

## Introduction to JEET Initiative

JEET (Joint Efforts for Educational Transformation) is an all-India alliance of NGOs that are deeply committed to the cause of education. With the aim of eradicating inequality and promoting quality in the Indian education system, JEET works in partnership with governments, organizations, institutions, and individuals to achieve its mission.

Started in 2023, JEET is a not-for-profit organization that seeks to unite NGOs that are engaged in education, sports, and vocational training. The organization's idea is to improve the reach and richness of quality education to the disadvantaged and disabled, thus eliminating educational inequality in India that has persisted for decades.



**In India, the national literacy rate is only 77.7%, and the country is home to the highest number of illiterates in the world. Additionally, about 190 million students up to Standard XII are suffering from poor quality learning and outcomes, and inclusion is a distant dream, making disability a serious barrier to education.**

## JEET KI AOR : Join the Movement for Educational Transformation in India

Welcome to the very first edition of "Jeet Ki Aor," JEET's monthly newsletter that will feature all the advancements in the educational sector in India, as well as highlight the issues we face and how we can work together to overcome them. In every edition, we will also feature organizations that have joined the JEET alliance and are doing amazing work in improving the educational fabric of India. We believe that by sharing their stories and achievements, we can inspire others to join the movement towards a better future for our children.

We would like to extend an invitation to all other organizations in India that are working towards educational betterment. Together, we can make it better!

At JEET, we are passionate about creating a society where every child, regardless of their background, has access to excellent quality education, sports, or skill development to reach their full potential. We believe that education is the key to eradicating inequality and promoting social mobility in India, and we are committed to working towards this goal with our partner organizations, institutions, and individuals.

Join us today and become part of a movement that is transforming education in India. Let's work together to create a brighter future for our children, one where their dreams and aspirations are not limited by their socio-economic or linguistic background or disability. With JEET, we can make it happen!

### Avanti Fellows

Avanti Fellows, a non-profit organization based in India, is breaking the cycle of poverty by providing underprivileged students with quality education and the necessary resources to succeed. With a data-driven approach and a focus on empowering students, Avanti Fellows has helped over 10,000 students gain admission to top colleges and universities, and continues to make a measurable impact.

### Parivaar Organization

Parivaar's new residential block in Bengal is a testament to their commitment to providing a safe haven for vulnerable children. With the capacity to accommodate over 350 children, this six-year project has finally come to fruition despite pandemic-related disruptions.

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***Avanti Fellows has a strong track record of helping students achieve academic success. Over 80% of Avanti Fellows students have gone on to attend top-tier colleges and universities in India and abroad.***



***Avanti Fellows has received recognition and support from a range of organizations and individuals, including the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and former President of India Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.***

## ***Avanti Fellows' Data-Driven Approach to Education Making a Measurable Impact in India***

Education is the key to unlocking opportunities and breaking the cycle of poverty. Unfortunately, in many parts of the world, underprivileged students do not have access to quality education and the necessary resources to succeed. This is where Avanti Fellows, a non-profit organization based in India, comes in. Founded in 2010, Avanti Fellows aims to bridge the educational gap between students from disadvantaged backgrounds and those from more privileged ones by providing them with the necessary resources, guidance, and support to achieve success. The organization's core mission is to help students from low-income families gain admission to top colleges and universities and secure stable careers. To achieve this goal, Avanti Fellows provides a rigorous and comprehensive academic program that includes in-class teaching, mentorship, and career guidance. The program focuses on students in their 11th grade with a background in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Biology (PCMB) and provides them with the skills and knowledge necessary to excel in college and beyond.

One of the unique aspects of Avanti Fellows' approach is its emphasis on data-driven decision-making. The organization defines metrics very clearly and monitors them rigorously to ensure that they are making progress toward their goal. They have dedicated staff members who keep government partners, donors, and everyone involved updated on a weekly basis. Avanti Fellows also uses test performance data to predict students' career outcomes and ensures that they are in line with their potential. By taking this data-driven approach, Avanti Fellows can make informed decisions and ensure that they have a meaningful impact on the lives of their students. Avanti Fellows has also established partnerships with various organizations to provide their students with internships, job opportunities, and career training. These partnerships help students gain practical experience and exposure to different fields, increasing their chances of securing stable careers after graduation. Additionally, Avanti Fellows helps their students navigate the college application process, from choosing the right colleges to applying for scholarships and financial aid. They even help cover the cost of application fees for students who cannot afford them.

Over the past decade, Avanti Fellows has made significant progress in empowering underprivileged students to achieve success. They have expanded their program to multiple cities across India and have helped over 10,000 students gain admission to top colleges and universities. Avanti Fellows have received recognition for their work, including being named one of the Top 100 NGOs in India by NGO Advisor for three consecutive years.

Moving forward, Avanti Fellows plans to continue expanding their program and reaching out to more government partners to scale up their impact. They want to define "stable careers" very clearly and provide their students with the necessary resources and support to secure these careers. Avanti Fellows believes that education is the key to creating a better future, and they are committed to providing underprivileged students with the resources and opportunities they need to succeed. Avanti Fellows have demonstrated their commitment to improving education access and quality for underprivileged students in India. They will play a crucial role in building strong networks and partnerships with other organizations to maximize the impact of their efforts. JEET is grateful for Avanti Fellows' contribution of 9000 study material videos to JEET's digital open library, which will benefit thousands of students across India. With their data-driven approach, research-oriented mindset, and dedication to making a measurable impact, Avanti Fellows continue to be a beacon of hope for students from marginalized communities who aspire to break free from the shackles of poverty and build a brighter future for themselves and their families.

## Parivaar Provides Safe Haven for Vulnerable Children in Bengal with New Residential Block.

Parivaar, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing a safe haven for destitute and vulnerable children, has operationalized a new residential block on their Bengal campus. The block can accommodate over 350 children, and its construction and opening have been six years in the making, with two years of pandemic-related disruptions.

Parivaar is the largest free residential institution for destitute and vulnerable children in Bengal, with several other impactful interventions aimed at helping the poorest of the poor in other parts of India. This achievement is only possible due to the support of well-wishers and donors from various states in the country, ranging from small towns and villages, with amounts ranging from less than a hundred rupees to higher sums. Parivaar's gratitude for the kind-heartedness and generosity of its supporters is immense and heartfelt.

Parivaar's commitment to helping the most vulnerable aligns with the goals of the Jeet Alliance, an organization that seeks to transform the education sector in India. Parivaar can play a role in helping Jeet Alliance achieve its objectives by sharing resources and collaborating with other educational organizations.



As a non-profit organization, Parivaar relies heavily on the support of its donors to continue its mission of providing a safe haven for vulnerable children. The new residential block will make it possible for even more children to receive the care and support they need to thrive. The Jeet Alliance and Parivaar can work together to create a better future for the children of India.

JEET is inspired by Parivaar's work and looks forward to partnering with them to make a positive impact on the lives of children in India. With Parivaar's continued dedication and collaboration, we can create a brighter future for the children of India and provide them with the opportunities and support they need to succeed. Their contributions and efforts to improve education access and quality for marginalized communities are truly inspiring and demonstrate the power of collective action in creating positive change.

Join JEET by becoming a member

India has a complex educational system, with each state having its own official education board and university governing body, along with other local authorities responsible for regulating schools. Despite this complexity, India has made significant progress in improving literacy rates and expanding access to primary and secondary education in major cities and towns across the country.

If you are passionate about making an impact in the education sector, we encourage you to join JEET today and become a member of the movement to transform education in India. As a member, you will have the opportunity to work with a network of NGOs, governments, organizations, institutions, and individuals who are deeply committed to promoting quality education for all.

To become a member of JEET, simply scan the QR Code below and make a payment of Rs.2,000. This includes a one-time fee of Rs.1,000 and an annual fee of Rs. 1,000 (payable in January every year).

As a member, you will receive regular updates on the latest advancements in the education sector in India, as well as opportunities to participate in JEET's various programs and initiatives. Join us today and let's work together to eliminate educational inequality and promote quality education for all.



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## Organizations who joined JEET this month

### **Ramakrishna Sarada Samiti**

[www.rkssngo.org](http://www.rkssngo.org)

**Activities :** Education, Women's Empowerment and Health Camps

### **National Association for the Blind, India**

[www.nabindia.org.in](http://www.nabindia.org.in)

**Activities :** Prevention of blindness and low vision, Education, Talking books, Braille press, Vocational training, etc.

### **Bombay Community Public Trust**

[www.bcpt.org.in](http://www.bcpt.org.in)

**Activities :** Educational scholarships, medical relief, development of some training manuals and films, conducting NGO development activities and projects through NGOs

### **Shree Samarth Vyayam Mandir**

<https://ssvmdadar.com/>

**Activities :** Sports Training & Certification and Yoga

### **MSP Foundation**

<http://www.msp-edu.org/>

**Activities :** Educating, uplifting and strengthening through schools including the villages of Ambavade and Gursale, in Central Maharashtra.

### **Muktangan Education Trust**

<https://muktanganedu.org/>

**Activities :** Seven Mumbai Municipal schools Integrated with a Teacher Education Center, Outreach through Collaborative Learning, Research and Advocacy

### **VK Ramaswamy Iyengar Chellamal Education Trust**

<https://ramaswamychellammatrust.org/>

**Activities :** Making educational videos for the disadvantaged children and providing free access to them

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## C20 Think Tank Includes Recommendations by JEET on Philanthropy and Educational

The Civil 20 - Chaupal Meet held in Mumbai on March 18th, 2023, brought together various stakeholders to discuss challenges and recommendations for promoting philanthropy and educational equity. The outcomes of the meet will be summarized and shared with G20 Leaders in Delhi. One of the key highlights of the meet was the recommendations proposed by RKSS - JEET, which were accepted by the think tank and will be forwarded to the G20 group in Delhi. The recommendations aim to address the following challenges:

**Challenge 1:** Simplifying Bureaucratic Formalities - The increasing formalities, documentation, and bureaucratic regulations are limiting the interest of people in philanthropy.

**Challenge 2:** Lack of Synergy Amongst NGOs - Various organizations working towards the same social cause are not aware of each other's activities, leading to repetitive efforts and lack of unity.

**Challenge 3:** Educational inequity - Around 200 million disadvantaged and disabled school children in India are deprived of their right to quality education.

In response to these challenges, the following solutions were proposed:

**Solution 1:** Reducing Paperwork - Registrations and related paperwork should be minimized to encourage people to run social organizations.

**Solution 2:** Building Social Platforms - Social platforms should be created where different NGOs can interact, discuss problems they face at different stages, and resolve them together. United NGOs can save on overheads and legal costs involved therein.

**Solution 3:** Education and Skill Development - Providing access to free online courses, tutorials, and other learning materials, hosting workshops and training sessions, working with local non-profits and community centers, and connecting individuals with mentors for guidance, advice, and support to develop new skills.

Additionally, Civil 20 - Chaupal Meet discussed several long-term action plans to promote educational equity at the meet, indicating a commitment to building a more equitable and philanthropic society. The solutions proposed aim to reduce bureaucratic formalities, promote synergy amongst NGOs, and provide education and skill development opportunities for all. The acceptance of these recommendations by the think tank and their forwarding to the G20 group in Delhi is a positive step towards creating a more conducive environment for philanthropy and promoting educational equity.

## New Tax Regime and Its Potential Impact on Charitable Giving

The new budget announcement of increased tax exemptions may impact retail charitable giving as taxpayers may opt for the new tax regime rather than the previous tax regime that provides charitable contribution deductions under section 80G of the Income Tax Act. Concerns have been raised that the new default tax regime may discourage taxpayers from making charitable contributions. However, the impact of the new tax regime on charity donations is unknown, and educational groups may need to adjust their strategy to ensure continued donations. Encouraging people to contribute to the social impact rather than the financial benefits they receive may be one way to mitigate the impact of the new tax regime on charity giving.