club then delivered an interactive session on the solar system, twinkling stars, and Earth's atmosphere. A highlight was solar observation through an 8-inch Dobsonian telescope, which thrilled the students. In the Art Studio, children participated in a Zentangle drawing activity, enhancing focus and creativity through structured, meditative doodling.

SANJEEVANI MEGA HEALTH CAMP 2025

The 9th edition of Sanjeevani, Nyasa's flagship healthcare initiative, was successfully organised on 19th January 2025 in Dashela village, Gandhinagar. With its core mission of providing quality healthcare to underserved rural areas, this year's camp served around 500 villagers, offering a wide range of essential medical services, all free of cost.



Held from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the camp brought together a dedicated team of volunteers and expert doctors, including an ophthalmologist, dermatologist, orthopaedist, physiotherapist, gynaecologist, paediatrician, ENT specialist, dentist, and general physician. From registration to consultation to medicine distribution, the camp followed a well-structured and efficient system. Volunteers managed patient flow, guided villagers to numbered consultation tents, and ensured minimal wait times.

SANJEEVANI MEGA HEALTH CAMP 2025

A key highlight of the camp was the distribution of 122 powered eyeglasses, addressing the widespread demand for eye care—one of the most sought-after services. Free medicines and refreshments were distributed at the pharmacy tent after prescriptions were verified. The camp was well-equipped with medical tools like BP monitors, glucometers, thermometers, and supported with tents, beds, chairs, and lunch arrangements for doctors and volunteers.



Extensive outreach efforts, including pamphlets, banners, and door-to-door mobilisation, ensured strong community participation from Dashela and nearby villages. To engage children, fun games and small prizes were arranged, adding warmth and inclusivity to the event.

SANJEEVANI MEGA HEALTH CAMP 2025

The positive impact was evident in the grateful feedback received from attendees—many of whom expressed appreciation through video testimonials. The seamless execution was a result of the tireless commitment of Nyasa's volunteers, whose work behind the scenes and on-ground made this initiative a resounding success.



Sanjeevani 2025 once again demonstrated the power of collaboration, empathy, and proactive service, bringing vital medical care to those who need it the most and reaffirming Nyasa's commitment to community well-being.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Nyasa's commitment to inclusive education and community welfare has led to several significant milestones this year. Under the **Pathway Programme to Regular Schooling**, eight new children from Nyasa have been enrolled in a private school for the 2025-26 academic year, with continued support for three earlier beneficiaries—Taj, Kuldeep, and Anju. This expansion builds on the programme's earlier success, which began in 2021-22 when 12 children were first transitioned to formal education with the help of the IITGN community and well-wishers.



The Akanksha initiative also celebrated a major achievement: seven students from Palaj Government School qualified for the **Gyansetu Scholarship**, reflecting the impact of sustained academic mentoring and dedication of volunteers.

In recognition of its community-driven efforts, Nyasa was featured on Doordarshan National's documentary **Avenues of Excellence**, highlighting its role in empowering marginalised groups through education, distribution drives, and cultural engagement. These milestones underscore Nyasa's growing reach and unwavering mission to nurture young minds and uplift local communities.

KNOW FROM OUR VOLUNTEERS

Last year, we were fortunate to have many volunteers from the IIT Gandhinagar community involved in initiatives like Chetana, Akanksha, and Umeed. Their dedication has played a key role in shaping the future of Nyasa kids. Aniket Mishra, a BTech student, shared how teaching the kids once a week brought fun and energy to his routine. Udita Banerjee, a PhD scholar, enjoyed teaching through interactive activities, finding deeper connections with the children.



Riya Javiya, a master's student, was inspired by her mother, a teacher, to make a difference through education at Nyasa. It is through the dedication of volunteers like Aniket, Udita, and Riya, and many others, that we are able to shape a brighter future for these kids. Their passion and commitment fuel Nyasa's mission, and their contributions are a testament to the profound difference a community can make when united by a common goal.



MEET THE TEAM



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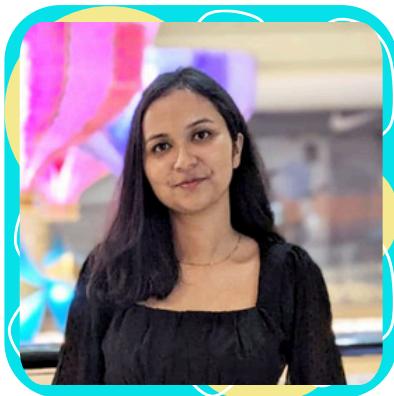
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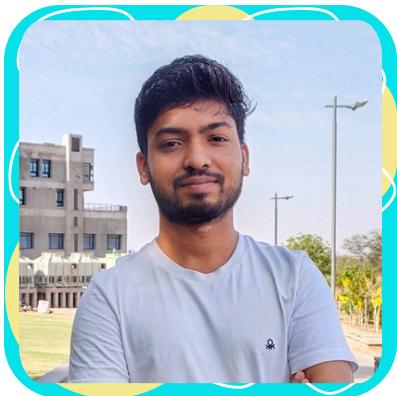
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