



COO'S India Trip Report to Donors



Each year, AIM for Seva USA Chief Operating Officer Srinii Raman travels to India on behalf of our donors to visit the projects and communities your generosity sustains. His visits reflect our deep commitment to responsible stewardship and transparency.

Srinii's latest trip offered an up-close look at the remarkable progress being made in the lives of our children – and the projects that surround them with the care and support they need to thrive. We invite you to explore the highlights from his visit and see the impact you are helping create.

Global Youth Leadership Program Trip

Srinii's trip began with overseeing AIM for Seva's Global Youth Leadership Program (GYLP) participants. Now in its 13th year, GYLP is an immersive leadership and cultural exchange and one of our most sought-after initiatives. U.S. high school students travel to the rural village of Manjakkudi – home to AIM for Seva schools, a college, and several chatralaya that together form a vibrant center for rural education.

Students taught spoken and written English and hands-on science and mathematics, while immersing themselves in daily village life through visits to children's homes and experiencing the spiritual and cultural traditions of India through visits to sacred temples. Students witnessed firsthand the realities of life in India while discovering how much they share in common. This meaningful exchange strengthened the children's curiosity and confidence while inspiring humility, empathy, connection, and a lasting commitment to seva in visiting students.





Vidyalaya Bhumi Pujas

Srini participated in the Bhumi Pujas for four upcoming vidyalaya residential school campuses, representing the U.S.-based donors unable to attend. Ceremonies were held at the future sites of the Bardhaman, Udupi, Udaipur and Nagpur campuses, which will each comprise an English-medium school, a boys' hostel and girls' hostel.



State-by-State Visits

► Karnataka

Belgaum Campus

Srini helped coordinate and inaugurate the Belgaum vidyalaya campus, where donors for the school, boys' hostel, and girls' hostel were present. The large event marked a major milestone in uniting infrastructure, donor vision, and community celebration.



Udupi Boys' Chatralaya

The Udupi boys' chatralaya, one of AIM for Seva's largest with 90+ residents, stands out for its focus on self-sufficiency. Boys take turns cooking meals, making bread, washing clothes, and learning other essential life skills – all with very little adult intervention. Srini was impressed by how effectively independence is fostered even in such a large group.



► Madhya Pradesh

Indore School Expansion

Srini participated in the inauguration of the expansion of the Indore school, which is part of the vidyalaya residential campus. The expansion was made possible through the generous donation of an Orlando-based donor.

Indore Boys' Chatralaya

Lunch was enjoyed with the boys at this standalone chatralaya, who will relocate to the expanded Indore vidyalaya campus.



Khategaon Girls' Chatralaya

Located directly on the school campus, this site features an organic garden, cow shed, and hands-on agricultural training. Students grow vegetables and fruit, care for livestock, and cook with produce from their own garden – combining education with sustainability and responsibility.

Padali School (Near Indore)

A two-story English-medium school set on five acres, Padali School serves 700 students, though over 100 had to be turned away due to limited capacity. The campus includes boys' and girls' hostels and staff quarters, and classrooms are equipped with smart boards. Plans are underway to add another floor, and we are seeking donors to help expand this thriving school. A special highlight: one of our own chatralaya alumni has returned to teach math.



► Tamil Nadu

Manjakkudi High School

AIM for Seva's first English-medium school, Manjakkudi High School, educates nearly 900 students from 20+ villages with an equal mix of boys and girls. Smart-board classrooms and a STEM lab sponsored by a local university give students hands-on exposure to robotics, automation and science – and position the school as a model for rural education.

Manjakkudi College

Born from Swamiji's vision and donor support, Manjakkudi College makes higher education accessible to students – especially girls – who might otherwise have to give up their studies. With 60% female enrollment, the college offers liberal arts, science, and a full undergraduate AI program, complete with a state-of-the-art AI lab. More than 30 corporate partners provide internships and career opportunities, ensuring that students from AIM for Seva's schools have a complete path from kindergarten through employment.

Sembangudi Boys' and Girls' Chatralaya

Three miles from Manjakkudi, AIM for Seva's Sembangudi boys' and girls' chatralaya serve both high school and college students. Depending on language proficiency, children attend AIM for Seva's Tamil- or English-medium schools. After graduation, students can live in the chatralaya and attend Manjakkudi College with full scholarships covering tuition and boarding, while corporate partnerships provide valuable internship opportunities.

Thennapettu Girls' Chatralaya

Srini's first visit to this free student home for 32 girls located 4 hours from Chennai helped strengthen the connection with the students and local leadership.

Kadalur School

This school set on the coast was established following the 2004 tsunami, when the local fishing community identified education as their greatest need. What began with donor-supported construction has grown into a thriving school serving children of fishermen and daily wage workers. With the completion of a new three-story school building, the original facility has been given new life as a hospital.



► Rajasthan

Udaipur Boys' Chatralaya

Srini shared lunch with 28 boys at this chatralaya who will transition to AIM for Seva's school once the vidyalaya campus is completed.



Jaipur Boys' Chatralaya

Academics and holistic development are emphasized at this home to 65 boys with a focus on life skills, discipline, yoga practice, and music training.

► West Bengal

Bardhaman Boys' Chatralaya

This three-story facility serves 65 students, with capacity for 85-90. Located in a rural village, the community eagerly anticipates the construction of a dedicated AIM for Seva school to replace reliance on under-resourced public education.

► Kerala

Trivandrum Boys' Chatralaya

The only AIM for Seva chatralaya in Kerala, it serves 12 boys. Students are highly disciplined and trained in karate and soccer under close mentorship from their coordinator.

► Uttarakhand

Roorkee School

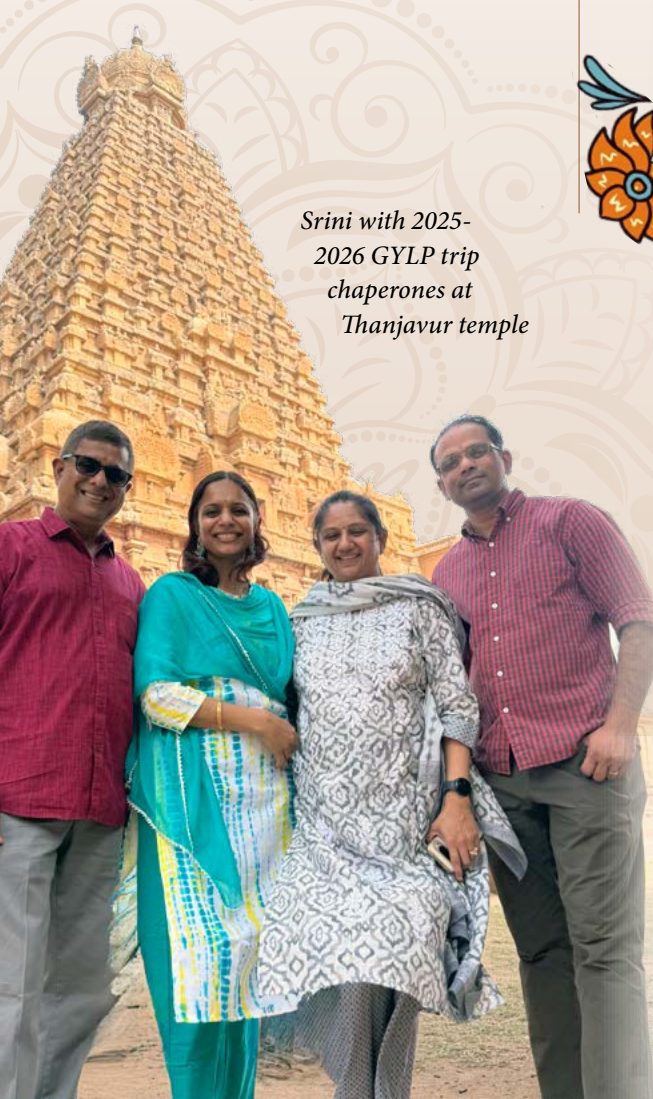
Built and inaugurated in 2024, this campus now serves students through grade 12 and includes boys' and girls' hostels. Enrollment began modestly and continues to grow.

Rishikesh School

Founded by Swamiji prior to AIM for Seva, this school now serves approximately 1,000 students and is highly regarded in the region for educational quality.



Srini with 2025-2026 GYLP trip chaperones at Thanjavur temple



A Full Educational Continuum

Across all visits, our Chief Operating Officer witnessed AIM for Seva's distinctive holistic model in action: residential care, English-medium education, smart classrooms, STEM and AI programming, life-skills development, organic agriculture, and structured internship pipelines leading to employment. From kindergarten to college graduation, students are given a clear roadmap toward self-reliance and career success.

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