

Khushi Educational and Social Trust

In today's edition, we invite you to embark on a journey filled with inspiration and compassion as we delve into the heartwarming initiatives of Khushi Educational and Social Trust. Prepare to be moved by stories of empowerment, creativity, and community engagement. Join us as we uncover the transformative impact of education that goes beyond the classroom, bringing hope and a brighter future to the lives of underprivileged children and families. Let's explore the remarkable work of Khushi Trust, where education meets empathy, and dreams find wings.

Meghshala

Join us today as we delve into the transformative journey of Meghshala Trust, a beacon of hope in India's education landscape. Founded in 2013, Meghshala is redefining how children learn by providing innovative teacher training methods and high-quality teaching resources. This edition unravels their ingenious initiatives, collaborative partnerships, and commitment to shaping a brighter future through education. Discover how Meghshala Trust is leaving an indelible mark on countless students and teachers, one classroom at a time.

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Unveiling Human Potential: The Impact of Sports, Education, and Achievement

In a world where the horizons of human potential continue to expand, the pivotal role that sports and education play in shaping young minds cannot be overstated. They are not mere extracurricular activities; rather, they are pathways to holistic development, teaching valuable life lessons and forging the foundation for future success. Recent accomplishments by schools like RKSS Mumbai and Parivaar, combined with India's noteworthy performance in the Asian Games, provide us with compelling examples of how the fusion of sports and education can propel individuals toward greatness.



The Odyssey of Faiz Ansari

Faiz Ansari's journey from Mumbai to Israel for his Mallakhamb performance is a testament to the power of sports in igniting interest in education. Faiz was a school dropout, while he was taking remedial classes at RKSS he never showed interest in pursuing school education. But RKSS teachers prevailed upon him to continue with Mallakhamb, a sport he liked from the beginning. As he started representing Mumbai city and Maharashtra state in Mallakhamb events he realized he had the discipline to pursue education too. So he enrolled for X and later XII examinations and passed. Now he is planning to do a diploma in physical education. This shows the close association between sports and education as both require immense discipline.

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The achievement of Faiz could not have been possible without the unwavering support of RKSS Mumbai and his Mallakhamb teacher. These educators have invested years of their lives in shaping young talents, bringing them to international standards. Their efforts are a shining example of how teachers can be mentors and guides not only academically but also in the realm of sports.

This accomplishment aligns with the mission of promoting quality education, which includes sports and vocational learning. It is a modest yet reassuring milestone in the journey towards holistic development.



Parivaar's Basketball Conquest

Another remarkable story unfolds on the courts, where Parivaar's U-14 basketball team, has showcased the competitive spirit that sports can nurture. All students are from underprivileged backgrounds pursuing education in Parivaar Schools. The Under 14 team won 8 out of 9 matches, including the final, they earned a spot in the Inter-State competition in Delhi. This journey involved outperforming 147 schools from West Bengal, a daunting task in itself. Defeating established institutions like La Martiniere Kolkata, Don Bosco (Siliguri), G.D. Goenka School, and Indus Valley School, speaks volumes about the passion, hard work, and talent of these young athletes.



India's Glory at the Asian Games

India's success in the Asian Games 2023 is a collective victory that reverberates across the nation. The contingent of Indian athletes who participated in the event showcased their prowess and resilience, clinching a staggering 107 medals. All athletes and sports-persons are more than just individuals; they are symbols of inspiration and fortitude. Their achievements remind us that in sports, as in life, it is not about winning every time, but competing with one's heart and soul.

The interaction between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Indian athletes underscores the importance of recognizing and encouraging sporting excellence. The Prime Minister's words of encouragement are not mere platitudes; they are a salute to the indomitable spirit that athletes embody. Such interactions demonstrate the synergy between sports and leadership, where both drive each other towards excellence.



The Symbiotic Relationship: Sports and Education

Sports and education are not parallel tracks but deeply interconnected facets of human growth. While education equips students with knowledge and skills, sports instill essential values such as discipline, teamwork, resilience, and perseverance. The accomplishments of Faiz Ansari of RKSSNGO, the young basketball players of Parivaar.Org, and India's athletes in the Asian Games exemplify the synergy between these two domains. They show that true success lies at the intersection of learning and competition. These achievements should serve as a clarion call for educational institutions and policymakers to prioritize sports and physical education. The well-rounded development of a student involves not only academic excellence but also physical fitness and emotional intelligence. The adage "Sound body in sound mind" rings true, emphasizing the importance of sports in fostering a conducive environment for learning.



India's Investment in Sports Infrastructure and Opportunities

As we bask in the glory of these remarkable achievements, it is worth noting that India is also making significant investments in sports infrastructure and opportunities. The government is taking steps to build world-class facilities, identify and nurture young talent, and promote sports as a viable career option. Initiatives like the 'Fit India Movement' and 'Khelo India' are creating pathways for aspiring athletes to achieve their dreams.

Sports and education are not isolated endeavors but are, in fact, two sides of the same coin, each reinforcing the other. Thus we covered a few examples to show that these two domains can shape young minds, teach life lessons, and propel individuals toward greatness. They remind us that success is not a destination but a journey that encompasses dedication, hard work, and the willingness to compete on the global stage. India's investment in sports is a testament to its commitment to nurturing the talents of its youth, ultimately shaping a brighter and more dynamic future.



Empowering Dreams, Transforming Lives: The Remarkable Journey of Khushi Educational and Social Trust



In the bustling heart of Mumbai, where narrow alleys intertwine with the dreams of countless families, a group of young visionaries set out on a mission almost two decades ago. What started as a humble initiative by a group of compassionate youth in 1999, Khushi Educational and Social Trust has transformed into a beacon of hope for underprivileged women and children across Mumbai.

A Holistic Approach to Empowerment

Khushi Trust, a Mumbai-based non-governmental organization, embodies the spirit of genuine social service. Beyond the realm of traditional education, Khushi Trust has embraced a holistic approach, recognizing that nurturing young minds goes hand in hand with supporting their families and communities. It was not merely about teaching numbers and alphabets; it was about instilling confidence, fostering creativity, and ensuring physical and mental well-being.

At the heart of their initiatives lies the recognition that children are not isolated entities. Their environment, their families, and their communities play pivotal roles in their development. Hence, Khushi Trust delved deep into the needs of the community, understanding the challenges faced by the elderly, the aspirations of young girls, and the potential of every child.



From Kids Club to Educational Excellence

Seventeen years ago, when tuitions were not the norm, the founders of Khushi Trust noticed the youth of their community wandering aimlessly after school hours. Concerned about their future, they initiated the Kids Club, a haven for learning, creativity, and camaraderie. Recognizing the lack of focus and resources, they ventured into education, starting with the basics. A small library space in Dadar became a sanctuary where children could immerse themselves in the world of books, numbers, and knowledge.

The journey was not without challenges. Limited resources demanded innovation. The founders, now young adults working jobs, contributed from their own salaries. They organized events, celebrated festivals, and engaged the children in diverse activities, ensuring that learning was not a chore but a joyous adventure.

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Education Beyond Boundaries: BCPT Partnership

In 2015, Khushi Trust's mission gained momentum with the support of BCPT funding. The focus shifted to improving English education in government schools. College students were trained in English e-Teach, conducting classes twice a week in regional language schools. The results were not just measured in scores but in the newfound confidence of the children. They spoke English with conviction, breaking barriers of hesitation and fear.

Nurturing Creativity through Art Masti

Recognizing the importance of art in education, Khushi Trust launched the Art Masti project. For four years, they have been providing free art and craft activities to economically disadvantaged children, promoting creativity, concentration, and confidence. The project not only bridged the gap in art education but also became a platform for self-expression and exploration.

A Summer of Smiles: Khushi Summer Camp

Every summer, Khushi Trust organizes a camp that transcends traditional boundaries of education. In the picturesque setting of Jijamata Vidyalaya, children from various neighborhoods come together for a four-day extravaganza of art, drama, storytelling, and dance. It's not just about having fun; it's about fostering qualities like teamwork, creativity, and leadership. The camp is a testament to Khushi Trust's commitment to providing equal opportunities and high-quality experiences to every child.



A Vision Beyond Numbers: The Khushi Impact

The impact of Khushi Educational and Social Trust resonates far beyond statistics and numbers. It's in the smiles of children confidently articulating their thoughts in English. It's in the elderly finding companionship and support in a caring community. It's in the creative expressions of young artists and the joy of learning experienced by every child in the Kids Club.



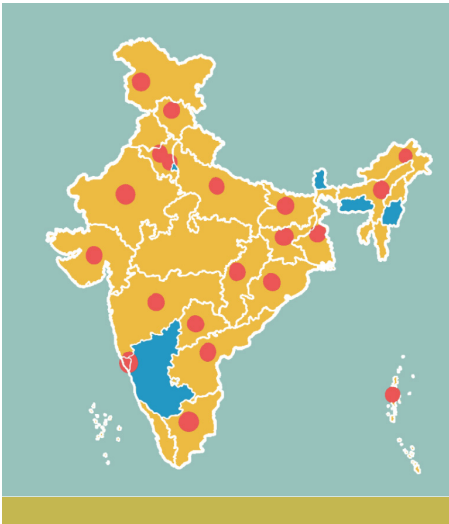
Khushi Trust has not just educated; it has nurtured, empowered, and transformed lives. By recognizing the importance of holistic development and community engagement, Khushi Trust has become a guiding light, illuminating the path to a brighter future for the children of Mumbai. Through dedication, innovation, and unwavering compassion, Khushi Trust has proven that education is not just a tool; it's a catalyst for change, a bridge to dreams, and a foundation for a better tomorrow.





Meghshala Trust: Revolutionizing Education through Innovation and Collaboration

In a world brimming with challenges, one organization stands as a beacon of hope, working tirelessly to illuminate the path of education for countless children in India. Meghshala Trust, founded in December 2013, embodies the spirit of positive change and innovative thinking, with an unwavering commitment to revolutionize the way children learn. The trust's journey is a testament to the power of public-private partnerships and their ability to catalyze transformation in education.



The visionary minds behind Meghshala, led by the indomitable Jyoti Thyagarajan, recognized a glaring void in the Indian education system. Traditional teaching methods prevailed, and teachers lacked the necessary resources to make learning engaging and effective, particularly in low-income schools. Determined to change this status quo, they set out on a mission to empower teachers and provide them with the tools to nurture inquisitive, critical-thinking students who would shape a better world.

5 STATES
5709 SCHOOLS
17,124+ USERS ACROSS INDIA
7000+ LESSONS IN ENGLISH AND VERNACULAR



At the heart of Meghshala's philosophy lies the belief that education is not a mere accumulation of facts but a journey of creating lifelong learners, students who think critically, exhibit curiosity, and champion innovation. To achieve this, the organization embarked on a multifaceted approach. Meghshala's first significant breakthrough came with a generous grant from Tata Trusts, enabling them to revamp the Karnataka Syllabus in 100 schools. This was no small feat. Over two years, the trust meticulously researched and developed world-class content that aligned with the Karnataka State Board syllabus for grades one to eight in both English and Kannada. These lessons moved beyond the traditional lecture-based model, transforming classrooms into hubs of interactivity and innovation.



But it wasn't just about transferring knowledge; Meghshala understood the importance of instilling values such as gender equality, empathy, and tolerance. Their content is enriched with engrossing audio-visual elements, making learning a multi-sensory experience. By shifting the focus from rote memorization to real comprehension, students were encouraged to think critically, apply their knowledge, analyze data, and envision creative solutions to real-world problems.

Meghshala didn't stop at content creation; they recognized the pivotal role teachers play in this transformation. To support them, a fellowship and leadership program was designed. However, the journey was not without its challenges, such as extensive teacher training on non-Windows OS desktops. The hard work paid off when Meghshala received the NITI Aayog Award for the Top 20 Social Innovations, a recognition of their groundbreaking contribution to the field of education.

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Few of many milestones of Meghshala

December 2013

Meghshala Trust is founded with the vision of transforming education in India, recognizing the need for innovative teacher training and quality teaching resources.

2014 - 2015:

The trust secures a substantial grant from Tata Trusts, setting the stage for implementing changes in the Karnataka Syllabus in 100 schools.

2015 - 2017:

Over the course of two years, extensive research is conducted, and world-class content is developed and curated by teachers from diverse backgrounds, aligning it with the Karnataka State Board syllabus for grades one to eight.

2016:

Meghshala receives the NITI Aayog Award for being one of the Top 20 Social Innovations in the National Contest on Social Innovation

August 2017:

An android-based mobile application is launched, offering high-quality lessons for grades one to eight with a multilingual interface, ensuring accessibility even in areas with limited internet connectivity.

2017 - 2021:

Collaborations with organizations like the Deshpande Foundation, Lenovo India, and Cisco expand Meghshala's reach, allowing customization of content for various states, including Manipur, Sikkim, and Meghalaya.

Throughout 2020:

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Meghshala quickly adapts, providing online training and video recordings for teachers and students through their YouTube channel.

Success story continues...

Flexibility and adaptability are the hallmarks of Meghshala's success. When the Karnataka Government transitioned from the Karnataka State Board to NCERT for grades six and seven in 2018, the trust had already begun creating e-lessons for the new curriculum. The introduction of a user-friendly android-based mobile application further democratized education. Even in areas with limited internet access, Meghshala's applications function seamlessly, ensuring that learning knows no boundaries.

Meghshala's relentless pursuit of excellence led them to participate in Gray Matters Capital's accelerator program, aimed at improving learning outcomes through enhanced mobile app engagement. Collaborations with the Deshpande Foundation, Lenovo India, and Cisco further expanded their footprint, customizing content for various states. With more than 5,500 lessons, Meghshala leaves no stone unturned, catering to Karnataka State Board, CBSE, and NCERT curricula. They actively encourage teachers to translate content into regional languages, promoting ownership and democratization of education.

In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, Meghshala adapted swiftly, engaging teachers with online training and video recordings. Their YouTube channel became a valuable resource for students, teachers, and parents, a testament to their resilience and commitment to learning.

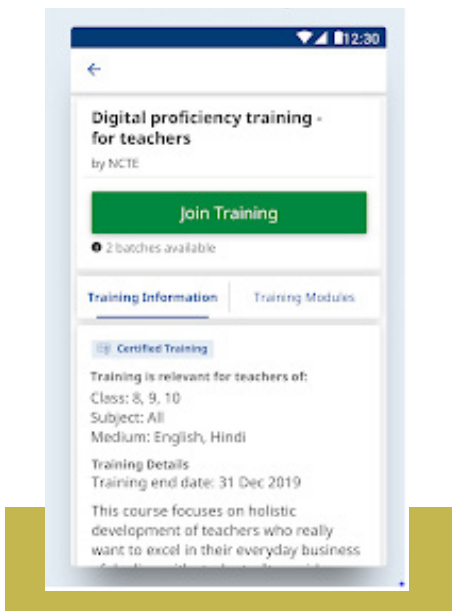
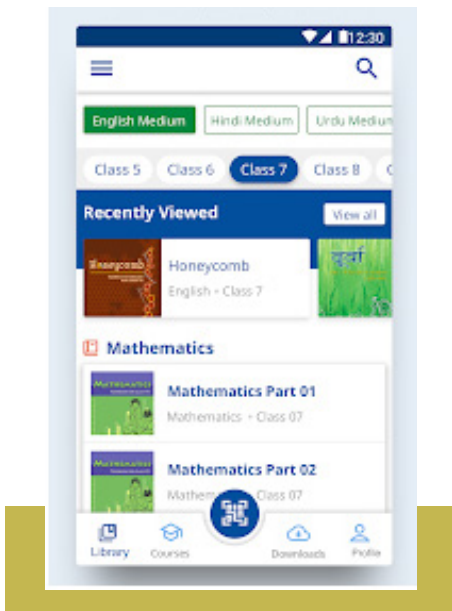


Looking ahead, Meghshala envisions an even more promising future. Their plans include a collaborative content editing tool, augmented content, early childhood education, a student-facing app, higher education, and an international syllabus global open-source developer community. Their ultimate goal is to bring the beautifully crafted NEP 2019 to every classroom in every school across every state, making quality education a reality for all.

Meghshala Trust is a shining example of the Nexus of Good. With Jyoti Thyagarajan's inspired leadership and the dedication of their team, they have proven that quality education is achievable through innovative interventions, thanks to the power of public-private partnerships. Their story is a testament to the transformative impact of positive change in education, a beacon of hope for a brighter future in India.

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Security Lapse

Security lapses in the app operated by India’s Education Ministry exposed the personally identifying information of millions of students and teachers for over a year. The data was stored by the Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing app, or Diksha, a public education app launched in 2017. Data of nearly 6 lakh Indian students and 10 lakh teachers has been reportedly exposed due to the app data stored on an unprotected cloud server, resulting in information such as names, email IDs, school backgrounds, and more being exposed.

JEET’s Observations

Digital content especially videos and lessons are either non-existent or sparsely available, for school subjects in many Indian languages. For language subjects like English when you opt for state board syllabus you get to see videos that are not relevant to the text book material. Registration and changes to profile post registration is clumsy and frustrating. Sometimes the changes you make to your own profile are NOT saved or retained upon your re-login to the app. Example, if you opt for say MP state board and view the videos and lessons, later change the profile to Maharashtra state board either it doesn’t affect the change or upon re-login you are shown as a person registering for MP state board lessons. Lessons are not searchable, after your profile is updated list of videos and lessons are displayed to select that’s all.

In Conclusion

For a brief period during pandemic DIKSHA App had a very good user base since there was no other alternative to learn and there is a steady decline in both downloads and user base after situation returned to normal. We are giving below the current Leader Board – Usage Rank and Store Rank as on date. Usage rank is pretty obvious as it is based on current installs and active users in India, the table is arranged in the descending order of usage rank. Store rank is ranking in the chosen store, Country, and Category.

To conclude, Government is once again repeating the historical error of giving away its predominant position in education to the private players owing to its low investments in educational technologies. PW and Unacademy have topped the race in school education. Though DIKSHA had all the first mover advantages it ceded the space to private players, gradually but surely!

APP	PUBLISHER	USAGE RANK	STORE RANK
Physics Wallah	Alakh Pandey	1	6
Test Book – Govt. Exams Test Prep	Testbook	5	4
Unacademy	Unacademy	6	2
Adda 247	Adda 247	7	14
Doubtnut	Doubtnut	8	7
Brainly – Homework Math Solver	Brainly, Poland	9	8
Rojgar with Ankit	RWA App	10	10
Khan Global Studies	Khan GS (not same as Khan Academy)	11	21
Byjus	Byjus	12	36
Careerwill App	Careerwill	13	38
NCERT Books & Solutions	Supercop	15	19
Utkarsh – Govt. Jobs & Exam Prep	Utkarsh Classes	16	16
Diksha	Ministry of Edu. GOI	18	15