



Newsletter

April to June 2026

Dear Readers,

April - May is the time when students are through with their exams and excited to visit their native villages, play with their friends and do everything except studying 😊 The month of May makes the office a quieter place. Yet at times there is a buzz around with some children walking into IAPA office to engage themselves in chatting, playing, doing puzzles. This year the entire month of May saw two young dedicated volunteers who had some of the students focus on studies along with recreation. The room where they studied had an encouraging atmosphere. Students who would generally shy away from revising chapters were keen on learning from the didi and bhayya.



IAPA's story

For the second year running, IAPA has taken its mission to the global stage through The Spark Within 2, an Anthology of 30 stories. This new anthology feature serves as another proud milestone spreading awareness about IAPA's programmes for socio-economically disadvantaged children and their families among other stories of social change.



Webinar on IAPA

We got an opportunity to showcase IAPA's work on family preservation and family strengthening in a webinar titled From Adoption to Transformation – Story of IAPA. Thanks to the Average Indian Joe's series The Resilient Voices, IAPA was featured as one of the voice. Listen to Ms. Smita Zankar being interviewed by Mr. Manish Borhade on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lvaxA3OCWy8>



The IPL match

An exciting expedition for the children to watch live the IPL cricket match in Mumbai! Connectfor's invitation to the IPL match brought in a thrill among the team and the students. The Reliance Foundation planned the whole event.

Fifty kids who got the opportunity could not wait to go flaunting the special T-shirts provided by the Reliance Foundation. On 24 May 2026, full of enthusiasm, equipped with plenty of yummy food and water sufficient for the day, children were in for more surprises at their stadium seats.

They received:

- Goodie bags filled with treats and Team flags to wave
- Loud whistles and Fun placards with their fans' pictures

As the players walked onto the field, a loud cheer filled the stadium - children with painted faces holding up posters to support Mumbai Indians. Every time a player came close, the kids called out loud to get their attention. After all this excitement, came the disappointment of Mumbai Indians team losing the match.

While waiting to exit the stadium in an organised manner, the children stayed put to watch the happenings on the field after the game. They were amazed by the hard efforts of the ground crew to clean up the ground.

This trip was a huge deal for these 50 boys and girls. They knew this was a rare chance, and they enjoyed every single moment of it!



Achievements

Qudos to all students who secured good marks in the recent 10th, 12th exams!

- Two cousins have demonstrated extraordinary resilience by achieving top marks in their SSC Board Examinations despite facing severe personal and financial hardships. One, who lost her father at a young age and was subsequently abandoned by her mother, overcame her own battles with severe anaemia to emerge as her school's topper with an outstanding score of 92.60%. She was raised by her ailing paternal aunt, who single-handedly supported the family. Meanwhile, the other one secured an impressive 86.20% while navigating the emotional trauma of her father's critical illness and subsequent passing just before the results were declared.
- Yet another girl student, secured 3rd rank in Arts faculty at her college with 71% marks. As much as she is keen on continuing her education in Arts stream, she is simultaneously preparing for competitive exams to secure a government job.
- And one more girl graduated in Computer Science with an excellent CGPA of 9.40 on a scale of 10! She learned Python - a computer language which helped her secure a job in a software company. This is commendable achievement for her, hailing from a remote village and overcoming the challenges posed by a weak economic background.

CONGRATULATIONS



Initiatives for language improvement at the Rural project

Our social worker sent recorded informative piece or story in English along with the Marathi translation, listing out the difficult words, their pronunciations and meanings to students studying 8th to 10th std. from different schools and villages. The response received from the students has been a mixed one - some students listen to these audios regularly. They ask difficulties and complete the additional writing tasks given occasionally in connection with the topic. With a few though there seems to be an element of indifference. Challenging task for our social worker - try to understand this indifference and work on transforming the same.

Career guidance and confidence building for 10th std students

A unique session where more than 80 students were given guidance by psychologist Ms. Mrudula Pendse followed with experience sharing by the members of Inddie Thumpers Bullet Club - a Bike Riders group from Mumbai. This idea was initiated by Mr. Yogendra Mandavkar a long time well wisher and donor of IAPA. He urged the fellow riders to take up their annual expedition to Terewayangani where IAPA's rural sponsorship programme began. Some of the riders narrated their experiences aimed at motivating and enhancing the confidence of the students.



Humbling moment

It was a proud and deeply humbling moment at the IAPA office as a former beneficiary —now a father himself came to IAPA office to celebrate his 1-year-old son's birthday with our current children. He brought immense joy to the center by distributing stationery items to the students. His generous offer, "Please let me know if you need further donation in kind for the children," left a lasting impression on all of us, beautifully coming full circle.

Our Gratitude

*Thank you, donors and well-wishers.
Your support means a lot.*



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