

Abhyudaya CATALYST

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Summer Camp 2025: A hands-on, holistic learning experience This year, we hosted both our junior and senior Sitaras in

two camps with one mission: empowering young minds through hands-on, career-focused learning. With an average attendance of 85%, 353 Sitaras across Class 7–13 participated between April 1 and May 14, 2025. Undeterred by the summer heat, they enthusiastically engaged in sports, career counseling sessions, group projects, and nutritious meals at the SPJIMR mess.

Camp highlights

- Theatre workshop: 25 Sitaras built confidence, expression, and collaboration through an immersive theatre programme. **Nature trail:** A walk through the Bhavan's campus
- introduced Sitaras to composting, the nursery, and the principles of sustainability. Spotlight Saturdays: Inspiring sessions where alumni

Sitaras and guest speakers shared life stories and

- success journeys. Overnight nature camp: 60 senior Sitaras experienced a memorable overnight camp at the Bhavan's Nature and Adventure Centre (BNAC), packed with team
- Fitness and sports: Core strength training, sports drills, and leadership-building exercises contributed to fitness and life skills. Academic prep for Class 10: Focused study sessions
- helped Class 10 students get a head start on board exam preparation. Career and college planning: Senior Sitaras
- (Class 11+) attended workshops on career guidance and soft skills for real-world challenges and decision-making. Faculty and professionals who inspired











We thank the SPJIMR faculty and professionals who shared their knowledge and time with our Sitaras:

activities and reflective skits.

Faculty and Professionals Session

Amit Shah	Career guidance: Chartered Accountancy
Bhishm Chugani	Why study all subjects
C. Deep Prakash	Careers in sports
Nilendra Pawar	Computer literacy
Sajit Mathews	Note-taking techniques
Tanvi Mankodi	Effective communication
Vineeta Dwivedi	Introduction to journalism
Monit Kumawat	Career path: Graphic design
Noorin Pethani	Sustainability
Sunil Kadam	Composting
Bhushan Vyas	Modern Indian history
Ravi Narnolia	Rivers of India

unique immersive experience pioneered by SPJIMR. It enables participants to develop their administrative capabilities and management skills experientially. This two-credit course instils in

Reflections by PGDM ADMAP Committee

the participant the core principles of self-learning and self-management through the prism of doing, observing, reflecting, and recording. Abhyudaya has 16 students dedicated to this each year. We will be highlighting their reflections each month.

The Assessment and Development of Managerial and Administrative Potential (ADMAP) is a

How Abhyudaya shaped my leadership style

"My time with the Abhyudaya Committee was a journey of growth, learning, and

chaos into order while learning to let go of perfection when needed. Handling major events like 'Hastantaran' and 'Walk

Aishwarya Agrawal, PGDM 2024-26

connection. I discovered my ability to organise tasks and lead teams, turning

in the Shoes of a Mentor' taught me to be empathetic and decisive, always keeping people at the heart of my decisions. I became better at prioritising tasks, balancing what was urgent with what was important, and encouraging open discussions when conflicts arose. I also learned to embrace uncertainty, trusting my instincts and leaning on my team's collective wisdom. Building genuine relationships was key—I connected with people across the committee, creating a supportive and inclusive environment. From chaos to connection Anoushka Murali, PGDM 2024-26 "Being the SPOC of Abhyudaya was a truly

rewarding experience. Planning all the

I still remember running on adrenaline

events was a deeply transformative journey.

responsiveness and collaboration brought it

During the 'Walk in the Shoes of a Mentor',



the person and leader I am today."

time with Abhyudaya shaped me into

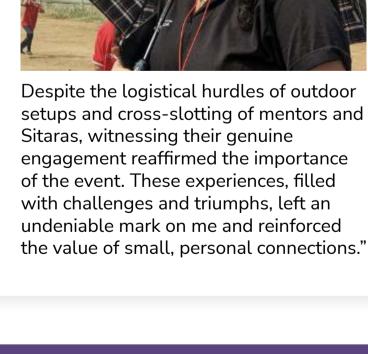
during 'Hastantaran' for a whole week because that was how much time we had to put the entire event together. The team's

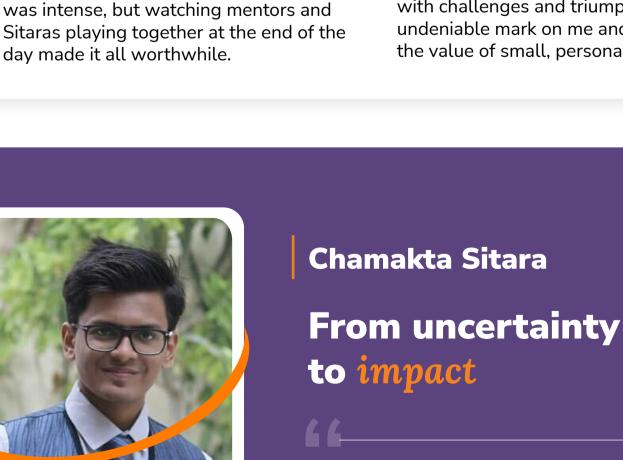
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batchmates meet their Sitaras was incredibly rewarding.

all to life beautifully, and seeing our

I felt a deep sense of achievement as I watched Sitaras eagerly step into our world, their excitement mirrored in their questions and the fun they had role-playing as us. 'Green Games' was particularly close to my heart. The challenge of managing time slots was intense, but watching mentors and Sitaras playing together at the end of the day made it all worthwhile.





Praffull Sakpal

to impact "Abhyudaya played a key role in helping me decide on my academic path and career. After my graduation, while I was waiting for my first job to begin, Abhyudaya helped me get

Abhyudaya provided Praffull with counseling and guidance, helping him gain clarity and confidence in his

decisions. Mentors also offered valuable guidance by sharing their own experiences. The financial support extended by Abhyudaya was also a great help to his family. "I also met many students who were just like me; some of them have now become my close friends."

Praffull is currently working as a Senior Software Engineer at I2E, where he develops and maintains a mobile app called 'Transcend' for The Bhaktivedanta Book Trust—a leading publisher of traditional scriptures translated into 87 languages, as well as books that interpret and explain these texts.

an Internship at SPJIMR."

Praffull comes from a single-parent home and benefited from the yoga, English and computer classes provided

by Abhyudaya. He was a bright student but was uncertain about his career path.

technical expertise, and contribute to meaningful projects that make a difference."

"Looking ahead, I aspire to continue growing in my career—to take on more challenging roles, expand my

Aligned with the UN SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 17 (Partnership for the Goals), SPJIMR's Abhyudaya is a

underprivileged children (Sitaras = Stars), from low-income neighbourhoods in Mumbai's K-West ward so that they

community-based organisation that provides mentoring and holistic after-school education to bright,



become independent and the schools and community around them improve.