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Appointment of Mr Madhukar Gupta as Director

DEVI Sansthan welcomed Mr. Madhukar Gupta (ex- IAS 1985 batch) as Director in October 2025. With a PhD, BE (Hons), LLB, MPA (Harvard), and MPP (Syracuse), and experience as former Additional Secretary in the Department of Public Enterprises and former State Election Commissioner, Mr. Gupta brings governance, policy, and public administration

expertise to drive the organization's strategic scale-up and professionalism.



Devi Sansthan Delegation meets the Mayor of Lucknow Mrs Sushma Kharkwal



A delegation of DEVI Sansthan comprising Mr Nixon Joseph, Group Executive Director, Ms Milita Halder, Senior Program Manager and Mr Shivendra met the Mayor of Lucknow, Mrs Sushma Kharkwal to present the One Tara model for community-based foundational learning in under served neighborhoods. The team briefed her on how One Tara enables local champions to start micro-schools,

align learners with NIPUN goals, and prepare out-of-school children for NIOS pathways using AlFA pedagogy. Appreciating Dr. Sunita Gandhi's efforts, the Mayor encouraged expansion into Lucknow's rural and peri-urban wards and suggested coordination with Nagar Nigam for space facilitation and outreach via ward-level networks.

Lighting up the Lucknow Metro at Hazratganj with their stall for 3 days



Over three energizing days, our tiny-but-mighty DEVI Sansthan team hosted the first One Tara initiative stall at LMRC's Hazratganj Metro Station—and the platform buzz turned into purpose! Between sprints to catch trains, people paused to try ALfA, hear our vision, and even pick up books to pass the light forward.

A heartfelt thank-you to LMRC's stellar PR team—especially @PanchananMishra, Joint

GM (PR), and @SmarikaSingh—for standing with us from setup to sign-off. Your support made this possible.

One Tara isn't just a campaign; it's a belief: anyone can help someone become literate—today. From curious questions to big smiles, these three days proved this is the need of the hour. If you'd like a One Tara corner at your office, college, or community.