

# — ANNUAL REVIEW —

## 2024-2025



Take a deep dive into the Parikrma Way!



# FOUNDERS NOTE



## Dear Friends and Supporters

As we draw the curtain on another academic year, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude. Your unwavering support—through your donations, belief, and compassion—has allowed us to stay true to our mission: to provide equal opportunities to children from the margins of society. Thank you for walking this journey with us.

This past year at Parikrma has been one of both joy and challenge, of quiet wins and bold experiments. We've experienced the power of what love, sensitivity, and transparency can do when rooted in resilience.

As I look back on the years that have passed, I feel immense gratitude. We extend our appreciation for your continued support, for believing in our mission, and for staying with us through both the triumphs and the trials. Parikrma has never been just a school system—it is a living, breathing movement for change. And you, dear friends, are the heartbeat of this movement.

This year has been significant for us in many ways. We witnessed moments that reinforced our faith in resilience, second chances, and the deep power of community. Our ComeBack program saw former students—some who had dropped out due to personal or economic crises—return to complete their education. It was not just a symbolic gesture but a declaration of hope. It told us that no door is ever closed and that education can be picked up again, no matter where life has taken you.

Even more touching was the return of some of our former teachers—who once left Parikrma but found their way back to our classrooms, drawn by the same values that built this community: love, authenticity, transparency, and belief in the potential of every child. They returned wiser, more grounded, and deeply committed.

But it hasn't all been easy. We faced challenges in re-engaging children who had lost the rhythm of school after the pandemic years. Mental health concerns among our adolescents increased, and we struggled with limited funds for new infrastructure and teacher development. There were moments we felt stretched—emotionally and financially—but we held on. Because we knew we were not alone. We had you beside us.

Our Parikrma Festival of Science, on the theme 'The Science of Happiness,' was a huge success—offering not just Parikrma students but also students from other schools, a space to learn, express, and discover the joy of wonder. We initiated new wellness programs for teachers and created opportunities for student leadership through our newly elected Student Parliament. Our alumni continued to make us proud, entering the workforce, mentoring juniors, and reminding us why we began this journey.

One of the proudest moments this year has been our deepening partnership with Mulberry Bush School in the UK. This 75-year-old institution shares not only our values and approach but also our dreams of working with children who need more than just education—they need healing, a sense of belonging, and a belief in themselves. What began as a conversation has now evolved into a meaningful exchange of knowledge and experience. One of our teacher-leaders went to the UK for training and immersion, and their team travelled to Bangalore to understand how we manage our scale. We learned from their legacy of specialised care; they, in turn, learned from our integrated, community-rooted approach. This is the beginning of a journey we are deeply excited about.

We also launched Parikrma Oxygen, our nature-based learning initiative—a new experiment in environmental education that uses the outdoors to heal, teach, and inspire. This was made possible by the generosity of our long-time friend and supporter, Naseer Humayun, who gifted us the land. What was once a dry, underused plot is now being transformed into a vibrant, green learning space for children from the slums—one that teaches not only science and conservation but also resilience, mindfulness, and the value of life itself.

But this year was not without pain. We lost a beloved colleague, Akash Singh, far too early. Akash was more than just a team member—he was part of the soul of Parikrma. His passing shook us deeply. Yet, in this sorrow, we also found clarity. We were reminded of life's impermanence and the urgency of our work. We learned that suffering and purpose are often interwoven. We carry on because Akash would have wanted us to and because there are so many children and families depending on us.

And so, we end one academic year not only with memories but with many milestones. Our graduating students—young adults from some of the most disadvantaged backgrounds—are stepping into the world not just as educated individuals but as responsible and sensitive citizens. They carry with them the values that you helped us instil—compassion, courage, and clarity.

We are also excited about our joint venture with our friend Vijay .K to scale the Education Transformation Centre, our teacher training hub. This coming year, we aim to adopt more government schools and take the Parikrma Way to children across the country who deserve better learning environments. We are documenting our work more thoroughly to make Parikrma a living laboratory of learning—a place where teachers can come to be inspired, trained, and recharged.

Our commitment to a family approach continues. Education is not confined to the child alone for us. Our work in the communities has shown remarkable shifts—more informed parents, more skilled families, and communities who now stand with greater dignity and self-belief. Parikrma is not just about creating good schools—it is about creating a new way of thinking.

In the coming year, we will continue to deepen our roots and widen our reach. We will train more teachers, support more families, and learn from everyone who walks alongside us. Real change comes not just from passion but from perseverance. And with you by our side, we are confident that we will continue to move forward.

Thank you—for your trust, your generosity, and your love. The road ahead is long, but our hearts are full.

With love and determination,  
**Shukla Bose**



# AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

We are **ranked Number 5** under **High Happiness Quotient Schools in the EducationWorld School Grand Jury Rankings 2024-25**. The award is a recognition of our unwavering commitment to student well-being.

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**Award of Excellence** for Parikrma's outstanding contribution and dedication to making a difference in the community **by IIM Bangalore**.

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**Dr Bose won the Mahila Spandana Award 2025** from the Alliance Centre of Women Empowerment at **Alliance University for "outstanding and exemplary contributions towards Social Impact"**.

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Our **student, Rakshitha**, who is currently in the USA as part of the YES program, won the **Trailblazer award at the India Rising: Aspiring Undergrads Summit 2024**, organised by Vidyashilp University.

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**Student Yashoda** has been **selected for the Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Program 2025-26** by AFS India.

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**Dr Shukla Bose** was **awarded** and recognised for her **contributions to women's empowerment and girls' education on Women's Day in the State**.

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At the **Khushwanth Singh Literature Festival 2024**, **Parikrma children won the 2nd and 3rd Kodaikanal Gandhi Prize**. The topic for the competition was the Women's Reservation Bill.

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**Aaron Cooper**, Plato's design mentor and one of the world's top footwear designers, along with **Michael Foley**, India's top product designer, **selected Parikrma student Bhavya Rani's idea as one of the top 5 designs for the Paleto Shoe Design Award**.

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**Students Madan and Varun** won **1st place** in the **mixed media art competition** held at the **Goonj 2024 interschool event**.

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- ★ **Dr Bose** received the **Transformative Leadership Award for Women, Sakhee 2024.**

- ★ **Four students, Keshavi, Monish, Krupa, and Monisha,** completed their workshops and program at San Diego after being selected for the **Global Youth Leadership Summit 2024.**

- ★ **Gopal, our PE Teacher,** was honoured by the **BEO** of their school zone at the **Teachers Day Celebrations.**

- ★ **M. Balaji and friends** were the **winners of the Reels Competition,** organised on the occasion of **International Democracy Day** by the **Government of Karnataka.**

- ★ Our **student, Bhavyashree,** was awarded **1st prize** in the **essay competition initiative** by the **Government's Bangalore North Division** – a drive to promote its local libraries.

- ★ At the **All India drawing competition 2024-25** by the All India Citizen Development Centre, our **student Pallavi** won the **Kala Rathna Award**

- ★ **Student Johnson** won the **2nd prize** at the **District Level Painting Competition.**



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## SPORTS AWARDS

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- ★ **Archana G** of Saturn class secured the **Gold Medal** in the **State Level Taekwondo Championship**

- ★ Our **students** bagged **3rd place** at the **Jubilee Football Tournament U-14 teams**

- ★ The **Parikrma Boys Football Club** were the **Runners Up** at the **Karnataka A Division Football League Competition**

- ★ Our **all-girls school football team** won the **Sacred Hearts Cup 2024**

- ★ We were the **U-12 Runners-up** at the **Vyasa Inter-School Football Tournament,** and our **student, Thangunlal,** won the **best player of the tournament**



★ **Ashwin**, a player from our **Parikrma Boys' Football Club**, was selected to represent our state in the **2024 Santosh Trophy**.

★ At the **Airbenders Athletics Meet 2024** at **Loyola School**, our students bagged **7 gold, 6 silver, and 8 bronze medals**.

★ **3 of our students** participated in the **All India Football Tournament, Goa Cup, Under-15**, and were part of the winning team.

★ At the **Star Trek Athletic Meet 2025**, our students bagged **4 bronze, 5 gold, and 3 silver medals**.

★ Student **Kayra Nath** was selected to represent the **Karnataka Football Team** and participated in **Sub-Juniors Nationals** conducted in **West Bengal**.



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## ACADEMIC REPORT

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### SSLC

**96%** and **100%** pass percentage at two of our schools!

### PUC

The science batch celebrated a **100%** pass percentage.

3 students obtained over **95%!**



# NEW CHAPTERS



## ★ Dr Shukla Bose

We are delighted and incredibly proud to share that Parikrma's founder, now Dr Shukla Bose, successfully defended her thesis and earned a doctorate in Public Policy and Governance from the JAIN (deemed-to-be University). Her thesis is titled 'Taking the slum out of the Child: Exploring the Role of Socioeconomic Status and Neighbourhood on the Academic Performance and Decision-making of Urban Poor Children in Bengaluru'.



## ★ ComeBack Program: A Second Chance at Education

Recognising that some students may drop out due to family obligations or lack of interest, Parikrma launched the ComeBack program. This initiative invites students who had to discontinue their education to re-attempt their board exams as private candidates with full academic support. In just one year, 52 students earned their school completion certificates, reigniting their potential.



## ★ Intergenerational Interactions Program

Parikrma has collaborated with Baljee Foundation Trust to support Sandhya Suraksha, which works towards the welfare of senior citizens through various innovative projects focusing on dementia care, active and healthy ageing, elder abuse, social integration, empowerment, and capacity building. Through this collaboration, our children visit the elderly at the organisation once a month. This interaction, a part of life skills training, not only promotes empathy, resilience, and care for others but also underscores the importance of the children's contribution, fostering a meaningful connection for both the young and the elderly.



# PARTNERSHIPS



We are excited to announce that **Yi Bengaluru Thalir Vertical** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with 5 schools under the **Parikrma Humanity Foundation**, inducting **1050 students**. This collaboration aims to bridge the gap and enhance opportunities for economically disadvantaged students.



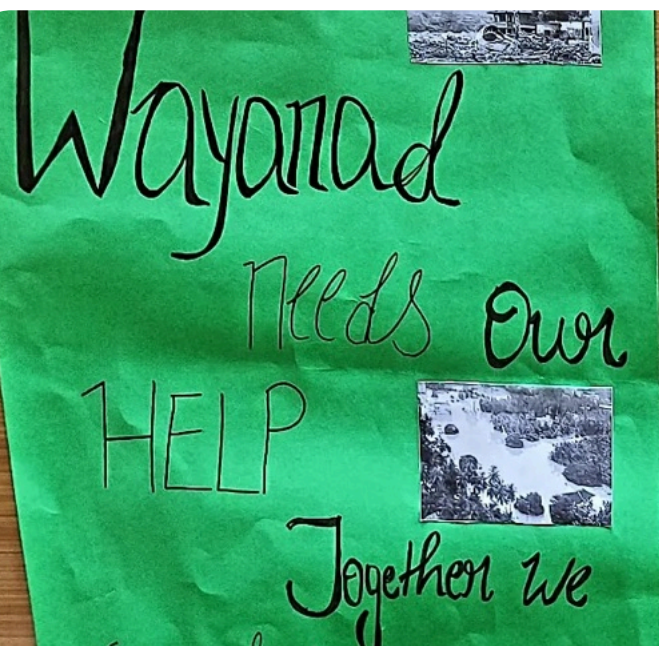
# PARIKRMA GIVE BACK INITIATIVES

## New Collaboration

As part of our **new program with the ASHA Foundation**, founder Jayashree Ramesh and her team of experts will train Parikrma students through the **language enrichment program**. **Following this training, our students will volunteer at the Foundation.**

## Raising Funds

Our **Grade 11 and 12 students organised a food festival to raise funds to purchase supplies for the landslide victims in Wayanad**. The week-long initiative was planned and executed by our children. **Through the funds raised a government school in Wayanad acquired projectors.**



Stall no	Items	Price
1.	Pakoda	₹ 10
	Peanut Masala	₹ 10
2.	Ice cream With Gulab Jamun	₹ 20 ₹ 10 (only Jamun)
3.	Fruit Custard	₹ 10
4.	Veg Roll	₹ 20.
5.	Bhel Puri	₹ 20
	Bread Halwa	₹ 10
6.	Veg Noodles	₹ 20
	Egg Noodles	₹ 20
7.	Veg Sandwich	₹ 20
8.	Pani Puri	₹ 20
	Tea, Coffee, Horlick	₹ 10

# TEACHER TRAINING



Our Teach4Growth initiative enhances teacher development by providing international exposure and best-practice learning opportunities. Guna, the Head of the Parikrma Centre for Learning in Koramangala, attended the training with the team at Mulberry Bush, UK. The initiative and collaboration are part of the teacher development program.



As part of our ongoing initiatives integrating mental health and trauma-sensitive education, ensuring emotional well-being is a core component of our model. This year, we had a few sessions with Monk Kalden from the Sera Monastery. Our first lesson was the Science of the Mind and the mental factors that lead to 'intelligent compassion'.



## EXPOSURE & EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Our children had a fantastic interactive session with the space experts from NASA: Norman Knight, Director of the Flight Operations Directorate; Emily Nelson, Chief Flight Director; Joseph Acaba, NASA Astronaut; Makaela Mendrala, International Program Specialist, Office of International and Interagency Relations. Samantha Jackson, Spokesperson for the U.S. Consulate General in Chennai, joined our valuable session. A heartfelt thank you to the NASA team for the excellent interaction and to our long-term supporter, the U.S. Consulate General Chennai.

We had the Nobel Laureate, economist Esther Duflo, interact with the staff and students at our school. Duflo shared insights on education and equality, as well as her new, fascinating book, "Poverty Economics for Kids."



Two of our students were selected to attend the IIIT Hyderabad Episteme 2024 program.

A few of our girls spent days learning and interacting with peers globally at the WiSci South Asia Girls STEAM Camp.

Our children had the opportunity to meet and interact with members of the Indian cricket team and attend a T20 match in Delhi. Thanks to SBI Life for making this happen.

Students interacted with some of the brightest minds in the entrepreneurial ecosystem at this year's TIE Global Summit.



As always, our children participated in the Globe Reads, a UNESCO initiative, and the NEEV Literature Festival – interacting with students globally and authors in India about books.

## ALUMNI: STORIES OF TRANSFORMATION

It was a heartwarming moment when Rakshitha, accompanied by her parents, Selvi and Thangaraj, bid us farewell before embarking on her journey to the US as part of the AFS India YES cultural exchange program.

Our alum, Vimala, from our Koramangala school, is a shining example of resilience and independence. Despite finding academics challenging and being unable to complete her Grade 10 exams, Vimala has become one of the city's few bold and independent autorickshaw drivers.



"A very special moment for me was to be asked to give away the award for Excellence in Acting to our very own student, Chaithra Achar, at the Karnataka Women's Achievers Award function. She gave a very tearful but lovely speech on how she has learnt to be confident in her school. She also acknowledged Kalpana, her teacher, who had encouraged her to act in school. It was a very poignant evening for both Kalpana and me." – Shukla Bose



Our alum, Victor, left for the UK in 2025. He has been offered a job at Cambridge University's Addenbrooke's Hospital as a genetic researcher. He wants to work and also do his PhD in genetics.

Our alum, Phalitha, visited us while she was in the city, hiring trainees for her team, before leaving for Los Angeles. She also ran a workshop on job opportunities on cruise ships for our junior college students. Phalitha manages the entire entertainment department of the cruise liner for which she works.

Akash, our alumnus, secured first place at the Bengaluru Thump Celebration Half Marathon. He completed the 10K with an impressive timing of 37 minutes and 36 seconds.



# NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL IMPACT

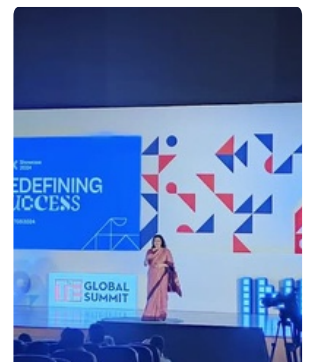
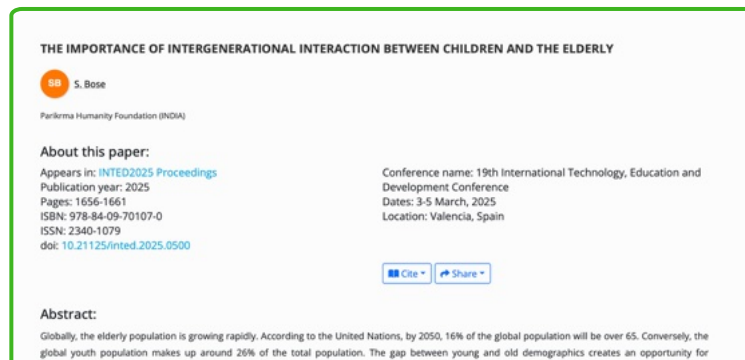
## Published Papers

“The importance of intergenerational interaction between children and the elderly” by Shukla Bose, published in 2025 in ICERI.

Dr Bose discusses how prejudice, an assumption or opinion about someone based solely on their membership in a particular group, affects children in a review published in the International Journal of Research and Analytical Reviews.

## Conferences and Talks

Dr Bose was invited to speak on diverse themes at various panels and to deliver keynote addresses, including at the NAVKAAR 2024, IIMB Eximius, INKtalks, TEDx, The Lawrence School, Lovedale, and the Power of Play, alongside panellist and cricketer Rahul Dravid, as well as the TEDx Conference organised by Christ University.



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICE



Every year, we hold free health check-ups for all our parents, conduct regular counselling sessions, and encourage participation in our Circle Time discussions. We witnessed an increase in our parents' involvement in both circle time and counselling sessions this year. A notable event was the Jayanagar Jaguars marathon, where over 50 of our mothers, participated.

Our parents, from across 94 slums, were taken on several field trips.

## Awareness Programmes

BRANCHES	DURGA PROGRAM	FINANCIAL LITERACY BY BUZZ	ZOMATO-JOB OPPORTUNITY	INDIA FOUNDATION
Jayanagar	96	0	18	115
Sahakarnagar	200	40	182	86
Koramanagla	35	0	45	78
Nandini Layout	25	40	25	57
PJC	0	0	117	80

## Workshops and Training

BRANCHES	AARI WORK	SAREE KUCHI	MEHENDI	ADVANCE TAILORING
Jayanagar	30	0	30	0
Sahakarnagar	20	22	20	0
Koramanagla	20	48	0	30
Nandini Layout	0	0	0	0



# EDUCATION TRANSFORMATION CENTRE (ETC)



ETC, in collaboration with the Department of State Educational Research and Training (DSERT), has trained 2,406 teachers from Government Schools that belong to three districts of Karnataka. With this, ETC will have trained over 6,000 teachers across Karnataka. The Teachers have been trained in Teacher Sensitivity and Various Pedagogical Skills.



## **Parikrma ETC School Adoption & Whole School Improvement Project**

ETC has been implementing a Whole School Improvement Project in 4 Government Schools that have been adopted by Parikrma (1 each situated in Bangalore North & Bangalore Rural Districts and 2 in Bangalore South District).

# PARIKRMA OXYGEN INDIA'S FIRST NATURE SCHOOL

We are excited about the progress at Oxygen – both on land and in terms of our Stage 1 plan – and we have already surpassed our set goals!

Children have already begun visiting Parikrma Oxygen for day trips, where they are immersed in detailed studies of the flora and fauna.



Teachers, staff, and community members, including our parents, have visited the campus on overnight trips to hold meetings, participate in cleaning drives, and share their knowledge about the crisis of climate change and its impact.

Over 1,000 trees native to the region have been planted, serving as a natural boundary and windbreak for the land.

Contour trenches have been constructed, and a lake is being restored to help recharge underground water sources.

We have also held several events at the school, which have witnessed the participation of over 200 students from more than 30 schools of all categories in Bengaluru. This year, as a prelude to the Innovations Conclave, the pre-event outdoor activity was held at Oxygen.

Several students from around the world have visited Parikrma Oxygen and collaborated with us, sharing ideas and providing support to enable access to a larger population. In this regard, we have collaborated with volunteers from universities in the United States and the United Kingdom.

A few of our children have completed their nature guide programme at the Naturalist School in India.



# — PARIKRMA ANNUAL EVENTS —



## ★ The Parikrma Champions League 2024

This year's League was all about great football, with teams from across the country making it to the semi-finals, exhibition girls' team matches, friendly matches featuring CEOs vs. Parikrma, and activities including art shows and games.

### What was special?

Diverse representation: We had teams from remote and varied parts of the country, such as the school from Assam, which played outside its home turf – a first.

The winners of this year's Equality Cup and the Runner-up teams both have our alumni as their coaches.

The tracksuits and stockings were sponsored by our alumni Irfan and Shivashankari through their football academy, Peps Sports School.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Jay Patel, Managing Director of Acacia Care, the official sponsor of this year's PCL.



## ★ Festival of Science

The Parikrma Festival of Science saw 300 children from 30 different schools at the Manipal Academy for Higher Education learn the "Science of Happiness." We delved into the scientific foundations of well-being. The children were treated to insightful talks on neuroscience, positive psychology, lifestyle choices, and social factors by eminent scientists, psychologists, doctors, and animal behaviour experts.

This is the 11th year that Synopsys has supported us in bringing this unique Science exploration to thousands of children of all economic categories. This long-term CSR support, which yields excellent outcomes, is uncommon, and we thank Synopsys for this partnership. We thank our supporters and hosts, MAHE, Manipal University, the Centre for Brain Research, IISC, and NCBS.



## ★ Innovations Conclave 2025

This year's Parikrma Innovations Conclave winners, sponsored by NetApp, were recognised for their ingenious ideas and solutions to address water conservation. The Conclave included a field trip that provided children with a firsthand experience of the outdoors and real challenges, fostering a practical approach to learning. This was followed by three months for each participating school to come up with ideas. The winning ideas received funding to develop the plan further and put them into action.

A big shout-out to our official partner and sponsor of the Conclave, NetApp India, and our consistent supporter.



# JUNIOR COLLEGE INTERACTIONS

**Experts from diverse fields conducted workshops for our students, many of whom were mentored by individuals who expressed further interest:**

- ★ On architecture: a conversation with Rozario Architecture
- ★ Women in Science workshop organised by the US Consulate
- ★ Talk by Pallabi Ghosh, a trafficking activist from Impact Foundation
- ★ Gagan Kiran, a BTech Mechatronics student of Manipal University about his experience and learning from the Mars Rover project
- ★ Session on professional etiquette and expectations by Akhila
- ★ Dengue Awareness Program
- ★ Interactions with members of Janes Defense Forces
- ★ Media literacy workshop
- ★ Trek – Mandaragiri Hills
- ★ Science field trip – Omkar hills, Turahalli forest, Big Banyan Tree



- ★ Field trips: Pearl Valley, Pyramid Valley
- ★ Talk on advertisements by Subhabrata Ghosh
- ★ Exposure to paramedical courses by Goenka Institute
- ★ Workshop on being an active bystander by Durga India
- ★ On entrepreneurship by Fly Higher
- ★ Talk by ex-DGP, Dr Pratap Reddy
- ★ On Happiness by coach Samhitha Veda Acharya



### ★ **Parikrma Market Readiness Program**

Over the last two years, we have been running the Market Readiness program under the auspices of Parikrma Prep, with the guidance of our faculty member Bhaskar, and have held four sessions of these exciting competitions. It was great to have Deeraj Shetty, a well-known investment consultant, as the judge for this year's event. We were proud to have Pavan, our very own alumnus who is today a professional and an entrepreneur, as one of the judges.

# FIELD VISITS AND EVENTS: LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

At Parikrma, we always lay extra emphasis on direct interactions, field visits, and more practical learning as part of our curriculum. Every year, we ensure that our students cover diverse fields and embark on exciting field visits. These visits to colleges, galleries, science institutes, and government programmes, as well as festivals and events on various subjects held across the state, not only make learning adventurous but also provide a hands-on experience. We visited:

- ★ National Centre for Biological Sciences
- ★ Chitrakala Parishad
- ★ Institute of Baking Technology
- ★ Gallery Sumukha
- ★ University of Agricultural Sciences
- ★ Museum of Arts and Photography(MAP), Bangalore
- ★ YIP (Young Indians Parliament Program) at Vidhana Soudha
- ★ Bamboo Habba



- ★ India Music Experience Museum
- ★ Prani, Pet Sanctuary
- ★ Green Lit Festival
- ★ Science Gallery
- ★ Rangashankara
- ★ King Cobra Conservation Event
- ★ Bannerghatta National Park
- ★ HCL Jigsaw Quiz
- ★ Kaavi Kale workshop
- ★ Makkalinda Brush Strokes Art Workshop
- ★ World Wildlife Day International Youth Art Contest
- ★ Visvesvaraya Museum
- ★ Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd
- ★ WWF Quiz National Competition
- ★ Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium
- ★ Katha Utsav
- ★ Yi Bengaluru Run
- ★ Ryan Miniathon 2024
- ★ TCS 10k Run



## WORKSHOPS AND VOLUNTEERING

**Thousands of international and national volunteers engage with Parikrma, many of whom return after graduation to contribute to long-term education and social impact projects.**

### **Special Meet!**

Jill was our first volunteer 21 years ago. She became an integral part of the Parikrma family. In 2024, she brought her teenage daughters to visit Parikrma, her second home. It is lovely to have such long-lasting relationships with people who are caring and giving.



From workshops, talks, and one-day sessions on diverse subjects, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all individuals who were part of these collaborations this year. Their contributions, whether in technology, STEM, space exploration, ecology, nature studies, dance and music, self-care, or safety for girls, have been invaluable and greatly appreciated.

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ST Margaret's School, UK  
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Rotary Club  
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Decathlon  
SPIC MACAY  
Muktha Foundation  
ASHA Foundation  
PAN American Students Forum  
WHU Germany  
Spiders & the Sea  
FlyHiger  
Inventure Academy  
TechSera  
GEMS International, Dubai

## PARIKRMA IN THE NEWS

### Children from NGO in Bengaluru meet cricket players

The Hindu Bureau

BENGALURU

Cricket is not just a sport in India but an emotion and a source of inspiration. For five children from Parikrama Humanity Foundation, an NGO based in Bengaluru, it was a dream-come-true moment when they got an opportunity to interact with players of the Indian national cricket team and practice nets with them.

On a platform facilitated by SBI Life Insurance and BCCI, five children from underprivileged backgrounds got cricket tips from Sanju Samson, Arshdeep Singh and Indian T20 team captain Suryakumar Yadav.

The objective behind the initiative was to enrich the lives of the children by not only supporting their education and holistic development but also inspiring them to dream big and achieve their aspirations for a brighter future.

The five children, Deepika M, Mallari N, Ananya V, Nava Pransav and Paogulhao L, also got the opportunity to watch the India Vs Bangladesh international T20 match at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in New Delhi.



Children with some members of the cricket team.

Ravindra Sharma, Chief of Brand, Corporate Communication, and CSR at SBI Life, said, "We're honoured to have played a small part in helping these children experience such a significant moment in their lives. At SBI Life, we look at our partnership with BCCI beyond supporting the sport to inspire fans across the nation and liberate them to dream big and pursue those dreams."

"We are thankful to the cricketers legends like Suryakumar Yadav, Arshdeep Singh and Sanju Samson for taking time out and wholeheartedly playing ball with kids; the quality time spent will be etched as an inspirational memory for the kids, encouraging them to dream big."

### Don't fear failure, toy with it, Nobel laureate Esther Duflo tells students

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Bengaluru: Nobel laureate Esther Duflo had two problems back in school — one, she was very bored, and two, she could not make friends easily.

"Our classes would go on for long, from 8am to 5pm, and I was bored most of the time. I also found it difficult to make friends. However, I found my way around. When I was bored, I found ways to amuse myself. After some time, I managed to make some good friends too," Duflo said. She was talking to a group of underprivileged students in Bengaluru on Wednesday.

About 200 school children, wide-eyed and holding a notebook and pen in hand, sat cross-legged on jamkhanas, listening to Esther-alkka. Esther Duflo, an economist, walked into the hall with no airs



Esther Duflo interacts with a group of underprivileged students

hard Math problem; 'if I don't succeed I will look stupid' or 'I don't want to ask a question because everyone else might know the answer'. In all of our lives, there are moments where we just don't do anything to provoke failure.

Students from the Parikrama Humanity Foundation, Koramangala, Parikrama provides free CRISE education to students from the slums of Bengaluru. Students read parts of the English and Kannada translations of her re-

Talking about the characters in the book—a teacher hiding in the house, and a student missing classes, she said: "It is not the teachers' fault; she has to teach something that is too difficult for her. And she cannot do it alone. The teacher and the students should make efforts to learn, explore, and excel. It is not that the children or parents are lazy, or that the teachers are scary; it is because the school needs to work with everyone to make sure everyone is learning."

"I wanted kids to have books with stories of children in villages. It is not often that you see them represented in books. I want everyone to see how they live and their fun moments and problems. Sometimes, they find solutions to their problems," she added.

Shukla Bose, founder of the foundation, said the event

# Haokip's hat-trick hands Parikrma easy win

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Thang-Jalen Haokip was in fine fettle as he found the back of the net thrice to lead Parikrma FC to a dominating 4-0 win over BUFC in

## An unforgettable encounter



**A dream comes true for the kids, when they meet the Indian cricket team**

For the five children from the Parikrma Humanity Foundation, the day started like any other, but turned into an unforgettable experience last, when the young, eager minds from an underprivileged background in Bengaluru were given a rare opportunity to meet their cricketing kith – the Indian cricket team – in Delhi. This extraordinary encounter was made possible by a platform created by Sri Lalit Issanwar's partnership with Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to provide meaningful engagements, which can inspire children to dream big in life. It was not just a day of excitement, but a transformative experience – one that gave these children more than just autographs and selfies. It gave them hope and inspiration.

For children in India, cricket is more than just a sport. It is a dream, a passion that runs through the veins of millions across the country, from the narrow lanes of villages to the urban cricket pitches, the love for the game is a unifying force that transcends socio-economic barriers. For many, crickering heroes provide success and triumph over adversity, making them beacons of hope. In communities where poverty often dampens ambition, cricket

provides an escape – a world of possibilities where talent can change one's destiny. The game has the power to unite people from all walks of life, and for these children, getting a glimpse of their heroes was akin to touching the stars.

In the bustling city of Delhi, the five children – Deepika, Malati, Ananya, Nava and Poojabha – from the Parikrma Humanity Foundation, found themselves walking into the same practice nets that some of India's most celebrated cricketing legends train on. With wide eyes and excited smiles, they interacted with players like Suryakumar Yadav, Sanju Samson and Arvind Singh. These weren't just fleeting encounters. The children were not mere spectators on the sidelines – they were immersed in the atmosphere, absorbing every moment of the encounter. The players took time to engage with the children, sharing tips, stories and even indulging in an impromptu game, making the experience both personal and deeply inspiring.

What made this experience even more impactful was the humility of the players. For these children, who often face challenges at every step of their lives, watching their idols interact so genuinely reminded them that greatness doesn't come from privilege, but from perseverance and dedication. It was a powerful lesson – that success isn't defined by where you come from, but by how hard you're willing to work

**How it all began**

to achieve your goals. It was in these small, intimate moments – Sanju Samson showing the kids a few wicket-keeping tricks, Arvind Singh bonding for them, to bat against – that the magic truly happened. The players' willingness to not only interact but also connect with the kids gave the entire encounter a sense of genuine warmth and camaraderie. The children, for their part, soaked it all in, every tip, every smile, every pat on the back adding to their sense of belonging and possibility.

For kids like Deepika, who had only seen cricket on a small TV screen, being in the presence of her heroes felt like stepping into a dream. She had never imagined that a day would come when she could not only watch but play alongside the cricketing legends she had admired from afar. But it wasn't just about fanfare or star power.

**A metaphor for life**

This experience showed these children that their dreams, however distant they might seem given their current circumstances, are within reach. Cricket, for them, became a metaphor for life – a journey of perseverance, practice and belief.

Following their unforgettable time on the practice grounds, the children

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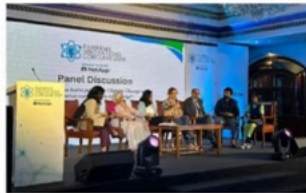
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## Champions

In a closely-fought final, Greenwood High School snatched a 2-1 win over Legacy to win the Parikrma Equality Cup on Saturday, reports DHNS.

**Results: Equality Cup (Final):** Greenwood High School: 2 bt Legacy: 1. Third place: St. Joseph's: 3 bt St. Aloysius: 0. **Equality Plate (Final):** Government High School, Pottery Town: 2 bt St. Ann's High School, Goa: 1.

**Awards: Best Goalkeeper:** Gary Hegde (Legacy). **Best Defender:** Nihal Karthik (SJBHS). **Best Playmaker:** Rahul Karthik (Greenwood High). **Top Scorer:** Shankar Sujith (SJBHS), Aarush Goyal (Greenwood High). **Player Of The Tournament:** Rehaan Rai (Legacy). **Best Coach:** Sunil M (Legacy). **Fair Play:** Haite Memorial Friendship School, Assam.



**Greenwood High triumph:** Greenwood High School secured 2-1 win over Legacy School to win the Parikrma Equality Cup in Bengaluru on Saturday. Rehaan Rai scored the opening goal for Legacy, but Greenwood's Aarush Kumar and Aarush Goyal scored in the 25th and 30th minute respectively. **Results: Equality Cup: Final:** Greenwood High 2 (Aarush Kumar 25, Aarush Goyal 30) bt Legacy School 1 (Rehaan Rai 20). **3rd place:** St. Joseph's BMS 3 (Shankar Sujith 11, Nandan Prayem 24) bt St. Aloysius 0. **Plate: Final:** Govt HS, Pottery Town 2 (Nandan Selenba 17, Lenin T 23) bt St. Ann's HS, Goa 1 (Bhavesh K Khurvat 29). **Awards: Best 'keeper:** Gary Hegde (Legacy). **Defender:** Nihal Karthik (St. Joseph's). **Playmaker:** Rahul Karthik (Greenwood). **Topscorer:** Shankar Sujith (St. Joseph's) & Aarush Goyal (Greenwood). **Player of the Tournament:** Rehaan Rai (Legacy). **Coach:** Sunil M (Legacy). **Fairplay:** Haite Memorial, Assam.



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