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I am Rishita Jhetwani , a volunteer from Kekri, Ajmer, currently working with Skoolam NGO. My decision to volunteer was driven by personal experiences that I wanted to share with students, as well as my desire to grow and enhance my knowledge and skills. I have always been interested in the philosophical and psychological space and had been searching for an NGO that could provide me with such an opportunity. When I came across Skoolam, I learned about the Interpersonal Dynamics course taught by one of the core members, and that's when I decided to begin my journey.

During my time at Skoolam, I taught the Law of Attraction and the Law of

Karma. I chose these topics under the respective Interpersonal Dynamics course because I wanted to share my own experiences and understand what children think about these concepts. Teaching these subjects also allowed me to perceive my own experiences differently and deepen my understanding of topics that have always intrigued me.

Although my academic background is in journalism, which is not directly related to what I am teaching, I have put in my best efforts by conducting my own research. I acknowledge that I may have lacked authenticity at times, but I am determined to improve and become better with my research. My aunt always tells me, *"We learn until the last moment of our life,*

*but life does not always give us another chance.*" These words inspire me to strive for perfection in everything I do.

One of the major challenges I encountered was that the children were not always willing to listen. However, I realized that despite their inattentiveness, they were still coming to school every day, which showed their willingness to learn. They acknowledged the efforts of the founder in building this ecosystem, and that made me realize that the issue was not with them—it was with me. I needed to improve my communication skills so that I could engage them more effectively. This experience taught me that communication is a crucial skill in teaching, and I am continuously working on refining it.

This journey has been incredibly rewarding for me. It has taught me to appreciate the results of my efforts beyond monetary value. I have learned to give for the sake of giving, rather than expecting something in return. *"Maine dene ke liye dena sikha hai, lene ke liye dena nahi."* Volunteering has changed my mindset from a give-and-take approach to a give-and-give philosophy. It has also helped me discover myself in ways I never expected.

Right now, I am still exploring my career path and am unsure of what I want to pursue. However, volunteering has given me the opportunity to explore different possibilities and understand what truly excites me.

I strongly believe that society has given us so much, and whatever we are today is because of it. It is our responsibility to give back for the welfare of future generations. I encourage the youth to recognize this and actively contribute to society in any way they can.

Through my journey with Skoolam, I have realized that I want to create an impact where children take complete responsibility for their lives and understand that they are the drivers of their own future. I want them to learn that their actions determine their reality and that their choices will shape their heaven or hell.

This experience has been transformative, and I am grateful for everything I have learned. I look forward to continuing this journey of growth, learning, and giving back to society.