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## TO **BRIDGE** THE RURAL-URBAN **EDUCATION DIVIDE**



**ACTIVITY** REPORT

# *THINKSHARP* FOUNDATION

### 2023-2024

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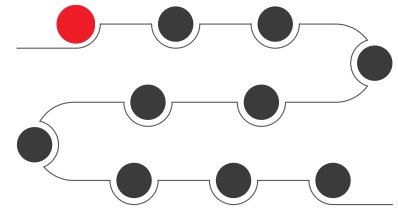
# ABOUT US



Thinksharp Foundation, established in 2011, is a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that every child has access to excellent education. Our team, comprised of passionate young professionals from rural areas, is committed to enhancing educational resources in underserved regions. We focus on academic development, personal growth, and skill-building. Our ultimate goal is to reach every needy school and empower them with modern educational tools, fostering a brighter future for all students.

## Our Vision

"To bridge the Rural-Urban education divide, ensuring every child has the right to an excellent education, regardless of their economic background or location. We believe that every student should have the opportunity to access the quality education they deserve."

## Our Mission

"To enhance the quality of rural education both during and after school hours by providing access to superior educational infrastructure, including digital tools, libraries, STEM tools, games, and financial support. We aim to create a progressive and positive learning environment through collaboration with village communities, teachers, government, and other stakeholders."

# OUR PROGRAMS AND REACH
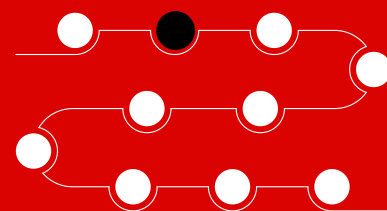
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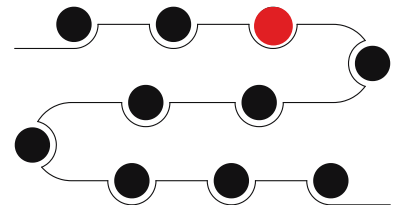
**StudyFin (Scholarship)** — 69

**Student benefited** — 77719

# THINKSHARP RURAL FELLOWSHIP



Through our full-time paid fellowship program, we equip every rural child with 21st-century education skills. Fellows engage in rural schools for a period of two years, serving as instructors in the short term. In the long term, our alumni become part of a larger community dedicated to advocating for and improving rural education.



THINKSHARP RURAL FELLOWS YEARWISE

| ACADEMIC YEAR | NO. OF FELLOWS |
| --- | --- |
| 2021-22 | 3 |
| 2022-23 | 10 |
| 2023-24 | 16 |
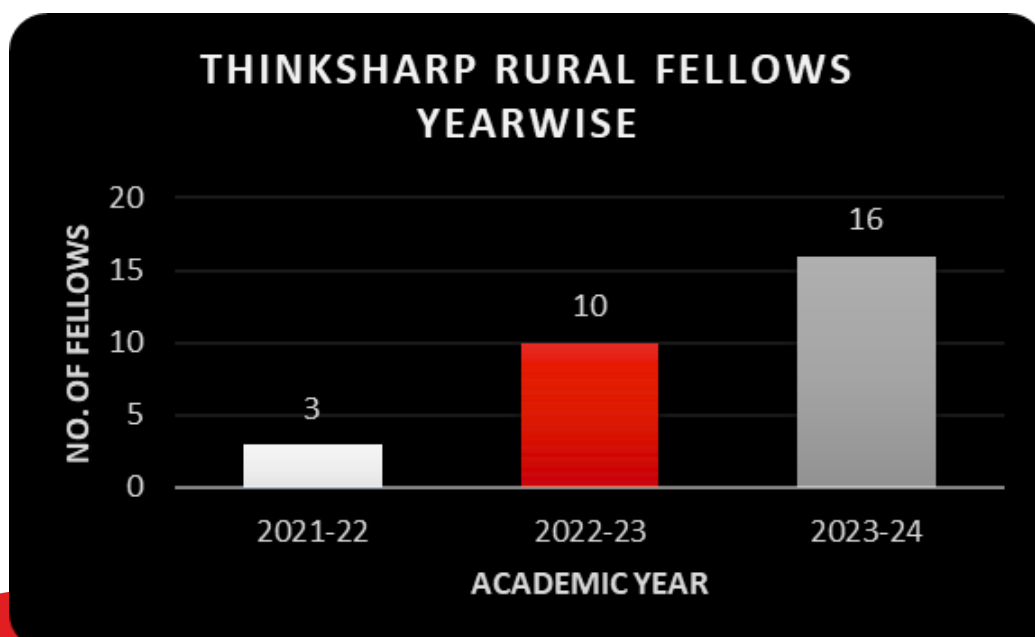
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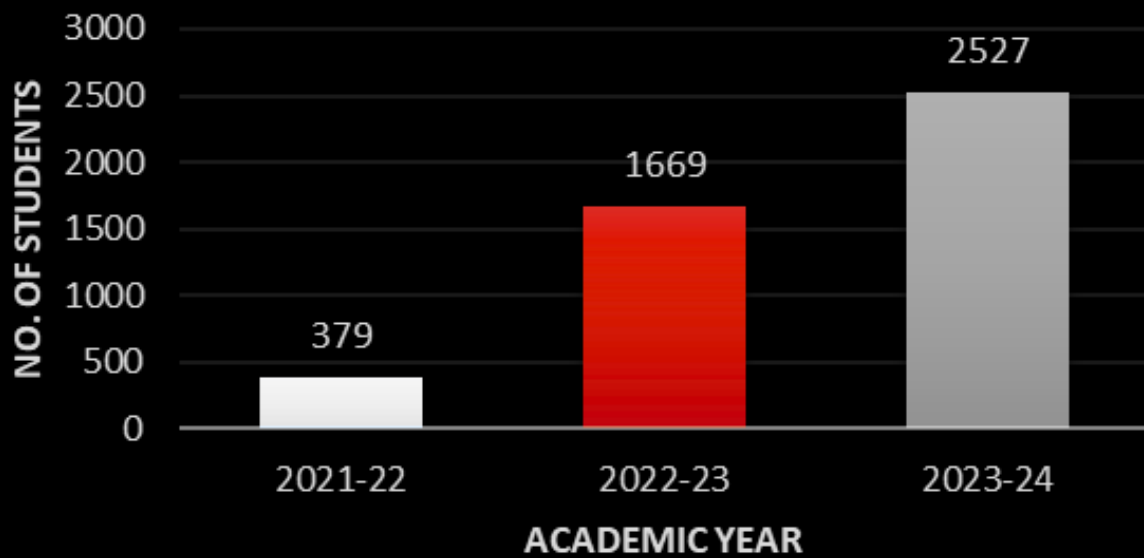


## TOTAL STUDENTS BENEFITED - 4575

| Details | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Schools running Computer Mitra program | 7 | 23 | 25 |
| Total No.of Fellows | 3 | 10 | 16 |
| Students enrolled for ICT program | 154 | 1669 | 1829 |
| No.of ICT / Computer sessions | 96 | 4978 | 5235 |
| No.of trainings for teachers to adopt technology | 5 | 147 | 130 |
| Student enrolled for BookMitra program | 0 | 0 | 698 |
| No.of Book Mitra session | 0 | 433 | 2424 |
| 21st century skills & coding session | 0 | 68 | 497 |
| No.of volunteering sessions | 0 | 77 | 70 |

# PROJECT

## StudyMall ®
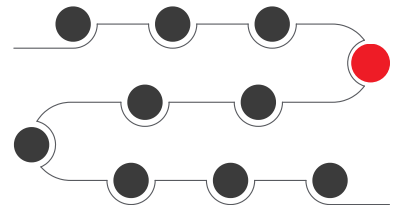
"StudyMall," inspired by the concept of a shopping mall, aims to offer modern education under one roof. Through the StudyMall project, we collaborate with school auth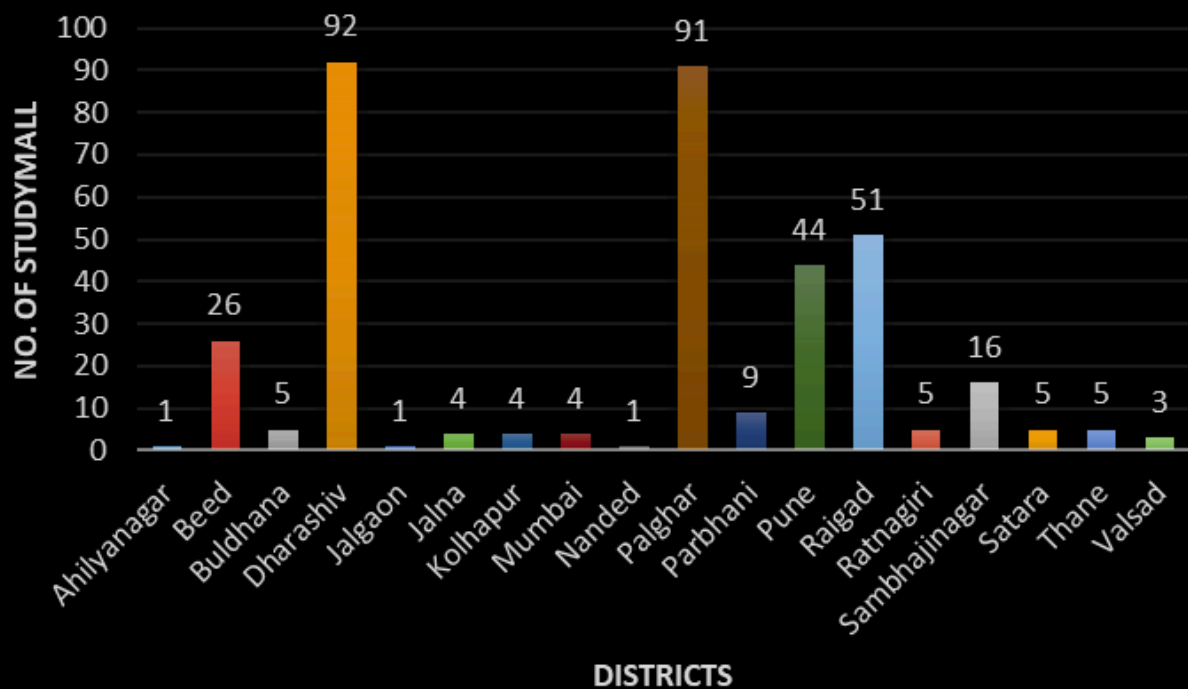orities, parents, village committees, and other social enterprises to transform village schools into modern educational institutions. By deploying both physical and digital tools, we prepare children for a 21st-century education.

**GUJARAT**
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**MAHARASHTRA**
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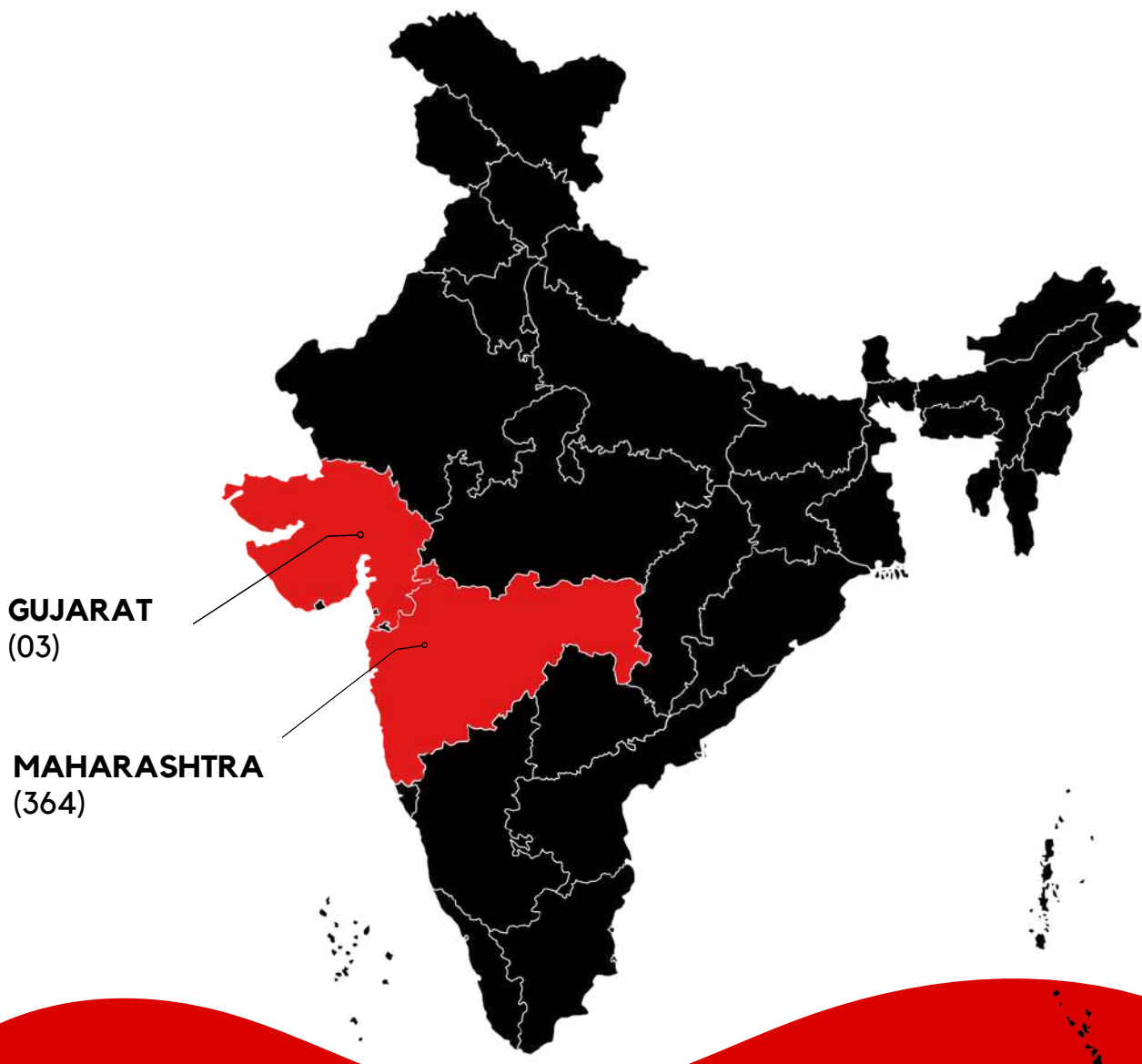
# StudyMall ®

## YEARWISE DISTRICT COVERED

NO. OF DISTRICT

| Year | No. of District |
|------|-----------------|
| 2013-18 | 9 |
| 2018-19 | 11 |
| 2019-20 | 13 |
| 2020-21 | 13 |
| 2021-22 | 16 |
| 2022-23 | 17 |
| 2023-24 | 18 |

DISTRICTS

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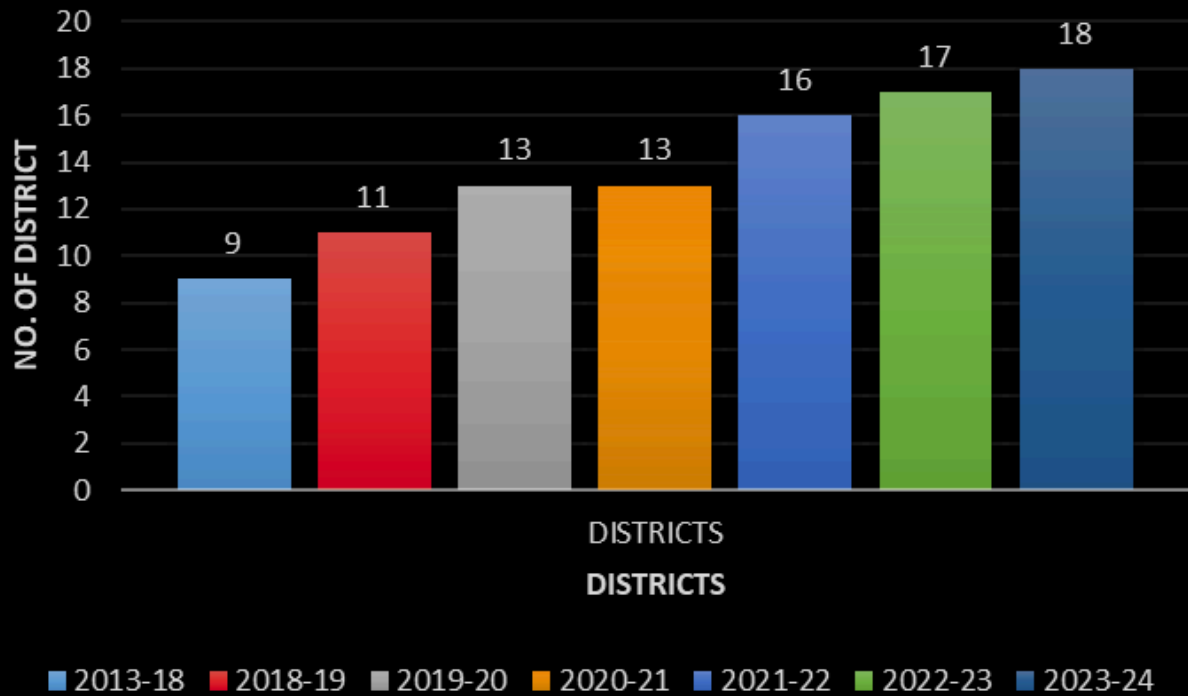
## DISTRICTWISE "STUDYMALL" PRESENCE

NO. OF STUDYMALL

| District | No. of StudyMall |
|----------|------------------|
| Ahilyanagar | 1 |
| Beed | 26 |
| Buldhana | 5 |
| Dharashiv | 92 |
| Jalgaon | 1 |
| Jalna | 4 |
| Kolhapur | 4 |
| Mumbai | 4 |
| Nanded | 1 |
| Palghar | 91 |
| Parbhani | 9 |
| Pune | 44 |
| Raigad | 51 |
| Ratnagiri | 5 |
| Sambhajinagar | 16 |
| Satara | 5 |
| Thane | 5 |
| Valsad | 3 |

DISTRICTS

# PROJECT

## StudyMall ®

**Number of "Studymall" -** 367
**Total students benefited -** 77719

### YEARWISE STUDYMALL LAUNCHED



| Academic Year | No. of Studymall |
|---|---|
| 2013-18 | 12 |
| 2018-19 | 21 |
| 2019-20 | 22 |
| 2020-21 | 6 |
| 2021-22 | 51 |
| 2022-23 | 119 |
| 2023-24 | 136 |
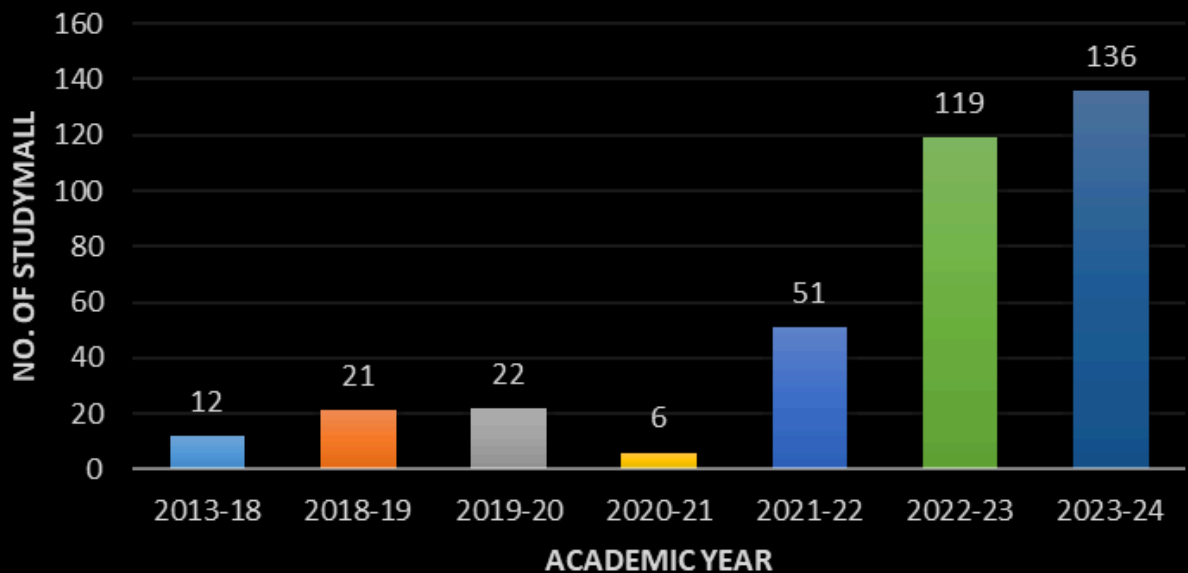
### YEARWISE STUDENT BENEFITED



| Academic Year | No. of Students |
|---|---|
| 2013-18 | 3354 |
| 2018-19 | 3871 |
| 2019-20 | 3056 |
| 2020-21 | 2830 |
| 2021-22 | 9617 |
| 2022-23 | 25897 |
| 2023-24 | 29094 |
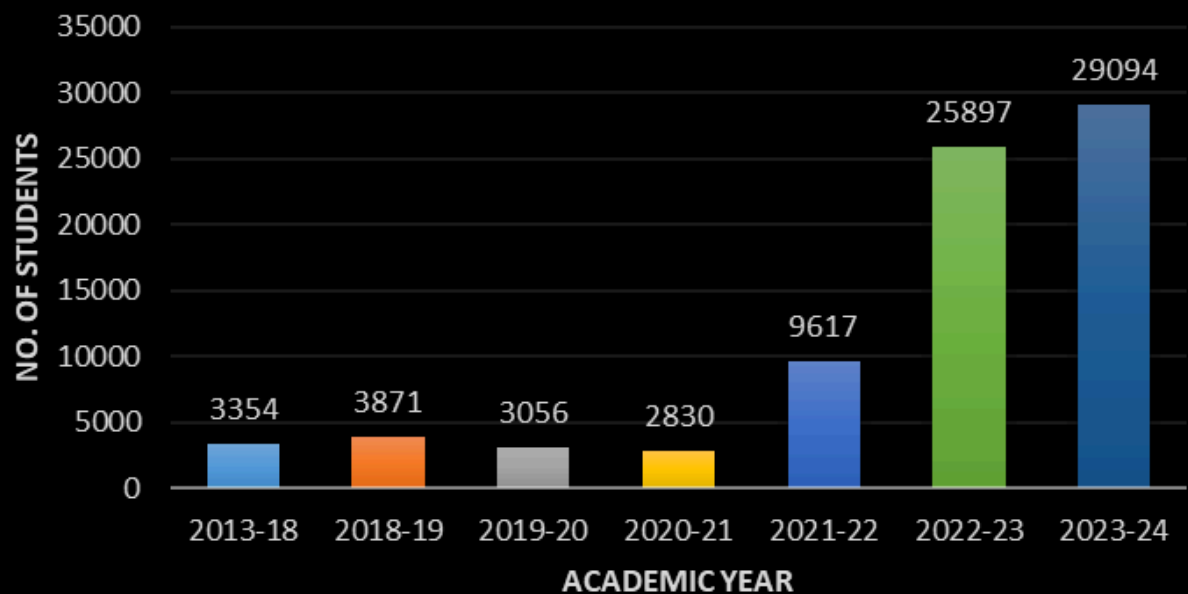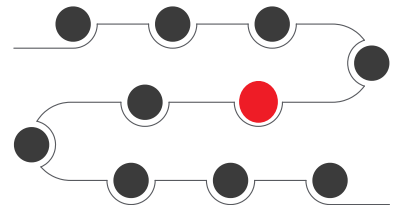
# PROJECT STUDYFIN

The "StudyFin" project provides financial support to underprivileged children, enabling them to pursue school education, vocational training, and university courses. The program places special emphasis on assisting girls.
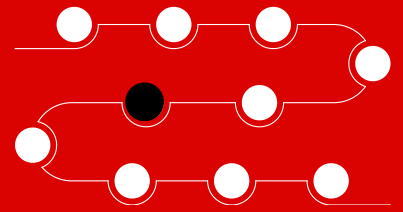
StudyFin offers financial assistance of up to INR 50,000/-

**Total students benefited -** 42
**Total Financial  Assistance Given -** INR 12,36,442/-

# HANSA AGRAWAL FASHION SCHOLARSHIP

ThinkSharp Foundation, in collaboration with CSR partner Vrijesh Natural Fibre & Fabrics, launched the "Hansa Agrawal Fashion Scholarship" for students pursuing fashion design studies. This year, we awarded scholarships to 27 economically disadvantaged students enrolled in prestigious institutes such as INIFD, Fergusson College, Modern College, Pillai College, and Sandeep University across Maharashtra and Gujarat.

**Total students benefited-** 27
**Total FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GIVEN -** INR 6,73,000/-

# ACTIVITY 1.0
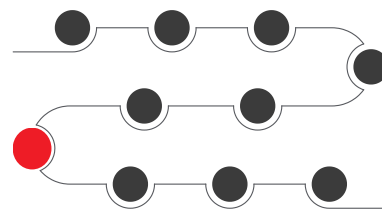
| May 2023 | Z.P. School Baur, Std. 6th & 7th | (Knowledge Partner: Learn from Native) | English Communication |
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Covering everything from the basics to advanced English communication skills. These online classes have not only expanded our students' language proficiency but have also instilled confidence and opened doors to new opportunities. The activity was sponsored by Sandvik Coromant India.



| 20th June, 2023 | Z.P. School Bakori (200 students) | ThinkSharp Foundation (Volunteers: App Direct) | Games, painting & dance |
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The volunteer session from App Direct total of 30 volunteers and 200 enthusiastic school children. The event included various games, painting competitions, and concluded with the distribution of food to the children.

| July 2023 | Z.P. School Baur (25 students) | Tribes For Good | Sessions on Canva, graphic design basics, color theory |
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Sessions for over 25 students from Z.P. School Baur, Maval on 3rd, 10th, 17th July 2023. These sessions were dedicated to exploring the Canva application, its functionalities, and the basics of graphic design, colour theory. The sessions had a profound impact on the students, equipping them with valuable digital skills and sparking their creativity.
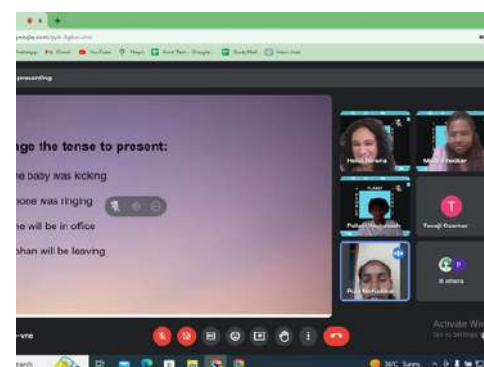
# ACTIVITY 1.1

| July-Sept 20230 | Z.P. School Baur | Tribes For Good (6 sessions, July-Sept 2023) | Interactive sessions on Robotics, Fashion Designing, Climate Change, Driving Symbols, Financial Literacy |
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The primary objective of the sessions was to provide students with exposure to different fields beyond their regular curriculum. By covering topics like Robotics, Fashion Designing, Climate Change, Driving Symbols, and Financial Literacy, the aim was to inspire curiosity and foster a holistic understanding of the world around them.
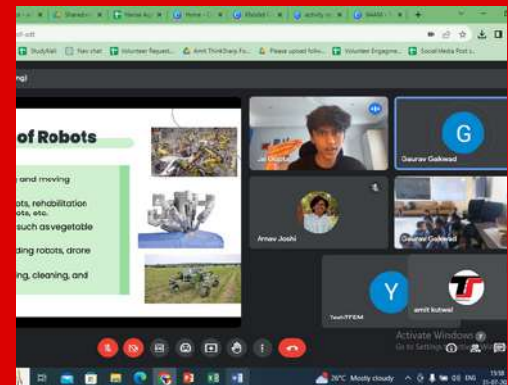


| October 2023 | Girls students (45 Students) | App Direct Volunteers | Interactive & informative online session on menstrual hygiene, motivating girls to ask questions & providing info on personal health & hygiene. |
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The session was interactive and informative which motivate girls to ask questions about their personal health problems, and they got information on topics related to their personal health and hygiene.

| November 2023 | 8th Standard Students (40 Students) | App Direct Volunteer | Informative & interactive session for students to learn about behavior, communication, self-presentation, etc. |
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The session was informative and interactive so that every student participated actively and learn about behavior, communication, self-presentation, etc

# ACTIVITY 1.2

| December 2023 | Kai Shakuntalabai Shitole School, Sangvi (45 Students, 10th Std) | Symbiosis Business Management Institute (8 Volunteers) | Online session on career options after 10th & 12th std, including armed forces, business management, and related fields. |
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Volunteers from Symbiosis business management institute conducted online career guidance session to talk about different options after 10th and 12th standard and conducted special session on Career in armed forces. Volunteers also given brief about the business management and related field option and career in the same field.



| 26th Jan 2024 | Kai Shakuntalabai Shitole School, Sangvi | Concentrix India | Distribution of sports kits and Republic Day celebration |
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On 26th Jan 2024, distributed Sports kits to the students. The sports material included cricket sets, badminton rackets, shuttles, and footballs.

| 16th August 2023 | Z.P. School Bakori (40 Students) | Symbiosis Business Management Institute Volunteers | Online session with information sharing and Q&A about Chandrayaan-3 mission. |
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Conducted an online session at Z.P. School Bakori, during the session, volunteers shared information about Chandrayaan-3 through online meetings and engaged the students with questions.

# ACTIVITY 1.3

| 30th Sept 2023 | Z. P. School Gorhe Bk | ThinkSharp Foundation | Educating students on waste management, cleaning the school premises, and taking oath for daily cleanliness. |
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We guided students about basics on waste management. Types of waste, and how to dispose it properly. To understand the importance of cleanliness, we cleaned the whole school premises along with the students and took oath to do this every day.



| 2nd, 16th & 27th Sept 2023 | Z.P. School Bhagur, Vaijapur, Aurangabad (40 Students) | Individual Volunteer (Yashna Suvarna) | 3 online sessions on English communication skills. |
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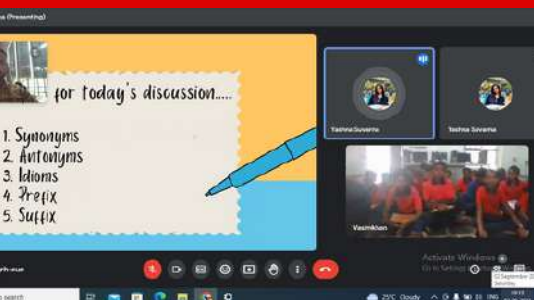


Conducted 3 online sessions on English communication and grammar for our StudyMall partner school, Z.P. School Bhagur, Vaijapur, Aurangabad. 40 students participated in session.

| 19th Sept 2023 | Kai. Shakuntalabai Shitole Vidyamandir, Sangvi, Pune (30 Students) | App Direct | Company visit on Oct 19th, 2023, to experience work culture, various departments and fun at work |
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On 19th September 2023, 30 students from Kai. Shakuntalabai Shitole Vidyamandir visited App Direct office in Pune. The students enjoyed a fun activities and explored how the company operates, including its culture and various departments. The focus of the visit is to experience IT industry, its working and management.

# ACTIVITY 1.4

| Dec 2023-Feb 2024 | Z.P. School Baur, Maval (28 Students) | Whiteboard Chess Academy (Mr. Tupe) | 12 online sessions covering chess fundamentals to advanced strategies. |
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Conducted a chess learning sessions for 28 studnets from Z.P. School Baur, Maval. 12 online sessions covering the basic fundamentals to advanced strategies of chess.



| 26th Dec 2023 | Kai. Shakuntalabai Shitole School, Sangvi, Pune (48 Students) | Volunteer (Mr. Avinash Darade) | Interactive session on competitive exams, various posts, preparation strategies, and the way forward. |
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Conducted a session for 9th standard students of Kai. Shakuntalabai Shitole school. He guided 48 students on competitive exams, various posts, preparation strategies, and the way forward.

| Jan 2024 | Z.P. School Lonikand (45 Students, Grade 7) | Tribes For Good | 3 online sessions covering robotics basics, types, parts, software, etc. |
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Conducted 3 online sessions at Z.P. School Lonikand focusing on the basics of Robotics. Students gained valuable knowledge about robots and had their queries addressed by the trainers. Additionally, the students engaged in discussions about the role of robots in human life.

# ACTIVITY 1.5

| 18th Jan 2024 | Pareshwar Vidyalaya, Pargaon, Pune (50 Students, Grade 10) | Symbiosis Institute of Business Management, Nasik (Volunteers) | Online session on career options after 10th grade. |
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Conducted online sessions focusing on the career guidance after 10th. The session lasted for 2 hours, and it was conducted by Volunteers from Symbiosis institute of Business management, Nashik. Students gained valuable knowledge about career options.
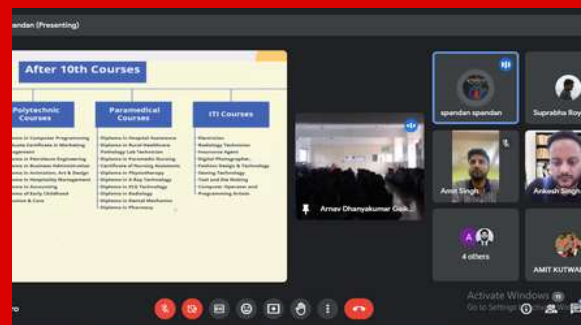


| 20th Jan 2024 | 60+ Female Parents, Z.P. School Baur Maval | Sandvik Coromant India (Dr. Pataskar) | Session on Malnutrition & healthy food habits. |
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Organized an enlightening session with Dr. Pataskar on 20th Jan 2024 at Z.P. School Baur Maval. The expert session focused on Malnutrition and healthy food habits for 60+ female parents. Dr. Pataskar delved into their daily health concerns, emphasized the significance of a nutritious diet, and shared valuable insights on overcoming malnutrition and preventing diseases in early childhood.

| July 2023 - March 2024 | Z.P. School Gohre Bk, Pune | ThinkSharp Foundation | Puzzle game sessions to enhance imagination, vocabulary, and reading enthusiasm. |
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We conducted several sessions for students to develop 21st-century skills such as problem-solving, imagination, and critical thinking at Z.P. School Gohre Bk. Pune. The puzzle game aims to enhance children's imagination and expand their vocabulary.

# ACTIVITY 1.6

| 27th March 2024 | 35 Students & 15 Community Members, Z.P School Vakas, Karjat, Raigad | Tribes For Good (Mannan Shah) | Offline session on social investing, innovation, upscaling farms, government policies & securing a prosperous future for farmers. |
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On March 27, 2024, session which attended by 35 students and 15 community members. Mannan Shah led the session titled "Harvesting Financial Prosperity for Farmers," focusing on social investing, promoting innovation, automation, AI, and upscaling small farms. He also discussed increasing access through government policies, aiming to bridge the tech gap and secure a prosperous future for farmers.



| Dec 2023 - Feb 2024 | Kai. Shakuntalabai Shitole School, Sangvi, Pune (40+ Students) | Tribes For Good | Online sessions on communication, values, and English grammar rules. Students found the content helpful for exams and overall understanding. |
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The series of sessions covered various topics, including communication skills, values, and English grammar rules. The students attended these sessions diligently, finding the content helpful both for their exams and for their overall development.

| 25th Sept - 2nd October 2024 | Z.P. Schools (Dhumket, Ghiwali, Kotabi Bujadpada, Pam, Vadkati) - 700+ Students | ThinkSharp Foundation (Collaboration with ONGC Mumbai) | Cleaning drive and awareness campaign |
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We celebrated Gandhi Jayanti with over 700 students from five Z.P. schools in Palghar District actively participating in the event. Their enthusiasm and dedication were truly inspiring.

# ACTIVITY 1.7

| 9th March 2024 | ThinkSharp Fellows & teachers | Forms & Surfaces India | Recognition of fellows and teachers |
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Throughout the fellowship, fellow learned  valuable skills in leadership, management, decision-making, problem-solving, communication, and strategy design. To honor their dedication, each fellow received a Fellowship Completion Certificate and heartfelt appreciation. Additionally, three fellows were awarded special recognition for their exceptional performance.

Teachers from selected schools also honored with appreciation and certificates.

# MILESTONE 1
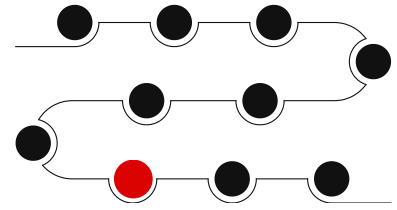
Thinksharp Foundation under CSR initiative of Sandvik Coromant India and in collaboration with Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) Kamla Nehru Hindi Primary School in Pimpri has witnessed a transformative change.

In response to the changing educational landscape and the demand for modern educational infrastructure in the 21st century, Sandvik Coromant India partnered with ThinkSharp Foundation for a holistic revamp of Kamla Nehru Hindi Primary School (Green Model School) in Pimpri-Chinchwad. The inauguration ceremony, held at the school, marked the introduction of solar panels, vibrant aesthetics, educational and play toys, solar energy facilities, a computer instructor, and notably, an independent library in each classroom.
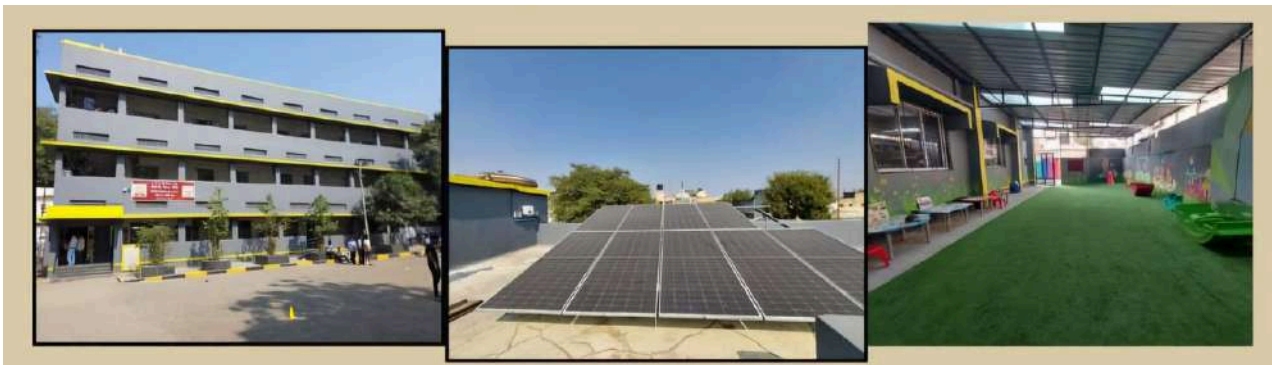
# MILESTONE 2

Two years back, we visited Dnyandeep Vidhyalaya Gegaon-Nandwal in the tribal belt of Shahapur, Dist. Thane, Maharashtra. The school was in a state of disrepair, with six collapsing classrooms, damaged benches, and non-functional computers. Overcrowded with around 70 students per class, it was also plagued by the presence of dangerous creatures like snakes and scorpions in and around the building..

Determined to make a difference, we conducted an architectural survey and discovered the urgent need for a new building. Thanks to the support of our CSR partner Concentrix India, we embarked on a mission to build a new Green Model School.

After a year of challenges and triumphs, we're thrilled to announce that we have inaugurated this Green Model School (Appx.10000 Sq. Ft) on February 23, 2024. School now equipped with modern facilities like a computer lab with teaching fellow, library, functional washrooms, and more, this project marks a significant milestone in our journey. We've fulfilled the dreams of over 300 students and their parents by providing access to excellent education.

# MILESTONE 3

ONGC, in collaboration with Thinksharp Foundation, has brought the future of education to 56 tribal schools across Palghar, Raigad, Ratnagiri, and Dharashiv. On January 12, 2024, we celebrated the inauguration at Z.P. School Navapada, Dist. Palghar, marking the installation of Smart Interactive Boards in these 56 schools. In today's education landscape, technology integration in classrooms is crucial for enhanced student engagement and interactive content delivery, fostering better learning outcomes and a heightened interest in education.

21st-century education is all about acquiring practical skills, and technology accelerates this process. Our Smart Interactive Boards, sponsored by ONGC, feature a dual operating system (Android and Windows) and come equipped with offline education content aligned with the Maharashtra education board. This content will enrich everyday teaching-learning sessions, allowing students to easily operate the boards and continue learning even in the absence of teachers.

This initiative is set to benefit over 2000 children from tribal areas across these districts, providing them with a cutting-edge education experience. Prior to this, ONGC sponsored digital classrooms in 50 schools over the past three years in Palghar district. With this latest initiative, the total number of schools equipped with modern technology in Maharashtra has now surpassed 100, making a significant impact on strengthening rural education.

# MILESTONE 4

**Supported by** Forms + Surfaces



We are excited to announce the launch of our second "Vidhyarath" StudyMall on wheels, a significant step in making education more accessible. Following the success of our first "Vidhyarath" which impacted over 2,000 students in five schools, our new mobile school will now serve six schools, benefiting over 3,000 students. This project offers a state-of-the-art computer lab, a rich library, and a stimulating STEM lab. The recent inauguration was attended by esteemed dignitaries from Forms & Surfaces India, teachers, and our team members, highlighting our commitment to quality education for all.



"VIDYARATH 2" LAUNCHING

# IMPACT STORIES
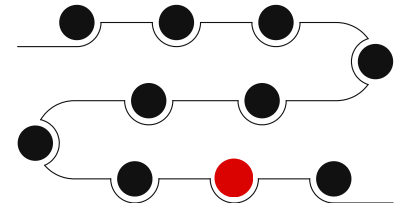
Malhar Sabale, a bright 4th-grade student hailing from a lower-income background but with aspirations that soar high. Malhar has not only embraced the world of technology but has carved a niche for himself with his very own YouTube channel.

In his own words, Malhar credits the Computer Mitra Program for empowering him to kickstart his YouTube journey. The program has been instrumental in providing him with the necessary skills and knowledge to navigate the digital realm confidently. His enthusiasm and determination are truly commendable.

Looking ahead, Malhar has exciting plans to infuse his YouTube channel with creative content, showcasing his unique talents and perspectives. His story exemplifies the transformative impact of educational initiatives, illustrating how they can empower students, regardless of their economic background, to explore and succeed in the ever-evolving digital landscape.
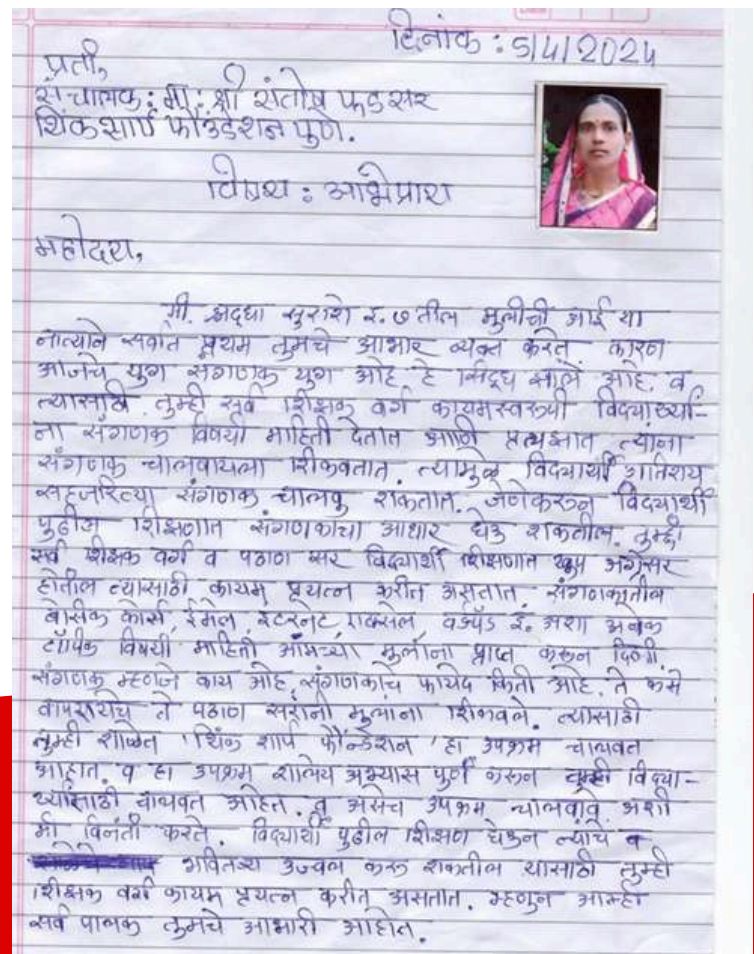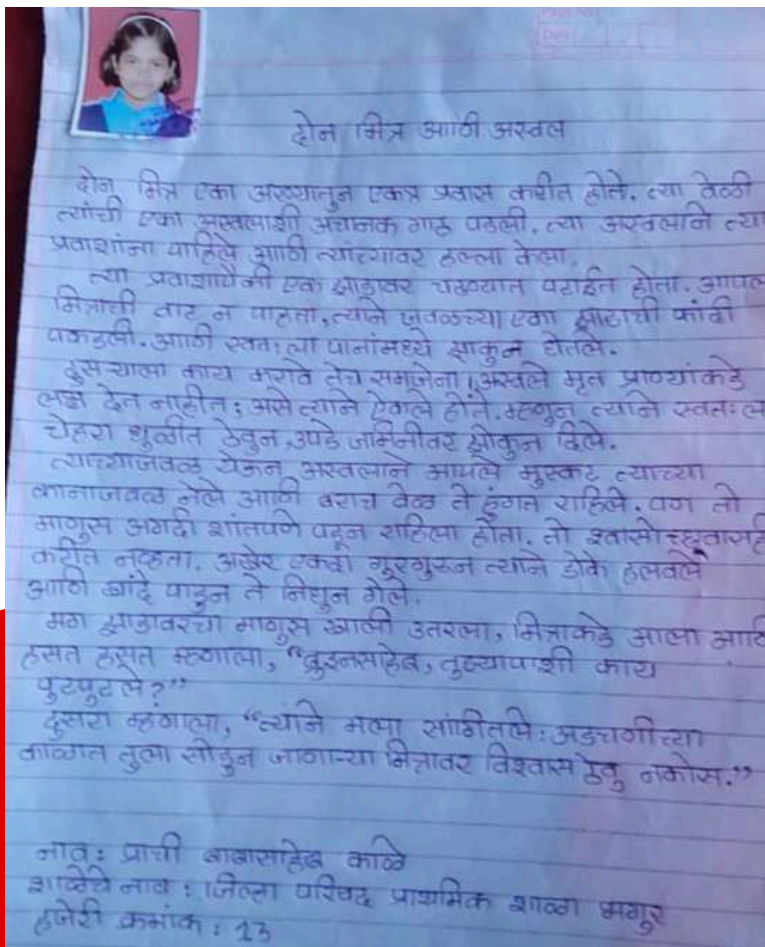
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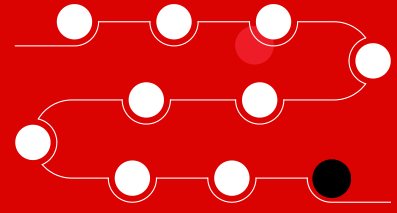
🏆 Our Founder Mr.Santosh Phad awarded Social Impact Leader Award 2023 from INDIA CSR on Dec 17, 2023 in Pune.

🏆 Honoured Great Teacher & Educator award by REALTO TEACHER'S Felicitation on 9th Sep 2023 in Pune.

🏆 Awarded Social Enterprise of The Year by Spandan, an initiative by COEP Technological University on 8th Oct 2023 in Pune.

## OUR SPONSORS & PARTNERS

ThePrint excerpt:

Inside, the building is clean and well-maintained. There's a computer lab for older students and one classroom is exclusively reserved for digital learning, with a large plasma screen and projector. The school provides free bus transport and midday meals, and plans are afoot to build a playground and another digital classroom.

Every Friday, a teacher from the ThinkSharp Foundation, an NGO, engages students in extracurricular activities, including science projects such as building mechanical instruments.

# सीएसआर निधीतून बालवाडीचा कायापालट

पिंपरी : पुढारी वृत्तसेवा

सॅण्डविक कोरोमंट इंडिया कंपनीच्या सीएसआर निधीतून आणि थिंकशार्प फाउंडेशनच्या माध्यमातून महापालिकेच्या पिंपरी कॅम्प येथील कमला नेहरू हिंदी प्राथमिक विद्यालय शाळा क्रमांक तीन व बालवाडी इमारतीची दुरुस्ती, रंगरंगोटी, बोलक्या भिंती करण्यात आल्या आहेत.

संपूर्ण शाळेला सौरऊर्जा, खेळाचे साहित्य, संगणक प्रशिक्षक व प्रत्येक वर्गामध्ये स्वतंत्र ग्रंथालय आदी सुविधा निर्माण करण्यात आल्या आहेत. या कायापालट झालेल्या इमारतीचे उद्घाटन आयुक्त शेखर सिंह



पिंपरी कॅम्पातील पालिकेच्या बालवाडीचा कालापालट झाल्यानंतर आयुक्त शेखर सिंह यांच्या हस्ते शुक्रवारी उद्घाटन करण्यात आले. समवेत अधिकारी.

व कंपनीचे व्यवस्थापकीय संचालक किरण आचार्य यांच्या हस्ते शुक्रवारी (दि.२) झाले.

या वेळी मुख्य माहिती व तंत्रज्ञान अधिकारी निळकंठ पोमण, सहाय्यक आयुक्त विजयकुमार

थोरात, सीएसआर सेलच्या श्रुतिका मुंगी, रोशनी आचार्य, विघ्नेश अय्यर, कंपनीचे अभिजीत चक्रवर्ती, फाउंडेशनचे संतोष फड, अमित कुतवळ आदी उपस्थित होते.

आयुक्त सिंह म्हणाले की, महापालिकेच्या वतीने गेल्यावर्षी ३८ शाळांमध्ये बालवाडीचे दुरुस्ती काम करण्यात आले. यावर्षी अजून ६८ शाळांमध्ये काम करण्याचे नियोजन आहे. या सुविधांमुळे विद्यार्थ्यांची पटसंख्या व गुणवत्ता वाढण्यासाठी फायदा होईल. किरण आचार्य, संतोष फड यांनी मनोगत व्यक्त केले.

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