

## EnH Foundation

Embarking on an illuminating journey, this article delves into the distinctive pedagogical approach championed by E&H Foundation. Here, education transcends the conventional, emerging as a transformative force that fosters not just academic excellence but shapes conscientious individuals committed to societal well-being. Unveiling a holistic educational haven, E&H Foundation navigates beyond imparting mere knowledge, sculpting a generation equipped to make meaningful societal impacts.

## eVidyaloka

Shifting our gaze to the digital frontier, we explore the transformative impact of eVidyaloka. In this realm, education seamlessly transcends geographical boundaries, connecting qualified teachers from diverse cities with eager learners nestled in remote Indian villages. Through the innovative framework of live and interactive digital classrooms, eVidyaloka not only disseminates knowledge but weaves a dynamic tapestry that breaks barriers, fostering not just academic growth but also nurturing an enduring love for learning across diverse landscapes.

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## Swami Vivekananda's Vision: Unveiling Education as Character Building and Self-Discovery

India celebrates Swami Vivekananda's birthday, 12th January as National Youth Day. Therefore in this January issue of JKA we shall discuss the views of Swamiji on Education & Learning.

### What is Education?

According to Vivekananda, education is the assimilation of ideas. It is not the amount of information that is put into your brain and runs riot there, undigested all your life. Education must equip students. The education that does not help the common mass of people for the struggle for life, which does not bring out strength of character, a spirit of philanthropy and the courage of a lion – Is it worth the name, he asks?

He says, "We want that education by which character if formed, strength of mind is increased, intellect is expanded, and by which one can stand on one's own feet. The end and aim of all training is to make the man grow (man making), by which the current and expression of will are brought under control and become fruitful is called education. Further, we must have life building, character making education. If you have assimilated five ideas and made them your life and character, you are more educated than any person who has got by heart a whole library."

### How should students learn

According to Swami Vivekananda, "Knowledge is inherent in man no knowledge comes from outside. Therefore, knowing means discovering or unveiling. Infinite power is in the soul. The whole of the big banyan tree was in the little seed. The manifestation of power inside man is a question of being conscious of it. He gives the example of Newton's discovery of physical laws from a falling apple, and says that Newton had only uncovered the knowledge in his brain with a nudge from the environment or falling apple. Thus, a child teaches itself. What we can do is a kind of support that is of a negative nature like taking away the obstacles. Students must learn to apply their intellect, give them free scope for growth.

Further, concentration is the only method to attain knowledge. The very essence of education is concentration of the mind, and not the collection of facts. What we want is Shraddha, faith in our own selves must be reawakened and all the problems we face will be gradually solved by ourselves. What a grand vision he had on education and learning! Let us salute to this great son of India on his birthday which is also celebrated as National Youth Day by Indians.



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## Empowering Minds: E&H Foundation's Journey Towards Quality Education

In the heart of Uttar Pradesh, E&H Foundation has emerged as a beacon of hope for thousands of children, breaking barriers and transforming lives through the power of education. Since its inception, the foundation has been on a mission to provide quality education to underprivileged children, with a strong emphasis on bridging the gender gap in literacy. Let's delve into the inspiring journey of E&H Foundation, its accomplishments, and its vision for the future.

E&H Foundation has left an indelible mark on education in three districts of Uttar Pradesh - Farrukhabad, Kanpur, and Lucknow. With a focus on children from Standard 1 to 5, the foundation has successfully reached out to over 19,000 students, with an encouraging 55% being young girls. This commitment to empowering female students contributes significantly to narrowing the gender literacy gap not only in UP but also on a national scale.

Independent studies have consistently showcased the remarkable achievements of students under the E&H Foundation's wing. These young minds have not only excelled but have often outperformed their counterparts in government schools. Surprisingly, their academic performance rivals that of students in India's premier CBSE schools, all achieved at a nominal cost of ₹5000 per child per year. This success creates a powerful case for scaling up the program, aiming to impact 100,000 children by 2025.

Over the last half-decade, E&H Foundation has achieved significant milestones. More than 80% of the students are first-generation learners, with 50% being girls, breaking the cycle of educational deprivation in their families. Independent assessments by Education Initiative have demonstrated that E&H Foundation students perform on par with the best CBSE schools in India. The foundation has also forged partnerships with over five corporate houses, including BlueDart, HDFC, InfoEdge, and garnered support from more than 500 individual donors to fund their impactful programs.



In the academic year 2018-2019, E&H Foundation showcased its commitment and effectiveness through two key models. Under Bharti's model, the foundation supported the education of 720 children in three operational schools in Farrukhabad, with two students earning the distinction of being shortlisted for Shiv Nadar School at the 6th-grade level. Implementing Gyanshala's MIT approved pedagogy, E&H Foundation ran 237 classes in over 100 slums across two districts, impacting approximately 6200 children, half of whom were girls.

In the Gyanshala model, E&H Foundation achieved remarkable success. They maintained a cumulative average attendance of 66%, surpassing the recorded average attendance in government and private schools during the same period. 85% of enrolled students participated in final examinations, with 72% scoring above 80% marks, showcasing the efficacy of the program. The foundation achieved grade-appropriate learning for at least 70% of children, highlighting its commitment to academic excellence.

Teachers, supervisors, and core team members actively participated in training and capacity-building workshops, fostering community engagement and parental involvement. The program not only enhanced student learning but also cultivated a deeper understanding among parents about the importance of continued quality education.

E&H Foundation's journey has been marked by dedication, passion, and a relentless pursuit of transforming lives through education. With a track record of academic excellence, gender inclusivity, and community engagement, the foundation stands poised to realize its ambitious goal of reaching 100,000 children by 2025. E&H Foundation is not just imparting education; it is nurturing dreams, breaking down barriers, and sowing the seeds of a brighter, more inclusive future for the children of Uttar Pradesh.

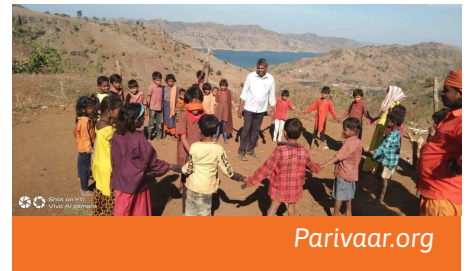
## **Parivaar.org's Transformative Impact in Shoolpani Jhadi Area Spotlighted**

Parivaar.org has initiated Seva Kutirs in the challenging Shoolpani Jhadi area of Barwani and Alirajpur districts in Madhya Pradesh, addressing the needs of Bhil tribes amidst high poverty and accessibility issues. Alirajpur, with a literacy rate of 37 percent, necessitates urgent intervention, especially during harsh winter conditions. Founder-President Shri Vinayak Lohani's piece on Shoolpani Jhadi sheds light on the significance of this initiative, accessible [here](<https://vinayaklohani.in/bhil-country/>).

This transformative mission by Parivaar.org aims to establish 200 Seva Kutirs in the next year, impacting around 20 thousand children, reflecting their three-decade journey of dedicated humanitarian service. As we celebrate this milestone, let's collectively support and acknowledge the spirit of positivity and empowerment. The endeavor by Parivaar.org embodies collective efforts towards a brighter future for the children in these underprivileged areas, inspired by the timeless words of Swami Vivekananda's vision.

***Blessed are those whose bodies get destroyed in the service of others.***

**- Swami Vivekananda**





## Harmony in Learning: eVidyaloka's Collaborative Journey with Vidya Poshak Illuminating Rural Education

In the quest to transform the education landscape in rural and remote parts of India, eVidyaloka Trust stands as a beacon of change. Established in 2010 and registered as a non-profit organization in Bangalore, Karnataka, in 2011, this initiative is not merely an educational platform; it is a commitment to addressing the chronic challenges that hinder the quality of education in rural schools.



eVidyaloka takes a holistic approach to two major hurdles affecting education quality in rural India – the shortage of teachers and the need for enhanced teaching quality. The model is ingeniously designed to connect qualified Indian nationals residing in over 110 cities with students in the remotest villages. Leveraging technology, the platform ensures access to high-quality teachers for children in rural to tribal regions, catering specifically to those in the age group of 10-14 (6th to 8th grade).

The live interactive classes, conducted in local languages, create a powerful learning environment, bringing a ray of educational sunshine to areas where it is needed the most. The initiative has formed a robust partner ecosystem, making education accessible to children who would otherwise lack quality learning opportunities.



One remarkable collaboration that exemplifies the impact of eVidyaloka is with Vidya Poshak, focusing on four villages in Dharwad taluk since 2015-16 and 2016-17. The partnership aims to empower children in the age group of 10-14 (6th to 8th grade) from government schools at Managundi, Benakanakatti, Baad, and Mugad.

Operated with the consent of the Department of Education, Government of Karnataka, the program involves active participation from the School Development Management Committee (SDMC), parents, school staff, and class assistants. A total of 480 children are benefitting from this collaborative effort, showcasing the positive impact that thoughtful partnerships can bring to rural education.

eVidyaloka's model not only adheres to the State Board curriculum but goes above and beyond by incorporating digital media content like videos, visual flows, pictures, and activities. This approach enriches the learning experience, allowing students to visualize and grasp complex concepts, thereby inspiring a higher level of engagement in the teaching-learning process.



The sessions are seamlessly integrated into the school hours, ensuring that education becomes an integral part of the students' routine. Additionally, eVidyaloka conducts tests at the beginning of the school year and semester-wise exams, providing a structured evaluation framework to assess the progress of each student.

The collaboration between eVidyaloka and Vidya Poshak epitomizes the transformative power of education when combined with innovative models and strategic partnerships. As eVidyaloka continues to extend its reach and impact, the vision of quality education for every child in rural India becomes increasingly attainable. The partnership serves as a testament to the belief that through collective efforts, we can overcome barriers and illuminate the path toward a brighter, more educated future for the children of our nation.

Follow and support eVidyaloka's work at <https://www.evidyaloka.org/>

## Member organizations of JEET

### **Vipla Foundation**

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

**Activities :** Education Initiatives, Skill Development Programs, Community Development

### **VKRCE Trust**

[YouTube@MathsMadeSweet](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvRCE)

**Activities :** Education, Digital Video Library, Training.

### **Ramakrishna Sarada Samiti**

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

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

### **National Association for the Blind**

[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

## What Does the International Day of Education Hold for India's Educational Destiny?

On this International Day of Education, let's delve into the intricate terrain of India's education landscape. January 24th stands not just as a celebration of education's transformative power but as an invitation to explore the nuanced challenges and possibilities embedded within our nation's diverse tapestry. In the heartlands of rural India, where access to quality education remains a persistent challenge, technology emerges as a beacon of hope. The infusion of digital tools and online platforms has the potential to break down geographical barriers, connecting students in remote areas with high-quality educational resources. Can technology truly be the catalyst for democratizing education and unlocking opportunities for historically underserved communities?

Yet, even in the age of technological advancement, the pursuit of equitable education remains paramount. How can we ensure that every child, regardless of their geographical location, has access to quality education? Can targeted interventions in rural areas bridge the educational gap, addressing infrastructure deficiencies and providing trained educators? Looking ahead, the next decade holds promises of transformative shifts in the Indian education system. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 stands as a beacon, envisioning a holistic, learner-centric approach. But how can we translate these structural changes into tangible improvements in the lives of students?

Cultural education, often overlooked, assumes profound significance in a diverse nation like India. Integrating cultural nuances into the curriculum not only preserves heritage but also fosters a sense of identity. Can cultural education become the bridge that unites, fostering a more inclusive and culturally aware society?

As we contemplate resilience in the context of rural education, we are reminded of the inherent strength embedded in these communities. How can we fortify the education system in rural areas, making it resilient to the myriad challenges? Can a resilient education system pave the way for a self-reliant India?

Immediate actions beckon us. Targeted investments in rural education infrastructure, empowering teachers, and leveraging technology can be the catalysts for immediate upliftment. Simultaneously, long-term strategies must focus on systemic reforms, continuous curriculum adaptation, and community engagement to address root causes and sustain positive changes.

On this International Day of Education, let it not merely be a day of celebration but a call to collective action. Each of us has a role to play in this transformative journey, contributing to the vision of education as a universally accessible beacon illuminating every corner of our diverse nation.

JEET is dedicated to ensuring universal access to education, particularly in rural areas. Their efforts focus on breaking barriers and creating opportunities for learning. While JEET takes significant strides, they emphasize that real change requires collective action. Every individual can contribute to this transformative journey, playing a crucial role in shaping a more inclusive and empowered India through education.