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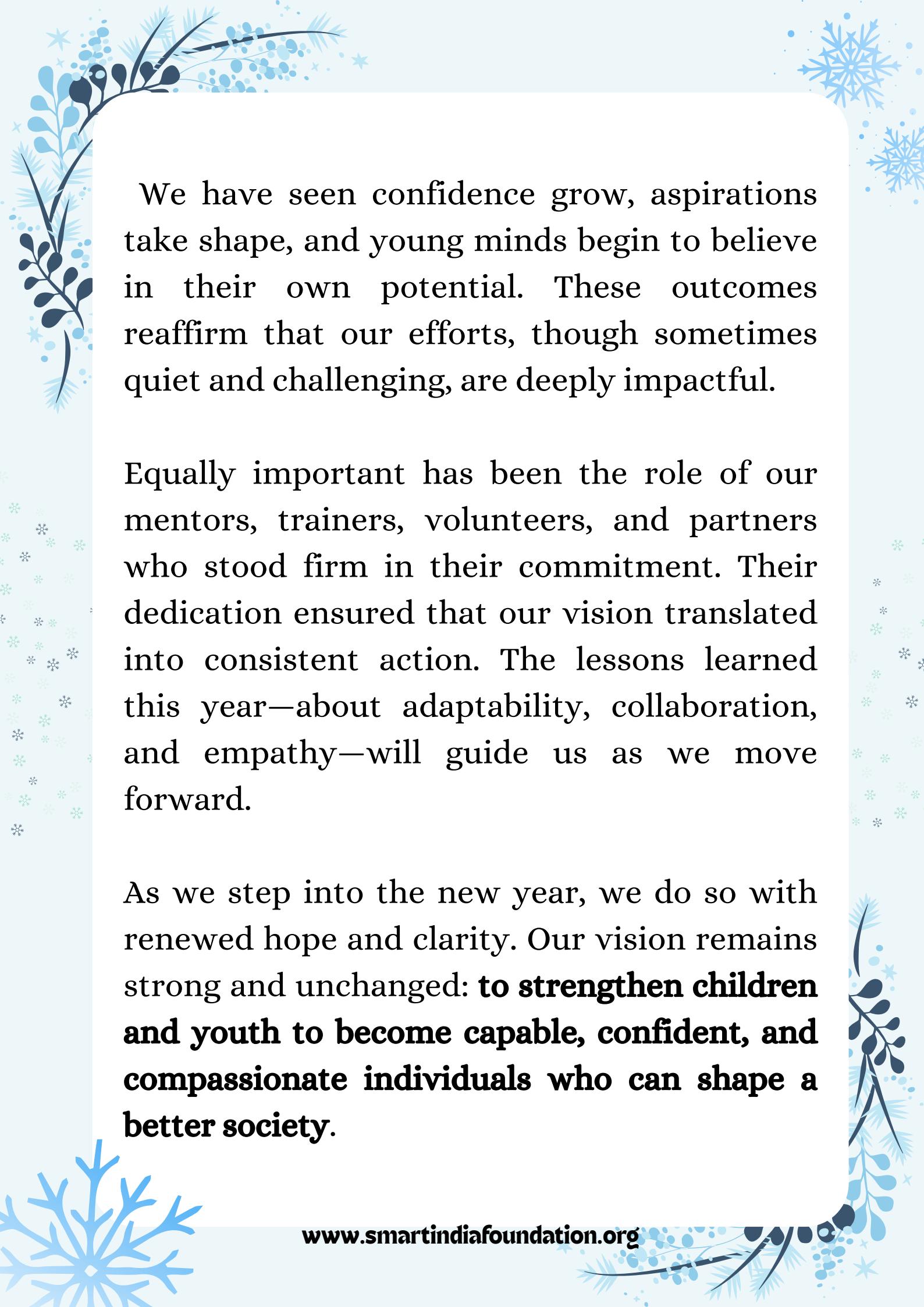
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EDITORIAL

Year-End Reflections

As we come to the close of another meaningful year, December invites us to pause, reflect, and realign our purpose. The past year has been one of learning, commitment, and steady growth for all of us at the SMART India Foundation. Through SMART VOICE, we have documented not just activities, but stories of resilience, transformation, and hope.

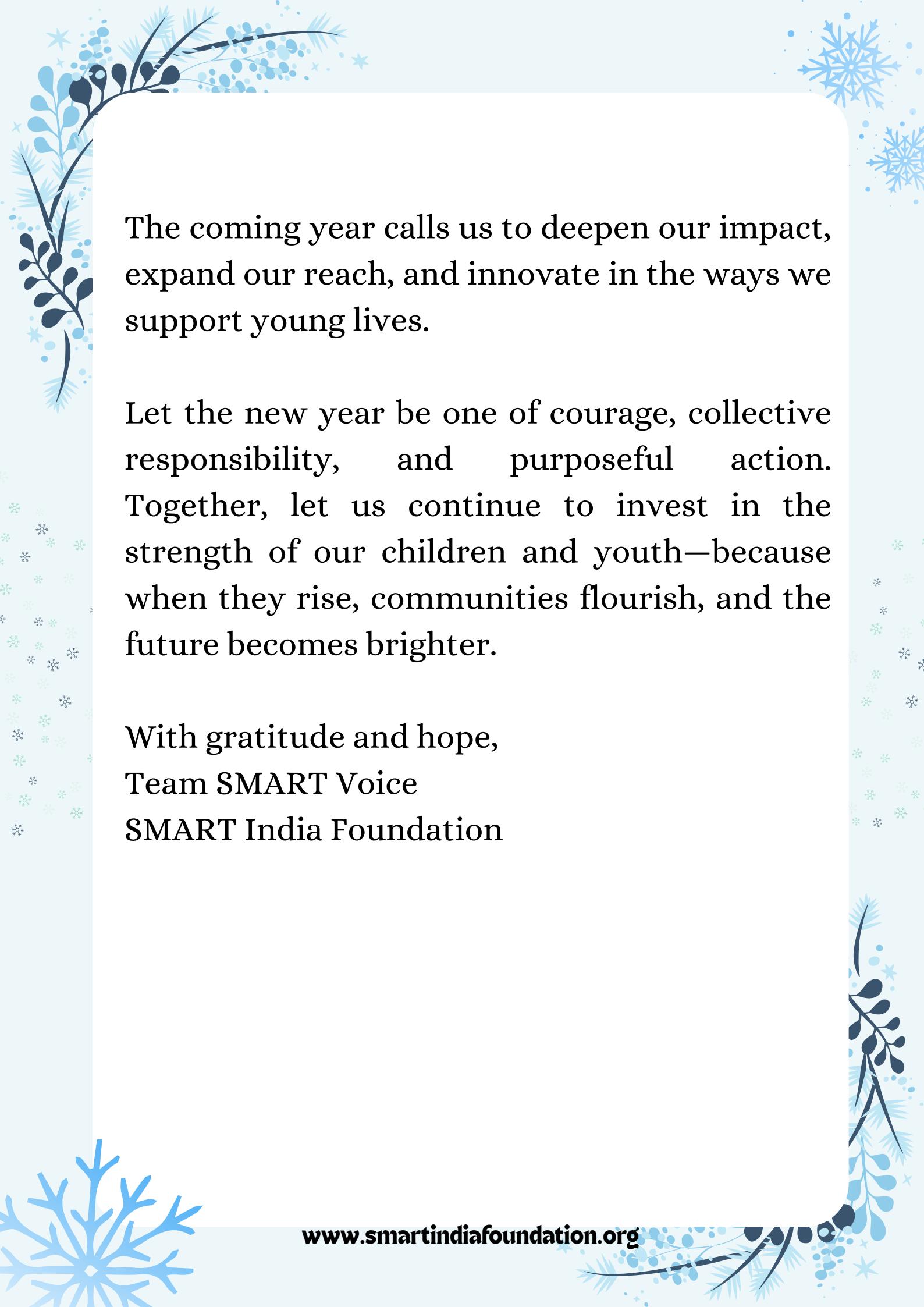
Throughout the year, our initiatives have focused on empowering children and young people—academically, emotionally, and socially. From mentoring programs and capacity-building sessions to awareness drives and community engagement, each activity has contributed to strengthening the foundations of our youth.



We have seen confidence grow, aspirations take shape, and young minds begin to believe in their own potential. These outcomes reaffirm that our efforts, though sometimes quiet and challenging, are deeply impactful.

Equally important has been the role of our mentors, trainers, volunteers, and partners who stood firm in their commitment. Their dedication ensured that our vision translated into consistent action. The lessons learned this year—about adaptability, collaboration, and empathy—will guide us as we move forward.

As we step into the new year, we do so with renewed hope and clarity. Our vision remains strong and unchanged: **to strengthen children and youth to become capable, confident, and compassionate individuals who can shape a better society.**



The coming year calls us to deepen our impact, expand our reach, and innovate in the ways we support young lives.

Let the new year be one of courage, collective responsibility, and purposeful action. Together, let us continue to invest in the strength of our children and youth—because when they rise, communities flourish, and the future becomes brighter.

With gratitude and hope,
Team SMART Voice
SMART India Foundation

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SMART KIDS

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SMART KIDS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



On December 27, 2025, the SMART India Foundation hosted a vibrant 'SMART Kids' Christmas celebration at Minerva College, Alappuzha. The event, which commenced at 2:00 PM, brought together talented SMART kids and their dedicated mentors for an afternoon of joy and fellowship. The programme was officially inaugurated by Mr. Dalin Dias, the Managing Trustee of the SMART India Foundation and Mr. Nidhin (Secretary, KAPS Alappuzha Chapter).



The festivities were filled with exciting games and the distribution of gifts, allowing the children to truly experience the sweetness and spirit of the Christmas season."

ORGANISATION VISITS

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BROTHERS OF ST JOSEPH COTTALENGO, PALLURUTHY



The SMART India Foundation successfully initiated a deeply enriching community engagement activity by organizing a special visit to the Brothers of St Joseph Cottalengo, Palluruthy, on December 2, 2025. Commencing at 9:30 AM, the visit provided a valuable opportunity for the Foundation's interns to interact directly with the home's inmates. The core of the initiative involved meaningful interaction and the staging of a vibrant cultural program, fostering a spirit of inclusion and bringing joy to the special needs inmates.

SREE POORNATHAYEESA OLD AGE HOME



The SMART India Foundation successfully extended its community outreach through an enriching organization visit to the Sree Poornathayeesa Old Age Home in Puthiyakavu. Conducted on December 4, 2025, at 10:30 AM, the initiative provided a meaningful platform for the Foundation's interns to interact directly with the inmates. Beyond simple conversation, the visit was marked by a vibrant cultural program presented by the interns, designed to engage, entertain, and bring moments of joy and connection to the residents, underscoring the Foundation's commitment to social inclusion and community welfare.

KANJOOR GRAMA PANCHAYATH



On December 16, 2025, the SMART India Foundation organized an insightful community outreach visit to the Kanjoor Grama Panchayat. This initiative allowed interns to bridge the gap between theory and practice by engaging directly with the local community and administrative structures. During the visit, the team conducted a comprehensive study of the organization's hierarchy, functional dynamics, and geographic demographics. By exploring the specific needs of the population and the inner workings of local governance, the interns gained a deeper understanding of grassroots administration and the vital role of civic organizations in social development.

DAIVADHAAN CENTRE, KANJOOR



On December 17, 2025, the SMART India Foundation organized an impactful community outreach visit to the Deivadan Centre (Lissy Bhavan) in Kanjoor. Commencing at 10:30 AM, the visit offered interns a valuable opportunity to engage with the inmates, fostering empathy and social responsibility. During the session, participants gained insights into the center's organizational structure, which is dedicated to providing a "home for the destitute" and caring for elderly women who are often abandoned or sick.

ASSISI RELIEF CENTRE , KANNAMALY



On December 18, 2025, the SMART India Foundation conducted an impactful community outreach visit to the Assisi Relief Center. Commencing at 10:30 AM, the visit served as a bridge between the Foundation's interns and the center's inmates, fostering a spirit of empathy and social responsibility. During the session, interns gained valuable insights into the organizational structure of the relief center, learning how such institutions manage care and rehabilitation.



The highlight of the day was a vibrant cultural program organized by the interns, which included performances designed to bring joy and engagement to the residents. This initiative not only enriched the lives of the inmates through personal interaction but also provided the interns with a deeper understanding of community service and social welfare dynamics.

SEMINAR



The Departments of Social Work and Economics at Holy Cross College, in collaboration with the SMART INDIA FOUNDATION, are proud to host "Commencement 25." This intercollegiate fest features an international seminar titled "Exclusion and Security - From a Multidisciplinary Perspective." A highlight of the morning is the session on "Education and Exclusion," led by Dr. Semichan Joseph, Co-founder of SMART INDIA FOUNDATION. The program begins at 9:30 AM, offering a vital platform for academic dialogue and social innovation.

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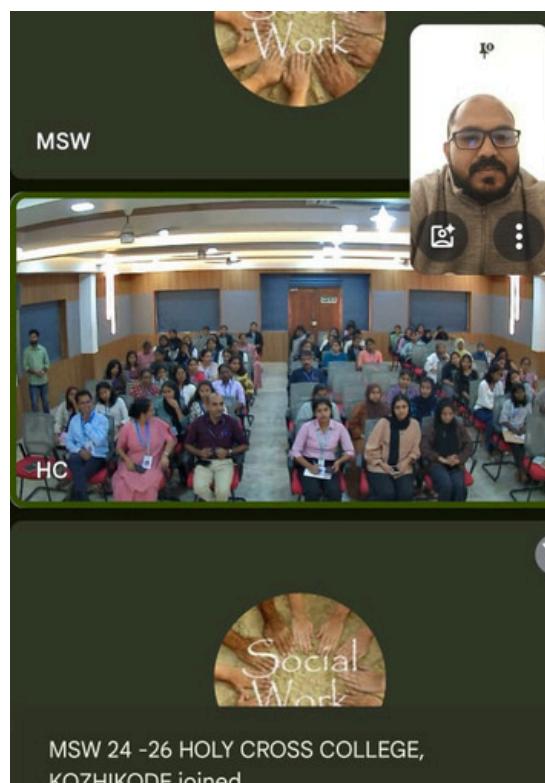
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CLEAN DRIVE AT KARI ISLAND



Building upon its commitment to environmental stewardship and community engagement, the SMART India Foundation successfully executed a combined Clean Drive and Mangrove Plantation Program at Kari Island. This vital environmental initiative was conducted on December 5, 2025, and saw the active participation of 30 Foundation interns. Through their dedicated involvement in cleaning and planting activities, the interns not only contributed tangible ecological benefits but also gained valuable first-hand insight and appreciation for the local environment and the needs of the Kari Island community.

SREE POORNATHRAYEEESA OLD AGE HOME



The SMART India Foundation recently organized a cleanliness drive at the Sree Poornathrayeesa Vridha Sadanam, where interns actively participated in sanitizing and beautifying the premises. This initiative aimed to enhance the living conditions for the elderly residents while instilling a sense of civic duty and empathy in the youth. Through their hard work and positive interaction with the seniors, the interns successfully promoted hygiene and bridged generational gaps, reinforcing the Foundation's commitment to meaningful community service.

DON BOSCO NILAYAM

BOYS HOME



The SMART India Foundation organized a comprehensive community program at Don Bosco Nilayam. The day began with a dedicated cleanliness drive, where interns worked alongside the community to sanitize and refresh the surroundings, emphasizing the importance of environmental hygiene. Following the drive, the atmosphere shifted to one of joy and celebration as the interns hosted a vibrant Christmas program. The event featured a variety of cultural performances, interactive games, and festive activities tailored to engage the residents.



By combining physical service with emotional connection, the interns not only improved the living space but also shared the spirit of the season, fostering a sense of belonging and happiness among the participants.

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(SNEHA POTHI)



On December 23, 2025, SMART India interns conducted "Snehapothi" (സ്നേഹപോതി), a community food distribution campaign across Ernakulam. Starting at 1:00 PM, the team distributed lunch meals (pothichor) to homeless and destitute individuals at Ernakulam South Railway Station, the South KSRTC Bus Stand, and the Kaloor Private Bus Stand. This fieldwork offered a poignant look into urban poverty, highlighting the daily struggles of those relying on public spaces for survival.

The initiative was as much about professional growth as it was about service. Interns refined their skills in community outreach, teamwork, and ethical communication, ensuring every interaction was rooted in dignity and compassion. By addressing immediate hunger while reflecting on the broader need for long-term social support, the campaign reinforced the core social work values of service and social responsibility.

DAY OBSERVANCES

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



In observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD), the SMART India Foundation successfully hosted a highly valuable awareness session for its interns on December 3, 2025. The focused session aimed to instill a profound understanding of the significance of this global day and promote the core values of inclusion, dignity, and rights for persons with disabilities.

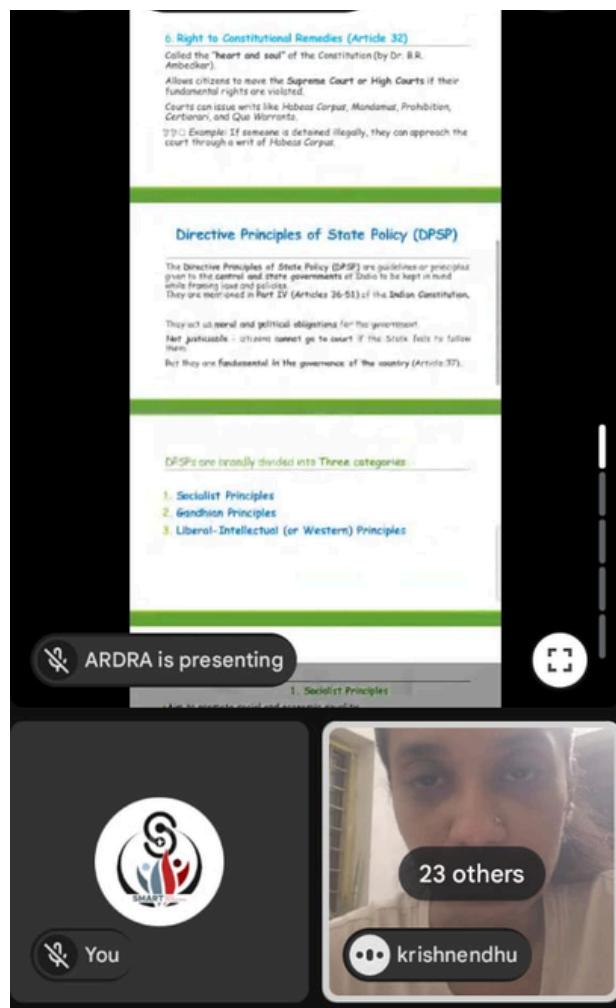
The entire program was actively participated in by the Foundation's interns and was expertly led by Dr. Semichan Joseph, the Deputy Managing Trustee of the SMART India Foundation, serving to deepen the interns' commitment to creating a truly inclusive society.

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY



To commemorate Human Rights Day, the SMART India Foundation interns took the initiative to organize a dedicated awareness program titled "MAANAVA JALA" (Human Flow). Conducted on December 10, 2025, from 7:15 PM to 9:00 PM, the program was specifically designed to deepen the participants' knowledge and understanding of fundamental human rights.

The insightful session featured an engaging presentation led by Ms. Krishnendu K. B., Assistant Professor at St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Thrissur, ensuring that the interns were equipped with essential information and a renewed commitment to upholding human dignity and justice



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



The SMART India Foundation interns successfully organized and hosted a vibrant Christmas celebration at Don Bosco Nilayam, Kumbalangi Vazhi. Taking full ownership of the event, the interns curated a festive atmosphere filled with joy, music, and laughter for the residents. The program featured spirited cultural performances, interactive games, and traditional Christmas festivities, all meticulously planned to ensure maximum engagement. This student-led initiative not only brought the holiday spirit to life but also showcased the interns' leadership and commitment to fostering social inclusion and community happiness.

SMART VOLUNTEERS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



On December 21, 2025, the SMART India Foundation organized a vibrant and heart-warming Christmas celebration at the Alphonsa Boys Home in Karikamuri. The event was graced by the presence of Sub-Inspector Babu John from the Ernakulam City Police, who attended as the Chief Guest.

The day was filled with joy and high energy as interns from the Foundation showcased a variety of entertaining cultural performances that captivated the audience.



Both volunteers and interns demonstrated remarkable dedication, actively participating in every segment to ensure the children had a memorable holiday experience. The program was a resounding success, reflecting the Foundation's commitment to community spirit and festive cheer.

COMMUNITY PROFILE

CHELLANAM



On November 29, 2025, the SMART India Foundation conducted an extensive community profiling exercise in Chellanam, Ernakulam. This immersive field activity allowed the Foundation's interns to gain a firsthand understanding of the unique socio-economic landscape of this coastal village. By visiting the local harbor and interacting with residents, the interns identified key community resources and mapped the traditional livelihoods primarily centered around the fisheries sector.

The profiling also focused on the significant challenges faced by the community, including sea erosion and the impact of climate change on coastal living. This experience provided the interns with valuable insights into the cultural fabric and resilient approaches of the Chellanam people, bridging the gap between social work theory and the practical realities of community development and resource management.

LISSY PARK, KANJOOR



On December 16, 2025, the SMART India Foundation conducted a successful community profiling exercise at Lissy Park in Kanjoor Grama Panchayat. This fieldwork initiative provided the Foundation's interns with a practical platform to systematically study the local population's socio-economic landscape. By interacting with residents and observing daily routines, the interns gained critical insights into the community's livelihoods, economic activities, and cultural behaviors. This immersive experience was designed to help the interns identify the specific needs and resources of the area, bridging the gap between theoretical social work and real-world community development.

SOCIAL WORKERS EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME



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SOCIAL WORKER'S EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME (SEP- 90)

COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE JJ ACT AND ALLIED LEGISLATIONS FOR CHILD & WOMEN WELFARE

08:00 PM - 09:00PM

15 DECEMBER



ADV ULLAS MADHU
Chairperson CWC
Ernakulam



SMT. JINCYMOUL
KURIAN
Member
CWC Ernakulam



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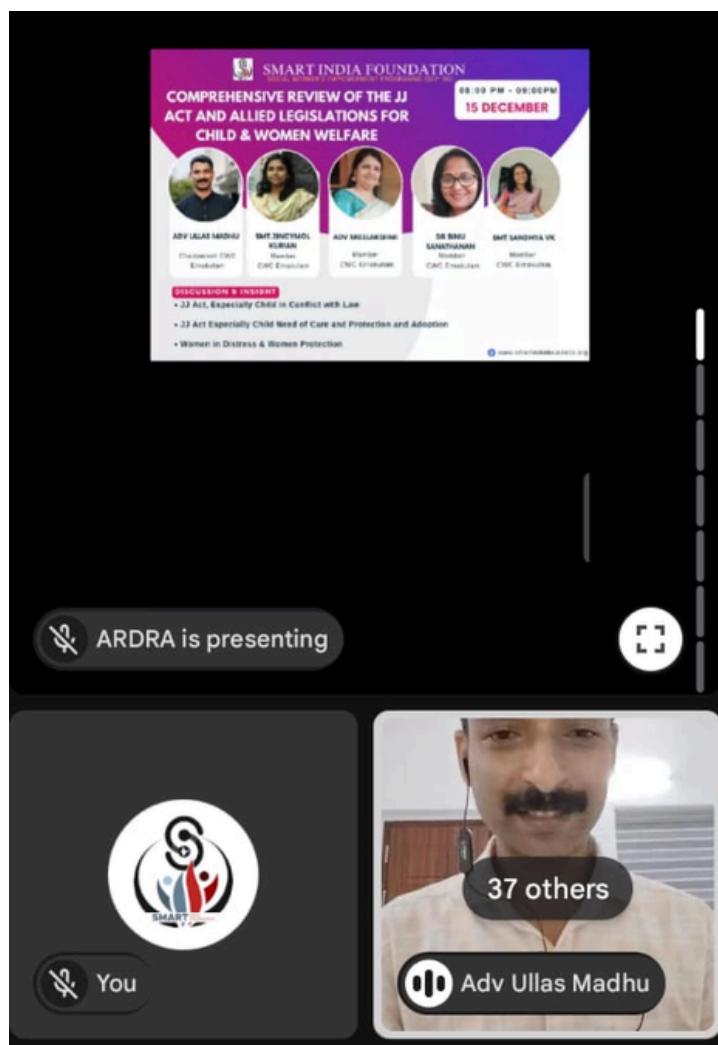
DISCUSSION & INSIGHT

- JJ Act, Especially Child in Conflict with Law
- JJ Act Especially Child Need of Care and Protection and Adoption
- Women in Distress & Women Protection

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On December 15, 2025, the SMART India Foundation organized a significant Social Workers' Empowerment Programme (SEP) focused on the legal and practical frameworks of child and women welfare. The session was led by Adv. Ullas Madhu, Chairperson of the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) Ernakulam, alongside esteemed CWC members Smt. Jincymol Kurian, Dr. Binu Sanathanan, Adv. Sreelakshmi, and Smt. Sandhya V.K. The experts provided in-depth discussions on CNCP (Children in Need of Care and Protection) and CCL (Children in Conflict with Law), clarifying the rehabilitative approach of the Juvenile Justice Act.

The program also covered critical procedures regarding adoption, legal protections for women in distress, and the role of statutory bodies in safeguarding vulnerable populations. This empowerment session equipped social workers and interns with the essential legal knowledge and sensitivity required to handle complex social welfare cases effectively.





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SOCIAL WORKERS EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME (SEP-91)

Breaking the Silence: Understanding and Preventing Domestic Violence



SMT. SANDHYA VK
Psychologist, CWC Member
and Additional Counsellor in
Family Court Ernakulam



DATE: 17 DECEMBER 2025
TIME: 08:00 PM TO 09:00 PM

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On December 17, 2025, the SMART India Foundation hosted an insightful session as part of its Social Workers Empowerment Programme (SEP). Held at 8:00 PM, the session was titled "Breaking the Silence: Understanding and Preventing Domestic Violence." The program was led by Smt. Sandhya V. K., a distinguished Psychologist and member of the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) Ernakulam.



The SMART India Foundation successfully conducted a Social Workers Empowerment Programme on December 29, 2025. The session, which commenced at 8:00 PM, focused on the critical theme of 'Effective Data Collection Methods for Research.' Led by Mr. Akhilesh Ramesh, Project Manager at the WASH Institute, the programme provided in-depth insights into modern data collection techniques and survey methodologies. The session was highly interactive and saw attentive participation, equipping social workers with the essential tools needed for impactful research and field work.

MS. DEEPA BIJAN
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
SMART INDIA FOUNDATION



**DOCUMENTATION TECHNIQUES
FOR BETTER CASE MANAGEMENT
IN SOCIAL WORK**

31 DECEMBER 2025

08:00 PM 

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The SMART India Foundation successfully organized a Social Workers Empowerment Programme on December 31, 2025. Commencing at 8:00 PM, the session focused on the vital theme of 'Documentation Techniques for Better Case Management in Social Work.' Led by Ms. Deepa Bijan, the Volunteer Coordinator of the SMART India Foundation, the training provided deep insights into professional documentation skills and the art of journal writing. The session was highly interactive and attentive, providing a valuable platform for interns to engage directly and clear their doubts, ultimately strengthening their practical knowledge in social work management.



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