



Saptavarna

Signifying hope and optimism

Vision : Education of the under privileged - Towards a more empowered India

Mission: Supporting access to education through direct intervention and improving infrastructure for the under privileged.

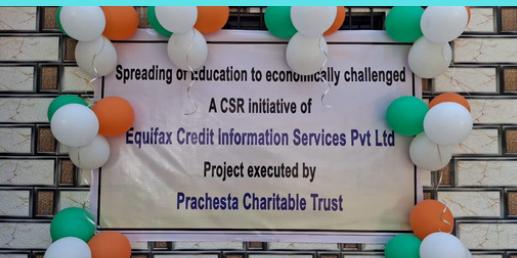
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COMMUNIQUE

Dear Partners, Wishing you a very happy Diwali!!!

As we celebrate the festival of lights, we would like to start with an apology for being unable to publish this newsletter for the past several months.

2025 has been an eventful year for Prachesta with the set up of day-care facilities for 50 children aged between 3 to 6 years in February'25 in association with the **Tree of Life Foundation**. These children come from impoverished background in a slum in Panvel area. With Prachesta's intervention ensuring pre-primary education and day care wherein nutritious food is being provided ensures that these children get a healthy atmosphere for all round growth. Once the children attain 6 years, Prachesta will ensure that these children are admitted to formal schools and complete their education at least till the 12th standard.



The center also have a vocational training facility to impart sewing and beautician courses to the mothers of these children.

The objective of this project is to create an ecosystem which has a profound impact on the lives of these children enabling a better future.

The above project has been funded by **Equifax Credit Information Services Pvt Ltd.**

January'25 was a busy month, Prachesta conducted the **ANUGRAHA SPORTS MEET**: It was a truly remarkable Sports Meet at Anugrah Seva Mandal, Ambernath, on 11th January. This year marked the second consecutive year where this event was organised for the children attending the school, most of whom come from underprivileged backgrounds. The day was filled with energy, excitement, and a true sense of community spirit.



In January'25 Prachesta also successfully conducted an eye check-up camp for the children residing at **Pragati Andh Vidyalaya, Badlapur**, in partnership with Sri Ramakrishna Netralaya, a renowned eye clinic based in Mumbai.



Our primary goal was to provide an opportunity for children with partial visual impairment to receive treatment and potentially improve their vision.



The eye check-up camp, held on January 19, 2025, took place at Pragati Andh Vidyalaya from 10 am to 2 pm. During the camp, a total of 60 children were evaluated by the expert medical team from Sri Ramakrishna Netralaya. Based on the evaluations, we are hopeful that some of these children may benefit from treatments that could improve their vision.

At **Maher Neev**, an orphanage in Navi Mumbai supported by Prachesta, we've taken a proactive step by introducing dedicated tuition classes in mathematics and science. This initiative is designed to provide the children with focused academic support that goes beyond their regular school curriculum. By reinforcing key concepts and offering personalized guidance, we aim to better equip them for upcoming examinations and help build their confidence in these foundational subjects

In April 2025, Prachesta launched a purposeful book donation drive to enrich the learning environment of children. The initiative was anchored in three core goals:

- expanding access to quality books for a broader group of young readers,
- fostering joyful and meaningful engagement with books in daily life, and
- thoughtfully redistributing surplus resources to where they're needed most.

This collective effort was made possible through the generous support of partners who shared our vision for inclusive education. On 26th April 2025, the donated books were handed over to **SKP School** in Kurla East, where they now serve as tools to spark curiosity, fuel imagination, and cultivate a lasting love for reading among students.

In September 2025, Prachesta, in collaboration with Equifax, organized a **medical camp** at the **Tree of Life Foundation**. A dedicated team of experienced doctors from MGM Hospital generously volunteered their time to conduct comprehensive health check-ups for nearly 60 children from underserved communities.

Beyond treating immediate ailments, the doctors engaged deeply with parents—offering practical guidance on preventive care, hygiene, and child-friendly nutrition. Their compassionate approach helped demystify medical concerns and empowered families with knowledge to nurture long-term wellness.

This initiative was more than a health intervention—it was a step toward building trust, raising awareness, and reinforcing the importance of regular medical attention and a balanced diet.



TRUSTEE SPEAKS

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“Education is the greatest equalizer — and the truest investment in humanity.”

For me, Prachesta Charitable Trust has been far more than a social initiative—it has been a **journey of purpose and conviction**, a personal mission that has enriched my life over the past eight years since the Trust’s inception.

Having spent more than three decades in leadership roles across global organizations, I have always believed that true success is measured not by individual achievements, but by the impact one creates in the lives of others.

Among all possible avenues of social change, education—in its purest sense—stands out as the most enduring and transformative.

My association with Prachesta stems from an unwavering belief that **education is the cornerstone of sustainable progress**. I have seen how a single opportunity to learn can alter the trajectory of a child’s life. In a country as diverse as India, where socio-economic barriers often determine access to quality education, working to bridge that gap has been both a challenge and a calling. At Prachesta, we focus on **empowering underprivileged children**—those with dreams that far exceed their circumstances. Every initiative we undertake is rooted in the conviction that when a child is educated, an entire family, and eventually a community, is uplifted.

In my role as a Trustee, I have endeavoured to bring **structure, compliance, and governance discipline** to our operations. Our governance model upholds the principles of **accountability, audit integrity, and ethical financial management**—values that mirror my own belief in transparent, compliant, and sustainable social impact.

Another area that I hold close to my heart is the **channelization of CSR funds** toward initiatives that yield measurable educational outcomes. Over the years, I have collaborated with entities to design CSR programs that go beyond donations—programs that build **educational infrastructure, digital literacy platforms, and vocational skill centres**. These initiatives not only provide access but also create pathways for long-term socio-economic transformation.

My journey with Prachesta has been one of learning, empathy, and profound fulfilment. Each child we support is a testament to human resilience and the power of opportunity. Their determination rekindles my own faith in the cause of education and reaffirms that lasting change begins when we invest in young minds.

Closing Note

At Prachesta, I have found not just a platform, but a purpose — a purpose that unites compassion with accountability, and philanthropy with measurable impact.

It is my enduring belief that **education is not charity; it is empowerment** — and through this journey, I am grateful to be a small part of a movement that transforms lives, one child at a time.



BENEFICIARY SPOTLIGHT.....

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A Dream Amidst Adversity

Born in 2004 in Badarpur, Assam, Piyali Das is the daughter of Mr. Narayan Das and Mrs. Pannarani Das. Her father works in a small Ayurvedic medical shop, earning a modest ₹4,000–₹5,000 per month.

Despite financial constraints and limited academic support, Piali's determination never wavered. Prachesta began supporting Piali in 2019, helping her navigate the challenges of continuing her education.

A Scholar with a Vision

She studied at Badarpur Railway High School and excelled academically—scoring 82% in Madhyamik and 76% in Higher Secondary (HSSLC) in 2022. Her hard work was recognized by the Assam Government, which awarded her a scooter for securing over 75% in her board exams.

Currently in her 5th semester of a Zoology Honours program at Nabinchandra College, Badarpur, Piali continues to shine. Her dream is to become a professor—uplifting her family and contributing meaningfully to society. After completing her undergraduate degree, she plans to pursue a B.Ed and further qualifications to achieve her goal.

Beyond academics, Piali is also a gifted painter, expressing her creativity with grace and passion. Her journey is a testament to resilience, talent, and the transformative power of timely support.

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