

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25 CDF

INTRODUCTION



VISION

To empower rural youth and women through connectivity and entrepreneurship, bridging the ruralurban gap with access to education, health, livelihood, and social innovation.

MISSION

To empower SSCBS students to become social entrepreneurs and leaders by providing a platform to solve real-world problems with innovative, sustainable solutions.





We are a team of socially conscious and driven individuals working to inspire meaningful change by promoting values of **empathy**, **leadership**, **and social responsibility** within and beyond the corporate world.

Our mission is to empower young changemakers by helping them develop innovative solutions to real-world challenges. We address key issues aligned with the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** and work closely with underserved communities using a structured model of social entrepreneurship.

Believing in the power of "Global impact through local change." we strive to nurture young minds through hands-on problem solving, research, and collaboration—cultivating leadership and entrepreneurial skills that drive sustainable and lasting social transformation.

CASE COMPS WINS & KSS



OUR MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN 15+ CASE COMPETITIONS WITH NOTABLE WINS :-

<u> Aera – Business Plan Competition</u>

Organized By: Acharya Narendra Dev College

Achievement: 2nd Position

Total Registrations: 151

<u>Project Utsav – EduTrust of India Recognition</u>

Achievement: Ranked 1 in North West Delhi

Organizer: EduTrust of India

Project: Utsav - A Community-Oriented Social Entrepreneurship

Initiative

KNOWLEDGE SHARING SESSIONS COVERING TOPICS SUCH AS :-

- → Excel
- → Case Frameworks
- → Guesstimates
- → Canva
- → Slide Design
- → Resume Building
- → B-Plan Strategies
- → Venture Capital

SESSION AND NGO VISITS



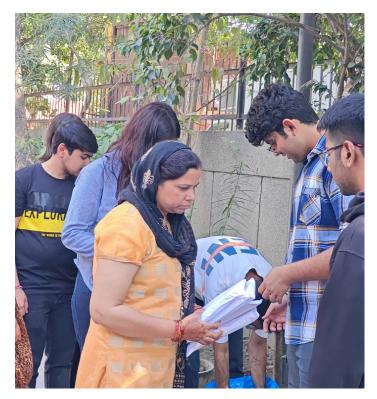
Session With Mr. Akhter



On 3rd February, 2025 the CDF Society, SSCBS, successfully organized an impactful session on the UPSC Civil Services Examination in collaboration with Shankar IAS Academy. The session featured Mr. Syed Mahamood Akhter, a respected IAS officer, who shared valuable insights into the preparation journey, including syllabus coverage, exam structure, and interview strategies.

Pad Donantion Drive

On February 19, 2025, CDF SSCBS, in collaboration with Eartha DRC and OnlyCare, organized a pad donation drive at Shubhakshika NGO, Rohini. This initiative aimed to promote menstrual hygiene awareness and provide essential sanitary products to underprivileged women and girls. 500 Over sanitary pads were distributed to over 50 ensuring better menstrual health for the beneficiaries.



SESSION AND NGO VISITS



Educational NGO Visit's

On 23rd February 2025, members of the CDF Society, SSCBS, visited an NGO near Delhi University's North Campus with the aim of fostering entrepreneurial an mindset among underprivileged children. Through an interactive Knowledge Sharing Session (KSS), the children were introduced to the fundamentals of entrepreneurship and were encouraged to dream big strive for self-reliance. and followed up with a fun quiz.





On **2nd March 2025**, members of the CDF Society, SSCBS, had the privilege of visiting **Pehchaan NGO** in Rohini, Delhi, an organization dedicated to the education and development of underprivileged children. During the visit, we engaged with approximately **150 children** aged around **9-10 years**, aiming to inspire and motivate them toward academic and entrepreneurial pursuits.

PROJECT JYOTI









Project Jyoti is a thoughtfully planned initiative focused on empowering underprivileged women by helping them build sustainable livelihoods through candle-making micro-enterprises. The project blends creativity, entrepreneurship, and impact, giving students hands-on experience in building a solution-oriented model with real-world relevance.

Our aim is to create a replicable setup where women can be trained in producing eco-friendly candles, while our team handle the operational and entrepreneurial aspects, from product development to sales.

NGO OUTREACH & GROUNDWORK

As part of our initial preparation, we have **engaged** with 3-4 NGOs to understand **feasibility**, **community readiness**, and training **implementation**. These visits helped us evaluate the needs of different women-led communities and how best to deliver the model.

Our discussions are currently ongoing with potential NGOs, and final onboarding is expected soon. These meetings have also helped us adapt the **model to be more flexible and locally viable.**

RESOURCE PLANNING & READINESS

We have already procured all raw materials for the initial production of 100-150 candles. A clear training and production process has been outlined, and a basic branding concept is ready for implementation.

With these preparations done, **Project Jyoti is set** to begin execution in the coming weeks.

VITI STALL





As part of VITI'24, the Annual Diwali fest of SSCBS, CDF SSCBS hosted a vibrant games stall that turned out to be a major hit among students and faculty alike. Designed to bring joy, energy, and a touch of playfulness to the festival, the stall offered a range of interactive games - from engaging puzzles to team-based games that encouraged bonding and laughter.

Behind the scenes, the initiative was the result of several planning meets involving **ideation**, **logistics**, **and creative execution**. Every member of CDF SSCBS came together to contribute, from conceptualizing game ideas to decorating the stall and managing footfall, giving each of them a hands-on **bootcamp in entrepreneurship**. From problem-solving to people management, the experience was as enriching for the team as it was entertaining for the visitors.

The stall remained buzzing with activity throughout the event, drawing in crowds with its lively atmosphere and warm welcome. Visitors left with positive reviews, hearty laughs, and bright smiles, making it one of the most memorable corners of VITI'24.



More than just a fun attraction, the games stall became a reflection of CDF SSCBS's ethos - where creativity meets collaboration, and impact is created through meaningful experiences. The event not only strengthened bonds within the team but also left a lasting impression on every visitor, reinforcing the society's commitment to creating value - whether through social initiatives or spirited student engagement.

CHANGEATHON







The **Changeathon** with CDF India brought together CDF societies from colleges across Delhi University to lead initiatives that created tangible social impact in their communities.

At CDF SSCBS, our participation in Changeathon featured two flagship initiatives: Project Utsav, focused on uplifting the potters' community through market linkage and digital visibility, and Project Jyoti, which empowers women to repurpose waste cooking oil into eco-friendly candles, promoting both sustainability and livelihood generation. We are proud to share that Project Jyoti advanced to the finals of Changeathon, recognized for its innovation and impact potential.

As part of the initiative, a **Changeathon Bootcamp** was hosted at the **American Embassy**, where student teams from **across DU** engaged in idea exchanges, strategic mentorship, and capacity-building workshops. The event fostered collaboration and creative problem-solving, strengthening the collective vision of youth-led change.

Together, Changeathon reinforced our commitment to community-driven action, combining local insights with scalable solutions to address grassroots challenges. The experience deepened our skills in social innovation, impact strategy, and stakeholder engagement, while celebrating the power of student-led transformation.

ANNUAL EVENT





Introducing the CDF Changemakers Cup, a Business Plan Competition organized by the Connecting Dreams Foundation SSCBS. This esteemed competition provides a platform for aspiring entrepreneurs to transform their business ideas into reality. Beyond mere profit generation, the Changemakers Cup emphasizes the use of entrepreneurial action to empower individuals and communities sustainably. Through a series of structured workshops focusing on entrepreneurial skills development and invaluable feedback from industry experts, participants are equipped with the tools needed to convert dreams into actionable plans. Various colleges participated in the competition, showcasing the diversity and creativity of young minds from different institutions.

The winning team **Team Riayat** stood out for its innovative approach and potential impact. The second position was claimed by **Team Agni**, who impressed the judges with their unique and practical business idea. **Team Nirmaan** secured the third position with their thoughtful and well-executed plan. The Changemakers Cup not only celebrates entrepreneurial spirit but also fosters a collaborative environment where ideas can flourish and create real-world impact.

LIVE PROJECT - MV







The Live Project with **Meteor Ventures** comprised two parallel tracks: Venture Capital Fund Formation with a focus on the UAE, and Neo Banking Strategy in the Indian fintech space.

In the VC Fund Formation project, we conducted comparative legal and structural analysis of fund setup regulations across India, USA, and UAE, with the UAE as our primary jurisdiction. We evaluated DIFC regulations, tax benefits, foreign ownership rules, and investor onboarding mechanisms. The research culminated in selecting UAE as a viable fund location, supported by a five-country comparative matrix. We also co-created a private equity-style fund structure and built an investor deck aligned with regional compliance norms and global LP expectations.

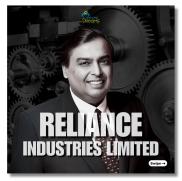
Simultaneously, in the **Neo Banking module**, we assessed India's fintech landscape to evaluate **market readiness, regulatory feasibility, and customer acquisition channels** for a digital-only banking model. Our deliverables included a monetization strategy and revenue stream framework optimized for scalability within the RBI's evolving digital banking guidelines.

Together, the dual-track project sharpened our **strategic thinking** across financial regulation, fund design, and **digital finance innovation**, while offering real-world exposure to UAE's emerging role in global capital markets.

CSR POSTS



Corporate Social Responsibility Posts is our initiative to analyze the companies' corporate social responsibility efforts. We cover business models, CSR highlights, initiatives, and ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) aspects, providing insights into how businesses contribute to societal and environmental well-being.







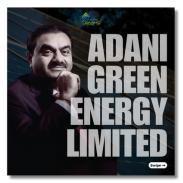












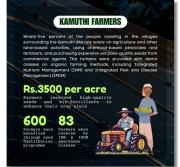














PODCAST



Corporate Par Charcha is our podcast initiative where we delve into the realms of corporate life, startups, and social entrepreneurship. Hear from industry leaders and innovators as they share their journeys, challenges, and insights, offering inspiration and guidance for budding professionals and entrepreneurs. The series aims to create a space for meaningful dialogue on leadership, purpose, and the evolving landscape of work and impact.

Episode 1: In Conversation with Ms. Ashmita Goswami



Our debut episode featured Ms. Ashmita Goswami, a driven professional currently pursuing her MBA at IIM Ahmedabad. With a strong foundation in consulting through her experience at KPMG and a Pre-Placement Offer from BCG, Ashmita shared key milestones from her journey.

Episode 2: Insights from Mr. Sajid Ali, COO, Tech Mahindra Foundation

In a special edition, we hosted Mr. Sajid Ali, Chief Operating Officer at **Tech Mahindra Foundation.** With decades of experience in Corporate Social Responsibility and social impact, Mr. Ali offered a deep dive into the Foundation's initiatives across **13 states**, working with over **90 partner NGOs.**



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