

NEWSLETTER 2026

INDIA VISION FOUNDATION

This quarter, the India Vision Foundation marked 32 years since its inception. The Foundation continued to create spaces that foster creativity, youth leadership, family connection, learning, and knowledge exchange, while strengthening dialogue on prison reform and rehabilitation.

32 YEARS | ONE JOURNEY OF CHANGE

32 Years | Millions of Lives Touched | One Mission: Save The Next Victim.

For **32 years**, **India Vision Foundation** has worked to create pathways of hope, opportunity and transformation for children, families and individuals affected by incarceration. The Foundation marked this milestone by bringing together **200+ children** and their **parents** for an evening of joy, connection and inspiration.

A special screening of **Hichki** gave the children more than a shared experience. It brought alive a powerful message about courage, resilience, determination and the transformative power of education.

Because behind every year of the Foundation's journey are people, stories and possibilities—children growing with opportunity, families finding support, and individuals being given the chance to imagine a different future.

Why it matters?

32 years is not just a milestone. It is a reminder that lasting change is built one life, one family and one opportunity at a time.

32

Years of the
Foundation's
Journey



Children and parents come together to celebrate 32 years of India Vision Foundation's journey of hope, opportunity and transformation.

CREATIVE EXPRESSION & EMPOWERMENT WHEN CREATIVITY KNOWS NO WALLS

Aao Sapne Bune Awards is a creative expression initiative by India Vision Foundation that gives incarcerated individuals a platform to express their thoughts, emotions and aspirations through art and words.

Aao Sapne Bune Awards 2026 brought together creative voices from prisons across **Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi**, with **167 entries** from **14 prisons** across four categories, **Painting, Drawing, Poetry** and **Creative Writing**.

The winning works have now been brought together in Aao Sapne Bune Awards 2026: An Anthology of Creative Expression by Prison Inmates, preserving these voices as stories of creativity, resilience, hope and the possibility of change.

Why it matters?

Creative expression can create a space for people in prison to share their thoughts, emotions and aspirations, allowing their voices and imagination to reach beyond prison walls.



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Through painting, drawing, poetry and creative writing, prison inmates expressed their thoughts, emotions and aspirations.

167
Entries

14
Prisons

PSYCHOMETRIC ASSESSMENT

UNDERSTANDING ASPIRATIONS, EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES

As part of the **Children of Vulnerable Families (CVF) Programme**, a Psychometric Assessment session was organised for **23 youth** from Classes 10, 11, 12 and Graduation, conducted by **Capt. Gurmeet Kaur**.

The session began with an interactive orientation followed by the psychometric assessment, creating a space for young participants to reflect on their interests, strengths and future possibilities.

Why it matters?

It helps young people understand themselves better, recognise their strengths and interests, and explore possibilities for their future.

A simple activity, “**How Do You Feel Today?**”, encouraged youth to express their feelings at the beginning of the session. At the close, they reflected again through “**What Are You Taking With You Today?**”, capturing their thoughts and takeaways.

The session also included an open interaction with **5 parents**, allowing them to share their concerns, expectations and thoughts about their children.



CVF youth reflecting on their interests, strengths and future possibilities during the Psychometric Assessment session.

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

FROM BEING SUPPORTED TO SUPPORTING OTHERS

India Vision Foundation brought together **15 CVF alumni** at **Select Citywalk, Saket**, to reconnect, share their journeys and discuss their aspirations. All **15 alumni** are currently earning a livelihood, with two earning approximately **₹40,000 per month** and most others earning around **₹20,000 per month**.



CVF alumni reconnecting, sharing their journeys and reflecting on their aspirations and achievements.

TOWARDS YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Yuva Squad: Where Young Voices Shape What Comes Next

Yuva Squad is a youth-led initiative of India Vision Foundation that empowers adolescents and young adults from the CVF Programme through **leadership development, life skills, employability training, and peer support**.

The platform encourages young people to become confident leaders, contribute their ideas, and shape their own growth journey.

This quarter, **two Yuva Squad meetups** created more than just moments of interaction—they created a space where young people could speak up, identify their aspirations and influence what comes next.

At the latest meetup, **“My Voice, Our Squad,”** six young participants openly shared what they want to learn, improve and contribute. Their conversations highlighted a strong interest in developing English and communication skills, building confidence, personal and social skills, and finding meaningful ways to help others that Shape the Future.

The impact was visible in their participation. Compared with the earlier engagement, youth were observed to be more comfortable, interactive and willing to share their views. The Yuva Squad Wall helped turn individual thoughts into shared priorities, giving the team a clearer understanding of what young people themselves want from the programme.

Why it matters?

Creating spaces where young people can speak, participate and share their aspirations helps them become more confident in shaping their own growth journey.



Yuva Squad members come together to share their ideas, aspirations and priorities for the future.



These connect directly with the Yuva Squad meetups and “My Voice, Our Squad” activity.



TRAINING & CAPACITY BUILDING OF PRISON OFFICIALS ACROSS PRISONS: SAMVAAD 5.0

Taking the conversation across prison samvaad 5.0

SAMVAAD is India Vision Foundation's learning and dialogue platform, designed to strengthen prison officials professional capacity and promote effective correctional and rehabilitation practices. Through structured sessions and peer dialogue, officials share experiences, discuss challenges and explore practical approaches to prison administration, reform and well-being.

320

Prison Officials
Engaged

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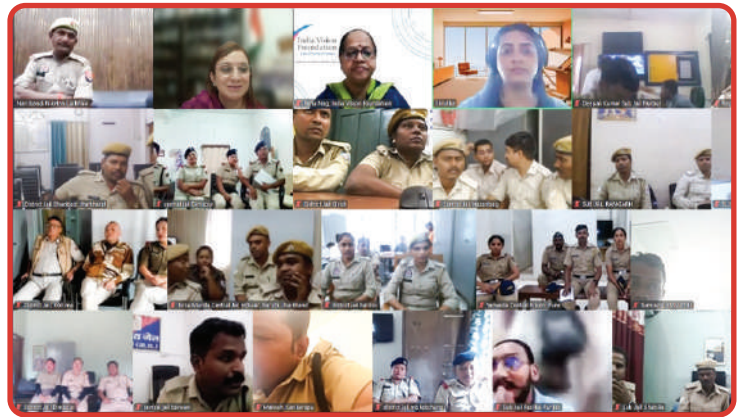
Sessions

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Batches

Why it matters?

SAMVAAD builds a culture of learning and dialogue, helping prison professionals turn shared knowledge into meaningful change.



Prison officials from across India come together through SAMVAAD 5.0 for learning, dialogue and knowledge exchange.

PASSION NEVER RETIRES: 180 INMATES TAKE A STEP TOWARDS LITERACY



Shri Mohammad Akram, Retired Superintendent of Prisons, Uttar Pradesh, continues his mission to eliminate illiteracy among prison inmates. Starting at **District Jail**

Bareilly, his initiative expanded to five more prisons—**Firozabad, Fatehpur, Shahjahanpur, Kannauj** and **Varanasi**. By mentoring prison officials and inmate peer leaders, he helped **180 inmates** across **six prisons** appear for the **ULLAS literacy examination**. For Shri Akram, literacy means more than reading and writing. It restores dignity, builds confidence and opens doors to a fresh start.



He retired from service, but not from purpose.

FOUNDATION OUTREACH

BRINGING FIELD INSIGHTS INTO THE CONVERSATION ON PRISON REFORM

Ms. Monica Dhawan, Director, India Vision Foundation, participated in the One Day Multidisciplinary National Seminar on “Motherhood and Child Well-Being of Imprisoned Women: Legal and Socio-Economic Perspectives”, organised by the Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, in collaboration with Saraswati Institute of Law, Palwal, Haryana.



Ms Monica Dhawan sharing India Vision Foundation's perspective at the National Seminar

Why it matters?

Cross-sector knowledge-sharing platforms connect field experiences to the wider prison reform dialogue, ensuring the voices of affected families are heard and fostering collective learning around children, families and resilient communities.

TAKING OUR LEARNING BEYOND OUR WALLS

Ms. Renu Nag, Head – Learning & Development, India Vision Foundation, represented the Foundation at the National Conference on “Families First: Investing in Children, Strengthening Families, Building Resilient Communities” at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. The three-day platform brought together **150+ participants and government representatives** from 16 states, along with **child protection practitioners, civil society, CSR and philanthropic organizations**, and **people with lived experience** — strengthening knowledge exchange and cross-sector dialogue on children, families and resilient communities.



Ms Renu Nag at the National Conference representing India Vision Foundation

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