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Change is the only constant

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YEAR-END JOY WITH AARUNYA

The academic year drew to a close on a joyful and heart-warming note, thanks to a delightful celebration hosted by the Aarunya Foundation. Teachers and children gathered for a day packed with cheer—from engaging games and hearty laughter to a charming puppet show that left everyone smiling.

The festivities culminated in an uplifting award ceremony that recognised the children's progress and participation throughout the year. Yet, the most memorable moment came when students from the Aarunya Spoken English Program took to the stage. With poise and clarity, these young learners delivered thoughtful, articulate speeches—leaving the audience deeply moved and proud. Their confidence and command over English stood as a powerful testament to their hard work and the commitment of their dedicated teachers.

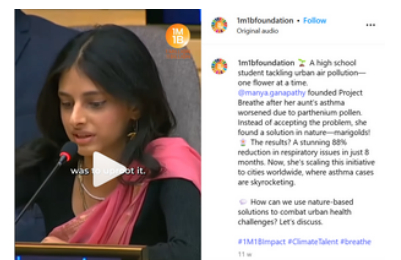


'BREATHE' GOES GLOBAL—AND VIRAL

As many of you know, TAP's founder, Manya Ganapathy, presented her environmental initiative Breathe at the United Nations Headquarters in New York last December. This project focuses on finding sustainable, community-driven solutions to tackle the spread of Parthenium—an invasive and harmful weed that poses a threat to health and biodiversity.

Since her presentation, Breathe has gained remarkable traction. A recent Instagram reel featuring Manya's talk has gone viral—crossing over two million views! This surge in public attention has not only amplified the project's reach but also rekindled interest in TAP's broader mission of grassroots sustainability.

We're also thrilled to share that The Better India has featured Manya and the Breathe project in a detailed article. It's an inspiring story of youth-led action, and we hope it encourages more individuals and institutions to get involved.





MEET THE NEW TAP AMBASSADORS

As Manya prepares to begin her college journey this fall, she has thoughtfully laid the groundwork for a seamless transition. We are excited to welcome a vibrant new team of TAP Ambassadors—a group of passionate, motivated young individuals who bring fresh energy and ideas to the table.

Working closely with Manya and guided by the core TAP team, this group has already mapped out activities for the 2025–2026 academic year, running from June through March. Their goal is to carry forward TAP’s mission with renewed vigour. This year, TAP aims to replicate its community model in a new neighbourhood, while the original community continues on its path toward self-sufficiency. The core team and Board of Directors remain actively involved, ensuring that the TAP vision stays strong and grounded.



L-R: Khushi Deepak, Avni Mallar, Shreya Koushik

BLACK GOLD FROM OUR DIY COMPOSTER

In other green news, our DIY composting system—installed a few months ago with expert guidance from Vasuki Iyengar and team—has produced its first batch of compost! Rich, dark, and nutrient-filled, this “black gold” is now being sieved and prepared for use in our flourishing kitchen garden.

The community came together to sow new vegetable seeds and plant saplings, just in time to welcome the monsoons. The herbs and greens planted earlier in the season have already grown lush and vibrant, much to everyone’s delight. In the coming weeks, we plan to engage with the women from the community by sharing recipes, where we’ll explore easy, wholesome ways to prepare meals using this freshly harvested produce. It’s a small yet powerful move toward self-reliance and improved family nutrition—from soil to table.



A BRAND-NEW DIGITAL HOME

We’re thrilled to announce that TAP will soon unveil a brand-new website! This digital makeover is more than just a fresh look—it’s being designed as an interactive, user-friendly platform that better represents our growing community, our stories, and the impact we’re striving to create.

Whether you’re a long-time supporter or someone new to our work, the upcoming website will offer easier access to updates, resources, and ways to get involved. Stay tuned for the big reveal in our next issue!



A NEW ACADEMIC CHAPTER BEGINS

As we look ahead, we are excited to launch a morning coaching program for 25 students in Grades 5 through 7. These sessions will provide focused support in English (with a strong emphasis on grammar and comprehension), Science, and Math—the core subjects that form the foundation for academic success.

The goal? To prepare these children intensively over the year so they can confidently transition into English-medium schools by the next academic year. Teacher interviews are currently in progress, and the team is working hard to ensure that the program is both enriching and impactful.

CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY DOCTORS

Behind every thriving child is a supportive community—and we're especially grateful to the doctors in our Sadashivanagar neighbourhood who continue to stand by TAP. A heartfelt thank-you goes out to Dr. Gowri Somayaji, Manya's former paediatrician, as well as our family dentists and long-time friends, Dr. Shilpa Shashikiran and Dr. Sangeeta Kaushik.

In the coming weeks, these generous medical professionals will be offering dental and general health check-ups to over a dozen children from our community. Their continued commitment reminds us that wellness and education go hand in hand.

LITTLE MOMENTS, BIG SMILES – A HEARTWARMING WEEKEND AT THE ANUGRAHA COMMUNITY

Last week, joy and laughter filled our preschool as around 50 children - both from our center and from the neighboring community school - enjoyed a special lunch, lovingly provided by a generous donor who prefers to remain anonymous.

We're especially proud to share that the entire event was thoughtfully planned and managed by our new TAP Ambassadors. Their leadership, care, and enthusiasm made the day truly special - and made us incredibly proud.

It was a beautiful day of full tummies, happy hearts, and shared smiles. Moments like these remind us of the power of kindness and how deeply it can touch young lives.

We're always grateful for the support of those who believe in the importance of nurturing childhood. If you'd like to get involved - by sponsoring a meal, donating books, toys, or play equipment, or simply spending time with our little ones - we would be delighted to welcome you.

Together, we can keep creating joyful memories and bright beginnings.





GRADUATION DAY: A HEARTWARMING FAREWELL

Today marked a joyful milestone for our little ones as they bid farewell to preschool and stepped into the world of primary education. Our six-year-olds, brimming with excitement, celebrated their graduation in a ceremony filled with fun and frolic. Dressed in caps and gowns, they looked every bit the proud graduates they've become. Their mothers, radiant in their Sunday best, added to the vibrant atmosphere of the day.

What makes this occasion truly special is the symbolic handover - our teachers lovingly sending off their students, and representatives from the government school warmly receiving them. It was a moving moment that captured the spirit of growth, community, and the bonds that continue beyond the classroom.

We wish our young graduates all the best as they embark on this new adventure!



WALKING TOGETHER, GROWING STRONGER

At The Anugraha Project, we believe that educating a child uplifts an entire family—and by extension, a whole community. As we close one chapter and begin another, we're deeply grateful to you—our community—for walking this journey with us. Your encouragement, volunteer hours, and word-of-mouth support have helped us reach every milestone.

As we look ahead, your continued support is more vital than ever. While time and talent are invaluable, financial contributions play a crucial role in keeping our work going. Without them, sustaining and growing The Anugraha Project simply wouldn't be possible.

Let's continue to grow together—every gesture counts, and every contribution makes a difference.

AS WE LOOK BACK ON THESE MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES, WE EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO MAKING THIS SEASON ONE OF JOY, LEARNING, AND POSITIVE CHANGE. HERE'S TO MORE IMPACTFUL INITIATIVES IN THE COMING MONTHS!



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