

RURAL EDUCATION



**Isha Vidhya
Annual Report
2021**

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*Education need not only be a tool for survival
but for enhancing perception. The children must
blossom and flower into great human beings.*

Sadhguru

Let us create a more Conscious Planet than we found it.

The world has reached a place where, fueled by technology, people have more comforts and conveniences in their lives than ever before. The only thing that is missing is Human Consciousness that is more inclusive, compassionate, and above all one that will manifest the goodness of being human on this planet.

This is our time. Let us create a more Conscious Planet than we found it. This work is about Human Beings. This work is about the environment. This work is about how we conduct our economy and how we impart education to our children. This work involves all the dimensions of our lives.

Many thousands of us have dedicated our lives to creating a more conscious planet, and to helping people upgrade their lives to be more conscious and compassionate.

We look forward to you supporting this movement and to seeing that this mission will reach its peak in this generation.

Let's make it Happen.

Love & Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sadhguru". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'S' being particularly large and stylized.



Isha Vidhya



Delivers quality education to children from economically disadvantaged backgrounds in rural India

10 schools

9,300+ students impacted*

5,600+ full scholarship students*

48% girl students

100% pass rate for Class 10 and 12

*As of November 2021

A young girl with dark, curly hair is sitting on the floor, looking upwards with an expression of hope and aspiration. She is wearing a yellow school uniform with red geometric patterns and a red sash. She holds a white notebook and a black pen in her hands. The background is slightly blurred, showing a patterned curtain.

Isha Vidhya

Educate a Child – Make a Life!

A pioneering initiative, Isha Vidhya is committed to making high-quality school education accessible and affordable to all, especially children who hail from rural, underprivileged backgrounds.



How We Do It

Dedicated teachers who receive regular extensive training to enhance their capabilities

Scalable methodology that can be replicated across schools

Multi-sensory, activity-based learning, which stimulates learning on multiple levels

Interactive, discussion-based classes, promoting analytical and critical thinking skills

English-medium instruction, emphasizing language fluency at a young age

Extensive libraries in various formats – print, audio, video and computer – to enhance the learning process

Digital classrooms, bringing the world into the village schools

Holistic development to equip students with essential skills, without losing sight of traditional Indian wisdom and diversity



2021 Milestones

Back to School

On 12 September, Isha Vidhya reopened classes from 9 to 12 with 50% student occupancy in accordance with government protocols. Thermal screening, hand sanitizing, masks and social distancing are the new normal!

This happened after virtual classrooms reopened on 14 June for classes 10 and 12. "Live" teaching made for more comprehensive learning and easier student evaluation.





Quiz Wiz

12 students of Isha Vidhya Dharmapuri participated in the "Narasu's Sarathy Smart Minds Challenge 2021" organized by one of the best engineering colleges in Salem, Tamil Nadu. Two students emerged victorious in this quiz on science and general knowledge.

Teachers' Training

As the lockdown began, we decided to use the extra time to equip our principals, vice principals, and teachers with better English language and oral communication skills. They were also trained to use online platforms for research and make PowerPoint presentations. A generous donor also offered a tablet computer to each of the 381 teachers, to help make online education easier.



Cycle to Educate

In a unique fundraising initiative, volunteers cycled hundreds of kilometers to provide educational support to Isha Vidhya students. Cheers to their efforts!

Bali and Iyappan –
2000 km in 20 days

Arun and Santosh –
400 km in 3 days

Ace Alumni

Isha Vidhya alumni have high employability and a promising future ahead.



Sowing Seeds for a Greener Planet

Shanthan, an alumnus of Isha Vidhya, now **works as an afforestation supervisor** at NLC, a company where electricity is generated using fossil fuels. Despite receiving 96% in his diploma in Mechanical Engineering, he says, **"I chose this job because I want to promote afforestation rather than relying on NGOs alone."**

A Father's Dream

Induja T. had joined Isha Vidhya on a scholarship. She now **works in the production department of CEAT Tyres Pvt. Ltd.** With her monthly salary of Rs. 12,000, she is now able to help her father, who is an illiterate farmer.





Science Geek

Praveen Kumar, a first-generation school goer, now works at Aaseya IT Services – a company that specializes in Digital Transformation. He says, **"I'm inspired by Sundar Pichai and want to become a leading IT programmer."**



Correcting Vision

Nilesch, a first-generation school-goer, studied on a scholarship. Nilesch set up an optician's shop after completing Class 10. **Although he scored 93% in his studies, he was more inclined to set up his own business.**



Hard Work Pays Off

Kirthiv joined Isha Vidhya on a scholarship. Due to financial difficulties, he had to start working soon after finishing school and is now **interning at Tinkerkraft, an Artificial Intelligence company.** His monthly salary is Rs. 15,000 which helps him contribute to his family.



Online Learning

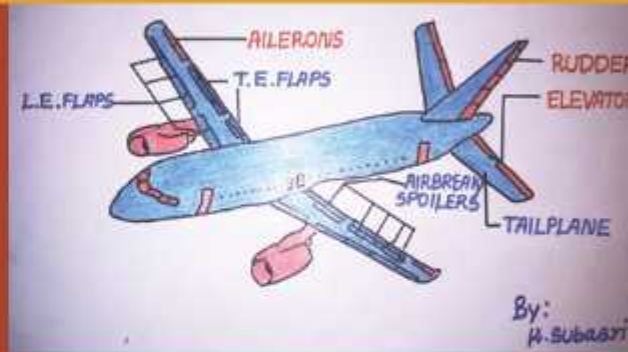
Fun-filled Learning Techniques during the Pandemic

Family on Fingers

Class 3 students learned about family composition – small, large, paternal, maternal – through a playful "Finger Puppet" class.

Space Odyssey

In this 10-day workshop for 70 students, theater artists and aeronautical engineers conducted science and story sessions about space. Students drew and made paper models to learn new concepts and enhance creative skills.



Homemade Clay Art

Class 1 students crafted butterflies with homemade clay made of flour, water, salt and oil, instead of using expensive chemical playdough. They added colors with blue ink, red chili powder and turmeric. Class 7 students even built colorful aquariums!

Learning at Home

Younger students were taught to count and draw lines using household items. This helped improve hand-eye coordination through fine motor skill activities – the first step before they learn to write the letters of the alphabet and numbers.



"I enjoy learning through PowerPoint presentations. My understanding of lessons has improved as teachers post the lesson video a day before the class, which helps me so much."

– *Anantha Sree*,
Class 12, Isha Vidhya Tuticorin



Sporting Tales



Silambam Champs

Silambam is a weapon-based southern Indian martial art. Ten students won gold medals and certificates at the inter-school Silambam competition conducted by the World Silambam Sports Association on 31 January.





Career Guidance

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Quality education is the only ladder that we can provide these rural children to help them and their families climb out of the economic and social pit.

Sadhguru

NDA Coaching

Class 12 students were prepared for the National Defence Academy exams through daily sessions, weekly Sunday assessments and online team building games.

Training for NEET/JEE

Class 11 and 12 students were trained for the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test and Joint Entrance Examination. Students were introduced to examination formats and given tips and techniques.

Entrepreneurship & Leadership Development Program

Class 12 students and alumni were trained in starting a business from scratch, launching a product and analyzing employability prospects.



IAS Protégés

"My nation is my career and I want to become an IAS officer. I already have an agenda ready – improving education in rural government schools, addressing youth unemployment and helping farmers."

– *R. Keeritigha, Villupuram*

"I lost both my parents in a span of five years. It is my father's dreams and his last words that inspire me to do well in studies and become an IAS officer."

– *Mahesh Praveena, Tuticorin*



Despite numerous victories, Dayakar Veerlapati regrets he couldn't fulfill his father's dream of seeing one of his children become an Indian Administrative Services (IAS) officer. This motivated him and his wife Shanta to sponsor five students for IAS coaching, additionally providing them with a subscription to an English newspaper, a mobile phone and a laptop with an internet connection, to help them prepare for the qualifying UPSC exams.

Meet the Mischief Brigade!



Aspirations

Many students at Isha Vidhya are first-generation school-goers and it is extremely heartening to see that they harbor exceptional aspirations. This has become possible only due to the support they received from the schools, teachers, mentors, professionals, volunteers, fundraisers and donors who have made their dreams come true.



"I want to become a
radio and video jockey."
- Nishanthini



POLICE

"I want to become a
police inspector and
serve my country."
- Dhinesh



"I want to work
as a space
researcher."
- Karishma



"I want to be a
jet-fighter pilot
and protect my
nation."

- Ajaykumar



"I want to study
fashion designing
abroad and set up
my own boutique."

- Kirubasri



OPEN

"It's my
childhood
dream to
become a
doctor."

- Dasnika



"I want to be an
architect with
innovative styles for
common good."

- Aarthi



Learning by Teaching

The best way to learn is to teach. Peer learning programs help students learn to communicate confidently, drop inhibitions and sharpen critical thinking by teaching fellow students. All students from Class 6 onwards, irrespective of their academic scores, are groomed to teach and conduct classes.



An Appeal

Over 60% of students at Isha Vidhya are supported by scholarships and a majority of them are first-generation school goers. Without this opportunity, these children would face a bleak future. The Isha Vidhya team is doing its best to offer quality education to these children. While the schools stayed shut during the pandemic, most expenses towards salaries, books and learning material, notebooks, electricity and internet amongst other things continued to be incurred. On the other hand, fees were reduced significantly for the fee-paying students, as parents were struggling to make ends meet.

Keeping in mind the parents' situation and the interests of the children, we seek continued support from all our donors to ensure that the necessary funding is mobilized to keep the schools running. With corporate donations at a minimum this year, we are depending heavily on individuals to support us and these children. We also invite volunteers who can help our academic and fundraising teams in their efforts.



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Income & Expenditure Statement (All figures are in INR (in lakhs))			
Income for the year ended on	31-Mar-21	31-Mar-20	31-Mar-19
Earned / Self-generated income	471.31	1004.69	867.36
Donations from Indian sources	1403.34	627.28	546.18
Donations from international sources	521.57	184.05	158.95
Other income	341.73	239.09	274.00
Total Income	2,737.95	2,055.11	1,846.49
Expenditure for the year ending on	31-Mar-21	31-Mar-20	31-Mar-19
Program-related expenses:			
Salaries & benefits	889.73	915.26	759.02
Staff training	0.03	14.28	9.21
Staff travel	1.28	14.70	12.38
Office support expenses	109.81	187.04	131.00
Material procured (Consumables like food / books / provisions)	172.50	260.59	291.75
Event registration & public awareness expenses	1.77	31.91	42.14
Student transport expenses	104.66	301.22	260.82
Depreciation on buildings	193.69	179.48	165.89
Depreciation on assets other than buildings	171.29	172.78	156.35
Other expenses	49.01	34.73	42.46
Total Expenditure	1,695.76	2112.00	1871.01
Surplus / Deficit	1,042.19	-56.88	-24.52

Notes

Income & Expenditure Statement:

- All figures pertain to the Isha Vidhya project. Relevant amounts which appear as part of the accounts of the Parent Trust (Isha Education) have also been identified and aggregated here to present a complete financial picture of the Isha Vidhya project.
- All donations are received only in the name of the Isha Education Trust, which has FCRA and 80G approvals.
- Other income includes bank interest appearing in Isha Education's accounts.
- Buildings are appearing in the books of Isha Education Trust but used exclusively for the Isha Vidhya project.

Balance Sheet (All figures are in INR (in lakhs))			
Assets as on	31-Mar-21	31-Mar-20	31-Mar-19
Fixed assets			
Land & buildings	1,900.44	2,012.15	1,933.02
Other assets	942.37	958.65	897.72
Investments	6,772.52	1,788.65	866.52
Loans and advances			
Deposits	9.36	3.63	2.80
For capital expenses	-	-	5.00
For operating expenses	5.97	19.19	6.77
Cash and bank balances	320.07	3,505.49	2,642.94
Other current assets	56.49	65.69	47.67
Excess of expenditure over income	-	56.88	24.52
Total Assets	10,007.23	8,410.32	6,426.96
Liabilities as on	31-Mar-21	31-Mar-20	31-Mar-19
Isha Education Funds	7,458.15	6,453.38	4,466.21
Corpus and utilized earmarked fund transferred	1,970.07	1,731.59	1,482.69
Restricted / Earmarked funds	562.72	208.95	464.58
Current liabilities and provisions	16.28	16.41	13.47
Total Liabilities	10,007.23	8,410.32	6,426.96

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- Fixed assets include assets Rs. 1,952.38 lakhs, Rs. 2,026.43 lakhs and Rs. 1,911.39 lakhs for the years 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 respectively, appearing in the name of Isha Education but used exclusively for Isha Vidhya.
- Inter concern transactions are clubbed with Isha Education funds.

Receipts & Payments Account (All figures are in INR (in lakhs))			
Receipts for the year ended on	31-Mar-21	31-Mar-20	31-Mar-19
Opening cash and bank balance	3,505.49	2,642.94	1,159.37
Earned / Self-generated income	471.31	1,004.69	867.36
Donations from Indian sources	1,448.34	1,697.61	1,761.27
Donations from international sources	1,125.63	358.29	426.56
Reduction in value of investments	-	-	425.37
Increase in current liability	-	2.94	0.98
Inter concern transaction	-	760.38	-
Other receipts	341.73	239.09	274.00
Decrease in current assets	9.20	-	-
Total Receipts	6,892.50	6,705.94	4,914.92
Payments for the year ending on	31-Mar-21	31-Mar-20	31-Mar-19
Capital items/ assets purchased for the organisation	239.00	492.32	506.79
Increase in investments	4,983.87	922.13	-
Increase in current assets	-	26.27	19.87
Decrease in current liabilities	0.12	-	-
Inter concern transactions	20.66	-	196.55
Operating expenses	1,328.78	1,759.73	1,548.77
Total Payments	6,572.43	3,200.45	2,271.98
Closing cash and bank balance	320.07	3,505.49	2,642.94

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- Other income includes bank interest pertaining to Isha Vidhya appearing in Isha Education accounts.
- Capital assets include those assets exclusively for Isha Vidhya, but appearing in Isha Education's account.

We are deeply grateful to our sponsors



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*Incredible things can be done
simply if we are committed to
making them happen.*

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