

Vipla Foundation, Mumbai

In a world where equal opportunities often remain out of reach for many children, this remarkable organization has emerged as a beacon of hope, dedicated to transforming the lives of underprivileged kids living in slums. With their structured approach, unwavering commitment, and visionary outlook, the Vipla Foundation is making a tangible difference in the lives of countless young minds, empowering them to overcome barriers and embrace a brighter future. Join us as we delve into the remarkable work and inspiring stories behind this transformative foundation.

Mr. Uday Deshpande's Inspirational Journey

Welcome to our special feature on Mr. Uday Deshpande, a true visionary who has revolutionized the world of sports education. In this edition, we dive into his remarkable journey and explore the transformative impact of sports, particularly Mallakhamb, on education. From enhancing physical well-being to fostering discipline and self-confidence, sports play a pivotal role in shaping the holistic development of children. Join us as we discover Mr. Deshpande's inspiring vision and his relentless efforts to promote sports in education. Together, let's unlock the potential of sports and empower future generations for a brighter tomorrow.

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Nurturing Foundational Literacy and Numeracy: A Path to Empowered Education

Foundational literacy and numeracy skills are fundamental building blocks for a child's educational journey and overall success in life. Recognizing their paramount importance, the National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) in Delhi has published a comprehensive report on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy. This report, aligned with the New Education Policy, 2020, highlights strategies and recommendations to enhance these vital skills among young learners. The report emphasizes the need for innovative curricula, pedagogical interventions, teacher training, diverse resource materials, and collaborative efforts from various stakeholders to create a conducive environment for fostering foundational literacy and numeracy.

Revamping the Curriculum

The report emphasizes the pivotal role of curriculum development, particularly in the early grades. To meet the evolving needs of learners, it is essential to revamp the curriculum and make it more inclusive and innovative. By incorporating diverse perspectives and experiences, the curriculum can engage students and promote meaningful learning.

Contextualized Curricula

It is important to contextualize curricula that cater to the socio-economic and cultural backgrounds of children. Guidelines for pre-primary and primary grade curricula should be developed to ensure a seamless progression of foundational skills from one level to the next.

Putting Children at the Center

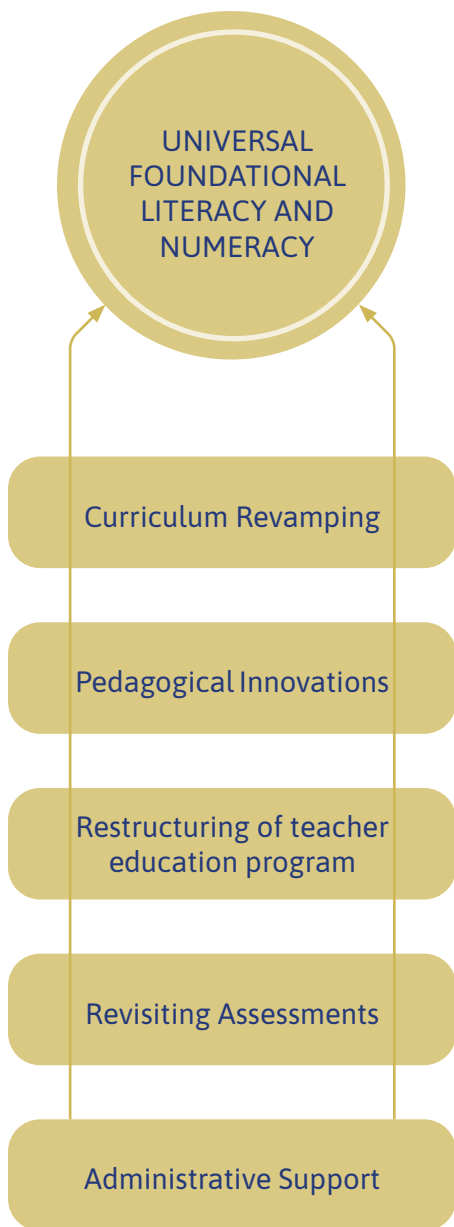
The needs and demands of children should be at the heart of the curriculum for foundational literacy and numeracy. The content should offer flexibility and adaptability, allowing students to explore and achieve multiple learning outcomes in various contexts.

Engaging Resource Materials

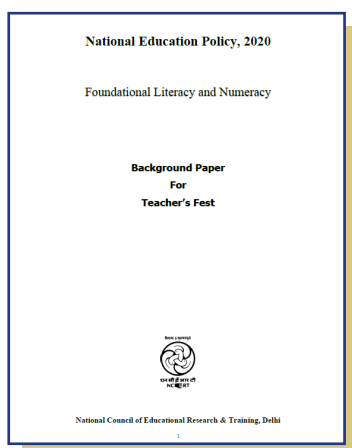
To facilitate the acquisition of foundational literacy and numeracy skills, students should have access to a wide range of resource materials. These materials should be rich in illustrations, content, and language options to cater to diverse learners.

Leveraging E-Content

In the digital era, e-books and audio-visual programs can play a crucial role in promoting foundational literacy. The report suggests the development and broadcasting of e-content in regional and tribal languages, benefiting learners and teachers alike.



The Strategies Required for Attaining this Aim of Universal Foundational Literacy and Numeracy . In order to achieve these aims the work needs to be done at Five levels.



Pedagogical Innovations

The report emphasizes the need for innovative classroom processes and pedagogical interventions tailored to the requirements of primary grade. By incorporating diverse pedagogical techniques, teachers can create enriching and interactive learning environments that cater to individual needs.

Teacher Training and Capacity Building

Teacher education programs should be designed to equip educators with the necessary skills and knowledge to create a conducive learning environment, particularly in the early grades. Existing programs need to be revised to address new demands and challenges, including sociology, psychology, philosophy of education, and assessment techniques for young learners. Capacity building programs should be implemented through personal interactions or digital platforms, enabling teachers to access audio-visual lectures and share resources.

Revisiting Assessment Methods

Developing effective curricula, pedagogies, and teachers requires a reevaluation of assessment methods. The report highlights the importance of multiple assessment tests and techniques that consider socio-cultural, economic, geographical, and linguistic diversity. By aligning assessments with learning outcomes, educators can better gauge students' progress in foundational literacy and numeracy.

Collaborative Efforts and Community Participation

To achieve universal foundational literacy and numeracy, collaboration among stakeholders is essential. The report suggests developing audio-visual tools to assess literacy and numeracy skills, along with administrative support to create a conducive environment. Furthermore, community participation, including the involvement of educated volunteers, can contribute to quality learning experiences for young learners.

Implementation Framework and Training

A structured implementation model involving central, state, and local governments is crucial for creating a conducive classroom environment. A platform should be established to facilitate collaboration and information sharing among stakeholders, including state governments, teachers, parents, school heads, and community members. This collaborative approach will help disseminate knowledge and ideas, leading to positive changes in classrooms across the country.

The Foundational Literacy and Numeracy report by the National Council of Educational Research & Training highlights the importance of prioritizing foundational skills in early education. Through curriculum revamping, contextualized curricula, student-centered approaches, diverse resource materials, and pedagogical innovations, the report provides a comprehensive roadmap to promote foundational literacy and numeracy.

By investing in teacher training, revisiting assessment methods, and fostering collaborative efforts, we can empower young learners with the skills they need to thrive academically and in their personal lives. With the collective dedication of various stakeholders, we can create an inclusive and equitable education system that nurtures the potential of every child.

Reference : <https://ncert.nic.in/> and the report published by NCERT

Empowering Lives, Building Futures: Vipla Foundation's remarkable journey of social change

In an era marked with unequal opportunities, Vipla Foundation stands as a beacon of hope, striving for the last 35 years, to transform the lives of children and women from the underserved communities. With a structured approach and a visionary outlook, Vipla foundation is a driving force of change; empowering young minds and creating a bright future for all.

Vipla Foundation (registered as Save The Children India) works in four thematic areas of Early Childhood Care, Education, Inclusion and Women Empowerment. Their programs are founded on two major pillars – Early Interventions and System Strengthening. Vipla Foundation strives to ensure holistic development of young children so that they can reach their full potential and become effective contributing members of society.

Their intervention in Early Childhood Care encompasses numerous Balwadi centres across Mumbai, Navi Mumbai and Ahmedabad as well as Anganwadi centres where they conduct teacher training programs and curriculum design and implementation for a robust and equitable development and learning opportunities for children from vulnerable communities. The key element of their Balwadi Mentoring Program is individual attention and coaching mentoring support to each teacher, developmentally appropriate curriculum and building capacity within the community thereby enabling and elevating the learning curve among young children. Their Patang Remedial Education Program is focused on improving grade-level competencies of children who are lagging behind. Through their School Transformation Program, they work towards advocacy and supporting systemic change in school eco-systems bringing together all the stakeholders, including the community they operate in.

The Special Care Centre, a school for children with hearing impairment and intellectual disabilities focuses on providing quality education and all-round development of children so that they can go on to lead a life of dignity and economic independence. Operating through a well-structured framework, Vipla Foundation lays emphasis on holistic development, education, and skill-building of children, equipping them with tools to build their future and lead them to a life of financial independence, thereby enabling them break the shackles of poverty. Part of the inclusion program is the Dhvani Early Intervention Centre that provides timely intervention to children with hearing impairment.

The impact of Vipla Foundation's work can be witnessed through its numerous success stories of change and the accolades it has received over the years. In the past one year itself, it has reached more than 50,000 children directly and indirectly through their various interventions of Early Childhood Care, Patang Remedial Education Program and the Special Care Centre. The program benefited children in their holistic and academic progress which is evident from different indicators tracked for each set of children. In the Balwadi program (children aged 4-6), 85% children were deemed 'School Ready' according to SRI (School Readiness Index) tool (adapted from the World Bank SRI tool). In the Patang program, 80% children showed improvement in their learning levels in Language and Math. In the Special Care Centre, 8 children with hearing impairment had appeared for 10th board exams in March 2023 and 100% of them passed with scores more than 65%.

Vipla Foundation's comprehensive approach has had a significant impact on the lives of children and women from the vulnerable communities. From humble beginnings in a small room in YMCA, Andheri in 1988 to now operating across five states in India, Vipla Foundation has grown leaps and

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In recognition of its exceptional work in the education sector, the Vipla Foundation received the esteemed National Education Excellence Award. This accolade highlights the foundation's commitment to excellence and its significant contributions towards transforming the lives of underprivileged children.



The Vipla Foundation's remarkable social impact and transformative initiatives earned it the prestigious Social Impact Award. This recognition reinforces the foundation's efforts in bringing positive change to communities and empowering young minds to overcome adversity.



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Parivaar Shriavan Kumar Prakash (Vision Restoration Program)				
All Time Data (18th Jun'21 to 8th Jun'23)				
	CAMP DATA		HOSPITAL VISIT DATA	
Hospital	Camps Organized	Patients Served	Patients Taken	Surgeries Done
Anandpur	2,302	340,101	40,924	35,098
Chitrakoot	648	79,755	16,610	14,365
Sankara	121	7,231	611	540
Jeevan Jyoti	2	94	3	3
TOTAL	3,073	427,181	58,148	50,006



bounds. It's strong foundational framework and determination of seeing India as a child friendly nation as envisaged by its founder Mrs. Vipula Kadri, leads it to foster an environment of dynamism and professionalism in each of its intervention.

Recognizing the importance of sustainability in an ever-changing socio-cultural environment, it forges meaningful relationships amongst its various stakeholders thus enabling seamless exchange of knowledge and commitment to social change.

Over the years, Vipula Foundation has been honoured with many prestigious awards and this recognition only reflects the foundation's commitment to excellence and its capacity to bring about meaningful change in the lives of children and women. Each of Vipula Foundation's interventions are rooted in their belief that every individual has the desire and the capacity to grow and flourish. By equipping them with the right tools, it is only helping them unleash their true potential.

***"Education is a profound and enduring journey, demanding relentless dedication from organizations, parents, and systems alike. It thrives on strong, robust systems, sustained long-term funding, and the constant infusion of innovative ideas. By embracing this enduring dedication, we can unlock the true potential of children and shape a future filled with boundless opportunities."* - Sapna Menon, Vipula Foundation**

Vipula Foundation's other intervention includes its Women Empowerment Program. With a commitment to addressing all forms of exploitation against women and children, especially trafficking of women and children; Vipula Foundation's Anti Human Trafficking Initiatives adopts the international 5 P approach of Policy, Prosecution, Protection, Prevention and Partnership to address trafficking and works with various government departments to strengthen systemic response for the prevention and protection of survivors. It's Skilling Program spread across various regions of Maharashtra is aimed at empowering women most prone to gender-based violence and enabling their economic independence.

Parivaar Update: Milestone of 50 Thousand Eye Surgeries and 3,000 Camps Reached

We are thrilled to announce a remarkable achievement by Parivaar, JEET's allied organization. In less than two years, Parivaar has conducted 3,000 eye camps and provided free eye surgeries to 50,000 individuals from the poorest sections of our society. These camps have also served 4.27 lakh patients, offering general examinations, spectacles, and medicines as needed. With an average of over four camps per day, Parivaar has reached 34 districts in Madhya Pradesh, as well as one district each in Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. Their dedicated efforts have brought renewed vision and hope to those in need, restoring their ability to experience the world around them.

This milestone is a testament to Parivaar's unwavering commitment and compassion. Their vision restoration program has made a profound impact on the lives of thousands, offering a brighter future through improved eye health. We express our gratitude to the entire Parivaar team, along with donors, volunteers, and supporters, for their incredible contributions to this success. As we celebrate this achievement, let us remember that there is still much work to be done. Parivaar remains dedicated to serving marginalized communities and expanding their reach even further. Together, we can create a world where everyone has access to quality eye care, ensuring that no one is left behind in darkness.

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MR. UDAY DESHPANDE'S FEW OF THE MANY ACHIEVEMENTS :

Recipient of the prestigious Arjuna Award for his outstanding contributions to Mallakhamb.

Honored with the National Sports Award for popularizing and promoting Mallakhamb.

Recognized as a cultural ambassador by the Government of India for his efforts in showcasing Mallakhamb on the global stage.

Received the Maharashtra State Sports Award for his exceptional achievements in the field of Mallakhamb.

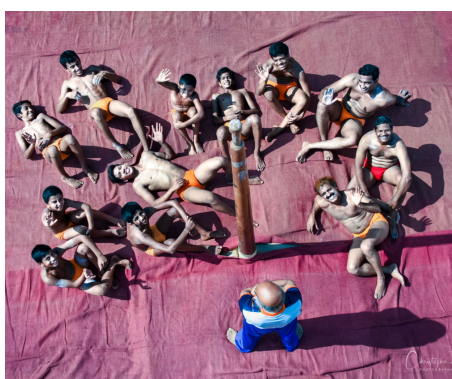
Felicitated with the Maharashtra Bhushan Award for his remarkable dedication and impact in promoting Mallakhamb.

Acknowledged as a torchbearer of traditional Indian sports, receiving accolades for his efforts in preserving and reviving Mallakhamb.

Honored with the Sports Icon Award for his exemplary leadership and role in promoting sports in education.

Conferred with the International Sports Ambassador title for his instrumental role in popularizing Mallakhamb worldwide.

Recognized as a distinguished sports personality by various organizations and institutions for his contributions to the field of Mallakhamb.



Harnessing the Power of Sports: Mr. Uday Deshpande's Inspiring Journey to Empower Education

In a world where the importance of physical activity in education is gaining recognition, Mr. Uday Deshpande stands as a true visionary. With his unwavering dedication to promoting Mallakhamb, a traditional Indian sport, he has not only brought this unique discipline to the world stage but has also revolutionized the way we perceive sports in education. In this article, we delve into Mr. Deshpande's journey, discussing the transformative power of sports in education and his inspiring vision for the future.

The inclusion of sports, particularly Mallakhamb, has positively impacted children's lives and their educational development. Engaging in Mallakhamb helps children develop physical strength, flexibility, coordination, discipline, perseverance, and self-confidence. It goes beyond the sports arena, positively influencing academic performance and personal growth.

While there has been progress in recognizing the importance of sports in education, there is room for improvement in government support for school sports programs. Adequate funding, access to sports infrastructure, trained coaches, and policies that prioritize sports curriculum integration are needed to foster a culture of sports in educational institutions. Throughout his inspiring journey, Mr. Deshpande faced challenges such as a lack of awareness and understanding about Mallakhamb. Overcoming misconceptions and inspiring people to embrace this valuable discipline required persistent efforts and education. Securing support and resources, both financial and infrastructural, was also a challenge. Sustained efforts are needed to establish Mallakhamb as a mainstream sport and secure long-term support.

The inclusion of Mallakhamb as a national sport for the first time in the National Games held in Gujarat 2022 is a truly momentous achievement. This historic milestone not only fills the Mallakhamb community with immense pride but also serves as a powerful inspiration for enthusiasts nationwide. This recognition provides a platform for further growth, encouraging wider participation, professional training, and increased awareness. It paves the way for more states and institutions to acknowledge and embrace Mallakhamb, integrating it into the national sports landscape.

In today's hyper-digitalized era, striking a balance between technology and physical activities is crucial. Mr. Deshpande encourages school children to explore diverse sports, find their interests, and engage in sports clubs, community programs, or school sports teams. Prioritizing physical activity as part of their daily routine and creating a supportive environment through the involvement of parents and educators are essential in fostering a love for physical activity.

Mr. Uday Deshpande's journey in promoting Mallakhamb as a transformative sport in education has been truly remarkable. His tireless efforts have propelled Mallakhamb to new heights and highlighted the profound impact of sports on holistic education. By recognizing the value of sports and integrating them into the curriculum, we can empower children with vital life skills, physical well-being, and a holistic approach to learning. Mr. Deshpande's vision serves as a guiding light, urging us to forge ahead in our efforts to create a future where sports and education go hand in hand, nurturing well-rounded individuals.

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Activities : Education, Women's Empowerment and Health Camps

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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

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

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

Powering Education through Sports: Tamil Nadu's Trailblazing Initiative

In a remarkable initiative aimed at revolutionizing education, the Tamil Nadu government has unveiled plans to establish Sports Schools of Excellence across the state. This visionary move will ensure accessible sports training facilities for all, with a special emphasis on government school students. The government intends to set up two schools in each district, with an estimated cost of Rs 9 crore. The primary objective of this initiative is to facilitate the active participation of government school students in various sporting events at the district, state, national, and even international levels.

The commitment shown by the Tamil Nadu government reflects an enlightened understanding of the profound benefits that sports can bring to students in India. This article delves into the importance of sports in schools and highlights the positive impact it can have on the youth of our nation.

Physical Fitness and Health: A Strong Foundation for Success

Introducing sports programs in schools is a powerful tool to promote physical fitness and overall health. In an era dominated by sedentary lifestyles and growing concerns about childhood obesity, these programs play a pivotal role in encouraging regular physical activity. By integrating sports into the curriculum, schools inspire students to develop stamina, strength, agility, and a lifelong commitment to fitness. Additionally, early exposure to healthy habits empowers students to embrace a balanced and active lifestyle.

Mental and Emotional Development: Nurturing Well-Rounded Individuals

Engaging in sports not only nurtures physical fitness but also supports mental and emotional development. Research has shown that students who participate in sports exhibit higher levels of concentration, focus, and memory, leading to improved academic performance. Sports provide a constructive outlet for stress, enabling students to effectively manage their emotions. The discipline and perseverance required in sports foster traits like goal-setting, resilience, and self-confidence, all of which are essential for success in every aspect of life.

Teamwork and Social Skills: Building Bridges and Fostering Inclusivity

Sports in schools promote teamwork, cooperation, and the development of vital social skills. Through team sports, students learn to communicate, collaborate, and respect the opinions and abilities of their teammates. They understand the value of collective effort and the importance of shared goals. Furthermore, sports provide an opportunity to interact with peers from diverse backgrounds, promoting inclusivity, tolerance, and cultural exchange.

Character Building and Life Skills: Shaping Ethical and Resilient Individuals

Sports inculcate values such as discipline, determination, sportsmanship, and fair play, which contribute to character building. Students learn the importance of integrity, respecting rules, and accepting victories and defeats gracefully. These values translate into valuable life skills, equipping students to face challenges, make ethical decisions, and persevere in the face of adversity.

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Touch 200 Million
Disadvantaged school children

Cover 5,00,000
Schools & Teachers

Compile 2,00,000
Education videos and lessons

Enroll 1,00,000
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Identification and Nurturing of Talent: Unlocking the Potential of Students

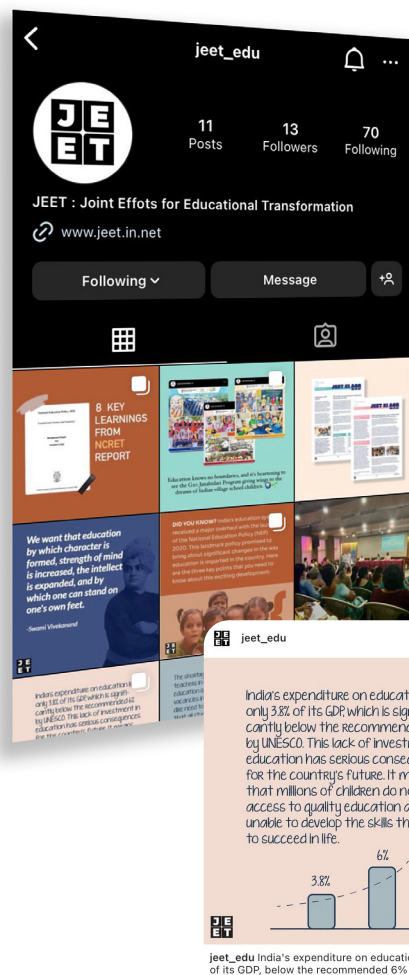
Sports programs in schools provide a platform to identify and nurture talented individuals. The establishment of Sports Schools of Excellence in Tamil Nadu aims to identify promising young athletes and provide them with specialized training and facilities. This initiative has the potential to unlock the untapped potential of students and create a pathway for professional sporting careers. By recognizing and supporting sports talent, schools contribute to the overall development of the sports ecosystem in India.

Conclusion: Paving the Way for a Brighter Future

The integration of sports in schools represents a transformative step towards nurturing well-rounded individuals in India. Tamil Nadu's ambitious endeavor to establish Sports Schools of Excellence in all districts is a testament to the recognition of the invaluable impact sports can have on students. By promoting physical fitness, mental and emotional well-being, teamwork, character building, and talent identification, sports in schools lay the foundation for a healthier, more confident, and successful generation.

It is imperative that other states and educational institutions across India follow suit and prioritize the integration of sports into the school

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