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## Journey of Discovery Begins: Khoj - The Great Indian Treasure Hunt's 6th Edition Commences from Jeevantirth, Ahmedabad!

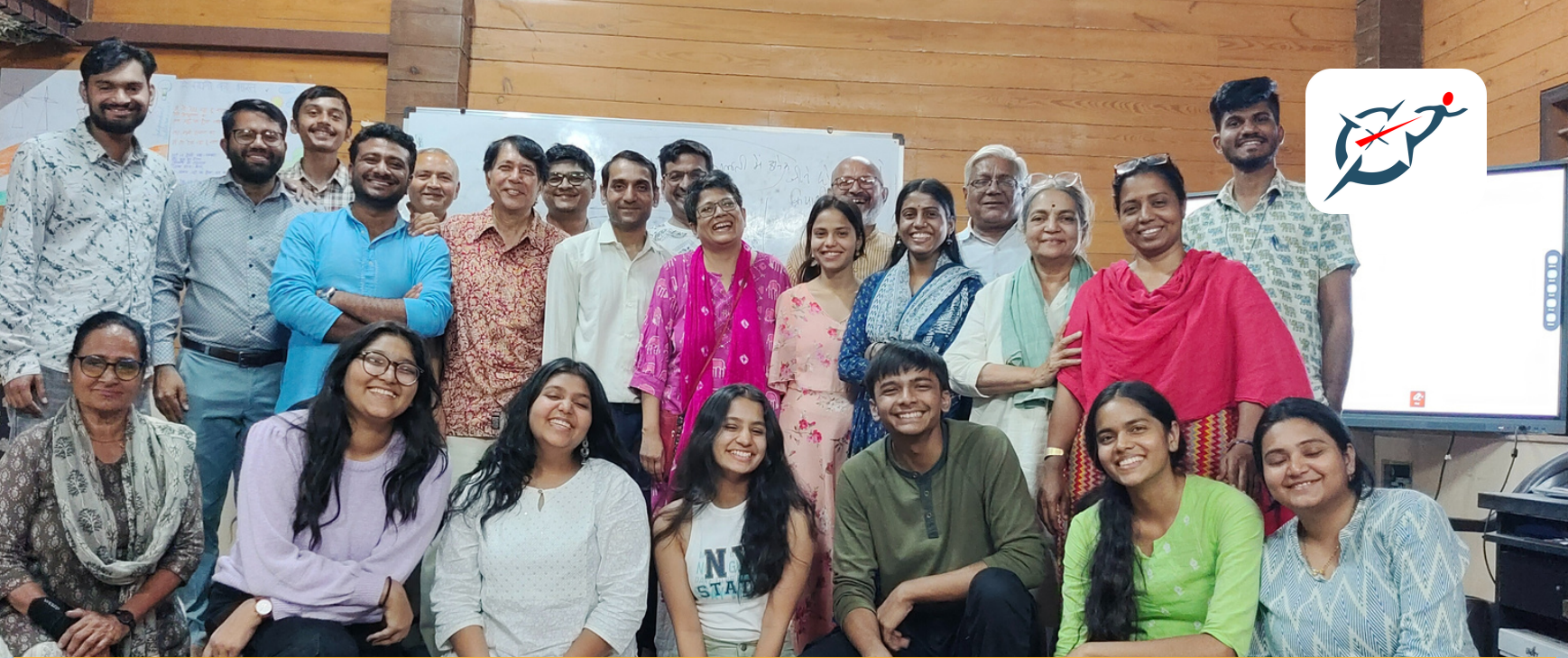
The Great Indian Treasure Hunt returns with even more excitement and anticipation! This time around, we're thrilled to welcome enthusiastic participants from 7 different states, each brimming with anticipation to embark on an extraordinary journey of exploration and impact.

Over the course of the next three months, these eager adventurers will immerse themselves in a multifaceted exploration of social change, environmental stewardship, and the transformative power of teamwork across the diverse landscapes of India. From bustling urban centers to serene rural villages, they will travel the length and breadth of the country, each step resonating with the spirit of discovery and impact.

But this journey is not merely about travelling it's about exploring deep into the heart of communities, building connections, and catalyzing positive change at the grassroots level. With each step they take, our participants will actively engage in initiatives aimed at uplifting communities, promoting environmental

awareness, and creating sustainable development. As they embark on this epic odyssey, they carry with them not only their boundless enthusiasm but also a shared vision of a brighter, more inclusive future for all. The Great Indian Treasure Hunt is more than just a journey—it's a transformative experience that will leave a mark on participants and communities alike. We extend a massive shoutout to Summer Lawson from the UK, whose participation as a catalyst for this edition adds an invaluable global perspective to our adventure, enriching our exploration and broadening our horizons.

We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the organizations and individuals that are supporting us along the way. Your generous contributions are what make this incredible journey possible for our Khojis. It's through your dedication and support that we can provide them with the resources, guidance, and opportunities they need to learn, grow, and make a positive impact in the world.



## Launchpad to Adventure: Sky Phase of The Great Indian Treasure Hunt

The inaugural Sky Phase of the Great Indian Treasure Hunt concluded at Jeevantirth, marking the beginning of an adventurous journey. During the five days, participants got to know one another and set specific goals and learning objectives for their upcoming three-month experiential learning adventure. Participants developed social contracts to serve as a roadmap for each member of the team and set procedures for resolving conflicts.

During this phase, a special introductory workshop on Jeevan Vidhya was arranged for participants, aimed at addressing profound inquiries pertaining to the nature of the mind and consciousness, the essence of happiness and contentment, ethics, humanistic living, familial relationships, societal goals and challenges, as well as the intricacies of nature, evolution, and the ultimate reality.

Additionally, participants had the opportunity to visit

Sabarmati Ashram to delve into Gandhian principles and values, and they explored various sanitation techniques at the Toilet Café, including the innovative Toilet Garden conceptualized by Ishwarbhai Patel, renowned as Mr. Toilet of India.

Furthermore, participants had enriching interactions with Raju Bhai and Deepthi Ben, the founders and directors of Jeevantirth, who possess over 40 years of experience in the development sector. Jeevantirth focuses primarily on education, environmental conservation, rural development, women's empowerment, vocational training, and livelihood issues. The participants also benefited from workshops on Nonviolent Communication (NVC) and Peace Games facilitated by Hakim Bhai, an expert in the field. Moreover Umesh led a discussion on sociocracy, highlighting the difference between consent and consensus.





## Setting the Flow: The Great Indian Treasure Hunt enters the Water Phase

After the conclusion of the sky phase, the participants of The Great Indian Treasure Hunt were divided into two dynamic teams, each poised to make a tangible difference in their respective communities.

One team set forth on an inspiring journey to Anatmool in Bihar, where they embarked on a mission to empower tribal children through interactive games and engaging activities. Their aim? To instill knowledge, foster creativity, and ignite curiosity, all while creating memorable learning experiences that resonate far beyond the classroom walls. With every

promote ecological sustainability. With hands-on experience and boundless enthusiasm, they collaborated with local communities to implement innovative permaculture practices, fostering harmony between humans and the natural world. Their efforts resonated with the spirit of resilience and regeneration, as they worked tirelessly to create a thriving ecosystem where every plant, animal, and human being flourishes in symbiotic coexistence.

As these two teams embark on their respective paths, they carry with them the spirit of adventure, the desire to make a difference, and the determination to leave a lasting impact on the communities they encounter. The journey has only just begun, but already, the seeds of change are being sown, and the possibilities are endless.



Smile they ignited and every mind they inspired, they sowed the seeds of knowledge, empathy, and empowerment, nurturing a brighter future for these young souls. Meanwhile, the other team found themselves at Adi Johar, an esteemed organization dedicated to the principles of permaculture in the heart of Madhya Pradesh. Here, they immersed themselves in the practice of sustainable living, working hand in hand with local communities to cultivate harmonious relationships with the land and





## Captured Moments from The Great Indian Treasure Hunt



Hakim bhai leading the session on Non Violent Communication and Peace games during the Sky Phase



Khojis clearing the land at the Adi Johar for setting up the permaculture farm



Khojis explored various sanitation techniques at the Toilet Café, including the innovative Toilet Garden conceptualized by Ishwarbhai Patel, renowned as Mr. Toilet of India.



Khojis engaging with kids at Anantmool and created post cards using colors extracted from the flowers during Holi



## Expressing Gratitude and Seeking Continued Support from Our Valued Supporters

Dear Supporters,

We wanted to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for your unwavering support of our program. Your generosity and dedication have been instrumental in making our initiatives possible, and for that, we are truly grateful.

Thanks to your contributions, we've been able to create meaningful opportunities for young individuals to learn, grow, and make a positive impact in their communities. From providing resources and guidance to fostering a supportive environment, your support has helped us empower the next generation of changemakers.

As we continue our mission to make our program accessible to all youngsters, we recognize the importance of your ongoing support. Your belief in our cause fuels our passion and drives us to reach even greater heights. Together, we can break down barriers and ensure that every young person has the opportunity to participate in our transformative experiences.

But we cannot do it alone. We need your continued support to expand our reach, develop new initiatives, and provide scholarships for those who may otherwise be unable to participate. Your support is not just an investment in our program—it's an investment in the future of our youth and our communities.

So, we humbly ask for your continued support as we strive to make our program accessible to youngsters from all walks of life. With your help, we can create a brighter future for generations to come.

With deepest gratitude and warm regards,  
The entire Khoj family



By supporting our work you can make a difference in the life youngsters and in the marginalized communities across India.

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