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DREAMS TAKING WINGS

Mahantesh, a student from Uppinabetegeri in Dharwad, Karnataka attended the eVidyaloka Digital Classes taught by Volunteer Teachers in his school.

Today, he is an army man.

Mahantesh's parents ensured that their child went to the government school in their village. The school ensured that the students attended all the classes planned every day.

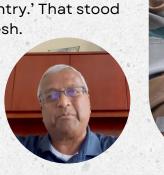
The Volunteer Teachers of eVidyaloka ensured that the children in their classes learnt.

Volunteer Teacher Arun, recollects,

"I remember vividly. I taught English to a class in 2018. I asked the students what they aspired to become. There were many answers. But there was one boy who said 'I want to either be in the army or the police. I want to serve the country.' That stood out for me. His name was Mahantesh.

Lo and Behold! He returns as an army man in a few years. This is one of the most rewarding experiences in my life."







Volunteer Teacher Arun





Uppinabetegeri is a small village in Dharwad, Karnataka, where Mahantesh was a student in the GHPS model school.

Arun, a resident of San Deigo, California in the United States of America, was a Volunteer Teacher for this school.

"When it was school time in Karnataka, it was bed time for me in California. I used to connect to the Digital Classroom and teach the students English. I am myself from a village in Karnataka. Life has been kind to me and I have been fortunate to have a fulfilling life.

I taught the classes after my supper. I still continue to teach.

After an hour of interaction with the young minds, I would be completely refreshed and when I go to bed, I go to bed as a very happy person."



Mahantesh attending an eVidyaloka class.



Mahantesh with his parents, school teachers, eVidyaloka Volunteer Teacher Arun in the Digital Classroom at GHPS model school, Uppinabetegeri.

"I always wanted to serve the country. Today I am able to. This is possible because of the constant support of my parents, school and my eVidyaloka Volunteer teachers who live far away but still care for students like me. What they have taught in those online classes, I couldn't have learnt anywhere else."

~ Mahantesh Halamani Gunman, BSF

ROLE REVERSAL FOR THE BETTER





Ashok Yadav, outside the school he worked in.



The Judwar village.



A child herding cattle outside the school. Teacher shortage in schools pushes children to take up available jobs at a young age.

Class Assistants play a vital role in the functioning of the eVidyaloka Digital Classroom Program. They are picked from the locality of the school and trained to operate eVidyaloka's Digital Infrastructure. And, they act as the extended arm of the Volunteer Teachers.

Here's the story of one Class Assistant who went to the other side of the camera.

Ashok Yadav, resident of Judwar village in the Singrauli district of Madhya Pradesh, was appointed as the Class Assistant for the eVidyaloka Digital Classroom in GHSS Judwar, which has a strength of 180 students.

Judwar is a village in the Singrauli district. In this hilly terrain, a significant population is that of the Gond people.

The distances between houses are large as sustenance agriculture is practiced here. The houses are only connected by foot-trails. There is great dependence on the surrounding forests for livelihood.

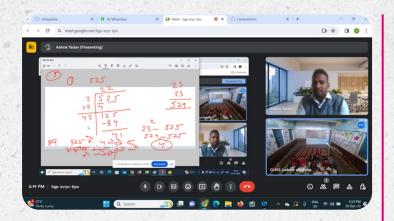
There is only one road that cuts through the village.

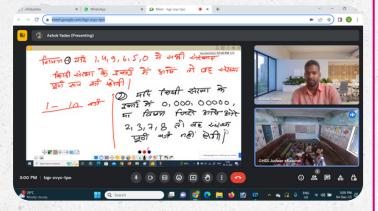
GHSS Judwar is on the road. On one side of the school are agricultural fields. On the other side, the forest.

"75% of the population in my village is of tribes like Gond, Baiga, Agariya, Saket, Bais, etc. The parents here did not have much enthusiasm for education. When this project came, I visited the entire village, went to various intersections, and told them about the project, where education will be delivered through digital medium." says Ashok Yadav.



One year later, Ashok Yadav becomes a Volunteer Teacher!





Ashok Yadav as a Volunteer Teacher.

While working as a Class Assistant, Ashok prepared for examinations for Government jobs. He was successful in getting a job and got appointed as Quality Engineer in a manufacturing unit.

"I believe in the transformative power of this initiative. Even after getting the job as a Quality Engineer, I wanted to still stay connected to this initiative. So, I became a Volunteer.

I teach Math at the school I studied and worked as a Class Assistant."

~ Ashok Yadav

CELEBRATING YOGA DAY

eVidyaloka Schools in Karnataka, Jharkhand and West Bengal celebrated the International Yoga Day on 21 June 2024, in style.



















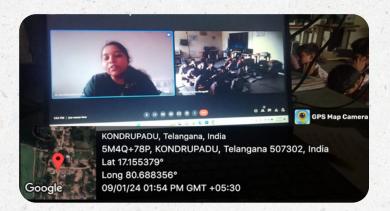


WHEN 'GOOD' IS JUST NOT ENOUGH



Volunteer Teacher Bhavana continued to teach even after the academic year ended!





Bhavana, a working professional taught Math to the 8th grade students at ZPHS Kondrupadu, in Telangana. Her class had 19 students

When the academic year ended, unfortunately the syllabus was not completed. Bhavana decided to connect to her students using the eVidyaloka Digital Classroom in the school for two hours a day.

Located in Vishakapatnam, Bhavana consistently taught her students.



The result?

All her 19 students passed the annual examination. And two of her students scored 100/100.

The determination and selflessness of one individual brought about tremendous impact in the lives of 19 impressionable minds.

The shift from not having the syllabus completed to being able to pass and score centums are huge morale boosters for the children here.

"How can I leave something incomplete when I know I can do something about it? It would be unfair to say that I went the extra mile. It was the students who went the extra mile. I just went along with them." says Bhavana.

WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S A WAY. WHERE THERE'S A TEACHER, THERE'S A FUTURE.





Until October 2023, this school had only one biology teacher, who retired, with no immediate replacement.

The 10th grade board exams were in March 2024.

Who could teach the 23 students in 10th grade?

eVidyaloka's Volunteer Teacher stepped in.

Taking up the mantle after the Kondrapadu Zila Parishad Higher School's only biology teacher retired, Volunteer Teacher Srujana conduct classes regularly, with three to four online sessions each week. She taught in Telugu.

By January 2024, she had completed the syllabus and since then she has gone above and beyond, discussing previous question papers, and conducting revisions, preparing the students for their 10th grade board exams.

The results were outstanding: all 23 tenth-grade students of ZPHS, Kondrapadu passed, with two students, V. Manasa and R. Revanth, achieving a perfect score of 10/10.



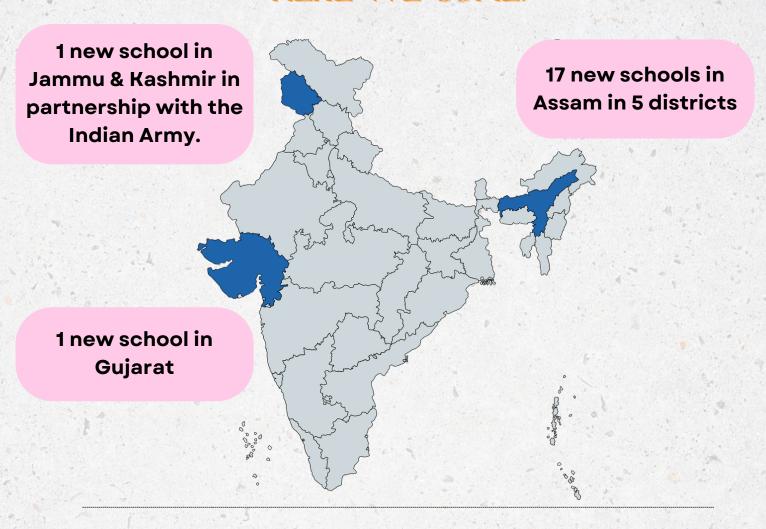
Volunteer Teacher Srujana's biology class in ZHPS, Kondrapadu, Telangana.

Srujana is a corporate employee who has been a volunteer with eVidyaloka for 3 years now. Corporate employees make up a significant number of eVidyaloka's volunteers. The unique volunteering model of eVidyaloka allows professionals to teach rural India online from the comfort of their homes and offices.

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