

SODES NEWSLETTER

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Empowering Communities Through Digital Literacy,
Financial Inclusion & Technology and promote
sustainability for socio-economic development



WOMEN LEADING THE WAY IN A PLASTIC-FREE INITIATIVE

Nagar Palika Deogarh, in Rajsamand district of Rajasthan, has emerged as a remarkable example of a community-led Plastic-Free Initiative.

Under the leadership of Digital Entrepreneur Bhavana Paliwal, popularly known as the PAD Woman of Rajasthan, this unique initiative has brought together the local administration and Self-Help Group (SHG) women to reduce plastic waste and promote sustainable environmental practices.

The SODES team visited Nagar Palika Deogarh to study this innovative model and learn from its best practices.



SODES EXPLORES THE PIPLANTRI MODEL OF SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT

SODES team visited Piplantri, Rajasthan, to study the Piplantri Model, a unique initiative that integrates environmental conservation with social empowerment.

During the visit, the team had the privilege of interacting with Padma Shri Shyam Sunder Paliwal, whose visionary leadership inspired the practice of planting 111 trees for every girl child born. This community-led initiative has transformed barren land into a thriving green ecosystem, enhanced biodiversity, and significantly improved groundwater levels.



DIGITAL & FINANCIAL LITERACY AND CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS IN ALWAR

SODES Member Gokul Saini organized a Digital & Financial Literacy Program in Alwar district, Rajasthan, empowering participants with essential knowledge to confidently use digital technologies and financial services. The session covered topics such as digital payments, online banking, safe internet practices, and access to government digital services.

As part of the initiative, a NIIT Cyber Security Awareness Session was also conducted to educate participants about cyber threats, online fraud, password security, phishing attacks, and safe digital behavior. The combined program strengthened digital confidence while promoting responsible and secure use of technology, contributing to SODES' mission of building digitally empowered communities across India.



ANANT GURUKUL SCHOOL STUDENTS EXPLORE DIGITAL LEARNING AT SODES DIGITAL LIBRARY

Students from Anant Gurukul School, Pathankot district, Punjab visited the SODES Digital Library for an interactive digital literacy session conducted by SODES Member Anuj Sharma. During the visit, the students learned how to create and use a Gmail account, gaining hands-on experience in setting up email IDs and understanding their importance for education, online communication, and access to digital services.

The session introduced students to essential digital skills in a practical and engaging manner, helping them build confidence in using technology. The visit reflects SODES' ongoing commitment to empowering young learners with the digital knowledge needed to thrive in today's connected world.



EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH DIGITAL & FINANCIAL LITERACY IN DARJEELING



A Digital & Financial Literacy Program was conducted by SODES Member Saket in Darjeeling, West Bengal, with the objective of empowering community members with essential digital and financial skills.

The session focused on practical topics such as safe internet usage, digital payments through UPI, online banking, cyber safety, and access to government digital services. Participants also learned the importance of financial planning, secure online transactions, and protecting themselves from digital fraud.

The program witnessed enthusiastic participation from local residents, who gained valuable knowledge and hands-on experience to confidently use digital technologies in their daily lives. Through such initiatives, SODES continues to bridge the digital divide and promote financial inclusion, enabling communities across India to embrace the opportunities of the digital economy.

ROBOTICS & AI DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CONDUCTED IN SURAT, GUJARAT

SODES Member Rita Gajera conducted a Robotics & AI Development Program in Surat, Gujarat, aimed at introducing students and young learners to the exciting world of emerging technologies.

The program provided participants with practical exposure to robotics, artificial intelligence, automation, and problem-solving skills. Through hands-on activities and interactive learning, participants explored how technology can be used to develop innovative solutions for real-world challenges.

The initiative reflects SODES' commitment to promoting technology education, innovation, and future-ready skills among young people. By providing learners with opportunities to understand and experiment with Robotics and AI, the program encouraged curiosity, creativity, and confidence to embrace the technologies shaping the future.

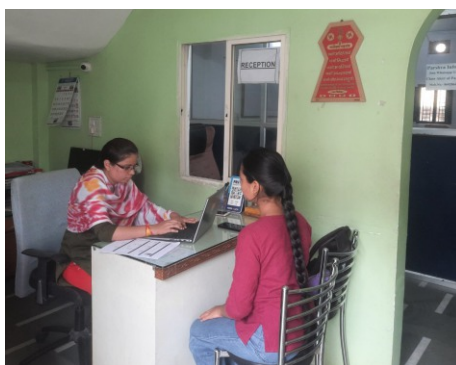


DIGITAL LITERACY REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN CONDUCTED IN NAGDA, UJJAIN, MADHYA PRADESH

The Society of Digital Entrepreneurs (SODES) member Sanjay Jain, organized a Digital Literacy Registration Camp in Nagda, District Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh. The campaign aimed to encourage students, youth, women, and community members to enroll in SODES' digital literacy programs and take their first step toward becoming digitally empowered.

During the camp, participants were informed about the importance of digital skills in today's technology-driven world. They received guidance on the registration process and learned about training opportunities in basic computer operations, digital payments, internet safety, MS Office applications, and other essential digital skills.

The initiative witnessed enthusiastic participation from the local community, reflecting a growing interest in digital education and skill development. Through such outreach campaigns, SODES continues to expand access to digital literacy and empower individuals with the knowledge and confidence needed to succeed in the digital age.



NIIT CYBER AWARENESS AI PROGRAM CONDUCTED IN BETUL, MADHYA PRADESH

As part of the Cyber Suraksha Plus Initiative, a NIIT Cyber Awareness AI Program was conducted in Betul, Madhya Pradesh by SODES Member Satish Thakare. The program aimed to enhance participants' awareness of cyber safety, responsible use of artificial intelligence, and secure digital practices in today's technology-driven world.

The interactive session covered essential topics such as cyber threats, online fraud prevention, password security, safe internet usage, digital privacy, and the growing role of AI in everyday life. Participants gained practical knowledge and valuable tips to protect themselves from cyber risks while confidently using digital technologies.

Through such initiatives, SODES continues to strengthen digital awareness and promote a safer, more informed, and cyber-secure society by empowering communities with essential digital and cyber security skills.



DIGITAL & FINANCIAL LITERACY CERTIFICATES AWARDED IN KARAULI

A Digital & Financial Literacy Program Certificate Distribution Ceremony was organized in Karauli, Rajasthan, by SODES Member Vikram Saini. The event celebrated the achievements of participants who successfully completed their training and strengthened their digital and financial literacy skills.

The program equipped beneficiaries with practical knowledge of digital tools, safe online practices, digital payments, and financial awareness, empowering them to confidently access digital services and improve their everyday lives.

The certificate distribution ceremony recognized the learners' dedication and encouraged them to continue their journey toward digital empowerment. Through such initiatives, SODES remains committed to building digitally skilled and financially aware communities across rural India.

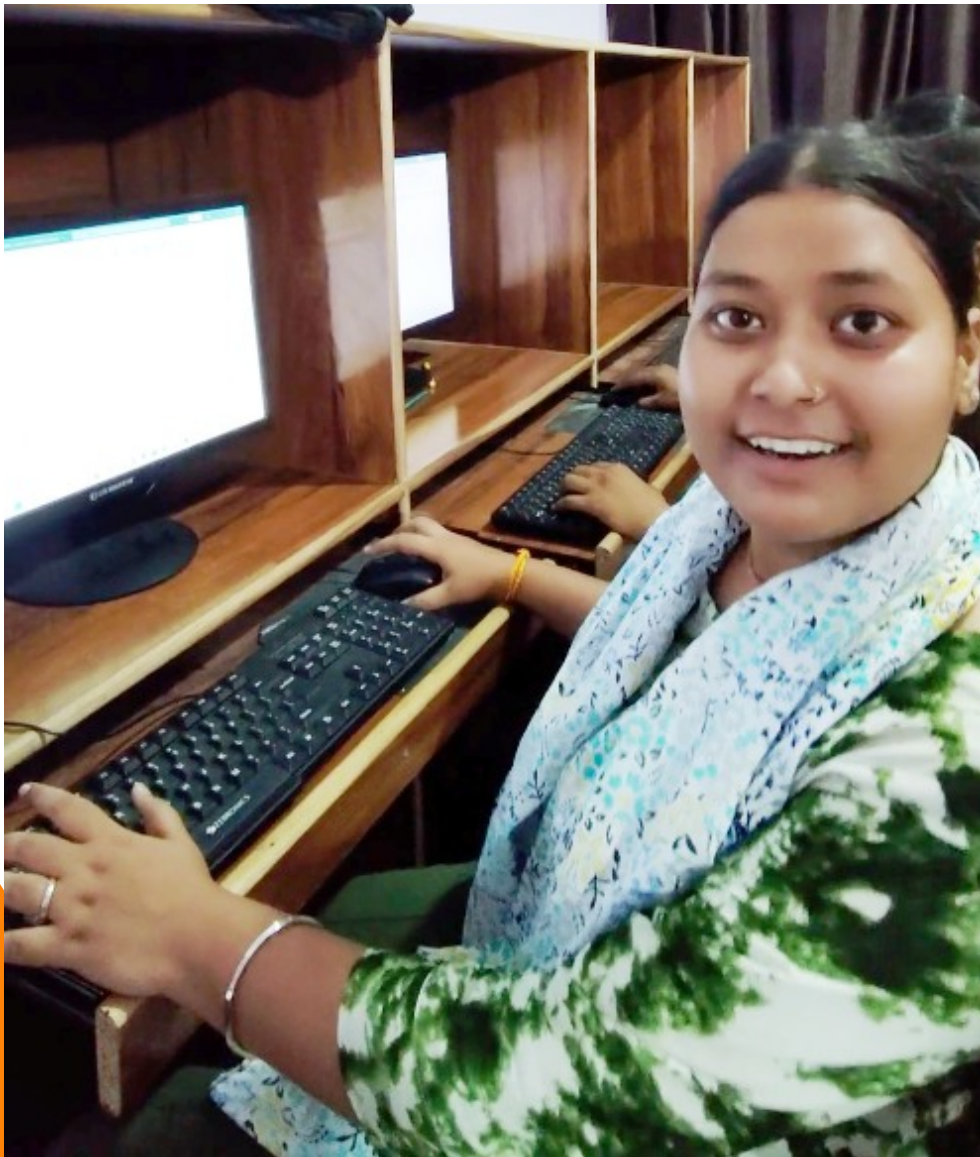


KASHISH SONI, HINDAUN CITY, RAJASTHAN

Kashish Soni, a beneficiary of the SODES Digital Library in Hindaun City, District Karauli, Rajasthan, is steadily building essential digital skills through hands-on computer training. She is learning Microsoft Excel step by step—from entering data and creating tables to performing basic calculations with confidence.

Reflecting on her learning journey, Kashish shares, *"The practical training at the SODES Digital Library has made learning Excel simple and enjoyable. These digital skills are increasing my confidence and preparing me for better education and career opportunities in today's digital world."*

Her progress reflects SODES' commitment to empowering youth with practical digital knowledge and creating pathways for future success.



RITA G. *Gajera*

Surat, Gujarat

Since joining the Society of Digital Entrepreneurs (SODES) in 2025, Rita G. Gajera has been dedicated to empowering rural communities through digital education. She has helped over 500 students develop essential digital literacy skills, enabling them to confidently use computers, the internet, digital payments, and online government services.

A key achievement in her journey has been supporting the establishment of a **SODES Digital Library**, providing students, women, job seekers, and community members with access to computers, internet connectivity, digital learning resources, and opportunities for skill development and career growth.

Rita has also introduced learners to **Robotics, Cyber Security, Artificial Intelligence, and emerging digital technologies**, helping them build future-ready skills and explore new career opportunities. Her efforts have particularly supported rural women, enabling them to use smartphones, access government schemes, and confidently adopt digital banking services.

Rita believes digital literacy is not just about learning technology—it is about **creating opportunities, building confidence, and transforming lives**. Through her continued work with SODES, she remains committed to bridging the digital divide and creating an inclusive, digitally empowered, and future-ready society.



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