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By the team

Every time we sit down to put this newsletter together, it feels less like writing and more like gathering around a circle — to share stories, to listen, and to remind ourselves why we began this journey.

This month, the circle has some beautiful voices. The Skool Sansad Monsoon Session showcased the wisdom of school students, who spoke with a sincerity that made us believe — leadership doesn't wait for age; it starts with courage. We also took a step toward preserving our own story with a podcast.

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Seventeen years on, the heart of Deepastambha remains the same: to keep showing up, with whatever we have, for whoever needs it. And as long as we keep doing that, this flame will never stop glowing.

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Celebrating young voices



Glimpses from the winter session of Skool Sansad 2025

The Skool Sansad Monsoon Session 2025 marked another inspiring chapter in Deepastambha Charitable Trust's journey of nurturing socially aware, responsible young citizens. While the Winter Session has been a celebrated tradition for over a decade, the Monsoon Session, now in its second year, brings a fresh opportunity for school students to step into the shoes of policymakers and experience the excitement of civic engagement.

Unlike the residential Winter Session, the Monsoon Session allows students to participate from their own spaces, submitting videos to present their ideas and proposals. This format encourages independent thinking, creativity, and reflection, while still connecting participants to a larger, shared vision of leadership and service.



The 2025 Monsoon Session brought together a vibrant group of young thinkers, each eager to contribute thoughtfully to the democratic process. Watching the students present their ideas with confidence, clarity, and sincerity was a reminder of the immense potential of our youth. The results video captured not just the winners, but the spirit of the initiative itself — curiosity, courage, and a genuine commitment to learning and action.

Every participant, whether recognized with an award or simply participating, embodied a key lesson of Skool Sansad: leadership begins not with titles, but with the willingness to listen, think critically, and speak up. The Monsoon Session celebrates this journey, demonstrating that even small efforts, when grounded in care and responsibility, can have a lasting impact.

As Deepastambha continues to expand Skool Sansad, each session reaffirms a simple truth: real change begins when young minds are encouraged to explore, imagine, and lead with heart. The Monsoon Session reminds us that the leaders of tomorrow are already learning to step forward today.

The results of the Skool Sansad Monsoon Session 2025 are now available to view on Deepastambha Charitable Trust's official YouTube channel.

-Chenmay,
Member, Deepastambha Charitable Trust.

Lighting the Way: The Journey of Deepastambha Charitable Trust

Seventeen years ago, in 2008, a small idea sparked a movement. It was a simple thought — if society has given us so much, shouldn't we give something back? From that moment, Deepastambha Charitable Trust was born. What began as a call to dedicate just two hours a week to social work has now transformed into a powerful platform for change, unity, and purpose.

Today, with over 1,00,000 hours of relentless service, Deepastambha stands tall — not just as an organization, but as a living, breathing force of positive change.



Amidst a knowledge sharing session

A Movement, Not Just a Trust...

Deepastambha is not about charity alone — it's about awareness, empathy, and action. It's about being present — every Sunday, every week, for 17 years — without fail. The volunteers who walk this journey aren't just workers; they are torchbearers of a mindset that believes in creating a better world, one step at a time. In a world rushing ahead, it's easy to forget to give back. But Deepastambha reminds us that real change begins when we pause, reflect, and contribute. Two hours a week. That's all it takes to light a flame — a flame of hope, of dignity, of community. Because in the end, it's not about how much we did, but how deeply we cared. And here, at Deepastambha, we care — every Sunday, every hour, every soul at a time.

From orphanages to old-age homes, from hill clean-ups to river conservation, from tree plantation to education reform, every activity is a statement: "We care, and we are here to act."



Behind the scene preparations from Deepotsav 2025

From an Idea to Impactful Projects - With time and dedication, Deepastambha has evolved into a hub of innovative initiatives, such as -

Gramarthan - Empowering rural development and sustainability

Upayn - Bridging the gap between donors and donees

Eco-Paavitrya - A mission towards cleanliness, ecology, and environmental-friendly celebrations

Skool Sansad - Shaping young minds in 700+ schools to become future leaders

Green Army - Protecting and nurturing nature with passion and precision

Help Desk - Providing assistance and support to those who need it most

Today, Deepastambha's footprint extends to over 120 villages and hundreds of schools across Maharashtra — not just with aid, but also with inspiration and transformation.



*A glimpse at the Backstage rhythm.
The unseen effort that makes every
celebration shine.*

The Power of Institutional Memory

As the organization continues to grow and welcomes new volunteers daily, there's something more valuable than logistics or numbers — our Institutional Memory.

This isn't just a record of our past; it's a guidebook of our values, our philosophies, our "why." Every volunteer who joins this movement should understand: Deepastambha is built not just on activity, but on introspection, awareness, and unwavering commitment. Our strength lies in our consistency, our clarity of thought, and our culture of reflection. We don't just do social work; we question, we learn, we evolve — and we do it together.

To truly preserve and propagate the thought behind Deepastambha, it is essential that we engage in continuous discussions, storytelling, and podcasts. These are not just tools of communication — they are vessels of our values, our journey, and our collective experiences. Through meaningful conversations, we ensure that every volunteer, whether new or seasoned, connects deeply with the "why" behind what we do. These platforms help us reflect, realign, and reinforce the mindset we are building together. Because thoughts, when shared and nurtured, evolve into movements that last generations.

Join the movement. Understand the mission. Live the values.
The journey continues, and it needs you.
#WeAreDeepastambha

*-Ameya,
Member, Deepastambha Charitable Trust.*



Volunteers bringing the magic to life



Meetings, discussions, and laughter

Kalarang - Canvas of Art and Joy



The backstage energy, where dedication meets heart.

This Diwali, Deepastambha has chosen not only to light lamps but also to light smiles through Kalarang, our cultural initiative where art meets compassion. Along with our social causes, we are celebrating cultural roots and creativity by reaching out to those who rarely get such an experience. It is a celebration with a purpose, as our audience is very special – children from orphanages and elderly individuals from old-age homes. Through music, dance, and laughter, we aim to gift them the joy of belonging, making this more than just a program.

For DCT members, Kalarang is also team-building at its best. Whether performing on stage or coordinating backstage, every member is learning, contributing, and growing together.

So far in our journey, registrations for performances have been successfully completed. Now it's time to shape unique acts, rehearse with passion, and get ready for the big day. Those who haven't registered for performances can still be an active part of Kalarang by joining the various teams that bring the entire event to light.

Our event is scheduled for Sunday, 2nd November 2025, and will feature exciting performances in music, dance, and skits.

Every member's contribution matters - whether performing or supporting behind the scenes! Don't miss this celebration. Let's make this festival of lights truly memorable by spreading joy together.

-Radha,
Member, Deepastambha Charitable Trust.



Hello,

It is a matter of great pride and honor for me to have received the Best Outgoing Student Award 2024–2025 from my college.

This recognition is not only the outcome of my academic and extracurricular journey, but also a reflection of the values, discipline, and spirit of service I have imbibed through my association with the Deepastambha Charitable Trust (DCT).

Over the past three years, I have had the privilege of being part of several impactful initiatives—mentoring in Skool Sansad 2023 and 2024, contributing as part of the media team in Skool Sansad 2025, working with the Upayn awareness team, and regularly engaging in weekly activities. One of the most memorable learning experiences for me was attending the Satellite in Your Hand Program, a special initiative by DCT in collaboration with ISRO. This program not only sparked my curiosity in space technology but also enhanced my problem-solving approach. Each of these experiences has helped me grow as an individual by strengthening my leadership qualities, enhancing my sense of responsibility, and deepening my commitment towards society.

DCT has played a vital role in my journey by providing a platform where I could explore, learn, and serve. The trust not only encouraged me to participate in meaningful activities but also instilled the confidence to balance my academic goals, competitive examinations, and volunteering with equal dedication. The encouragement, mentorship, and positive environment at DCT constantly motivated me to aim higher and give my best in every sphere of life.

Receiving this award is a reminder that personal success becomes more fulfilling when it is rooted in collective growth and service. I am sincerely grateful to be a part of Deepastambha

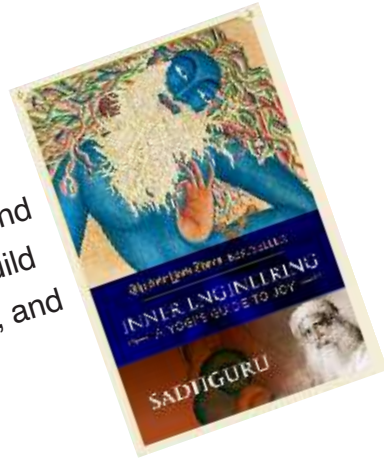
-Sushma,

Member, Deepastambha Charitable Trust.

Features

BOOK: *Inner-engineering: A yogi's guide to Joy* by Sadhguru

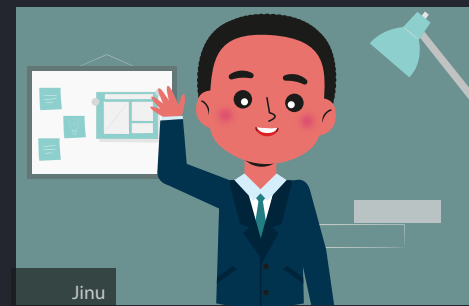
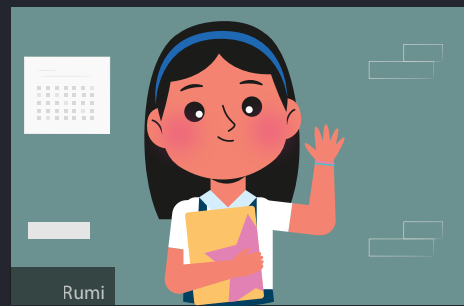
Inner Engineering by Sadhguru is a gentle invitation to look within and understand yourself better. It shows how peace and joy aren't things you find outside, but something you can build from the inside out — by learning to align your body, mind, and emotions.



MOVIE: *Do Bigha Zameen* by Bimal Roy

Do Bigha Zameen is a heartfelt story about a farmer's struggle to save his small piece of land from the clutches of poverty and exploitation. It beautifully captures the hopes, pain, and resilience of ordinary people, reminding us of the human cost behind progress and survival.





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