

Shaishav Child Rights

In this article, we will delve into the extraordinary work of the Shaishav Foundation, nestled in the heart of Bhavnagar, Gujarat. We'll explore how Shaishav has emerged as a beacon of hope, illustrating the incredible power of education and the active engagement of children in governance. From its humble beginnings to its impressive impact, we'll uncover the inspiring story of how Shaishav has transformed the lives of countless children, empowering them to seize control of their destinies and contribute to the betterment of their communities. Join us on this remarkable journey of education, empowerment, and lasting change.

Each One Teach One Charitable Foundation

In this issue we will delve into the inspiring journey of the Each One Teach One Charitable Foundation and its mission to illuminate the futures of underprivileged children and youth in Mumbai. We will explore the foundation's humble beginnings, its dedication to education, and the positive impact it has had on countless lives. From educational initiatives to holistic development, we will uncover how EOTO continues to be a beacon of change in the city, demonstrating the profound transformation that can occur when each one teaches one.

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Free & open learning resources are the best tools to eradicate illiteracy & improve quality education

Free education is quite an economic burden for the governments of developing nations to be provided to the citizens of Global South. Developed countries like Germany, France, Norway, Finland, Denmark and Estonia provide free education where students are not required to pay tuition fees. However, all governments can and should provide free educational resources like books, note books, pens, pencils, lab equipment, computers, laptops, broadband, videos, digital lessons, and tabs, which is a harbinger for the next big leap of providing free education.

Biggest Challenges in the Indian Education System

India's education system is big, diverse, and complex having 20+ regional languages, 60+ education boards, and about 10 million teachers teaching ~250 million students. Therefore, innovative methods of providing education in schools should not only be encouraged but massively funded to be able to provide affordable but high quality education to the disadvantaged children. It is estimated that nearly 190 million children from the government schools and budget private schools are disadvantaged because their parents spend on education is limited to Rs.1000 per month.



1.5 Million +
Schools



20+ Regional
Languages



60 + Educational
Boards



248 Million +
Students &
9.4 Million+ Teachers



156 Million + in
Government Schools



92 Million + in
Private Schools

BUILDING BLOCKS



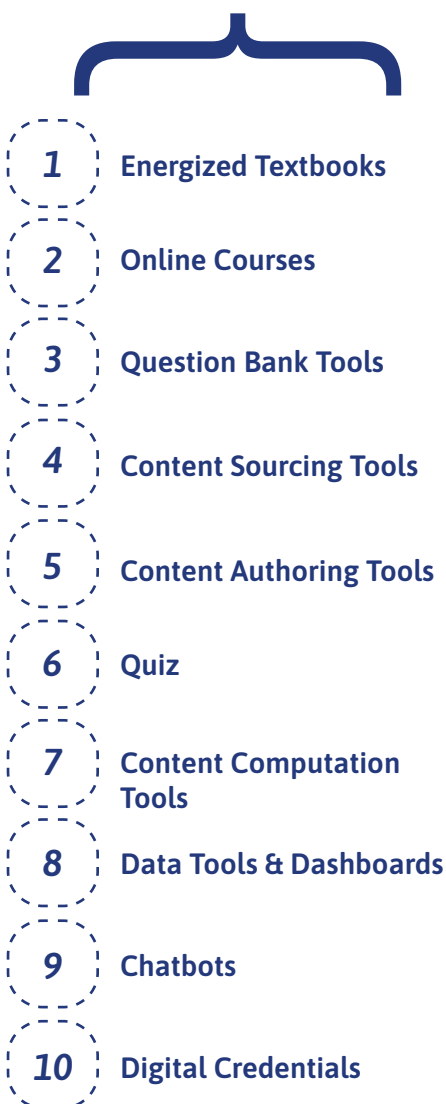
DIKSHA – An ongoing success story

Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge sharing is an App for school education from the NCERT, Government of India. It is the most downloaded educational app in India on Google Play. Its building blocks are as follows:



The National Resource Centre for Free and Open Source Software supports development, awareness and adoption, notably through the free Bharat Operating System Solutions certified by Linux and supported in 18 Indian languages (India Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, 2021). Its educational variant, EduBOSS, is a free operating system for schools (CDAC, 2023). Due to the free availability of educational video content linked closely with school subjects and syllabus the app is well received in India and its user base is continuing to grow. This is the only FREE educational video library for school children, available online. Source: 2020: Diksha.gov.in

USE CASES



1.85 Billion +
Learning Sessions

15.9 Billion +
Learning Minutes



13.8 Billion +
Page Hits

30 +
Languages

Uplifting Stories of Small Beginnings and Big Impacts

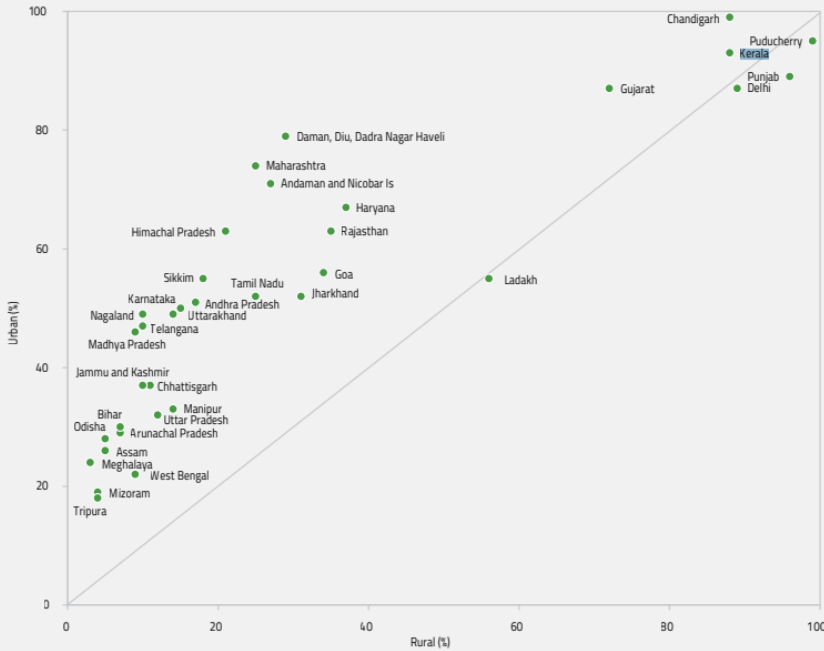
The recently GEM Report (Global Education Monitoring) 2023 released by UNESCO praised the efforts of Kerala state in India to accelerate quality learning by the use of technology, and has made three specific observations on the state's efforts as follows:

1. The wiki software is often used in schools and tertiary education institutions. In Kerala state, India, for example, the School-Wiki initiative connects 15,000 schools for collaborative content development. The Wiki software allows documents to be directly edited by anyone while keeping retrievable records of every edit and every version.
2. The percentage of schools connected to the internet is highest in Kerala.
3. The free software policy in the state of Kerala, for instance, means that more than 2 million computers used in schools carry the latest version of free and open source software.

FIGURE 7.5:

There is a large rural–urban divide in internet connectivity in India

Percentage of schools connected to the internet, by state/union territory and location, India, 2020/21



GEM StatLink: https://bit.ly/GEM2023_fig7_5
Source: Bhattacharya et al. (2023) based on UDISE+ data.

Thus, free and open learning resources are the best tools to eradicate illiteracy and improve quality education in India. And JEET is another example of attempting to provide thousands of free videos and digital content to school children from regional languages in particular and government schools in general.

Parivaar Organization’s Sanjit Murmu Receives Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Medha Puraskar

We are thrilled to share an update from Parivaar Organization: Sanjit Murmu, a long-standing resident of Parivaar Bengal, has been honored with the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Medha Puraskar by the Collector and District Magistrate of 24 Parganas (South) district. This district, boasting a population of over 1 crore, ranks among the top three most populous districts in the country, along with 24 Parganas (North) and the Mumbai suburbs.

Sanjit has been an integral part of Parivaar for the past 12 years, demonstrating exceptional dedication and resilience. His outstanding achievement includes securing an impressive 88 percent score in the ICSE 10th Board exams, and he is currently in Grade 11, pursuing his academic journey.

Among the recipients of this prestigious award, which recognized approximately six individuals, Sanjit stands out as the sole male representative in the Scheduled Tribes category. This remarkable accomplishment highlights his perseverance and the promising future that lies ahead.

JEET congratulates Parivaar wholeheartedly! Your dedication to nurturing talents and empowering marginalized communities is remarkable. Sanjit Murmu’s achievement is proof of your transformative work. We’re inspired by your commitment and look forward to more success stories. Congratulations, Parivaar!

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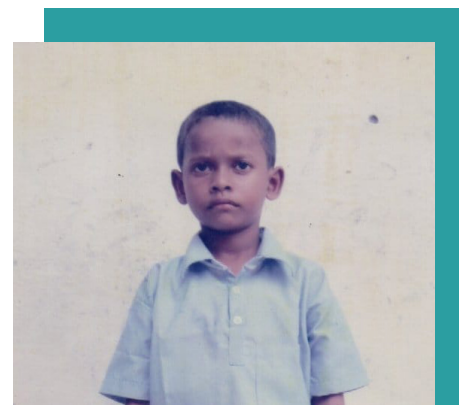
If you are passionate about making an impact in the education sector, we encourage you to join JEET today and become a member of the movement to transform education in India. As a member, you will have the opportunity to work with a network of NGOs, governments, organizations, institutions, and individuals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

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Join us today and let’s work together to eliminate educational inequality and promote quality education for all.



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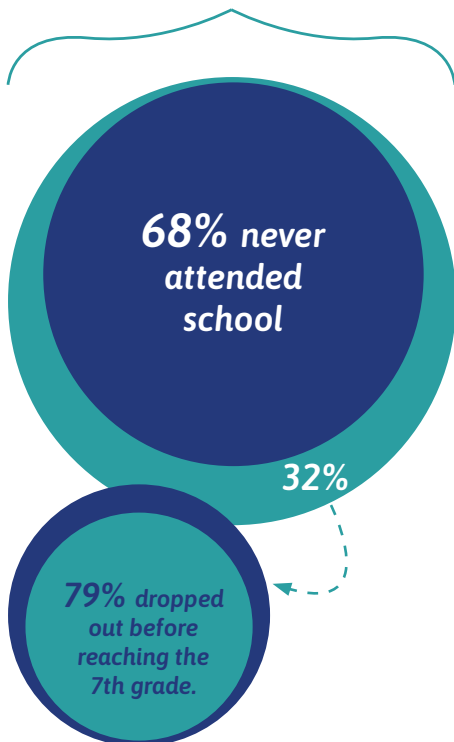




Shaishav Foundation: Transforming Lives Through Education and Child Participation

Nestled in the heart of Bhavnagar, Gujarat, the Shaishav Foundation has emerged as a beacon of hope, illustrating the incredible power of education and the active engagement of children in governance. For over three decades, Shaishav has pursued an unwavering mission: to break the vicious cycle of child labor, champion education, and empower the youngest minds for a brighter future.

12,813 surveyed child labours



From Urban to Rural:

One of the founders of Shaishav embarked on their journey in the bustling urban centers of Bombay, amassing extensive experience in the social sector and the other worked in the rural-tribal areas. Yet, their experiences led them to a profound realization: the heart of social inequality and child labor beat strong in rural areas as it does in the city lights. This epiphany ignited their passion to return to the villages and confront these issues at their very source.

A Glimpse into Reality:

In the year of 1995, Shaishav conducted a survey that unearthed a harrowing truth. Among the 12,813 surveyed child labours a staggering 68% had never graced the doors of a school. Equally troubling, 79% of those who had been enrolled dropped out before reaching the 7th grade. This stark revelation shone a light on the harsh living conditions of Kumbharwada, one of Bhavnagar's largest slums and many similar underprivileged areas of Bhavnagar.

A Beacon of Hope:

In 1995, Shaishav leaped into action, birthing the Community Education Center or "Balghar". In the span of just one year, 78 eager students found themselves enrolled in government schools. The children who were working and not going to schools came to Balghar on daily basis and learn new things with concept clarity and in joyful manner. Over the years we enrolled over 15,000 children to schools,



Empowering Through Education:

Shaishav introduced "Multipurpose Mobile School Program," a weekly complementary support to the government schools in 1996. Through this program we were reaching out to over 18,000 children of 36 government schools every week. This program was running till 2009 and in these 12+ years we reached out to over a lakh students. Employing a unique model SETU, the bridge, private school students were paired with their government school counterparts, nurturing the exchange of knowledge and fostering a passion for extracurricular subjects. With a dedicated focus on weekly education, this initiative witnessed a remarkable 80% spike in student retention rates.



"We do not follow any philosophy; we follow children. They are not beneficiaries or the end-users. They are "Change Makers" and partners in the process of change,"

- Ms. Parul Sheth, Founder, Shaishav Child Rights Foundation

Children in Governance:



At the heart of Shaishav's philosophy lies the firm belief in nurturing not just students but the leaders of tomorrow. Their remarkable initiative, "Bal Sena" (Children's Collective), stands as a shining testament to this belief. Bal Sena serves as a platform where children actively participate in governance and decision-making processes. These young leaders are not passive observers but integral contributors to the shaping of their communities and schools. Bal Sena instills in them a profound sense of responsibility, accountability, and a deep understanding of their rights and duties as citizens. Through their involvement in Bal Sena, children delve into the intricacies of governance, leadership, and advocacy, ultimately empowering them to bring about positive changes not just in their own lives but across society.

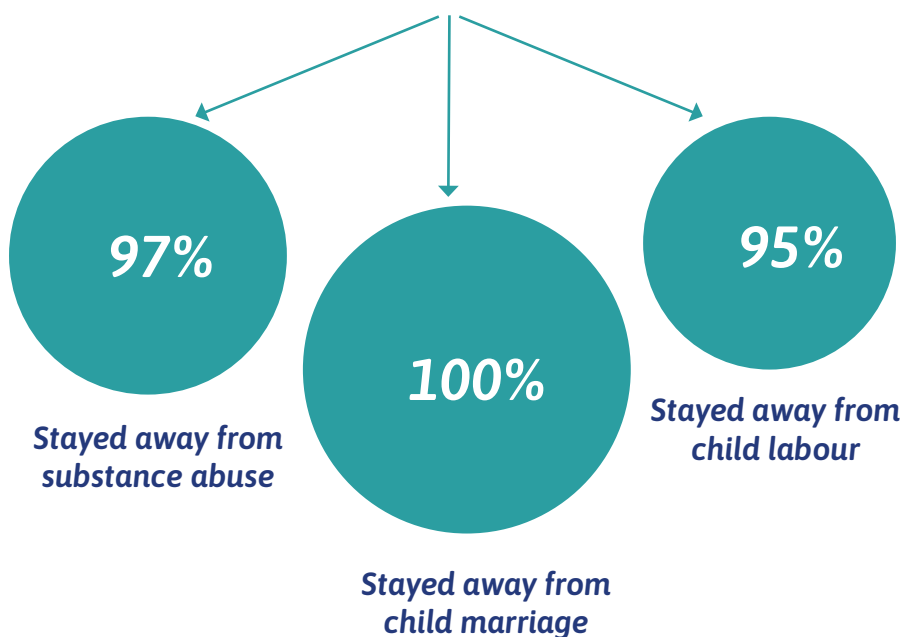
Exploring Bal Sena in Depth:



Bal Sena is, at its core, a student-led organization run by students and for students. Over the course of its 30-year legacy within Shaishav Foundation, Bal Sena has evolved into a formidable force for change. Its alumni include not only entrepreneur and leaders in the corporate sector but also individuals who have returned to the social sector to give back to their communities. Bal Sena operates on the fundamental principle that children are not passive recipients of support; they are active agents of change. These young leaders form small collectives, engage with their communities, and confront diverse challenges. From addressing local issues to managing programs, Bal Sena members learn the significance of teamwork, decision-making, and community empowerment. They are educated about their rights to education and participation, transforming them into protagonists for child rights. Bal Sena fosters within them the belief that they can effect tangible change, arming them with the skills and confidence to advocate for change at both micro and macro levels of society. Through this unique approach, Bal Sena not only enriches the lives of its participants but also significantly contributes to the betterment of their communities and beyond.



Over 17,000 children have passed through Bal Sena





Another commendable initiative that has sprung from the ingenious minds of Bal Sena is Aaranyak, with a dedicated focus on the tribal regions of the Narmada district which is one of the aspirational districts of Gujarat. Aaranyak comprises four essential components, each addressing different facets of the holistic development of children.

1. Anganwadi: This component recognizes the significance of early childhood development and education. It underscores the importance of commencing a child's journey of learning and growth right from the very beginning, ensuring they receive the nurturing and care they deserve and the basic ECE.

2. Model of Children-Friendly Village: At the heart of this aspect is the idea that children's well-being goes hand in hand with their access to quality education, addressing specific issues that affect them, and involving them in local governance when necessary. It envisions villages where children's voices are heard and their needs are met. For that Shaishav works with children as well as adults and make them aware and sensitise them about child rights.



3. Ashram Shala: This component caters to the most marginalized segments of society, where children often face significant challenges in accessing education and basic necessities. Ashram Shalas are residential schools where these children study. The Ashram Shalas are run by trusts and are funded by the government but are very under resourced. Children face numerous problems including various forms of abuse and violence. Shaishav team visit these Ashram Shalas weekly or fortnightly and provide training and emotional support to these children.

4. Vanashala: Vanashala represents the creative, extracurricular side of education. Here, children are encouraged to explore new things and learn with principles of self-paced and self-design learning. Children learn through project methods and learn by doing. It's a space where their curiosity knows no bounds, and they can broaden their horizons in diverse fields.



Impact on Child Labor and Beyond:

Shaishav Foundation's relentless efforts have yielded astounding results. Over 17,000 children have passed through Bal Sena and a vast majority have successfully escaped the clutches of child labor. This achievement represents tangible transformations in countless young lives.

Moreover, Shaishav's holistic approach has achieved almost 100% success rate in preventing child marriages and an approximately 90% in steering children away from the perilous path of substance abuse.

One particularly inspiring story is that of Riya (name changed), who returned to Shaishav, recognizing that education is her birthright. Her journey epitomizes the transformative power of education and the enduring impact of Shaishav's work in empowering children to seize control of their destinies and contribute to the betterment of their communities.

Shaishav Foundation continues to shine as a beacon of hope, unassailably demonstrating that education, combined with active children's participation in governance, can turn lives around and pave the way for a brighter, more equitable future for all.



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Few of many milestones of EOTO

1983 ●
EOTO was established to handle the needs of 5 children from Sion Municipal School.

2004 ●
EOTO started its Rural Outreach Programme in schools of Palghar.

2008 ●
EOTO installed a Mobile Library in a school at Palghar.

2013 ●
Chaitali Kalwankar (Ghatkopar) topped among the girl students in municipal schools in the SSC exam of 2013. 17 students distinguished themselves by scoring above 75% in the same year leading to a 7% rise in the number of children who achieved distinction.

2018 ●
Started projects at NMMC (Navi Mumbai municipal corporation) and VVMC (Vasai Virar municipal corporation) locations

Success story continues...



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Each One Teach One Charitable Foundation: Empowering Dreams by strengthening school education

In the heart of Mumbai, where the vibrant cityscape weaves stories of ambition, challenges, and determination, a beacon of hope shines resplendently—the Each One Teach One Charitable Foundation (EOTO). Established in 1983 by the visionary Mrs. Jyoti Tanna, this remarkable non-profit organization embarked on a transformative journey with just five children and an unwavering dream. Since its inception, EOTO has touched the lives of more than 40,000 children, lighting up their paths towards a brighter future.

Empowering Dreams in the Bustling Metropolis:

Mumbai, often referred to as the city of dreams, is a bustling metropolis where millions aspire to carve out a better future for themselves. Yet, amidst the glittering skyline and bustling streets, lie pockets of underprivileged communities, where the pursuit of education and opportunity is an arduous journey. Here, the Each One Teach One Foundation becomes a guiding star.

EOTO's mission is beautifully simple - to enrich the lives of underprivileged children in urban slums and rural India by nurturing their intellectual and emotional capabilities. This mission transcends boundaries, reaching out to students from municipal schools, including those with special needs.

Education as the Cornerstone:

At the core of EOTO's initiatives is a deep commitment to education. The Foundation strives to foster a love for learning by providing essential support to students. This support includes access to educational materials like uniforms and notebooks, ensuring that every child has the tools needed for a successful education.

EOTO takes education to heart and extends its support beyond the students to the very educators who mold young minds. The foundation offers targeted development programs to teachers and schools, elevating the overall quality of education in the community.

Nurturing Minds, Fostering Confidence:

EOTO's impact goes far beyond the classroom. It recognizes the significance of emotional and social development in a child's life. To this end, the Foundation provides counseling services and celebrates birthdays, creating a nurturing environment for students to thrive. Empowerment and leadership programs further equip young individuals with essential life skills. As students engage in these programs, they emerge not only as educated minds but as self-reliant, resilient, and resourceful individuals.

Holistic Development:

EOTO's commitment to holistic development is evident in its approach. Beyond academics, the Foundation encourages students to explore their passions and talents. Arts, sports, and inter-school competitions are not just extra-curricular activities; they are avenues for self-expression and personal growth. The Foundation also recognizes the importance of nutrition and health in a child's life. EOTO provides nutritious snacks, promotes basic sanitation, conducts health check-ups, and organizes awareness camps to ensure that children's overall well-being is nurtured with care.

