



## SUCCESS STORY

### VINAKSHI



Vinakshi is a bright individual whose story continues to inspire us every day at Shiksha Prayas. Prior to joining Shiksha Prayas, Vinakshi had dreams she wanted to pursue and with access to right resources and guidance, she is on the path to achieve what she wants out of life and more! After she started working with Shiksha Prayas, she completed her education with the utmost dedication and now, is currently working with a company where she has been promoted recently. Alongside her corporate job, she is also currently pursuing her LLB. studies. Admittedly, she says that managing the two is hard but because of Shiksha Prayas she can handle it because of the strong foundation she has got at Shiksha Prayas. Taking the experience she has received and the goals she has achieved, she is ready to embark upon new chapters of her life and face them with the utmost sincerity and dedication. Vinakshi is a committed individual who exemplifies the truth that when you put your mind to something, you can achieve it!

**“I am always proud and excited to talk about Shiksha Prayas. It has helped me in shaping my professional and personal life. Shiksha Prayas enlightens the path for students as it did for me,”** Vinakshi says, reflecting on the experience she has had so far with Shiksha Prayas. She credits her journey to the people who have worked with her and helped motivate her constantly - talking about Mr. Kuldeep, she says, **“Without his encouragement I could never have achieved what I have today. He put his trust in me and guided me every step along the way.”**

## UPCOMING EVENTS





## UNTAPPED TALENT

### ISHU TANWAR



Ishu Tanwar is amongst the top achievers of Shiksha Prayas from the Kanhai centre of Free Tuition Centre. She is highly intelligent and focused on her studies. She recently chose the commerce stream and aims to become a successful bank manager.

About her personal experience of being associated with Shiksha Prayas she says,

“I have been studying at Kanhai FTC since the 6th class and it has been a great experience. The teachers are very good and try to explain topics in a simple and understandable manner. The activities that are conducted at the center are very interesting. As a student, you feel motivated to learn and try out new competencies, feel safe and supported in doing so and gain valuable feedback that helps you to improve.”

## VOLUNTEER DIARIES

### LARAIB HASSAN



Hello, I am Laraib, a second-year undergraduate student in the Department of Electrical Engineering at IIT Madras. In my first year of college, I got an astounding opportunity at Shiksha Prayas to provide mentorship to two of the most talented girls - Pooja and Anchal.

Both of them were very enthusiastic learners and their positive attitude towards life despite all the hardships is commendable. It was a very rewarding experience to guide them throughout the year with their career-related queries, academics, and even personal issues.

Nothing can beat the satisfaction of seeing the happy faces of those children after every single activity that we have conducted for them and those noises of “Thank you didi ” are a blessing to my ears.

It's not just that I offered my mentorship to students but I also received it as well from my fellow mentors, Shivangi and Sayan (Head of the mentors), and many other Shiksha Prayas members.

It's my privilege to have received such an amazing experience as a mentor to impact and contribute back to my society at such an early age. I am extremely grateful to Shiksha Prayas for trusting me and Anvita for carrying the legacy forward.

I hope the students of Shiksha Prayas break all their barriers and reach the zenith in all fields.



# MAY-JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

## MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Mother's Day is a time to celebrate everything that our moms mean to us. While it's not the only occasion we honor our mothers, it is one that lets the most important woman in our lives know just how greatly she is appreciated. Some take their moms out for lunch, some cook for them or buy a special gift for them. With that same excitement, the students at Shiksha Prayas expressed their love and respect either by writing a letter or by making a card for their moms.

## LAPTOP DONATION

We, at Shiksha Prayas greatly appreciate the donation of 15 laptops. This support helps us to continue our mission of empowering underprivileged children through quality educational support.

## SESSION ON GENDER EQUALITY

An interactive session was held with the students regarding gender equality. The topic of gender equality and the term itself was elaborated through a PowerPoint presentation and a video. Students were told what stereotypes are and how in daily life we can tackle gender inequality. This session was organized for all the senior students of Shiksha Prayas from grade 7-10th. Students also talked about how in their surroundings they have seen examples of inequality. They were motivated to stop as well as understand on their level about how inequality enters society. The students were enthusiastic to learn something apart from their general studies and over all the session was a success.

## SESSION ON MEDITATION AND MINDFULNESS

A session on meditation and mindfulness was conducted by our interns Nishtha Chopra and Jiya Sharma for the students of all three centers. The aim for this session was to make students better equipped to deal with upcoming life hassles and how they can manage their emotions better at times of stress. The students were also made to practice meditation in the presence of their teachers. They were also told about the concept of mindfulness and were taught some mindfulness practices. The students were engaged in the class throughout and seemed to enjoy the session.

## YOGA SESSION BY RITU SINGH FROM NATWEST

One of the volunteers from Natwest, Ritu Singh organized an engaging yoga session on 6th June for our Kanhai students.

Ritu says "I got an opportunity to conduct a Yoga Session at one of the NGO's- Shiksha Prayas, Gurugram. The kids I met there were so full of enthusiasm & positivity. It was so overwhelming to see all the kids so eager to learn about Yoga and participate, and the best part was that most of them were already aware of a few yoga asanas and pranayam and were eager to learn more.

The visit was a great experience. Just meeting them filled me with joy and happiness, I simply loved the time I spent with the kids."





# MAY-JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

## SUMMER CAMP FOR OUR STUDENTS FROM 1ST JUNE-10TH JUNE

Running a summer camp is a noble endeavor. Summer camps impart skills and values to all types of children. Shiksha Prayas organized a 10 days' summer camp, with the goal to provide a platform to showcase creativity and talent.

1. Painting Competition: The theme choices given were "Your ambition" or "One thing you are grateful for".

2. Dance Competition: This was a fun activity enjoyed by all, a great event that brought everyone together during practice sessions.

3. Newspaper Fashion Show: This was a fun team activity where the groups were only limited by their imaginations. This had the teams in tears of laughter.

4. Story telling competition: The process was defined as an ancient art form and a valuable form of human expression. The participants could use the language of their choice, English or Hindi.

5. Kho Kho competition: This was a sports activity. Mostly believed as a modified form of 'Tag'/'Catch', which in its simplest form involves chasing and touching a person. The team was rewarded based on the performance.

Apart from all these art and sport activities and competitions, there were various sessions: mandala art organized by teachers, career awareness by students of IIT Madras.

## GLIMPSES



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