



## The Fourth Pole



Just off the Siwan-Polad highway and along a lazily flowing river is a row of settlements where life revolves largely around sowing, harvesting and rearing cattle. Where is the place for studies in this rural landscape? You'll be amazed that there is, and how. Every child and parent in this tiny village has been queuing up for admission, ever since we announced our plans to set up a free tuition centre.

Thirteenth August saw the fruition of an idea and desire long held by the SP founding team for a fourth free tuition centre. Coupled with Independence Day celebrations, the place was buzzing with excited whispers and nervous giggles. A diagnostic activity conducted at the start left us amazed at their prowess. And one performance after another left us feeling, 'Oh God, there's just so much talent here! These kids can do wonders.' They did evoke a very strong hope to improve their lot through these classes.



So with renewed vigour, I carry the dreams of the 31 students who are looking to us for a better future. The Shiksha Prayas donor fraternity is truly unique, exceptional I would say, in its sustained commitment and support. As a collective, we have impacted over a thousand students in the past, and I am confident will reach out to many more in the near future.

## Independence Day Celebrations

### FTC Kanhai



### FTC Siwan



After a long spell of board exams-summer break and unit tests, 15th August came like a welcome shower, infusing colour and fervour into every student and teacher at SP. Considering they had very little time to prepare, the participants came up with gutsy performances and feverish speeches for the occasion. For our Polad friends, it was a novel debut, and did they do us proud!

### FTC Taraori

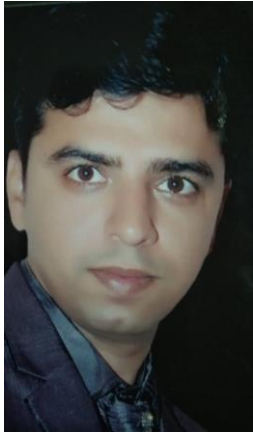


*Do catch them all  
on Instagram and  
view their spirited  
dances!!*





## Meet our Shikshaks



When SP was looking to expand its reach, **Lalit Raheja** stepped in at absolutely the right time. Having seen the success of Siwan FTC as a grooming ground for academic hopefuls, Lalit gauged the yearning for learning in the neighbouring village of **Polad**. He looked to friend Harpreet for support, who similarly, is an acknowledged man of words and deeds in the hamlet. It did not take long for Harpreet to offer his premises for the classes. A word with the founding team in June 2023, and the FTC was sealed.

For Lalit on a personal level, it has so far been a fulfilling experience. He always wanted to establish a centre and work with children, invest his time and see them do well in life. That dream is now coming true. Lalit teaches Science at the Polad FTC, and manages its affairs full-time, coordinating with parents and the SP Central cell.

## Rising Stars

As **Harsh Thakur** moves into his final year at the GNA University, he takes on the reins of his household, which was shattered by the pandemic. Balancing academics with an internship in product design in Noida, Harsh is grateful to Shiksha Prayas donors for helping him and his sister continue with their education at a crucial juncture in their lives.

