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Deepastambha's 17th Annual Meet

For seventeen years, the spirit of Deepastambha has been carried not by words, but by people — ordinary individuals with extraordinary hearts. Each face here represents countless hours freely given, not out of obligation but out of joy. Together, we've learned that the true wealth of life lies in the time, care, and compassion we share. This is the spirit of Deepastambha — where service is not a duty, but a celebration

By the team

Seventeen years ago, Deepastambha began with a simple but powerful idea — to dedicate just two hours every week to the society. No big promises, no grand declarations. Just a commitment — quiet, consistent, and full of heart.

Today, that same commitment has grown into a movement. Over the years, those two hours multiplied — into countless actions, initiatives, friendships, and memories. We've celebrated wins, navigated challenges, learned together, and stood by our belief that small acts, done with intention, can spark lasting change.

Through every project and every person who walked with us, Deepastambha has remained open. Open to ideas. Open to growth. And above all, open to anyone who wishes to do something — anything — for society.

So, what's next?

That's the beauty of it — Deepastambha isn't bound by one vision of the future. It's a space. A spirit. A shared rhythm that moves with everyone who joins in. Because at the end of the day, we all have something to give back. And as long as there are people who believe that, Deepastambha will always have a place for them.

Here's to the journey so far — and to the many, many hands and hearts that made it possible.

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Team Deepastambha's Visit to Goodwill India's Office and Factory

Some good-will

Recently, members of Deepastambha Charitable Trust (DCT) had the opportunity to visit the office and factory of Goodwill India — our exclusive partner for cloth donation under the Upayn initiative. What we witnessed was more than just a process; it was a deeply moving insight into how small acts of giving can create large waves of change.

The visit became all the more special as we were joined by the founder of the organization, Mr. K.H. More. A truly inspiring figure, Mr. More personally took us through each step of their operations — from the collection of used clothes to the meticulous processes of sorting, washing, drying, ironing, tagging, and finally distributing them. His hands-on approach and passion left a lasting impression.

Goodwill India follows a unique and thoughtful model: donated clothes are sold at a nominal price — usually ₹30 to ₹60. This approach serves two important purposes:

1. It covers part of the genuine costs involved in processing the clothes with dignity and hygiene.

2. It ensures that the clothes are respected and valued by the recipients, reinforcing the principle that dignity is as important as charity.

We were amazed to learn that they process nearly 1,000 clothes a day. Each garment is washed in industrial machines, ironed twice, fitted with branding and size stickers, and prepared for reuse. Their monthly detergent bill alone exceeds ₹1 lakh — a testament to their unwavering commitment to cleanliness and quality.

Despite these efforts, their revenue does not cover the full cost of operations, particularly the wages of the women who form the backbone of this enterprise. And yet, profit is not the goal — purpose is.

Five large godowns currently hold sorted

clothes, ready to reach people in need. But cloth donation is only one of the many initiatives Goodwill India undertakes. They also support economically challenged women at the time of their marriage, gifting them a complete Zal — a set of essential kitchen utensils — and, in some cases, even providing financial assistance. Over 1,000 brides have been supported so far.

Their commitment to women's empowerment extends to employment as well. The facility houses advanced sewing, buttonhole, and button fitting machines where uniforms are stitched for schools, petroleum workers, and other industries — giving women both dignity and a sustainable livelihood.

After the walkthrough, we were warmly treated to a humble but delicious thali meal — priced at just ₹30 — that surprised us with its taste, quality, and the warmth with which it was served.

As the visit concluded, we were thrilled to learn that Goodwill India is expanding its operations with new machines to meet growing demand. This only deepened our admiration for their work and reminded us of the quiet strength of community-led service.

It was a visit that left us inspired, grateful, and more committed than ever to supporting and walking alongside Goodwill India in this shared mission of kindness, dignity, and meaningful impact.

We are proud to call them our partners in giving — and look forward to continuing this journey together.

*-Dhananjay Kulkarni, Viraj Bafna,
Member, Deepastambha Charitable Trust*

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Eco-Paavitrya 2025: Fancy Dress Competition

A Project by Deepastambha Charitable Trust

The Eco-Paavitrya 2025 Fancy Dress Competition held on Sunday, 27th July 2025, was a truly enriching and inspiring experience. Witnessing students from Standards 5th and 6th step onto the stage with such confidence, creativity, and awareness was a proud moment for us all.

The theme of Eco-Friendly Celebrations was beautifully brought to life through their thoughtfully designed costumes and powerful messages. Each participant not only embodied the essence of sustainable living but also became a young ambassador of change, promoting the use of natural, reusable, and environment-friendly materials for festivals.

The enthusiasm of the 63 participants from 16 schools, supported by 38 dedicated volunteers and guided by our Project Managers Sofiya and Pratima, turned this event into a celebration of creativity and conscious living.

Such events truly reflect the spirit of Deepastambha Charitable Trust — nurturing values, spreading awareness, and inspiring change through young minds.

A big thank you to everyone who made this possible!

-Sofiya Shoukat Shaikh,
Project Manager, Eco-paavitrya 2025.





Children carrying the colors of change



When creativity meets responsibility

Sustainability isn't taught—it's embodied



Glimpses from Eco-pavitrya 2025: Fancy Dress Competition



Team meetings look like this



After 289654th Tea break and others



Team meetings also look like this

Hands that serve, hearts that shine



Volunteers are our true strength



The strength behind every step



Where small hours turned into lasting impact



Here is the Upcoming Activities Schedule. Kindly plan your days accordingly.

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20		21 THU, Evening  Shramdaan at Matoshree old-age Home	22
23  Visit to Blood Bank!	SAT, Morning	30 SAT, Evening Paper Bag Making Target: 1000 bags!! 	31 SUN, Morning Tree Maintenance at ARAI Hills 

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07 SUN, Evening  Knowledge Sharing Session 	13 SAT, Morning Fire Station visit 	14 SUN, Evening Mega Traffic Awareness Drive 
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Note: This schedule is tentative & subject to change. If anyone wishes to become Activity Manager for any of the above activities, please connect with us.

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