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By the team

There is something very easy about complaining.

We see something that isn't working, we talk about it, we wonder why nobody is doing anything about it—and then we move on with our day. Sometimes, that is all we can do. But sometimes, perhaps, we can do a little more.

Maybe we can be part of the problem.

Not in the way the phrase usually means, of course. We mean being willing to step close enough to a problem to understand it. To accept that the things we complain about are not always somebody else's responsibility. That we live in these communities, use these roads, share these spaces, depend on these systems—and therefore, whether we like it or not, we are part of them too.

And once we accept that, something changes.

Instead of asking, “Why isn't someone doing something?”, we begin asking, “Is there something I can do?”

The answer may not always be much. Sometimes it is an hour of our time. Sometimes it is a conversation. Sometimes it is sharing something we know, contributing what we can, or simply showing up when someone needs help. And sometimes, it is admitting that we don't have the answer yet, but being willing to learn.

We have come across many such moments while working with Deepastambha. What stays with us is that meaningful work rarely begins with someone having everything figured out. More often, it begins with someone noticing something and caring enough to do something about it.

The work itself is not always easy or glamorous. There are long days, unexpected problems, things that don't go according to plan, and moments when the impact of an effort isn't immediately visible. But there is something deeply satisfying about knowing that you chose to participate instead of simply watching from the sidelines.

Perhaps that is what responsibility really looks like—not feeling responsible for everything, but being willing to take responsibility for something.

We don't have to solve every problem we see. We don't even have to know where to begin every time. But we can resist the temptation to believe that change is always someone else's job.

So, the next time we find ourselves complaining about something, perhaps we can pause for a moment and ask a different question:

Could I be part of this?

And if the answer is yes, perhaps that isn't such a bad place to start.

Warm regards,
Team Pratirav.

मदतीच्या पलीकडचा 'वेळ'

सामाजिक काम म्हटले की आपल्या डोळ्यांसमोर बऱ्याच वेळा आर्थिक मदत, कपडे किंवा अन्नछत्र येते. यात काहीच चुकीचे नाही; कारण कोणत्याही संस्थेला चालवण्यासाठी पैशांची आणि साधनांची गरज असतेच. पण या भौतिक गरजांच्या पलीकडे जाऊन पाहिले, तर एका वेगळ्याच गोष्टीची उणीव जाणवते—ती म्हणजे 'आपलेपणाची साथ'.

'दीपस्तंभ'तर्फे वृद्धाश्रम, अनाथाश्रम, विशेष मुलांच्या शाळा, तसेच HIV बाधित मुलांसाठी काम करणाऱ्या संस्थांना भेटी दिल्या जातात. तिथल्या मुलांशी आणि आजी-आजोबांशी एकत्र बसून गप्पा मारणारे, प्रेमाने दोन शब्द बोलणारे आणि स्वतःचा वेळ देणारे लोक खूप कमी असतात. दीपस्तंभने केवळ मदत न करता या सगळ्यांना आपला 'वेळ' आणि 'आपलेपण' देण्यावर भर दिला आहे.

या भेटींमागे एक अतिशय सोपा , पण विचार करायला लावणारा उद्देश आहे— सण-उत्सव आणि आनंद या लोकांसोबत साजरा करणे. मकर संक्रांतीला हळदी-कुंकू आणि लहान मुलांचे बोरन्हाण असो, दिवाळीचा उत्सव असो, किंवा मुलांसाठी बाहुला-बाहुलीचे लग्न! केवळ परंपराच नाही, तर मुलांसाठी वेगवेगळ्या राज्यांची माहिती देणारा फॅशन शो, जर्मन-स्पॅनिश-जपानी भाषांची सोपी ओळख, आजी-आजोबांसाठी फनफेअर, गाण्यांच्या भेंड्या, त्यांच्यासोबत भोंडला खेळणे आणि अगदी अंध वृद्धाश्रमातील आजींना निसर्गाच्या सहलीला घेऊन जाणे... या सगळ्या उपक्रमांमधून एकच प्रयत्न असतो—त्यांच्या आयुष्यात हसू फुलवणे, आणि आपला त्यांच्यासोबतचा तसेच त्यांचा आपल्यासोबतचा वेळ कसा आनंददायी आणि सुंदर करता येईल हे पाहणे.

या प्रवासात काम करताना आम्हाला स्वतःमध्ये झालेला एक मोठा बदल जाणवला. आपल्या स्वतःच्या आयुष्यात काय नाही, याच्या तक्रारी करत राहण्याऐवजी, आपल्याला जे सहज मिळाले आहे त्याबद्दल कृतज्ञ राहून इतरांना मदत करण्याची 'सहकार्याची वृत्ती' आमच्यात निर्माण झाली. आपण किती सुदैवी आहोत याची जाणीव झाली, आणि आपल्याकडे जे आहे ते इतरांना मिळावे म्हणून आपण काय करू शकतो, हा विचार पक्का झाला.

पैशांपेक्षाही मौल्यवान काय असेल, तर तो म्हणजे आपला 'वेळ'—कारण कोणाला वेळ देणे म्हणजे आपल्या आयुष्यातील एक कभीही न परत येणारा क्षण त्यांना भेट देणे!

समाजात बदल घडवून आणण्यासाठी नेहमी खूप मोठी रक्कम किंवा मोठे उपक्रमच हवेत असे नाही. आपल्या व्यस्त आयुष्यातून काढलेला अर्धा तास आणि एखाद्याशी मारलेल्या दोन प्रेमाच्या गप्पा सुद्धा कोणाचे तरी एकाकीपण दूर करू शकतात. दीपस्तंभचा हा प्रवास केवळ कार्यक्रमांचा नाही, तर माणसाला माणसाशी जोडणाऱ्या एका साध्या आणि सुंदर नातेसंबंधाचा आहे.

- डॉ. अनुष्का शेंबेकर

स्वयंसेवक दीपस्तंभ चॅरिटेबल ट्रस्ट.



काही भेटी क्षणापुरत्या नसतात; त्या आपलेपणाची जाणीव देऊन जातात

The Chapter I never planned to write

"The most meaningful chapters of our lives are often the ones we never planned to write."

I was introduced to Deepastambha Charitable Trust through my college's Community Engagement Program, where completing a certain number of volunteer hours was compulsory. I remember thinking it was something I'd wanted to do for quite some time, even if I hadn't gotten around to it on my own. I never imagined that three months later, I'd still be thinking about the experience.

During my first few visits, I wasn't entirely sure where I fit in. I kept wondering whether I'd actually be of any help or if I'd just be another volunteer who came for a while and quietly moved on. Thankfully, that feeling didn't last very long. Everyone there was so welcoming that, before I realized it, volunteering stopped feeling like something I had to do and became something I genuinely enjoyed showing up for.

One thing that really surprised me was how different every Sunday looked. Some days we watered plants and cleared weeds in the garden. Other days we prepared activity sheets for slow learners, sorted books that would be sent to villages with limited access to them, or helped organize a fun fair for an old age home. None of the tasks were particularly glamorous, but together they opened my eyes to just how much work goes on behind the scenes. It's easy to get caught up in our own routines and miss the needs that exist all around us.

The visits to the old age home and the awareness camps stayed with me the most. There wasn't always something extraordinary to do.



Sometimes, the most meaningful conversations begin with simply being there

Most of the time, it was simply about being there. We'd talk to the residents, listen to stories from their lives, help with small tasks, or even play a game or two together. At the time, those moments felt ordinary. Looking back, I think they were some of the most meaningful. They reminded me that sometimes, giving someone your time and attention can matter more than you realize.

Before volunteering, I always thought making a difference meant doing something big—leading a project, organizing an event, or creating something people would remember. My time at DCT changed that perspective. I realized that making a difference is often much quieter than that. It's about showing up consistently, doing whatever needs to be done, and understanding that even the smallest contributions have value. If there's one lesson I'll carry with me, it's that nothing really begins until you take the first step. We spend so much time waiting for the "right time" or convincing ourselves that our efforts won't make much of a difference. But more often than not, the things that matter most begin in the smallest ways.

Somewhere along the way, the compulsory volunteer hours stopped being the reason I kept coming back. I stopped counting the hours and started remembering the moments instead—and honestly, I think that's a much better way to measure the experience. What started as a college requirement ended up giving me a perspective I never expected to gain from a few hours each week. There wasn't one big moment that changed everything. It happened quietly, somewhere between watering a plant and sitting beside someone who simply wanted a conversation. Looking back, I think that's exactly what this chapter became for me.

- **Darshana,**
Volunteer, Deepastambha Charitable Trust.



*A little time, a little patience, and someone
willing to stay*

(The following is an edited conversation between Mahek, Project Head for Pratirav, a Deepastambha Charitable Trust initiative, and volunteers Laxman, Radha, and Rushikesh at Deepastambha Charitable Trust. It has been curated from individual responses shared by the participants following their presentations at Deepastambha's Annual Meet, and edited for clarity and length.)

Every volunteer's journey at Deepastambha begins differently. Some join out of curiosity, some through opportunity, some just wanting to give their time. But somewhere along the way, those separate journeys start to overlap — growth, responsibility, purpose.

Following their presentations at the Annual Meet, Pratirav invited Laxman, Radha, and Rushikesh to continue the conversation with Mahek. Instead of revisiting projects and milestones, we asked them to talk about the experiences that shaped them — the lessons they still carry, and the people they've become through their years with Deepastambha.

Here's what they had to say.

Mahek: Every volunteer has a different story of how they found Deepastambha. What first brought you here, and what made you stay?

Laxman: I came across Deepastambha at a college exhibition — different social organisations had put up stalls, and students could walk around and learn about their work. My friend and I went to a bunch of them that day, but Deepastambha stood out because the people running it were young. People our own age, leading things, taking responsibility. I hadn't seen that anywhere else.

My first activity was a cleanliness drive at Taljai Hills. I liked the work fine, but the moment it ended, everyone just scattered. Most of the volunteers already knew each other, and I stood around not quite knowing who to talk to. I went home thinking, maybe this isn't for me, and I didn't go back the next Sunday.

Then that Friday, I got a call from Chenmay. "Laxman, you weren't there last Sunday. Make sure you come this week."

That was it. A few seconds on the phone. But someone had noticed I wasn't there, and that changed something for me.

Sixteen-odd years later, I still remember that call clearly. I think about how much of my life traces back to someone simply bothering to reach out.

Mahek: It's incredible how one small gesture can leave such a lasting impact. Radha, yours started quite differently, didn't it?

Radha: Completely. I got into Deepastambha through Skool Sansad, and honestly, what drew me in at first was just the opportunity itself — debates, new roles, something outside my usual routine.

It was only once I was in it for a while that I noticed there was more going on underneath. Every project had a reason behind it, every discussion had some thought put into it, and every task, even a small one, taught you something if you paid attention.

So I kept stepping a little further out of my comfort zone, and each time, I came out slightly more confident than before. At some point I stopped thinking of it as something I was contributing to and started feeling like something I was growing inside of.

Mahek: Both of you describe finding something beyond the activities themselves. Rushikesh, what drew you in?

Rushikesh: Curiosity, mostly. I saw a poster — it just asked, "What can I do for my India?" — and that alone got me to Deepastambha's Annual Meet, to figure out what the organisation was actually about.

Back then I figured volunteering meant a couple of hours on a Sunday, nothing more. But the more Sundays I showed up for, the more I noticed something else was happening alongside the actual work — I was picking up how to work with people, how to carry responsibility, how to look at a problem from more than one angle.

I'd joined thinking I'd make a difference out there. I hadn't counted on Deepastambha making one in here.

Was there a moment or responsibility at Deepastambha that changed the way you saw yourself or what you were capable of?

Mahek: Sometimes it's a responsibility you never expected to take on. Radha, was there a moment like that for you?

Radha: Being handed Upayn as Project Manager. I remember genuinely wondering — can someone in Class 11 actually run something this size?

What I hadn't expected was how little of it turned out to be about planning and checklists. It was about people — reading them, settling disagreements, making calls that not everyone would be happy with, and somehow not losing sight of why we were doing it in the first place. I came out of it thinking leadership has less to do with knowing all the answers than with being okay not knowing them yet.

Mahek: Your big leadership lesson seems to have come later, Rushikesh.

Rushikesh: Much later, yes. When I was asked to coordinate Deepastambha's Sunday activities for the whole year, my honest first thought was, am I actually ready for this? Probably not. But I said yes anyway, and it turned out to be one of the better calls I've made.

What it taught me is that leading isn't about carrying the whole thing yourself — it's about spotting what people are good at and getting out of their way. Funny enough, the real lesson landed after I'd stepped down from that role, when I realised how much easier it is to hand out instructions than to actually let someone else take the wheel.

Mahek: Laxman, sixteen years is a long time. Was there one moment for you, or did it build slowly?

Laxman: Slowly, definitely. There was no single Sunday where something clicked.

When I started, I thought volunteering just meant showing up for two hours. Over the years, though, every project added a little something, until I noticed the change wasn't really in what I was doing — it was in how I'd started thinking.

Somewhere along the way, "can I do this?" turned into "how do we make this happen, together?" And once that shift happened, it didn't stay confined to Sundays. It changed how I handled things at work, at home, everywhere.

Every meaningful journey comes with its share of challenges. Is there a setback, difficult decision, or lesson that has stayed with you?

Mahek: Laxman, is there one experience that's really stayed with you?

Laxman: People stick around because of the people, not the projects. That's the one that's never left me.

If Chenmay hadn't called that Friday, after I'd missed just my second activity, I don't think I'd still be here. It's why I try to notice when a new volunteer goes quiet.

We spend so much energy on planning the next event, the next project — but it's usually one small conversation that decides whether someone stays or drifts off. If people don't feel like they belong, no amount of good programming will keep them.

Mahek: Radha, your challenges came more from leading a team.

Radha: They did. And the big one for me was realising leadership means having the conversations you'd rather skip.

I used to avoid confronting disagreements in a team — I didn't want anyone feeling hurt. It took me longer than I'd like to admit to see that avoiding it never actually made the problem go away. It just let it grow quietly in the background.

I'm still not great at it, honestly, but I've gotten better at saying the uncomfortable thing while still respecting where the other person's coming from. A team doesn't move forward on silence.

Mahek: Rushikesh, yours seems to be about trust.

Rushikesh: It is. For the longest time, if something wasn't done exactly how I'd have done it, I'd just redo it myself. Felt faster, felt easier.

Except it wasn't actually helping anyone. People only really learn by getting to make their own mistakes and fix them. Letting go of that — accepting someone else's way might work just as well as mine, sometimes better — took me a while. But it's probably the most useful thing Deepastambha ever taught me.

Looking beyond projects and events, how has your journey at Deepastambha shaped the way you approach life today?

Mahek: Rushikesh, how has all of this shaped who you are today, outside of Deepastambha?

Rushikesh: I walked in thinking social work was a couple of hours every Sunday. What I didn't clock at the time was that it was reshaping me too, without my really noticing.

The leadership piece stuck the most — that it's not about doing it all yourself, it's about trusting people enough to let them take ownership, even after you've stepped away from the role. I struggled with that even after I'd officially handed things over. I kept hovering, offering opinions nobody asked for, when the better move would've been to just go quiet and let them figure it out.

There's a question I still ask myself whenever things feel like too much: why did I start? It brings me right back to what actually matters, and cuts through the noise pretty fast.

It's not just how I volunteer anymore — it shows up in how I work, how I treat people, how I handle a bad day.

Mahek: Radha, yours seems to have changed how you deal with problems generally.

Radha: It has. I used to fixate on what had gone wrong — sometimes I'd get frustrated, blame the situation, blame whoever was involved. At some point that turned into a different question: okay, what can I actually do about this?

That one shift has carried into pretty much everything — I'm more patient with people now, more willing to hear them out before deciding what I think. Everyone processes things differently, works differently, and once you actually accept that instead of just tolerating it, working with people gets a lot easier. I've still got a long way to go, but Deepastambha's changed how I see people, problems, and what's actually possible.

Mahek: Laxman, your reflections tie this together nicely.

Laxman: People ask me sometimes, after all these years, what did you actually get out of it?

If I answered with numbers — projects, beneficiaries — I'd be done talking in under a minute. The real answer is bigger than that: the chance to work across all kinds of social issues, meet all kinds of people, and slowly build a different way of looking at a problem.

When I joined, social work meant a couple of hours on a Sunday. It took years to understand that changing anything out there starts with changing something in here first.

These days, when I run into a problem, I don't ask who's supposed to fix this. I ask what I can do about it. That's probably the single biggest thing this place gave me.

And meaning, I've come to believe, isn't in how many projects get finished — it's in whether people start taking ownership themselves. A small kindness has a way of nudging the next person to step up too.

If there's one more thing worth naming, it's just showing up. Every Sunday, commitment after commitment, year after year. Doesn't sound like much. But it's quietly rearranged how I work, how I treat people, how I live, really.

If you could sit down with someone attending their very first Deepastambha activity, what would you tell them?

Mahek: Every volunteer remembers that first day — the nerves, the not-knowing. What would you tell someone walking in for the first time?

Laxman: I'd tell them about my own first Sunday — the one where I almost didn't go back, and the phone call that changed my mind.

Then I'd say: don't expect it all to make sense on day one. You don't need to know everyone yet, or understand how everything works, or take on something big right away.

Just keep showing up. Two honest hours every Sunday. Talk to people. Stay curious about the work. Everything else — the friendships, the confidence, the opportunities — has a way of catching up with you.

Deepastambha's given me something new almost every Sunday I've shown up for — a friend some weeks, a skill others, once in a while a responsibility I never saw coming. So if someone asks me why they should bother, I keep it simple: come to do something for society, and don't be too surprised if it ends up doing something for you.

Radha: Just keep coming, really.

You don't get Deepastambha from one activity, or even one project. It's something you notice in layers — the reasoning behind a decision, the thought behind a process — and it only shows up if you stick around long enough to see it.

If someone hands you responsibility, take it, even if it scares you a little. You'll learn more from actually carrying it than from any number of planning meetings

You'll mess up sometimes. You'll feel unsure, maybe frustrated with yourself. That's fine — that's most of what the journey actually is. Learn what you can from it and keep going.

I'm figuring a lot of this out myself, still. So really, that's all I'd say — keep showing up, keep trying things, and let's grow into this together.

Rushikesh: I'd tell them, don't stress about making some big impact on day one. Just show up, stay open, and keep coming back.

The first activity might feel like just another event on a Sunday. Stick around, though, and you'll find it's less about the activity and more about what it teaches you — working with people, carrying responsibility, solving problems you didn't know you could.

Take on responsibility even when it scares you. Everyone leading a project today started out exactly where you are — unsure, inexperienced, full of questions. Mistakes aren't a sign you're doing it wrong. They're just part of doing it.

And don't count your time here in how many Sundays you've shown up for. Count it in how it's changed the way you think, what you value, how you treat the people around you.

You'll probably walk in hoping to change someone else's life. Give it a few years — you might find you were the one who changed the most.

Three journeys, three different starting points. Yet somewhere between the Sunday activities, the responsibilities, and all the small, unglamorous moments in between, all three arrived at more or less the same place: volunteering was never only about the communities being served. Sometimes the quieter, harder-to-notice change is the one happening inside the volunteer.

Maybe that's the thing every new volunteer eventually figures out — whether it takes one Sunday, or sixteen years.

- ***Mahek, with Rushikesh, Radha, and Laxman.***

Someone to begin with

Think back to your very first Sunday at Deepastambha.

You probably didn't know many faces. Maybe you weren't sure who to sit with, whom to approach, or even if you truly belonged. But somewhere along the way, someone smiled at you, struck up a conversation, or simply made you feel welcome. Sometimes, that's all it takes.

With this thought, Deepastambha Charitable Trust is introducing First Friend—a small initiative built on a simple idea: no one should have to walk into a new community feeling alone

Every new volunteer, or even someone considering joining DCT, will be paired with a volunteer of the same gender. The goal isn't to assign a mentor or create another responsibility. It's simply to make sure there's one familiar person they can talk to, sit beside during Sunday activities, ask questions without hesitation, or share whatever is on their mind.

Over the first three weeks, their First Friend will make three phone calls—not just to remind them about Sunday activities, but to ask something much more important: How are you finding DCT? Are you comfortable? Is there anything you'd like to talk about?

Sometimes, knowing that someone is waiting to hear from you is all the encouragement you need to come back.

The initiative will begin with a team of eight volunteers—four girls and four boys—who will take on this role with one purpose in mind: helping every newcomer feel that they already have someone in the DCT family.

Of course, not every conversation turns into an instant friendship, and that's perfectly

okay. If someone isn't ready to engage despite the follow-up calls, the connection won't end there. They will continue to be invited to DCT's major events, because the door to this family is always open.

At Deepastambha, we often speak about building a community that grows together. First Friend is one more step towards that vision. After all, every lasting friendship begins with a simple hello, and every meaningful journey becomes a little easier when you know someone is walking beside you.

- *Aarya,*

Volunteer, Deepastambha Charitable Trust.



पहिली Annual Meet

स्कूल संसद मोठ्या उत्साहात पार पडली. त्यानंतर घडलेली मुंबई विधानभवन भेट कायम मनात घर करून राहिल या खात्रीने आता Mentor च्या भूमिकेतून बाहेर पडून दीपस्तंभ मध्ये काहीतरी जबाबदारी स्वीकारावी अशी मनापासून इच्छा होती. वेळ मिळाला कि एखादी Weekly activity लीड करू असा विचार होता पण कॉलेज, परीक्षा असं सगळं सांभाळत शेवटी जून महिना उजाडला अन एके दिवशी अनुष्काचा Annual Meet साठी “call for project managers” असा मेसेज पहिला. दीपस्तंभची Annual Meet नक्की कशी असते याची मला काहीच कल्पना नव्हती, मात्र Weekly activity पेक्षा काहीतरी वेगळं आहे याची खात्री पटली म्हणून फार विचार न करता मी अनुष्कासोबत बोलले. अनुष्काने सविस्तरपणे Annual Meetची माहिती दिली अन माझ्या मनात शंकांचा कोलाहल सुरु झाला. एक असा कार्यक्रम आयोजित करायचा जिथे दीपस्तंभचे मेम्बर्स, स्वयंसेवक इतकच काय तर हितधारक, हितचिंतक असे सर्वजण उपस्थित असतील याचं मला थोडं दडपण आलं. याआधी Annual Meet मी कधी पाहिली नव्हती आणि team लीड करण्याचा फारसा अनुभव पण नव्हता, दीपस्तंभ मध्ये मी कोणाला ओळखत पण नव्हते... अशा बऱ्याच विचारांची माळ सुरु झाली अन मी हे करायला नको असा विचार मनाशी पक्का केला. कदाचित अनुष्काने माझ्या मनातील गोधळ ओळखली आणि मला “तू जबाबदारी घे ग, आम्ही आहोत सगळे तुझ्यासोबत” असा धीर दिला. स्वतःच्या क्षमतांवर शंका घेत असतानाच कोणी “आम्ही आहोत सोबत” असा धीर दिला कि खरच १० हत्तींच बळ जणू अंगी संचारतं आणि अनुष्काने माझ्यावर दाखवलेला विश्वास सोबत घेऊन Annual Meet ची तयारी करण्यासाठी मी देखील कंबर कसली !!

पहिली विकली मीटिंग झाली आणि उत्साहाने मी Feel Good Factor team co-ordinate करण्याची जबाबदारी स्वीकारली. Annual Meet केवळ एक कार्यक्रम नाही तर येणाऱ्या प्रत्येकासाठी एक अविस्मरणीय आठवण म्हणून प्रत्येकाच्या मनात कशाप्रकारे कोरता येईल, याचाच विचार दिवसरात्र सुरु असे. विकली मिटींग्स, brainstorming sessions, शेवटच्या दिवसापर्यंत न संपणारी to-do लिस्ट अशा सगळ्या धावपळीत ऊन असो वा पाऊस, दीपस्तंभचं office माझं दुसरं घर कधी झालं हे कळलंच नाही. Planning अन तयारीच्या निमित्ताने दीपस्तंभमध्ये अनेक जणांसोबत माझी ओळख आणि नंतर खूप चांगली गट्टी पण जमली. Law ची विद्यार्थिनी असल्याने designing आणि accounting यांसोबत माझा



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आपल्या आजूबाजूच्या प्रश्नांकडे पाहण्याची आणि त्यासाठी काहीतरी करण्याची तयारी

काडीमात्र संबंध नव्हता पण Annual Meet निमित्ताने मला अनेक गोष्टी नव्याने शिकता आल्या. कोणी सोबत असो वा नसो, माझं काम मी पटकन करून मोकळी होईल असा माझा स्वभाव, पण team मध्ये काम करताना सर्वांच्या एकमताने आणि सर्वांच्या सोबतीने काम करण्यात वेगळीच मजा असते हेदेखील मला अनुभवायला मिळालं.

Annual Meet सुरळीत पार पडावी म्हणून सुरवातीलाच चार वेगळ्या टीमस तयार केल्या होत्या. त्यापैकी एका team च coordination मी करत होते, पण ते करता करता बाकी तिन्ही teams मध्ये पण मला थोडं काम करता आलं म्हणून मी खुश होते. मजामस्ती करत संपूर्ण महिना कसा उलटला हे लक्षातच आले नाही, अन ज्यासाठी सगळा अट्टाहास केला होता, तो Annual Meetचा दिवस अखेर उजाडला. अगदी छोट्याश्या गोष्टीमागे किती मोठा विचार अन किती दिवसांची मेहनत असते हे आतापर्यंत कळून चुकलं होतं अन Annual Meet च्या त्या दोन तासांमध्ये खरोखर स्वतःवर शंका न घेता विश्वासाने आपले विचार प्रत्यक्षात उतरवले तर परिणाम तितकेच सुरेख असतात याचादेखील प्रत्यय आला.

भरपूर विचार, co-ordination , मेहनत , आणि अनेक चुका करत शेवटी Annual Meet पार पडली अन तिथून अनेक आठवणी, शिकवण आणि चांगले मित्र घेऊन साश्रू डोळ्यांनी मी बाहेर पडले. अशी ही माझी पहिली वाहिली Annual Meet कायम माझ्या आठवणीत राहील.

- समृद्धी,
स्वयंसेवक, दीपस्तंभ चॅरिटेबल ट्रस्ट.



एकत्र केलेल्या प्रवासाची, माणसांची आणि आठवणींची एक सुंदर फ्रेम

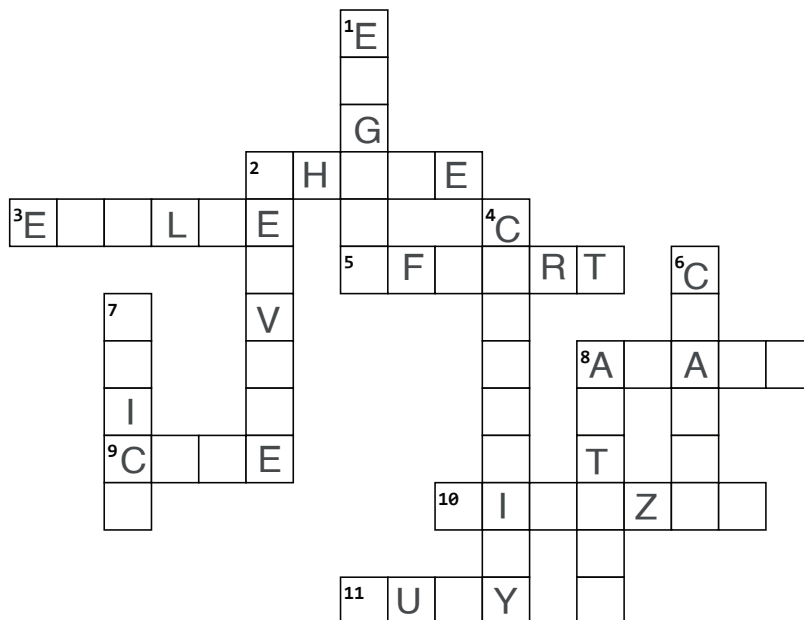
Complete the thought:

One problem I complain about but could actually do something about is...

What would you do? Complete the thought and share your answer with us.

There are no right answers—just honest ones. 😊

Cryptic Crossword:



Across

2. Give some to another person
3. Develop or change gradually
5. Attempt involving electronic football team
8. Conscious and informed
9. Concern, or look after
10. City resident, in brief ?
11. Responsibility expected of you

Down

1. Hire or involve
2. Help provided by an organisation
4. People living and working together
6. Alter, or money returned after paying
7. Opinion expressed aloud
8. Something done, involving a charged particle

Send us your answers at 9970704444 or
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