

Dear <<First Name>>,

Welcome to the June edition of Samvaad!

This edition will take you through a thought-provoking TEDx talk from our CEO to our impactful work over the past three months. With our partners, we organized workshops and sessions with Anganwadi workers, vocational trainers, and awareness campaigns on menstrual hygiene. These highlight our focus on quality education, healthcare, sustainability, and social empowerment, a critical part of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Our showstoppers for this Samvaad are our alumni. They have done remarkably well, from winning Olympic Medals to getting into IIM. Dive into these inspiring stories, initiatives, and partnerships that are transforming lives and creating a positive impact in communities.

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## Why is Quality Education important for Modern World?



*"The power of education to transform lives can never be understated."*

According to the latest ASER Report, almost 98% of children aged 6-14 are at school. Yet, only 42% of them will complete their 12th standard, and 8% will eventually reach college. How do we ensure quality education for our young learners?

For the last seventeen years, Tech Mahindra Foundation (TMF) has focused on creating well-rounded learning experiences to bridge this gap in quality education. Through a series of anecdotes drawn from his experiences in the field, our CEO Chetan Kapoor shares a few stories of transformation and hope in this TEDx talk.

[Watch the video](#)

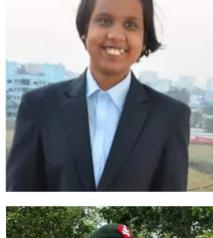
## Impact Spotlight



### Our Alumnus Shines in the Special Olympics

Our very own Dinesh K made waves in the recently concluded Berlin Special Olympics by winning two Silver medals! He won his first silver medal in the 50m Breaststroke. His next podium finish came in the thrilling 4x25 Freestyle Relay with the Indian swimming squad. Dinesh was a key player in the winning team.

We couldn't be prouder of Dinesh and our fantastic partner, The Spastics Society of Tamil Nadu (SPASTN).



### Our ARISE+ Alum Set to Join IIM Indore

Our ARISE+ alumna Sakshi Amrutkar successfully cleared the CAT exam, securing admission into the prestigious Indian Institute of Management, Indore.

Sakshi, a student with visual impairment, has been selected for the MBA in HR course. She was a student of NFBM Jagriti School for Blind Girls, our ARISE+ partner. It's a moment of joy for all of us.



### SMART Academy student makes it to Assam Rifles

Dhaneshwor Sapam, an alumnus of our SMART Academy for Healthcare, Delhi, has joined the reputed Assam Rifles as an X-Ray Assistant. After completing his Diploma in X-Ray Techniques in April 2021, Dhaneshwor was selected for the Assam Rifles last year.

We are immensely proud of Dhaneshwor as he begins this new journey!

## Upskilling Anganwadi Workers



TMF, in partnership with the Anil Agarwal Foundation, launched a comprehensive upskilling program for Anganwadi workers in Rajasthan as part of the Nand Ghar initiative. This collaborative effort aims to foster child welfare and promote women's empowerment. The program commenced its initial phase in the Jaipur district, concentrating on three key areas: Health, Nutrition, and Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) to effectively equip Anganwadi workers to fulfill their roles and responsibilities.

## Training the Trainers



TMF collaborated with Smile Foundation for the Manzil Project to design and deliver the Training of Trainers program for Vocational Trainers in six districts of Rajasthan.

With a keen eye on Student Counselling and Employability Skills Facilitation, the program trained 581 Vocational Trainers from 295 government schools. Starting in Tonk on May 11, this impactful program spanned 10 days and covered 7 locations, successfully concluding in Dungarpur on May 20. Through this program, vocational trainers would be equipped with the skills and knowledge to guide students towards fulfilling career paths, reducing the skills gap in India's workforce.

## Our Events at a Glance

### Foundation Day Celebrations of TMF Healthcare Academies



Our SMART Academies for Healthcare in Pune and Delhi celebrated their 2nd and 7th Foundation Day on May 8th & May 13th, respectively. Our alumni, students, staff and other eminent guests all came together for the Foundation Day celebrations in two locations. During the event, our alumni shared their inspiring skilling to employment journeys!

### Menstrual Hygiene Day Awareness Campaign



28th May is celebrated as Menstrual Hygiene Day across the world. This year's theme was to make menstruation a normal fact of life by 2030. All our five SMART Academies for Healthcare have been contributing to this cause throughout the year by conducting awareness sessions and events. These efforts impacted 7,766 beneficiaries, including 1,000 beneficiaries during the Menstrual Hygiene Awareness Week.



**Environment Day Celebrations**  
This year's Environment Day gave our team an exciting opportunity to participate in diverse activities nationwide.



**International Yoga Day Celebrations**  
Watch our teams across India enthusiastically engage in the International Yoga Day activities.

### NGO Summit by Delhi Healthcare Academy



Delhi's SMART Academy for Healthcare organised the first edition of this year's 'Chai pe Charcha' with an NGO summit on 'A journey from skilling to employment' on 20th April. The participants brainstormed ways to bridge the gap between education and employability for healthcare professionals.

### Round-table Discussion



Listen to our CEO, Mr Chetan Kapoor at the round table discussion organized by CNBC-TV18 on 'Corporate, Community & Sustainability Agenda of Today for a Better Tomorrow.'

## Interesting Reads

What's brewing in the social sector? Here are some thought-provoking articles for you!

- [Telling a better nonprofit story](#)
- [Paving the way for inclusive vocational education](#)
- [Global Gender Gap Report 2023](#)

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