

MONTHLY MUSINGS

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HELLO!

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!

WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE?

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Snippets from Rural Workshop - Padra

RURAL WORKSHOP

Team Neev recently conducted a five-day workshop at Padra, which brought together nearly 235 Anganwadi workers. The workshop was designed to strengthen their understanding of Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, while also equipping them with practical strategies to nurture early learning.

Through interactive sessions, we explored how literacy goes beyond letters and words—helping children express themselves, build vocabulary, enjoy stories, and discover the joy of communication. Similarly, numeracy was approached as more than numbers—encouraging children to recognize patterns, compare, problem-solve, and develop a sense of order in playful, meaningful ways.

By the end of the workshop, participants felt inspired and confident to carry these practices back to their Anganwadi centres, ensuring that every child experiences the joy of learning right from the start.



MEETING - FACULTY OF EDUCATION AND PSYCHOLOGY AT M S UNIVERSITY

Team Neev recently had the privilege of presenting our work to the professors of the Education Department. The primary objective of the meeting was to explore internship opportunities for students at Neev Shikshan Sanstha and to discuss potential collaborations in the areas of early literacy and numeracy—our core focus.

What made the meeting truly special was the exchange of ideas beyond the set agenda. Our team had the opportunity to listen, reflect, and learn from the invaluable insights shared by highly experienced Ph.D. professors.

The session was both enriching and inspiring, reinforcing our commitment to building stronger connections between research, practice, and classrooms.



Snippets from Education Department

WORKSHOP - CHANOD

Team Neev had the joy of organizing a two-day workshop at Channod for first-year teachers, with a focus on oral language development, early literacy, early numeracy, and classroom culture. The sessions were designed to provide practical, engaging strategies that teachers could easily integrate into their daily classroom practices.

The workshop began with circle time and an interactive discussion on the importance of early language learning. Teachers explored joyful sessions such as picture talk and read-alouds that make language learning meaningful and enjoyable for children. A special session called "Gupshup" created a safe space for teachers to share ideas, reflect on their experiences, and connect with one another, helping them feel supported in their teaching journey.

On the second day, teachers were introduced to hands-on kits and sessions for teaching counting and numeracy concepts in simple, playful ways. A dedicated session on classroom culture highlighted how creating a safe, positive environment can transform children's learning experiences and motivate them to thrive.

The main objective of the workshop was to empower teachers with strategies to guide children who face challenges in reading, writing, listening, and speaking. By the end, participants felt confident, inspired, and equipped with practical tools to nurture young learners with care and understanding.



Snippets From Chanod Workshop

HYBRID TEACHER TRAINING - S.D.PATEL

The team recently organized a Hybrid Teacher Training at S.D. Patel for first-year teachers, with a focus on strengthening the foundations of early literacy and oral language development—essential stepping stones in every child's learning journey.

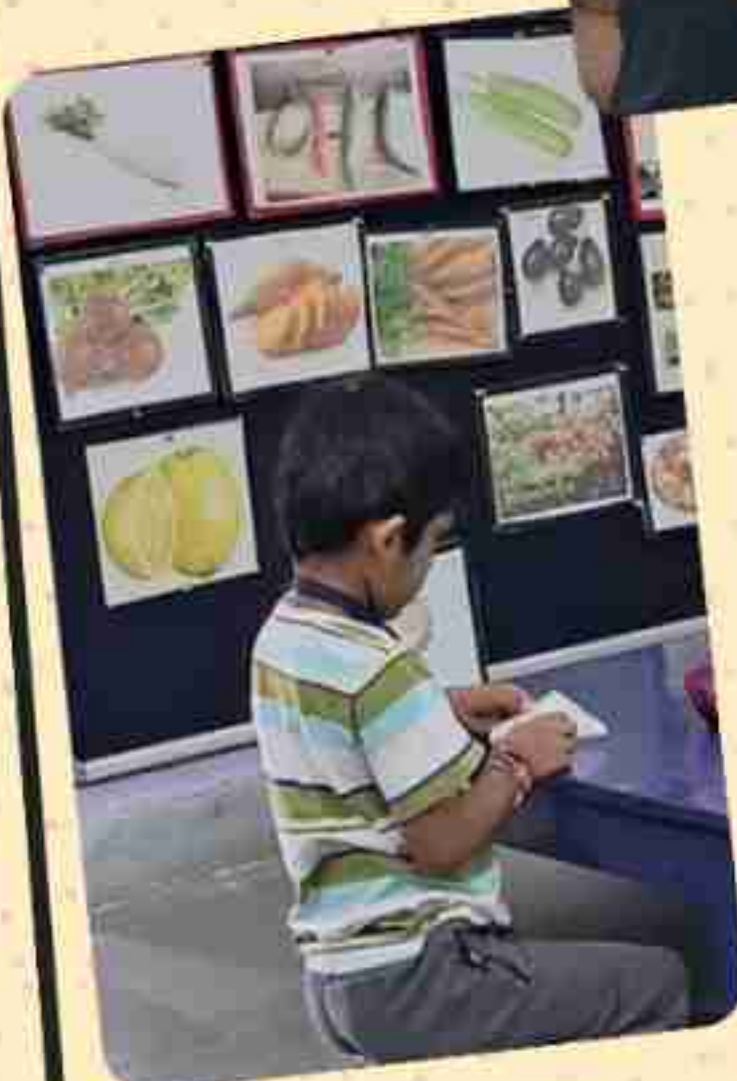
Instead of limiting the sessions to textbook content, teachers experienced the joy of learning through read-alouds, circle time, and Gupshup. These interactive and playful methods not only sparked curiosity but also reminded teachers how meaningful learning becomes when children are actively engaged.

The workshop also created space for teachers to plan targeted NSS activities, design focused training modules, and prepare engaging classroom sessions. These opportunities made the training more practical and closely connected to their everyday teaching needs.

By the end of the day, teachers carried back not only practical strategies for their classrooms but also a renewed sense of motivation and confidence to nurture young learners with care and creativity.



Snippets From
S.D.Patel HTT



Snippets of
Chetan Balwadi

CHETAN BALWADI VISIT

Team Neev visited Chetan Balwadi at the Department of Human Development and Family Studies, MS University, for an observation visit.

The purpose of this visit was to understand how teachers create a warm, engaging environment for children. The team observed how one teacher skillfully managed a large group—guiding them through daily routines, introducing basic concepts, and ensuring that learning remained natural, joyful, and stress-free.

Key learnings from the visit included the use of age-appropriate classroom activities, effective classroom management techniques, and theme-based sessions that made concepts easier for children to grasp. The emphasis on play, interactive storytelling, and structured routines showed how everyday practices can build strong foundations for learning.

This experience offered valuable insights that can be applied in our own Anganwadis and schools. By adopting such practices, Team Neev aims to create learning spaces where every child feels supported, learns with ease, and grows in an atmosphere of joy and care.

JANAMSTHMI CELEBRATION - REPLICABLE CENTER

Team Neev had the joy of witnessing the vibrant pre-celebration of Janmashtami. Children, dressed as Lord Krishna and Goddess Radha, brought the festival to life with their colorful attire and lively dances, filling the space with excitement, devotion, and festive energy.

Alongside the celebrations, the learning corners were equally engaging. Some children immersed themselves in imaginative play—girls enjoyed the doll and drama corners, often pausing to admire their new clothes in the mirror—while others laughed and played together. The entire atmosphere radiated joy, creativity, and togetherness, beautifully capturing both the spirit of childhood and the festival.



Snippet of
Replicable Center

FESTIVAL CELEBRATION AT THE SCHOOLS

Team Neev joyfully joined the children in celebrating Independence Day (15th August) and Janmashtami (16th August), making both occasions memorable and meaningful.

The Independence Day celebration was filled with creativity and patriotism. Children expressed their love for the nation through activities like map drawing, while a lively fancy dress competition brought the spirit of freedom alive as they dressed as patriotic heroes and sang national songs with pride. Teachers, dressed in white with tricolour accents, added to the spirit of the day—waving flags and sharing heartfelt messages about independence and unity with the young learners.

The Janmashtami celebration was equally vibrant. The atmosphere came alive as teachers and children dressed as Lord Krishna and Goddess Radha. With music, dance, and laughter, the festivities beautifully captured the joy, love, and togetherness that mark the birth of Krishna.

Both celebrations highlighted how learning extends beyond classrooms—helping children connect with culture, values, and the joy of shared traditions.



Snippets of Festival
Celebration at School



HYBRID TEACHER TRAINING - DEROL

Team Neev recently visited Derol to conduct a Hybrid Teacher Training for second-year teachers, with a focus on strengthening early literacy and building strong reading comprehension skills. The sessions emphasised not just word recognition but also helping children understand and connect with what they read.

Teachers explored simple strategies to bring stories to life, encouraging students to share their thoughts and connect with the text. Through interactive methods, the workshop highlighted how reading can move beyond decoding words to truly experiencing the story.

The sessions also encouraged teachers to adopt practices that build both confidence and curiosity in young readers. By the end of the workshop, teachers felt confident and inspired to bring these strategies into their classrooms, nurturing spaces where every child can read with understanding, meaning, and joy.



Snippet of
HTT Derol