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IMPACT REPORT · 2026

BEFORE

ZONE SERLI · REASI · NEAR SHRI MATA VAISHNO DEVI · J&K

SERLI

An AYOTI-remodelled govt school

AFTER · TODAY



This is where we began — and the same school today. Here is how it changed.

HOW IT BEGAN

The school we found

Before any of this, Government Middle School, Serli was a tired old building — weathered walls, damp and cluttered rooms, and children eating on the bare floor.

This is where the story begins.

A room needing rescue



Broken furniture stacked in the dark — one of the rooms as we first found it.

Damp, stained ceilings



Years of damp had stained the ceilings — no room here was fit for a child to learn in.

A dark store-room kitchen



Meals were cooked and kept in a cramped, unlit corner.

Eating on the bare floor



There were no tables, no chairs — children sat on the bare floor of the veranda to eat, every single day.

This was the everyday



No dining room, no furniture — just the floor, whatever the weather.

No protection from the weather



Rain, storm or hail — the children had nowhere else to sit and learn.

What remodelling had to undo



Room by room, this is what stood in the way of a proper education.

The old school building



Government Middle School, Serli — weathered walls, cracks running along the roofline.

Cracks and crumbling walls



Exposed wiring, worn plaster — the old rooms, before repair.

Different corners, same neglect



The scale of what needed fixing, wherever you looked.

One more room, one more story



Every part of the old building needed the same care and attention.

A building that could have collapsed



This is how precarious Serli's condition truly was — a structure that could have given way at any moment. This is the reality AYOTI was responding to.

Sunaina Chauhan's first visit to Serli



This is the condition Sunaina Chauhan found on her very first visit to Serli — and why AYOTI knew it had to act.

PROJECT ONE · 2023 · THE ORIGIN STORY

Where AYOTI was born

Before this, there was no AYOTI. There were only informal acts of giving — donations here, help there, with no name and no single mission.

That changed with one promise: one bright, safe classroom for Serli's youngest children. Built from the ground up, this single room became the seed of everything AYOTI is today — the moment the name AYOTI came into existence.

Built by many hands



Local families mixed cement and dug the foundation by hand — the very first room began to take shape.

Foundations, laid by the community



This was never AYOTI working alone — Serli's own families helped build it, brick and hand together.

Brick by brick



New walls rise beside the old block — the first classroom AYOTI ever built.

Sand, gravel, bricks — ready



Everything staged and ready — a community determined to give its children a real classroom.

The classroom takes shape



Brick walls up, wooden roof props in place — the raw room, almost ready to be finished.

From raw brick to finished room



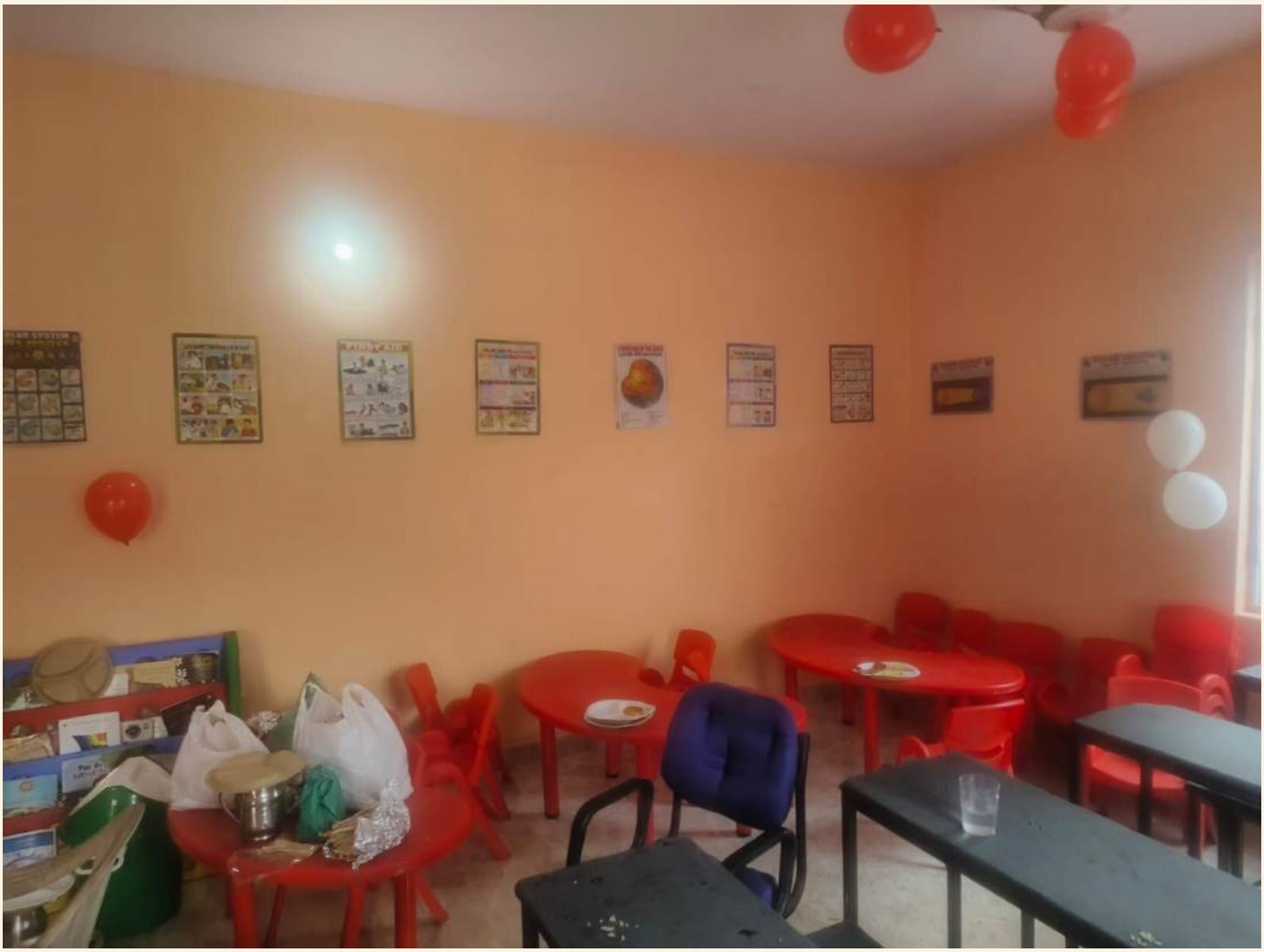
The whole journey in one frame — bare brick and props, then plastered walls, a bright door, and a finished floor.

Ready for the first class



Doors hung, walls painted — the room ready to welcome its first children.

Posters up, balloons out



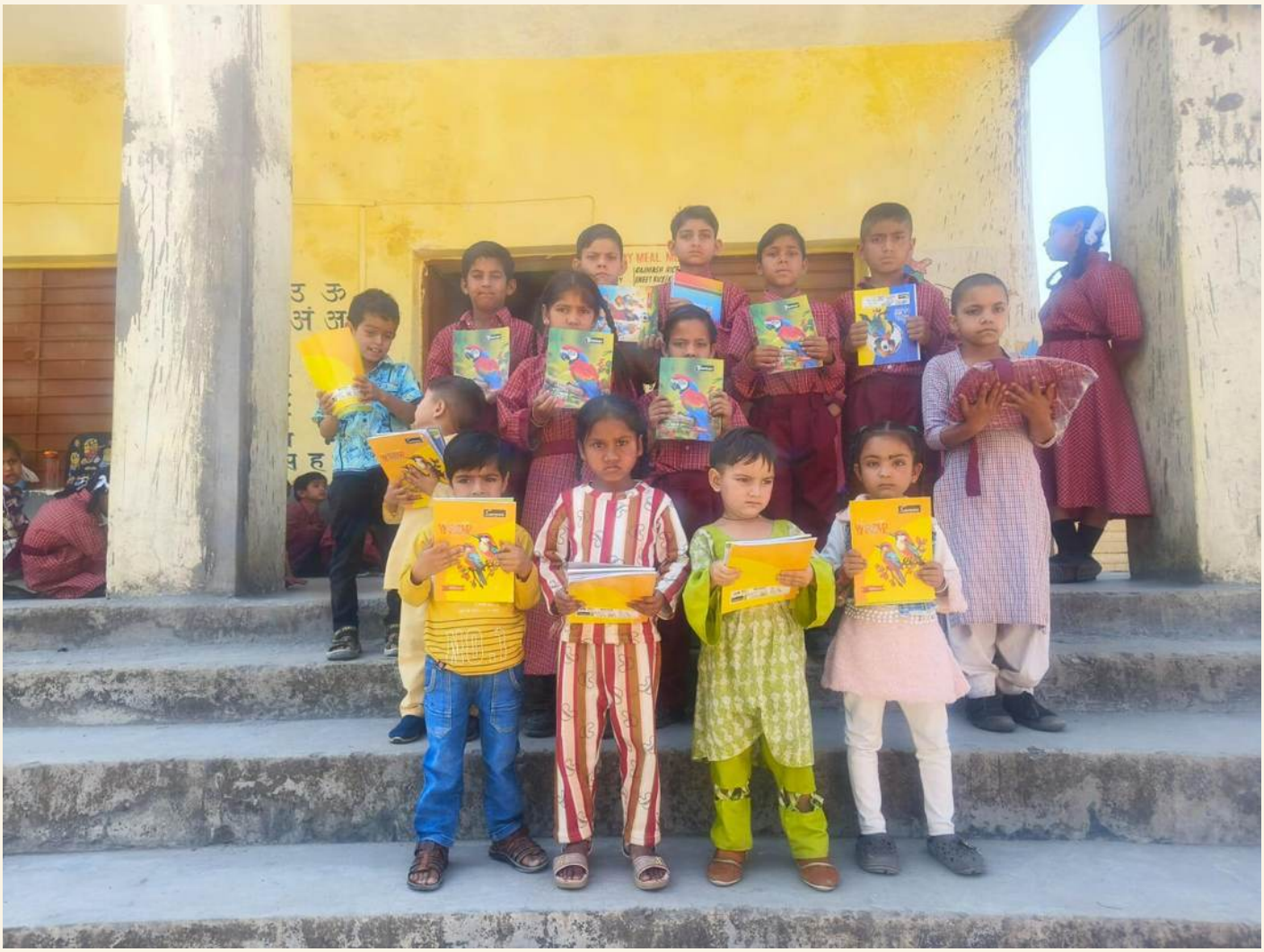
Everything in place for the very first day of school in AYOTI's very first classroom.

Just 32 children



When AYOTI took this school under its wing, there were only 32 students in total — a handful of children who became the reason AYOTI exists today.

New notebooks for everyone



Fresh notebooks for every one of those 32 children — a small thing that made school feel real for the very first time.

PROJECT TWO · 2024–2025

From one room to a whole school

One classroom became a full programme. AYOTI went on to renovate the entire school — rooms, kitchen, a real dining room, boundary walls and grounds.

New supplies, warm daily meals, dignity for the girls, and teachers who made learning joyful.

The school at its gate



Government Middle School, Serli — the finished school behind its gate, hills of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi beyond.

New boundary walls rise



The whole campus, not just one room, was being rebuilt.

Brick by brick, across the school



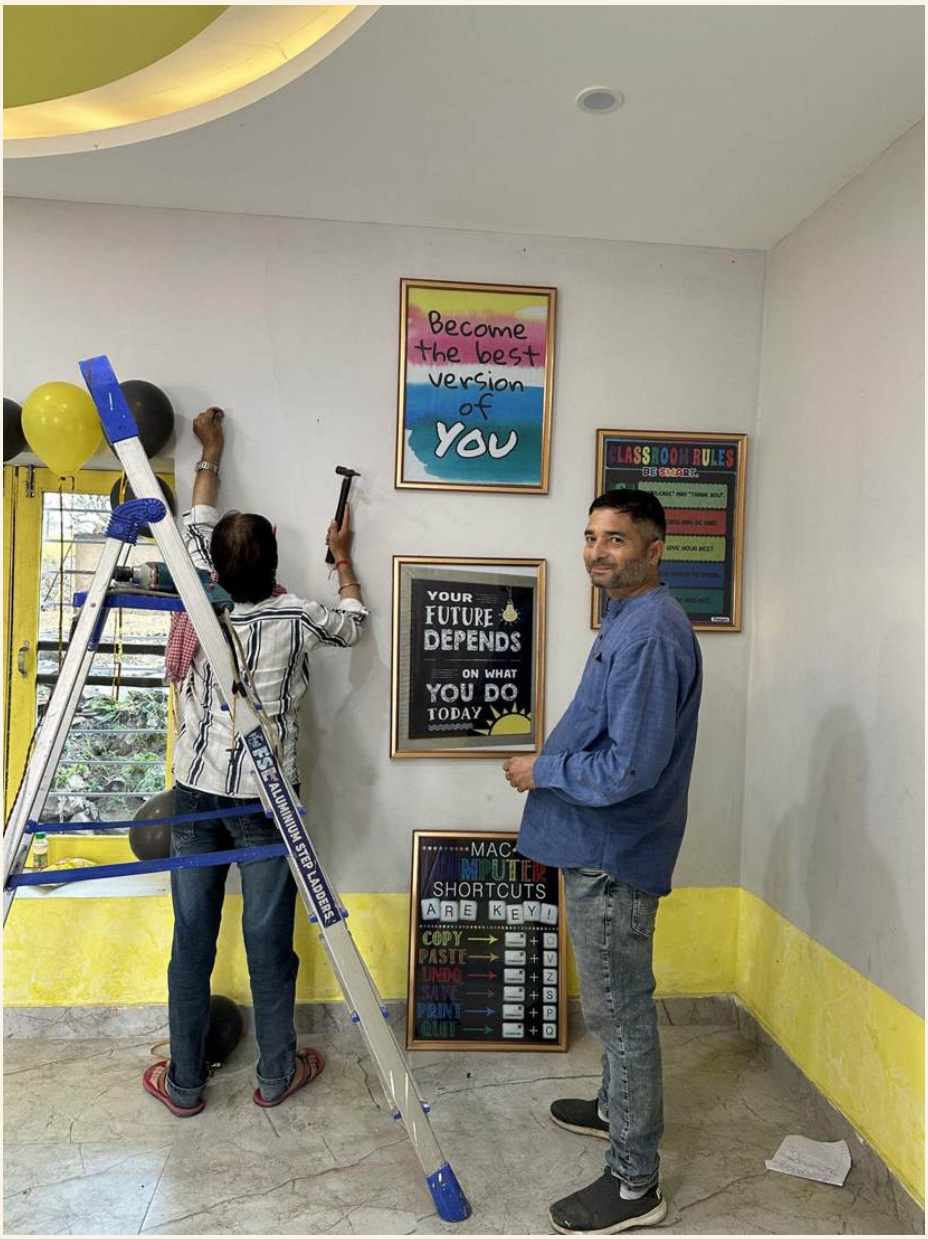
The same care given to the first classroom, now given to the entire school.

A ceiling takes shape



A sculpted false ceiling going up — no detail was too small.

Ready for class



A finished room, framed posters on the wall — one of many rooms remade from the inside out.

Building the new kitchen



Brick by brick, a proper kitchen rises where a dark store-room once stood.

The kitchen, mid-build



Work continues on a space that will finally give Serli's children hot, hygienic meals.

The kitchen counter takes shape



Marble counters going in — more of the finished kitchen to come.

New kitchen inauguration



AYOTI Foundation formally opens the new kitchen at Serli, with Ms. Bhavya Chauhan, Co-founder & COO of AYOTI Foundation, and India Director Mr. Vivek Sharma, visiting to mark the occasion.

A proper place to cook, at last



The AYOTI team meets the community outside the finished school — a proper kitchen, for every child, every day.

The play area



A new play area gives the children somewhere to climb, slide and be simply children.

Everything a child needs



Uniforms, school bags, socks and stationery — laid out for every child at Serli.

Nothing left in a pile



Every uniform, every kit, sorted and ready to be placed directly into a child's hands.

Handed in person



Each uniform placed into a child's hands — never left in a pile, always given with care.

A morning of giving



Books, uniforms and supplies laid out for every child, with families and teachers looking on.

The whole community turns out



Distribution day at Serli — a moment the whole school looks forward to.

A warm meal, every day



Children share a hot, hygienic meal together — served with dignity, every single day.

Shared at the table



From the youngest up, meals are eaten together — no child left sitting apart.

Good food, always



A wholesome thali — roti, sabzi, curd and cucumber — a full, balanced meal for every child.

A Kashmiri delicacy, made fresh



Fresh kalhadi kulcha with mozzarella cheese — a beloved Jammu & Kashmir delicacy, and a rich source of protein for growing children.

No more eating on the bare floor



Children now share their meal at bright tables, indoors — a dignity Serli never had before.

Giving sanitary napkins, with dignity



Sanitary napkins provided for girls in grade 5 and above — a simple act that keeps girls in school.

Mothers came too



Mothers joined their daughters for the session — a conversation the whole family could be part of.

Abacus in every AYOTI school



Abacus classes for mental maths, launched across every AYOTI school.

Co-founder Kamal Chauhan watches the progress



Mr. Kamal Chauhan, Co-founder of AYOTI Foundation, monitors the children's progress with mental maths in person.

The faces of Serli



Small moments between lessons — the reason all of this matters.

A quiet moment



The everyday, ordinary childhood every child at Serli now gets to have.

Coming to school



New bags on their backs, ready to learn — more children arrive at Serli every year.

Things started improving



The whole school gathered on the steps — clapping, singing, and starting the day together.

The whole school together



The children of Serli and the AYOTI team — a school that keeps growing.

A school that keeps growing



More children, every year, welcomed into a school built by this community.

Celebrating together



Christmas caps and a festive breakfast — the school's finished rooms filled with celebration.

Festival balloons



A finished, colourful room — the perfect place for a celebration.

A pizza treat



A simple pizza treat — a small joy that means the world to these children.

Christmas gifts from AYOTI USA



Festival gifts, sent all the way from AYOTI Foundation's donors in the USA.

Everyday life in the new rooms



Ordinary school days, in rooms that used to not exist — this is what everyday learning looks like now.

Shared meals, every day



A finished dining room, full of children — the new everyday at Serli.

Happy parents



One family pulled all three of their children out of private school — where they were paying fees for each child — to enrol them at AYOTI's Serli school. AYOTI promised them everything: uniforms, meals, notebooks and school supplies, sanitary napkins, digital education, and a place at every event — all without asking for a single rupee. That trust, and the joy on this family's faces, became a turning point for AYOTI: parents who once came alone now bring other families with them, and Serli's enrolment keeps growing because of it.

More books, more families



Parents and children gather at the gate as more books are handed out — the same trust, growing wider each year.

A welcome fit for family



When AYOTI's founders return to Serli, the community turns out to welcome them — not as visitors, but as family.

Worn with pride



New tracksuits, worn with pride — a small sign of belonging to something bigger than themselves.

THE NEXT CHAPTER · 2026

And then, a new classroom

With the school transformed, AYOTI began again — a brand-new classroom to reach even more children.

More of this chapter to come.

A brand-new room



One of the newest rooms — clean walls, a bright red door, and a tiled step up.



OUR BELIEF

Give a child a *safe, beautiful place* to learn, and you change what they believe is possible.

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HOW YOU CAN HELP

$250 gives a child a *full year.*

For $250 a year, you can transform a child's education at a school like Serli — covering meals, teaching, and a safe place to learn and grow.

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What a full year includes

- Warm daily meals
- AYOTI teachers & English fluency
- Digital learning & computer lab
- Mental maths & abacus
- Personality development
- Recreation & picnics
- Festivals & celebrations
- Summer camp
- Tracksuits – summer & winter
- New shoes
- School supplies, notebooks & backpacks
- New-year gifts when school reopens

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