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# THREADS OF COMPASSION

## 24TH - 27TH JULY 2024



In honour of the remarkable leadership, compassion, and generosity exemplified by **Prof. Dr. S. B. Mujumdar**, Team Pranay of SIMS organized a **clothes donation drive** to mark his birthday. This initiative not only celebrated his special day but also highlighted his enduring commitment to creating a positive impact on society.

In a world where many individuals struggle to meet their basic needs, a clothes donation drive serves as a means to bring warmth, hope, and dignity to those in need. The event, titled "Threads of Compassion," showcased the efforts and outcomes of this impactful initiative.

The drive began with enthusiastic participation from student leaders who actively contributed by collecting and sorting clothes. Their involvement reflected their commitment to social responsibility and community welfare. The SIMS campus resonated with energy, unity, and a shared purpose, underlining the social impact of the initiative.

From July 24th to 26th, **clothes were systematically collected and categorized**. On July 27th, the collected items were handed over to the Symbiosis International University team for final distribution to individuals in need.

The experience reaffirmed the belief that the joy of giving is unparalleled. Every donation brought comfort and relief to the recipients, while also fostering a sense of connection within the community.

The success of "Threads of Compassion" stands as a reflection of how collective effort and compassion can bring about lasting change. Team Pranay is determined to continue these acts of service—because together, we make a difference.

# TARANG

## 15TH AUGUST 2024



Team Pranay joyously celebrated the **78th Independence Day** on campus through a heartfelt event titled “Tarang.” The celebration welcomed esteemed guests from two Pune-based NGOs – **Dyandeep Balgruha** and **Ghar Ishwar**. The event was graced by the presence of Director Brig. (Dr.) Rajiv Divekar, Campus Administrator Air Commodore Vishwajit Dedgaonkar VM VSM (Retd), Deputy Director Dr. Pravin Kumar Bhoyar, and faculty in-charge Dr. Pradnya Chitrao.

The occasion began with a cake-cutting ceremony followed by motivational words from the dignitaries, encouraging and uplifting the children. The essence of patriotism was beautifully captured through a powerful Hindi poem, honouring the sacrifices of India’s brave freedom fighters and reinforcing the eternal pride in our nation’s legacy.

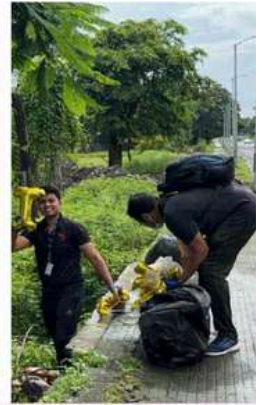
Children from the invited NGOs actively participated in engaging activities curated by the SIMS Pranay Team and senior student volunteers. Their enthusiasm came alive on stage as they delivered spirited performances, filling the atmosphere with cheer and excitement. Special performances by the ‘**Sur**’ and ‘**Vibes**’ clubs added vibrancy and cultural depth to the event. Children were also shown informative videos on India’s freedom struggle, introducing them to the lives of courageous freedom fighters.

The celebration concluded with the distribution of goodie bags and a delicious lunch, leaving radiant smiles on the faces of all children in attendance. Their joy and innocent energy created an environment full of warmth and positivity.

‘Tarang’ proved to be a valuable learning experience for Team Pranay, reinforcing the importance of compassion, community engagement, and national pride. Inspired by SIMS’s motto, ‘**Make A Difference**,’ the team remains committed to fostering joy and social awareness through such initiatives.

# TIDY TRAILS

## 25TH AUGUST 2024



The SIMS Pranay Team led a meaningful cleanliness initiative titled “Tidy Trails,” showcasing **environmental stewardship and community responsibility around the SIMS campus**. The event emphasized that even a small, committed group can create a significant environmental impact. The day began early, with volunteers assembling near Range Hills Road, equipped with gloves, bags, and high spirits. The team focused on collecting plastic waste and general litter from nearby parks, roadsides, and public areas, reinforcing the idea of shared responsibility for public spaces.

By midday, the team had collected a substantial amount of waste, which was brought back to campus. The drive continued with a waste segregation session, where garbage was sorted into categories to ensure proper and environmentally responsible disposal. This step underscored the importance of not just cleanup but mindful waste management.

A critical **contribution came from the Adar Poonawalla Clean City Initiative**, which supported the proper eco-friendly disposal of the segregated waste. Their collaboration highlighted how partnerships can amplify the reach and impact of environmental efforts. “Tidy Trails” was more than a one-day cleanup. It symbolized a movement—a collective step toward positive change and environmental consciousness. Through this initiative, Team Pranay aimed to lead by example, encouraging others to take action in their own communities.

The success of the drive reaffirmed the belief that small actions, when driven by a united purpose, can lead to significant transformations.

# GANOTSAV

## 14TH SEPTEMBER 2024



Team Pranay successfully organized “Ganotsav” at **Matruchhaya Balakashram**, celebrating the auspicious occasion of **Ganesh Chaturthi** with the children of the NGO. The event was designed to spread joy, foster community bonding, and share the festive spirit with those in need. The celebration featured the presence of a beautifully adorned **Lord Ganesha idol**, which served as the spiritual centerpiece of the event. The atmosphere was filled with excitement as the children engaged in lively activities including singing and dancing, led by volunteers from Team Pranay. Their wholehearted participation brought a wave of enthusiasm and warmth to the occasion.

A significant highlight of the event was the collective Ganesh Aarti, where all attendees came together to offer prayers and seek blessings. This spiritual moment added depth to the celebration, creating a shared sense of devotion and unity among participants. To make the day even more meaningful, goodie bags and essential items were distributed to the children. These thoughtful gifts not only brought smiles but also addressed some of their immediate needs, adding a layer of care and consideration to the festivities.

Ganotsav was more than just a festival—it was a heartfelt effort to create lasting memories, build connections, and uphold the values of compassion and giving back to the community. The joy reflected on the children’s faces was a testament to the event’s success. Team Pranay remains committed to organizing such initiatives, which serve as a reminder of the impact of small acts of kindness. Inspired by this experience, the team looks forward to continuing its mission of spreading joy and making a meaningful difference in society.

# SPARSH

## 29TH SEPTEMBER 2024



Team Pranay, in collaboration with the **Jagdamb Gosamvardhan Trust**, organized “Sparsh,” an impactful **animal welfare initiative at a Gaushala (cow shelter) in Pune**. The event was aimed at fostering compassion and care for animals, with a special focus on supporting the well-being of cows housed at the shelter. This initiative provided a hands-on experience, where five dedicated student volunteers actively participated in maintaining the shelter. Their responsibilities included **cleaning the gaushala, bathing the cows, and bandaging injured animals**, reflecting a strong commitment to animal care. In addition, the team donated essential supplies to the shelter, contributing meaningfully to the daily needs of the cows.

Beyond volunteer work, “Sparsh” served as an immersive experience, designed to cultivate empathy and deepen human-animal connections. Engaging with the animals helped participants develop a heightened sense of compassion, responsibility, and respect for all living beings. The collective act of caregiving was central to the event, reinforcing values of service and humility. To conclude the day, refreshments were provided to the participants, creating a warm and fulfilling atmosphere. The event became a platform for reflection on the importance of kindness, where students not only served but also absorbed life lessons about co-existence and the impact of small, thoughtful actions.

Through “Sparsh,” Team Pranay demonstrated their belief in the power of small acts of kindness to create meaningful change. The event left a lasting impact on both the volunteers and the animals, encouraging a greater sense of community service and environmental responsibility. It stood as a reminder that service to animals is an essential part of service to humanity, and reinforced Team Pranay’s commitment to making a difference through compassionate action.

# MISSION RIVER RESET

## 2ND OCTOBER 2024



To commemorate the **birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**, Team Pranay of SIMS, in **collaboration with Pune Ploggers**, launched a meaningful environmental initiative called “Mission River Reset.” This **riverside cleanup drive** was more than just an effort to collect litter; it was a movement to restore the natural beauty of our surroundings and promote environmental responsibility. The day began early in the morning, with volunteers assembling by the riverbank near the campus, equipped with gloves, collection bags, and a shared mission—to make a tangible difference. Together with Pune Ploggers, the team set out to cleanse the riverside, collecting plastic waste, glass bottles, debris, and other pollutants from the banks and nearby areas.

This collective action was not just about improving aesthetics but about safeguarding our natural water bodies and the ecosystems they support. The volunteers worked tirelessly across several kilometers, removing large volumes of waste and contributing to a cleaner, healthier environment. A crucial aspect of the initiative was the segregation of waste into categories for recycling and proper disposal, ensuring an eco-friendly follow-up to the cleanup. This demonstrated a holistic approach to environmental care—emphasizing not just action, but sustainability.

Guided by the Pune Ploggers’ experience and passion for the environment, the initiative was a powerful example of community collaboration. Their presence significantly amplified the impact and reinforced the message that real change is possible when people unite for a common cause. “Mission River Reset” served as a reminder of our collective duty toward nature and our ability to bring about meaningful change through focused, community-driven action.

# AASHIRVAAD

## 5TH OCTOBER 2024



Team Pranay, in collaboration with **Satyak Assisted Living**, organized “Aashirvaad,” a heartfelt visit to an **old age home** that blossomed into a day of love, laughter, and reflection. This initiative was deeply rooted in our desire to honor and connect with the elderly residents—individuals who have dedicated their lives to nurturing families and communities.

The visit was filled with meaningful interactions, games, and shared stories that bridged generations. Each moment offered us the chance to listen, learn, and build bonds with residents who welcomed us with warmth and wisdom. Their life stories—woven with experiences of love, perseverance, and change—served as powerful reminders of the richness of human experience and the importance of cherishing our elders. Our primary goal was simple: to bring joy and a sense of belonging to the residents. The smiles we received, the heartfelt conversations we shared, and the laughter that echoed through the room made it clear that we achieved something far more profound. The emotional connection we formed reminded us of the importance of compassion and community.

Beyond companionship, the visit left us with priceless life lessons—to slow down, listen more, and value the wisdom that only age can offer. The experience instilled in us a renewed sense of responsibility to care for and engage with the elderly, recognizing them as living libraries of knowledge and love. “Aashirvaad” was not just an event—it was a celebration of the human spirit. As we move forward, we carry with us the warmth of that day and a deeper commitment to continue such engagements, one smile and one story at a time.

# WARMTH OF HOPE

## 17TH NOVEMBER 2024



Our Team organized a heartwarming **blanket donation drive**, “Warmth of Hope,” within the **SIMS campus and around Khadki railway station**. The initiative aimed to bring comfort and care to those most vulnerable during the cold season. With a strong turnout of volunteers and generous contributions, **over 100 blankets were distributed to individuals living in nearby slums and underprivileged areas**.

This effort was more than just distribution—it was about spreading humanity. Volunteers actively engaged with the beneficiaries, listening to their stories and understanding the harsh realities they face daily. One recipient shared, “These blankets mean so much to us. It’s not just about staying warm; it’s about knowing someone cares.” These genuine interactions left a lasting impact on the team, reminding them of the power of empathy and shared humanity. The event was documented and shared on social media, further amplifying its reach and encouraging others to take similar action.

The drive became a symbol of how small acts of kindness can make a big difference in someone’s life. The joy on the faces of the recipients and the heartfelt conversations shared were a testament to the success and sincerity of the initiative.

“Warmth of Hope” exemplified community-driven change and reinforced Team Pranay’s commitment to compassionate service. The experience strengthened the team's belief in SIMS’s core value: “Make a difference.” Every blanket handed out carried not only warmth but also a message of hope and solidarity. As we reflect on this initiative, we remain committed to uplifting lives through meaningful, hands-on efforts that build stronger, more caring communities. Team Pranay looks forward to continuing this mission, one impactful step at a time.

# UDAAN

## 24TH NOVEMBER 2024



On a recent community outreach mission, SIMS Team Pranay organized an enriching initiative titled “UDAAN” at **Sparsh Foundation, a local NGO**, with the **goal of empowering underprivileged children through holistic education**. The event was designed to foster academic excellence and personal development, aligning with the vision of nurturing confident and responsible future citizens. The sessions, led by SIMS student volunteers, introduced **Vedic Mathematics**, helping children approach complex calculations with simplicity and ease. The grammar workshop improved their **language proficiency, enhancing communication skills critical for academic and social success**.

Beyond academics, the team placed strong emphasis on real-life values such as empathy, respect, and responsibility. These values were taught through stories and open conversations, encouraging children to think critically about their actions and relationships. The self-discipline module introduced time management techniques and good habits, helping students build a structured and productive daily routine. The highlight of “Udaan” was the personality development session, where interactive activities like role-plays, group discussions, and public speaking exercises helped students develop essential soft skills. These activities encouraged teamwork, leadership, and self-confidence, leaving a lasting impression on both the students and volunteers.

The enthusiasm and participation from the children were overwhelming. Their eagerness to learn, share, and grow reflected the success of the initiative. The event stood as a testament to Anne Frank’s words, “No one has ever become poor by giving.” Through Udaan, Team Pranay not only imparted knowledge but also inspired hope, ambition, and belief in a brighter future. Looking forward, SIMS Team Pranay is committed to continuing such impactful programs that equip young minds with the tools they need to dream big and soar high.

# POSHAN

## 15TH DECEMBER 2024



Team Pranay proudly conducted ‘POSHAN’, a heartfelt **fruit donation drive at FC Road, and slums in Pune**. The initiative aimed to address food insecurity while promoting health and wellness through the distribution of fresh, nutritious fruits to underprivileged individuals in the community. The primary goal was to underscore the importance of proper nutrition in building a resilient and healthier society. By sharing wholesome fruits with those in need, Team Pranay reinforced the belief that access to nutritious food is a basic right, not a privilege.

The event stood out due to the overwhelming support from selfless volunteers and generous donors, whose contributions transformed this vision into impactful action. Their kindness extended far beyond just providing sustenance—it fostered a sense of hope, dignity, and unity among recipients and participants alike. More than just a donation drive, Poshan served as a reminder of the power of collective goodwill. The smiles and gratitude received reflected the drive’s deep emotional and social resonance. The act of giving—simple yet powerful—strengthened bonds within the community and emphasized the importance of compassionate service.

As we look back on the success of Poshan, we are inspired to continue initiating events that uphold health, kindness, and shared responsibility. Team Pranay believes that even small gestures can make a significant difference, and Poshan was a shining example of how communities can come together to nourish not just bodies, but also hearts. With continued support and passion, Team Pranay is committed to fostering initiatives that uplift lives and spread joy, one act of kindness at a time.

# AASHAYEIN

## 22ND DECEMBER 2024



Team Pranay illuminated the lives of specially-abled children at **Shravasti Adhar Foundation** with the **Christmas-themed event**, 'Aashayein'. In the true spirit of the season, the initiative brought hope, love, and festive joy to a day filled with warmth, connection, and shared celebration.

The foundation welcomed Team Pranay with open arms and eager smiles. The event began with an engaging craft session, where children and volunteers collaborated to create vibrant Christmas decorations and handmade greeting cards. The activity encouraged creativity, self-expression, and joy, building confidence among the children. The celebration continued with singing and dancing, as Christmas carols echoed through the venue, creating a magical and inclusive atmosphere. Both volunteers and children shared the stage, enjoying the music, dancing together, and strengthening emotional bonds.

What truly stood out were the heartfelt one-on-one conversations that unfolded throughout the event. These moments of genuine connection allowed volunteers to better understand the lives, dreams, and challenges of the children, reinforcing the values of empathy and inclusion. As the day came to a close, gifts and sweets were distributed, bringing even more smiles and cheer. Every moment of Aashayein was a testament to the transformative power of kindness and community.

More than a festive gathering, Aashayein symbolized the belief that everyone deserves to feel seen, valued, and loved. Team Pranay's commitment to inclusivity and social impact was once again on display, inspiring a future filled with continued outreach and compassion. As we carry the spirit of Aashayein forward, Team Pranay remains dedicated to creating inclusive spaces where joy knows no boundaries and every child's potential is celebrated.

# PAWTOPIA

## 28TH DECEMBER 2024



Continuing their legacy of meaningful outreach, SIMS Team Pranay hosted "Pawtopia"—an inspiring initiative dedicated to supporting **MH14 Animal Shelter** in Wakad. This heartwarming event united passionate volunteers in a shared mission: to **care for stray animals and advocate for their well-being**. The day commenced with volunteers providing nutritious food to the shelter's furry residents, ensuring they received essential sustenance. Under expert supervision, the team also assisted in administering vital medicines, attending to the animals' immediate health needs with care and empathy.

In addition to direct care, Team Pranay donated a range of useful supplies, contributing to the shelter's long-term needs and enhancing the animals' living environment. These donations underscored the team's commitment to sustainable support beyond a single visit. But Pawtopia was more than service—it was about connection. Volunteers spent time bonding with the animals, offering affection through play and gentle companionship. These heartwarming interactions reminded all involved of the unconditional love animals offer, and the deep emotional impact such gestures can have on both giver and receiver.

The event stood as a powerful example of collaboration between Team Pranay and the MH14 Animal Shelter, driven by a mutual dedication to animal welfare. More than just an act of kindness, Pawtopia served as a call to action, encouraging others to advocate for and contribute to the care of voiceless beings. As Mahatma Gandhi aptly stated, "The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated." In living by this philosophy, Team Pranay continues to lead with compassion, pledging to organize more such purpose-driven programs in the future—where every paw is cherished, and every act of kindness echoes far beyond the moment.

# PRAYAS

## 19TH JANUARY 2025



The SIMS Pranay Team organized PRAYAS, a heartfelt NGO visit to **Saraswati Anaath Shikshan Sansthan**, aimed at fostering compassion, learning, and joy among underprivileged children. This initiative reflected Team Pranay's enduring commitment to social outreach and community welfare.

The day began with a warm welcome from the children, instantly setting a tone of connection and joy. The volunteers engaged the young residents in a range of interactive sessions—from **teaching and dancing to singing and poetry recitation**. Each activity was carefully crafted to boost creativity, confidence, and self-expression, transforming learning into a celebration. The most touching moments came from the children's heartfelt reactions. One child shared, "Spending time with you all made our day special. We learned, we laughed, and we felt valued." Such words reminded the team of the transformative power of presence, empathy, and active listening.

Capturing these moments on social media helped amplify the message, spreading awareness about the importance of supporting underprivileged children and encouraging others to engage in similar acts of service. The success of Prayas was powered by Team Pranay's spirit of collaboration and dedication, perfectly aligned with SIMS's motto, "Make a Difference."

Encouraged by the overwhelming positivity and impact, Team Pranay is already working on future initiatives to sustain this mission of hope and service. By continuing to engage with communities, the team aspires to create a ripple effect—motivating others to step forward, give back, and build a society rooted in compassion. Prayas was not just a visit—it was a shared moment of joy and growth for everyone involved.

# ABHYUDAY

## 26TH JANUARY 2025



Team Pranay celebrated the **76th Republic Day** through a heartwarming event titled “ABHUDAY,” held on the SIMS campus. The day was marked by joy, unity, and community engagement, as we hosted wonderful children from **Dyandeep Balgurha** and **Samata Pratisthan**, two respected Pune-based NGOs. The event was graced by our distinguished guests—Brig (Dr.) Rajiv Divekar, Director SIMS, Air Commodore Vishwajit Dedgaonkar VM VSM (Retd), Campus Administrator, and our esteemed faculty in-charge, (Dr.) Pradnya Chitrao—whose presence added grace and inspiration to the celebration.

The festivities began with a symbolic cake-cutting ceremony, representing unity and collective joy. This was followed by a series of vibrant cultural performances by the children, whose enthusiasm and talent lit up the event with energy and smiles. Volunteers and members of the SIMS cultural team, ‘Sur’, engaged the children through games, music, and dance—making the day lively and memorable. A special thanks to **Budhani Brothers Waferwala for their kind sponsorship**, which brought extra joy with delicious snacks.

A hearty lunch and distribution of curated goodie bags added warmth to the celebration, leaving the children with smiles and memories they’ll cherish. As the event concluded, the heartfelt goodbyes and beaming faces of the children reaffirmed the spirit of ABHUDAY—a celebration of inclusion, compassion, and unity. Team Pranay takes pride in organizing such meaningful events and remains committed to spreading love, laughter, and hope—one celebration at a time.

# SAHAAY

## 24TH FEBRUARY 2025



In a world where many everyday heroes go unnoticed, Team Pranay took a meaningful step through SAHAAY, an initiative dedicated to appreciating the invaluable contributions of the **mess workers, cleaning staff, and security guards at Symbiosis Institute of Management Studies (SIMS)**. These individuals work silently behind the scenes—ensuring cleanliness, safety, and comfort on campus—yet often without the recognition they deserve. Sahaay was born from a heartfelt desire to change that narrative and express genuine gratitude for their tireless efforts.

As a thoughtful **token of appreciation, hot and cold flasks were gifted** to these team members—an item that supports their daily routines while symbolizing warmth, care, and utility. The act went beyond words; it was about showing respect through action. The atmosphere during the event was deeply touching. Smiles, handshakes, and heartfelt thanks filled the air as each flask was handed over. Many recipients expressed their joy, sharing how such gestures make them feel truly seen and valued. It was more than just a distribution drive—it became a beautiful moment of connection and acknowledgment.

Sahaay stood as a reminder that kindness doesn't require grand gestures—just sincerity, thoughtfulness, and a willingness to recognize those who support us every day. Through this initiative, Team Pranay celebrated community spirit, humility, and the importance of gratitude in nurturing a positive and inclusive environment. The success of Sahaay inspires us to continue honoring the silent pillars of our community—because when we recognize people for who they are and what they do, we build a culture of empathy, respect, and togetherness.

# KINDNESS CLOSET

## 23<sup>RD</sup> – 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025



Kindness Closet, a heartfelt initiative to unite the SIMS community through the simple yet powerful act of giving. Focused on **collecting clothes and stationery**, the campaign saw overwhelming support from students, faculty, and staff, reflecting the deep-rooted compassion and generosity of our campus. The drive began with the setting up of a central donation point, where contributions poured in from all corners of SIMS. After careful collection, the team undertook a thorough sorting and segregation process, ensuring the items were clean, organized, and ready for distribution.

Donations made a remarkable impact, helping us **collect 1800 kg of clothes and 360 kg of stationery**, which began at home—with **mess workers, cleaning staff, and security guards** who form the backbone of our institution. Each recipient received thoughtfully selected items that matched their needs, creating moments of warmth, gratitude, and human connection. But the kindness didn't stop there. With surplus donations still in hand, the remaining **clothes and stationery were extended to NGOs across Pune**, helping underprivileged communities and widening the impact far beyond campus boundaries.

The success of Kindness Closet demonstrated how a collective spirit of giving can touch lives in meaningful ways. What began as a simple collection drive blossomed into a movement of empathy—one that celebrated the belief that even small gestures can spark immense change. Team Pranay is immensely grateful to every donor and volunteer who made this initiative a success. Through efforts like Kindness Closet, we continue to strengthen a culture of sharing, gratitude, and social responsibility—building not just leaders, but compassionate citizens of tomorrow.



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**We want to extend our gratitude to our Director Brig. (Dr.) Rajiv Divekar, Deputy director Dr. Pravin Kumar for their never-ending support, Campus Admin Air Commodore Vishwajit Dedgaonkar VM VSM (Retd) and to our faculty in charge, Dr. Pradnya Chitrao, for being a constant pillar of strength and support throughout the process.**

**Our heartfelt thanks to NGOs for giving us the opportunity to collaborate and to have a splendid time with their kids. and also, to our wonderful volunteers for helping us in making events and activities of Team Pranay a huge success.**