

Monthly Musing

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Welcome To Nss's World!

Welcome to Neev Shikshan Sanstha's Newsletter, your go-to source for our monthly activities and news. We're thrilled to have you on board! At the end of the newsletter, we have a small request from you, so please read it till the end. As always, we love hearing from you, so feel free to reach out with any questions or feedback. Enjoy the read!

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Monthly quote

“EDUCATION MUST BE
FOUNDED UPON THE
CHILD’S NATURE, NOT
IMPOSED FROM OUTSIDE.
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-FRIEDRICH FROEBEL (FOUNDER
OF KINDERGARTEN)



Upcoming Event/Interesting Facts

- Uttrayan Festival

- *Did you know?*

*Many Indian preschools now have
“Parent Play Days” and “Learning
Corners at Home.”*

Messages from Mentor

/teacher/NSS member

હું અંજલી છાયા, બરોડા હાઈસ્કૂલ દંતેશ્વર સાથે ૨૫ વર્ષથી જોડાયેલ છું. મારી શૈક્ષણિક લાયકાત નીચે મુજબ છે. B.com, DECE (Child Development), CIG (certificate in guidance) અમારી શાળામાં પહેલેથી જ play way method થી શિક્ષણ અપાતું હતું. ગમ્મત સાથે જ્ઞાનનું અનુસરણ વર્ષ ૨૦૦૦ થી શરૂ હતું. ત્યારબાદ હાલ છેલ્લા ૪ વર્ષથી NEP ૨૦૨૦ ને અનુસરી રહ્યા છીએ. આ વર્ષે અમે નીવ પરિવાર સાથે જોડાયા. અગાઉ પ્રવૃત્તિમય શિક્ષણ તો આપી રહ્યા હતા પણ અમુક સમજ નીવ સાથે જોડાયા બાદ કેળવણી છે. શિક્ષકોમાં નીવ સાથે જોડાયા બાદ એક અલગ આત્મવિશ્વાસ આવ્યો છે તેમજ વાંચન, લેખન, ગણનાના દરેક પાસા ઝીણવટ સાથે સમજતા થયા છે જેના કારણે બાળકો ઉપરોક્ત ત્રણ પાસાની મૂળભૂત અવધારણા સારી રીતે આત્મસાત કરી રહ્યા છે. નીવ દ્વારા લેવામાં આવતા વર્કશોપમાં ઘણું શીખવા અને સમજવા મળે છે. નીવના દરેક સભ્યો ખૂબ સરસ રીતે શિક્ષકોને કેળવી રહ્યા છે. આ માટે સૌનો ખૂબ ખૂબ આભાર!

I am Anjali Chhaya, associated with Baroda High School, Danteshwar, for the past 25 years. Our long-standing play-way and NEP 2020-based practices have been further strengthened through our association with Neev, which has enhanced teachers' confidence and deepened children's foundational learning.

-Anjali Chhaya (Supervisor, Baroda High School)



MASTERING MINUTES

Recently, the NSS team participated in a Capacity Building Workshop on Time Management, conducted by Shital Shah, mentor at NSS. The session focused on understanding and addressing the common challenges faced by the team in managing tasks and meeting timelines effectively.

The workshop began with a discussion on professional attire and appropriate footwear, highlighting how attention to such details influences confidence, discipline, and workplace presence. This was followed by an interactive number-based activity that helped participants reflect on how the mind responds to priorities, deadlines, and task sequencing.

During the session, Shital Ma'am shared practical strategies and simple tools to organize work systematically, manage time efficiently, and reduce work-related stress. The discussion emphasized that effective time management is not about working under pressure, but about maintaining clarity, balance, and focus in daily responsibilities.

The session was engaging and insightful, equipping the team with actionable techniques and a renewed perspective on managing time more effectively.



WHERE EVERY PENCIL TELLS A STORY

The NSS team recently visited Jalaram Vidhyalaya to distribute stationery, a special drive organized on Children's Day. The day began with "Bal Geet," sung by an NSS member along with the children, filling with joy. Ms. Kavita, CEO & Trustee, with the NSS team then engaged the 1st and 2nd graders in a creative activity. They were given a half-drawn cloud picture and encouraged to complete it, allowing their imagination to flourish. The children eagerly drew various drawings, showcasing their creativity.

Afterward, each child received a surprise stationery kit, including notebooks, pencil pouches, pencils, and erasers. Their excitement and gratitude were heartwarming. Meanwhile, the Sr.Kg and Jr.Kg students played a fun game involving frog caps with long tongues, by blowing it, the CEO, Ms. Kavita, joining in. The children laughed and enjoyed every moment, energized by her participation.

It was a day full of smiles, laughter, and creativity—a beautiful reminder that small gestures can bring immense happiness to children.



GUESS, GIFT, GIGGLE

On 24th December, the NSS team came together to celebrate Secret Santa at the office. The celebration began with hiding gifts and searching for them together, filling the room with laughter and excitement. Later, we played a fun game where each team member dedicated a song, poem, or speech to the Manager.

Everyone added their own humorous twist, making the dedications truly entertaining. In return, the Manager gave each member a unique and playful title. Afterwards, everyone exchanged gifts, sharing moments of surprise and joy.

The room was filled with smiles as team members discovered thoughtful presents from one another. The celebration continued with music, dancing, and laughter. We captured the memories with photographs and videos, creating lasting moments together. Snacks and drinks added a cozy touch to the festive atmosphere.

The day ended on a high note, with everyone feeling happy, connected, and appreciated.



STORIES MADE BY HAND

Recently, the NSS team set up a stall at Eva Mall, Manjalpur, on 20th, 21st, and 25th December to celebrate the Christmas season. The stall aimed to bring teaching-learning materials not just to classrooms but also to children who are otherwise out of reach. We showcased a variety of play-and-learn kits, including worksheets, sorting kits, housie, memory games, and more.

Parents, especially mothers, found these materials unique and helpful for their children, appreciating how they support the development of fine motor skills. Many parents of children aged 3–6 showed great interest and engagement with the kits. Alongside this, some parents also sought guidance on addressing children's bad habits, which allowed us to share practical solutions. We also took the opportunity to promote the NSS Toy Bank, encouraging parents to participate.

Overall, the stall offered a hands-on, interactive experience, connecting children, parents, and educators. It was a unique initiative that not only showcased learning tools but also created meaningful conversations around early childhood development. The response was heartening, making the effort truly successful.

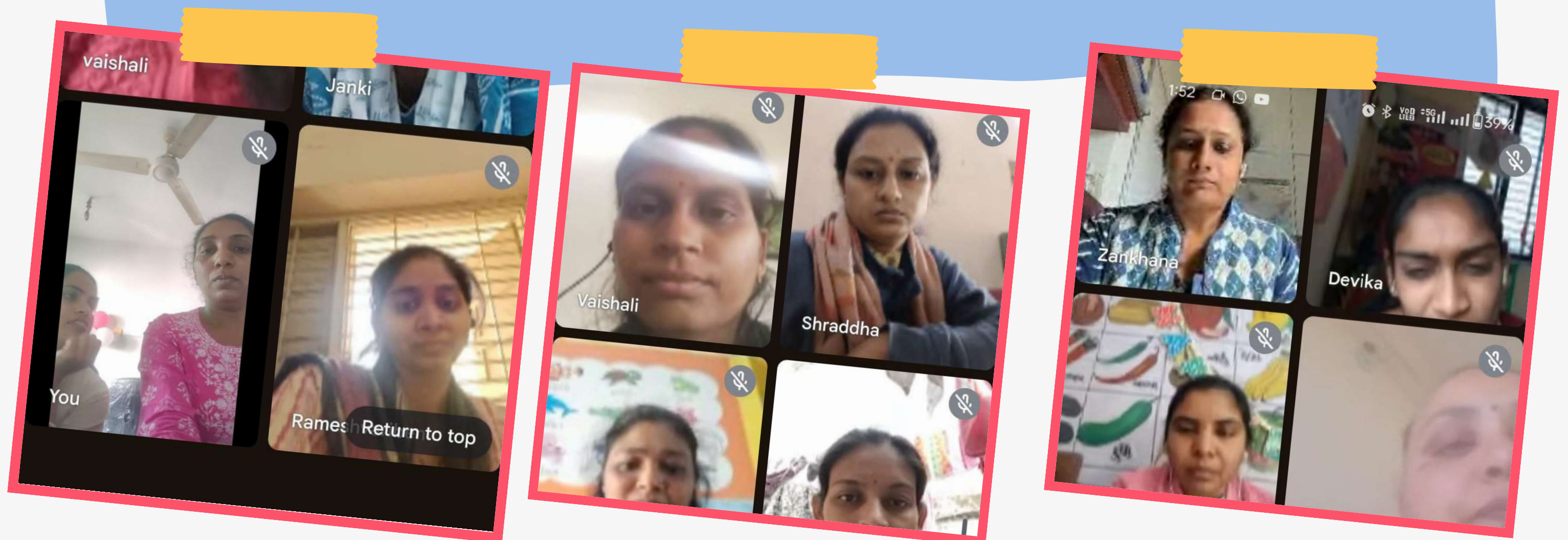


SCREENS THAT SPEAK

Recently, Rural PSEIs participated in a monthly online review meeting with the NSS team to share updates and reflect on the progress made during the previous month. The discussion mainly focused on the implementation of Circle Time under the theme-based approach. PSEIs shared that Circle Time has been initiated across Anganwadis, with activities gradually becoming more regular. The team also reviewed MI Plan scoring and clarified that assessments are based on actual field-level implementation, consistency of practices, observations, and the availability of supporting evidence.

Updates on MI Plan implementation highlighted ongoing work related to Circle Time, the Four Corners Game, and the use of Teaching Learning Materials (TLM), with special emphasis on incorporating two daily theme-based questions during Circle Time and integrating EL and EN activities within daily themes. Roles and responsibilities for preparing Circle Time questions were clearly defined, and the importance of following the prescribed reporting format was reiterated, as all reports will be consolidated and submitted to the PO Madam.

Concerns regarding limited and improper use of TLM, as well as irregular sharing of photos and videos in WhatsApp groups, were discussed. The meeting concluded with a collective focus on strengthening classroom practices and planning more effectively for the upcoming month.



STORIES FROM FIELD



“STORIES OF GROWTH AND HOPE

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DIVYA AND HER FAVOURITE WORKSHEET

A little girl from Yamunamilkar, Anganwadi, came; she preferred to be by herself.

She would sit quietly in one corner, watching others play but never joining in.

She wasn't ready to take part in any activity or talk to anyone.

The NSS team noticed this and decided to reach out gently.

We began playing simple games around her, inviting her to join in small ways.

With each passing day, she started responding – first with a smile, then a few words, and soon with curiosity.

One day, she saw a colourful worksheet designed by the NSS team for the children.

Something about it caught her attention.

She sat down with it and began exploring the pictures and patterns.

From that moment, the “Creative & Art Corner” became her favourite place.

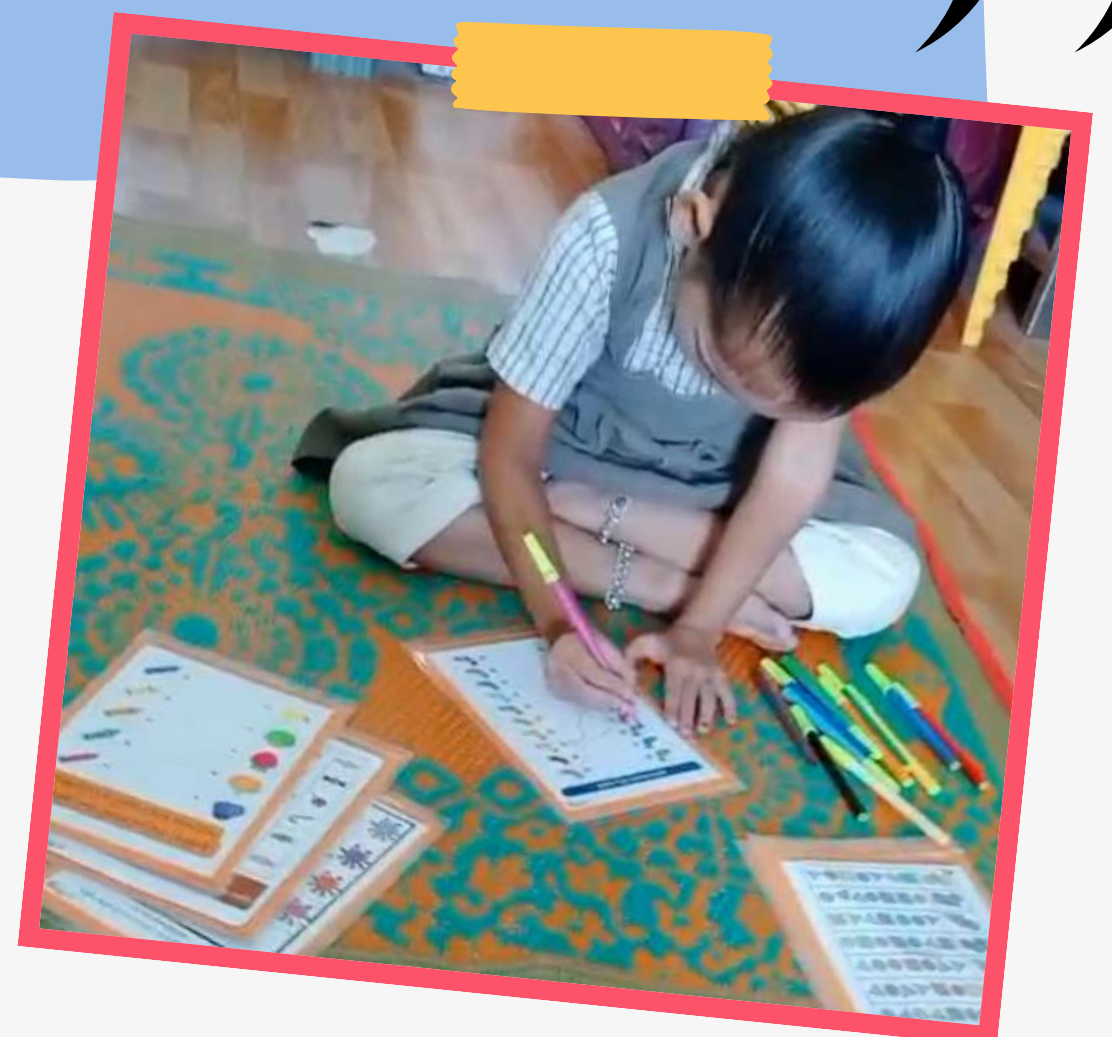
Unlike most children who rush to the toys, Divya always chooses her worksheet.

She loves to sit quietly, solve puzzles, colour, and complete every sheet with focus and joy.

Whenever our team visits, we find her happily engaged with her worksheet – a sight that always warms our hearts.

It's rare to see such deep interest at her age, but for Divya, learning through worksheets has become her way of expressing herself.

The once-silent girl now smiles, creates, and learns with confidence and joy



THE CREATIVE MATH MENTOR

At Gyan Yagna Vidyamandir, learning mathematics has taken an engaging and child-friendly turn under the guidance of Ms Pareshaben Chauhan. Recognising that young children often find mathematical concepts abstract and challenging, she took a creative initiative to design her own Teaching and Learning Material (TLM) to simplify the learning process.

This thoughtfully developed TLM helps children understand essential number concepts such as forward and backward counting in a clear and enjoyable way. It also strengthens their understanding of place value by introducing the concepts of ones, tens, and hundreds through hands-on interaction. As children explore numbers using this material, they build confidence and develop a deeper understanding of the concepts.

Beyond number sense, the TLM also serves as an effective tool for introducing basic mathematical operations. Concepts like addition and subtraction are taught in a practical and engaging manner, enabling children to grasp them with ease. Through her innovative approach, Ms Pareshaben Chauhan has transformed mathematics from a subject of fear into an experience of curiosity and joy, laying a strong foundation for lifelong learning.

