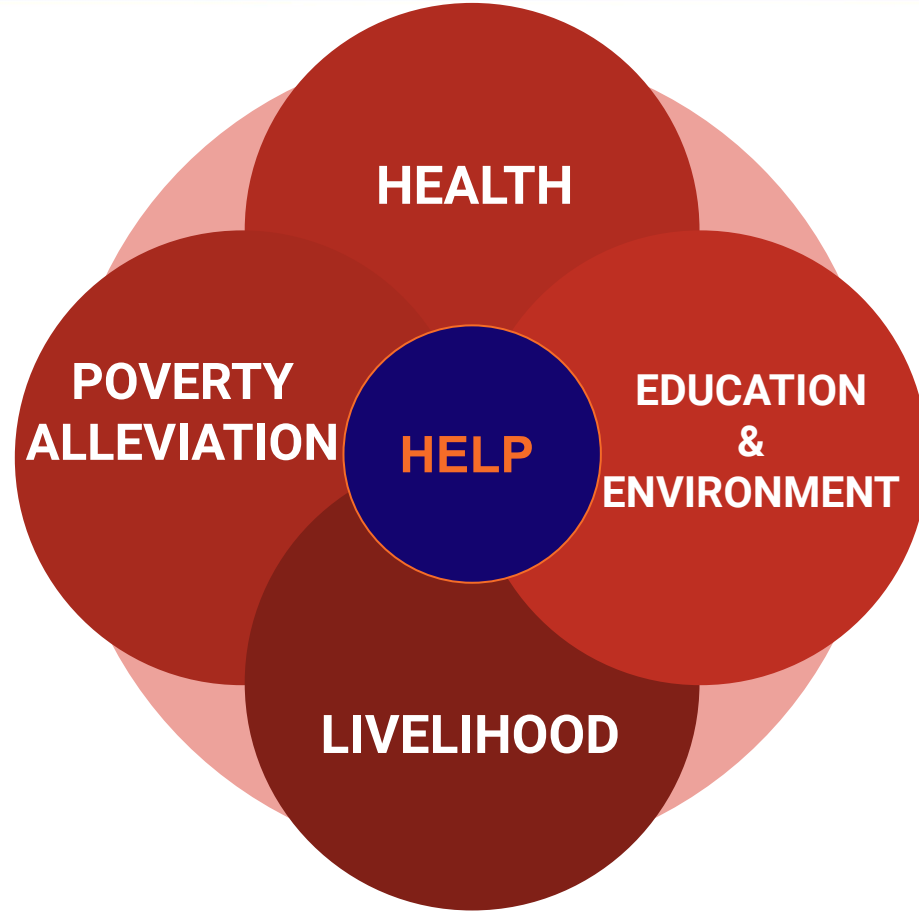




Activities of IIFL Foundation

2023-24



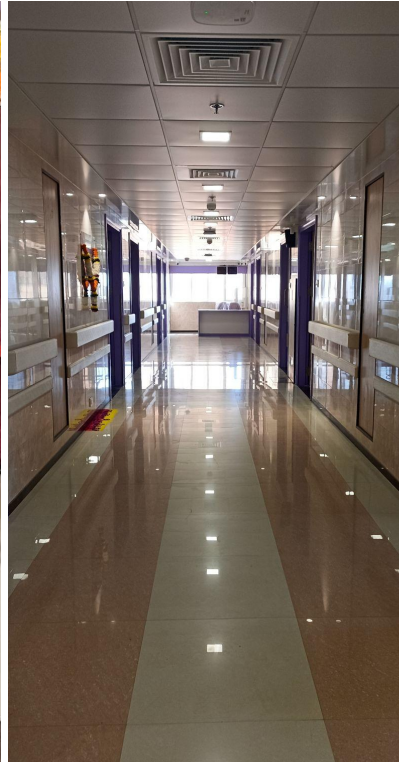
State	Districts	Aspirational Districts
Rajasthan	Bikaner, Jodhpur, Jaipur, Ajmer, Kekri, Jhunjhunu, Sri Ganganagar, Jalore, Pali, Bhilwara, Rajsamand, Udaipur, Pratapgarh, Chittorgarh, Salumbar, Dungarpur, Banswara	Baran, Dhaulpur, Jaisalmer, Karauli, Sirohi
Kashmir	-	Kupwara
Arunachal Pradesh	-	Lohit (Tezu Block)
Tamil Nadu	Tiruchirapalli	
Maharashtra	Solapur, Mumbai, Palghar, Thane	
Uttar Pradesh	Mathura, Noida	Chitrakoot, Sonbhadra
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	
Madhya Pradesh	Sheopur	

All activities are aligned with - Sec.135 Schedule VII of Companies Act.

- Eradicating hunger, poverty and malnutrition, promoting health care including preventive health care.
- Promoting education among children, employment enhancing vocational skills for women and livelihood enhancement projects.
- Ensuring environmental sustainability, ecological balance, protection of flora and fauna

Health

IIFL Foundation supported development of the in-patient ward at BhaktiVedanta Hospital & Research Institute, Mira Road, Mumbai.



IIFL Foundation donated the hospital a custom made Ambulance designed to carry 4 casualties, especially to save lives of victims of road accident. The service will be provided Free-of-cost to patients.



Health Annual Medical Camp



Annual Medical Camp was conducted at Barsana, District - Mathura, Uttar Pradesh, during February 2024. Each year, the medical camp attracts thousands of individuals from neighbouring areas of Mathura, Agra, Rajasthan, Haryana and Delhi to avail free of cost services. The patients also received after care and food.

IIFL Foundation supported the Mega Medical Camp at Pandharpur that was conducted in the month of June 2023.

Patients availed the medical services including in-patient/hospitalization.



Cataract Surgeries, Spectacles and medicines	500 patients	Medical beneficiaries	1570
Dental Check-up, treatment and dentures	200 patients	Food and snack beneficiaries	15,660

Health Donation of Non-Stress Test Machines



IIFL Foundation has donated **NST machines (Non-stress Test)** to Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at **KEM Hospital, Parel, Mumbai, Maharashtra.**

The NST machines will help in saving lives of children. Earlier IIFL Foundation had also donated an Electrosurgical Cautery (ESG) machine to for Department of Gastroenterology at KEM Hospital.



Education



IIFL Foundation has committed to eradicate female illiteracy from Rajasthan with our **Sakhiyon ki Baadi** program - a community based learning center delivering **Foundational Literacy & Numeracy (FLN) Skills**.

Each Sakhiyon Ki Baadi operates for **4 hours a day and 6 six days of a week**. Learning at Sakhiyon Ki Baadi happens through **interactive sessions by adopting play- way method, music, drama and exposure to the field**.

Education Sakhiyon ki Baadi



Districts (Rajasthan)	No. of SKB
Udaipur	292
Rajsamand	51
Pratapgarh	228
Sirohi	200
Dungarpur	50
Ajmer	30
Jodhpur	30
Pali	25
Banswara	30
Jalore	30
Bhilwara	25
Salumbar	94
Chittorgarh	50
Baran	50
	1185

Conservation of Indigenous languages

4 out of 10 Indigenous languages are at risk of disappearing – states UN.

At SKB conversation starts with the child in their 'mother tongue', later its bridged to Hindi & English.

Local dialect as *Mewari, Vagri, Marwadi*, and so on are retained with pride as a part of retaining cultural roots.

Employment & Skill Development of over 1200+ women

The Sakhiyon Ki Baadi program has created a *source of livelihood* to approx. 1220 women, most of whom belong to the marginalised *Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribe* communities.

If not for Sakhiyon Ki Baadi program, then an opportunity for learning and livelihood is almost non-existent for these women.

Social Inclusion of Tribal communities

Communities have come closer through the SKB program.

Girls from tribal communities as – *Bhil, Meena, Kalbeliya, Banjara, Garasia* and so on, who otherwise don't cross paths with girls from other tribes, are now having a dialogue with one another. There's a rise in confidence and they are seen to participate in social acts.

SAMPARK Smart Shaala Programme

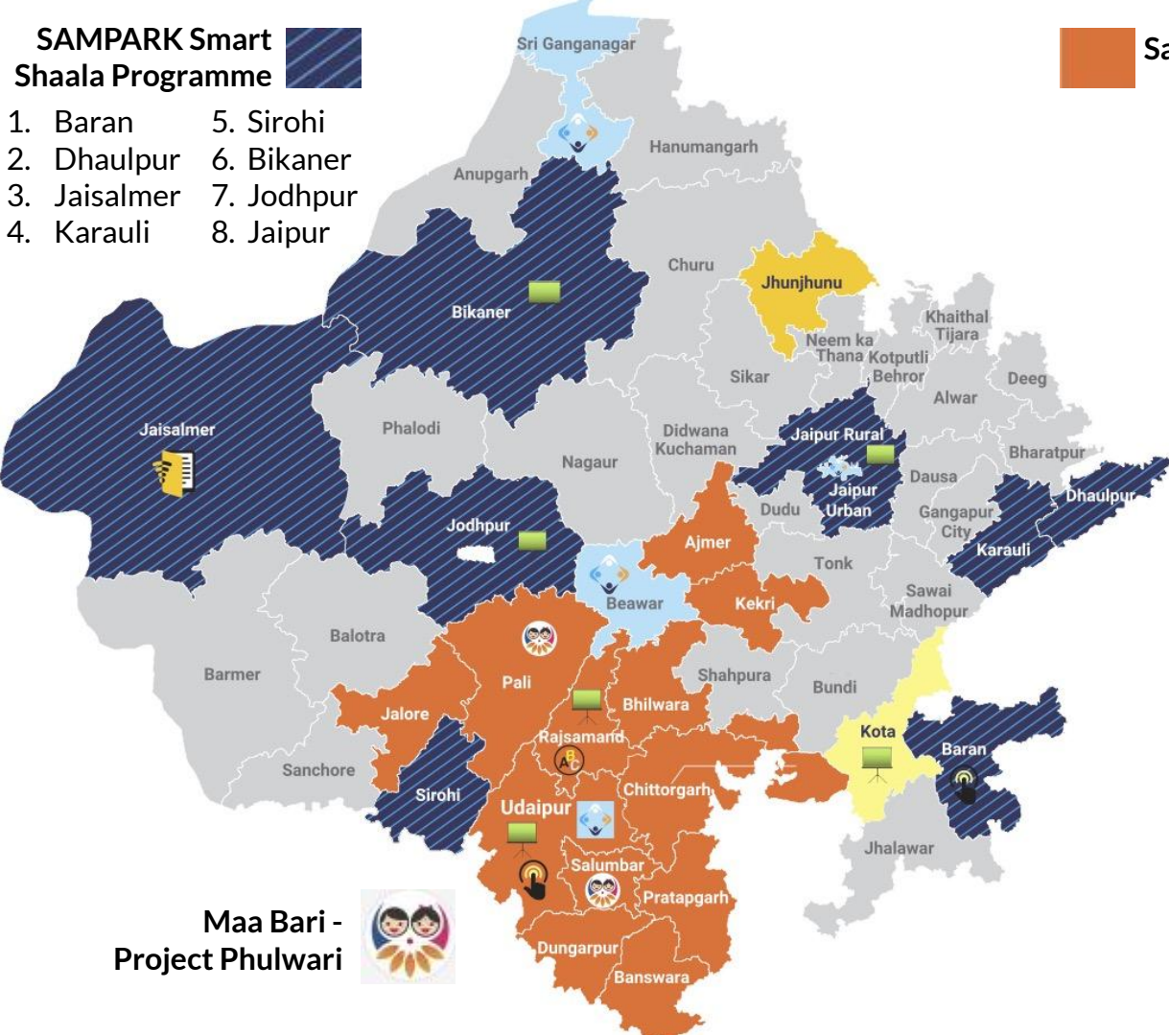


- 1. Baran
- 2. Dhaulpur
- 3. Jaisalmer
- 4. Karauli
- 5. Sirohi
- 6. Bikaner
- 7. Jodhpur
- 8. Jaipur

Sakhiyon Ki Baadi



- 1. Ajmer
- 2. Jodhpur
- 3. Kekri
- 4. Jalore
- 5. Pali
- 6. Sirohi
- 7. Udaipur
- 8. Salumbar
- 9. Pratapgarh
- 10. Chittorgarh
- 11. Rajsamand
- 12. Dungarpur
- 13. Banswara
- 14. Bhilwara
- 15. Baran



Digital Library
Rani Ratnavati School - Jaisalmer



Interactive Flat Panels at 150 Government schools - Baran & Udaipur



Community Radio for children and caregivers - Jhunjhunu



English Language Lab at Govt. School Rajsamand



Smart Boards at Government. Schools



Charuas - Learning centre and creche for children of migrant workers

Maa Bari - Project Phulwari



Education SROI + Impact Assessment by KPMG



Top 3 attributes rated by students

68%

experienced an improvement in learning outcomes (144 out of 212 participant students expressed their agreement)

65%

found the program to be informative (137 out of 212 participant students expressed their agreement)

55%

experienced an improvement in both their confidence and skill levels (116 out of 212 participant students expressed their agreement)

Top 3 attributes rated by Parents

67%

observed an improvement in their children's confidence and skill levels (131 out of 195 participant parents expressed their agreement)

59%

experienced a positive change in their children's learning outcomes (116 out of 195 participant parents expressed their agreement)

41%

found the program to be informative (80 out of 195 participant parents expressed their agreement)

55%

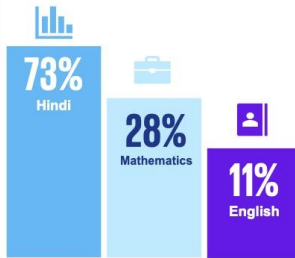
PRI Members:

PRI members feel that interventions in women empowerment, child wellbeing and education are important for the community among other issues

100%

PRI members feel CSR projects of IIFL Foundation been successful in addressing the needs of the community

Subject easy to study



Time taken to reach SKB by students



Impact on community

- Reduced girl child marriages**
 - Due to developing eminence of education in the community
- Improved literacy rates & behavioral change**
 - Overall increase in literacy rates
 - Progressive behavioural change toward gender equality
 - Encouraging equal opportunities for boys and girls in education
- Enhanced community development**
 - Educated individuals contribute positively to community development initiatives
 - Creating a more prosperous and harmonious society

Impact on Dakshas

- Empowerment:**
 - Increased confidence
 - Improved self-esteem
 - Improved decision making skills
 - Enabling them to invest in Education and enhance their living conditions
- Enhanced Social Standing**
 - Role models for young girls
 - Inspiration to pursue education and break traditional gender norms
 - Increased recognition in the community
- Skill Development**
 - Enhanced teaching skills
 - Improvement in their employability

SROI Results

5.3
SROI value

For every one rupee invested by IIFL Foundation in the SKB program, 5.3 rupees of social value has been generated in the community.



PRI* - Panchayati Raj Institutions



Parents meeting at the Chauras, UP



Health checkup by a doctor at Chauras



Younger children in creche facility at Chauras



Children of Balwadi group at Chauras.

Chauras is a learning centre cum crèche for children of labourers (migrant) working at construction sites, brick kiln and Mineral grinding unit.

We currently conduct **11 learning-cum-crèche facilities in 3 different states, engaging with 620 children.** The sites are carefully selected keeping in mind the scope for long term intervention, following a holistic approach (nutrition, health, learning, and community strengthening, in a caring and protecting environment).

State	District	Centres	Site Details
Uttar Pradesh	Noida	1	Construction Site
Rajasthan	Jaipur, Beawar, Sri Ganganagar, Ajmer	9	Construction site, Mineral grinding unit, Brick kiln
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	1	Construction site



Chhoti Badi Baatein, is a radio program on **Socio-Emotional Learning of children** and parents/caregivers.

It urges parents and caregivers to pay attention to the little things children say as they are clues to what is going on in the child's mind and thus understand child's behaviour and make parents sensitive to their children's moods and needs.

The radio programme is supported by learning kits used to engage children through activities.

Radio Channel	Kamalnishtha Sansthan's Radio Station 90.4Mhz
Episodes	Series of 63 episodes
Coverage	250 villages across 4 blocks of Jhunjhunu district (Nawalgarh, Udaipurwati, Jhunjhunu, Mandawa)

Education Infrastructural Development at Schools



Support for infrastructural development at Tiruchi Seva Sangam Girls Higher Secondary School, Trichy, Tamil Nadu. The school was setup in 1948 and is operated by all women leadership since then, dedicated to upliftment of women through education. Each year, **2000** students will benefit by the project.



IIFL Foundation constructed a state of art **2400 square feet** hall - 'Ahimsa Bhawan' - for students and the community at Government High Senior Secondary School, Madar, Udaipur. The project improved enrollment of students & resulted in better retention of students.



Education Furniture at Govt. School, Pali

IIFL Foundation donated classroom furniture to **Mahatma Gandhi Government School**, Sisarwada, Pali, Rajasthan, to the Primary, upper primary and senior classes. Prior to this contribution, the students used to sit on the classroom floor.

Class	No. of Benches
1st - 2nd	50
3rd to 5th	50
6th to 12th	35



Education Support to Shelter Home & Primary School



We've been supporting education of the children from the **Financially weaker section** of the community residing at Janupada Vaibhav Nagar locality (slum settlement) located at Kandivali (E), Mumbai.

The school was on verge of closing down during 2018, facing scarcity of funds and since then IIFL Foundation has helped them sustain the operations. **Children are offered education without charging any fee**

IIFL Foundation supports **Manav Shelter Home**, located in Panvel, Maharashtra for providing education and care to

Supports children from single-parent families and those living on the streets. This year, the project supported **28 children**, in the age group of **5 to 15 years**, meeting their needs on health, nutrition and education.



Students Enrolled

Classes Supported

Staff Members Supported

111

1st to 4th

6



IIFL Foundation supports **10 Seva Kutirs** - Day boarding supplementary meals-cum-education centers in **Sheopur, Madhya Pradesh**, engaging with **918 children**.

Key features:

- 2 nutritious meals - Breakfast and dinner
- 5-6 hours of education supplemented by sports and yoga
- A mini-library comprising of 100 books (Prathams) to promote reading and improve comprehension skills
- Celebration of important days in a year - Republic Day, Independence day, Gandhi Jayanti, National Youth Day, etc.
- Preparing children for enrollment at government school with help of Guides



Education Phulwari (Maa Bari)



IIFL Foundation has upgraded Maa Bari learning centres by introducing **Solar Panels (to facilitate Electricity)** and **Smart TVs for learning**.

Teachers also receive a 3 day residential training by subject matter experts, twice in a year. Also a dedicated mentor is appointed to help the teachers polish their teaching skills.

Total centres

No. of students

30

900



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IIFL Foundation is training teachers from **government schools** positively impacting education of students in **five aspirational districts** of Rajasthan - **Dholpur, Baran, Karauli, Jaisalmer** and **Sirohi**. The project also provides learning kits, smart education apps and residential training facilities.

IIFL Foundation, has implemented the biggest **TV based learning programme (Smart Shaala)** along with dissemination of the **Math Kits** in three districts of Rajasthan - **Bikaner, Jaipur** and **Jodhpur**.

This project shall help to **reduce the dropping out of students from Govt. Schools**, especially among girls.



State	District	Schools	Students (Beneficiaries)	Teachers (Beneficiaries)
Rajasthan (Niti Aayog) - Programme in aspirational districts	Baran, Dhaulpur, Jaisalmer, Karauli, Sirohi	5,910	4.06 Lakhs	13,401
Rajasthan (Smart Shaala)	Bikaner, Jodhpur, Jaipur	1,505	1.11 Lakhs	4,793
Uttar Pradesh	Sonbhadra, Chitrakoot	2,791	2.72 Lakhs	2,231
Total	10	10,206	7.89 Lakhs	20,425

Note : The numbers are for the entire project duration .



IIFL Foundation supported **Digital Shaala** programme with installation of **50 television sets upgraded with educational content** to improve students learning experience, in the grade 6-8th, **especially for girls from 10-16 years of age.**

- A significant learning growth of **35.14%** from the Pre to Post Training Assessment. Teachers demonstrated improved skills and knowledge in areas covered during the training
- **100%** of teachers acknowledged an improvement in their ability to incorporate digital learning in their classrooms
- **100%** of teachers affirmed an increase in their knowledge regarding the usage of hardware and software components of Digital Shaala.



State/District	Rajasthan/Udaipur
No of Schools	25 Government schools
Students beneficiaries	9053
Teachers beneficiaries	31

IIFL Foundation has helped to setup Computer Laboratory, empowering students to access Computer applications (MS Office) and Web-based applications to build their skills.

English language lab to improve command over the language of the students at Govt. Schools (Rajasthan).



Education Smart Classrooms

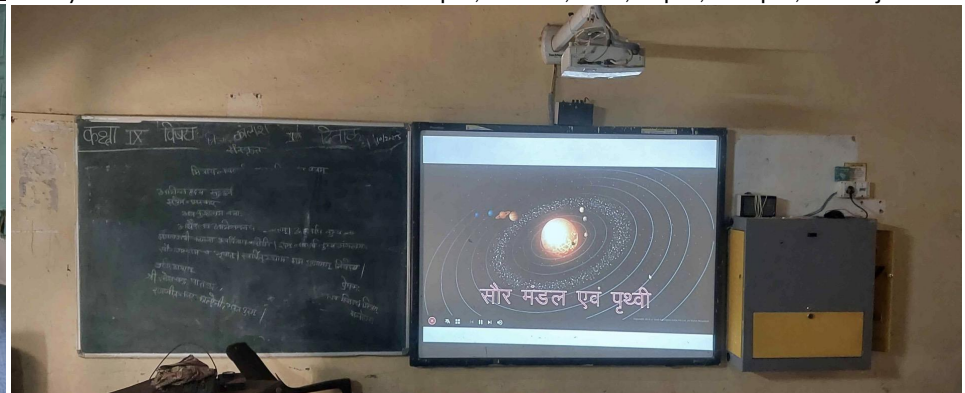


IIFL Foundation donated an **Interactive Flat Panel** learning system at Vidya Niketan School, Rajsamand, Rajasthan. The system allows students to access interactive AV learning material.

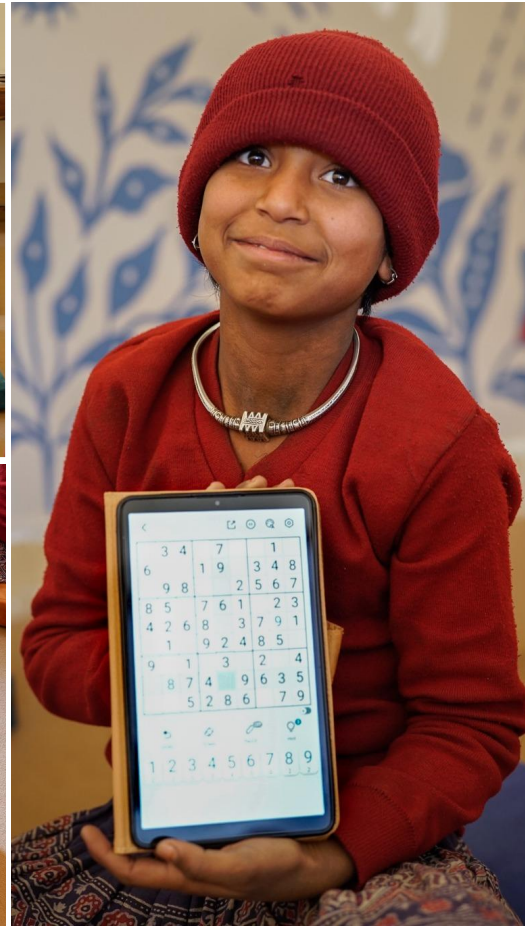
IIFL Foundation supported for **content license renewal** of Smart Boards (Projector based) at 9 Government schools in Rajasthan, for **next 3 years**. These boards were installed in the year 2017.



The system is installed in districts of Udaipur, Bikaner, Kota, Jaipur, Jodhpur, and Rajsamand



Education Digital Library - Rani Ratnavati School



IIFL Foundation has set up a state-of-the-art digital laboratory at the Rajkumari Ratnavati Girls' School in Jaisalmer, coupled with a donation **50 Android tablets**.

The digital lab emerges as a beacon of technological advancement, featuring an array of tablets and essential hardware for seamless charging and storage. The tablets, loaded with **educational content**, engaging games, and curated applications, align perfectly with the curriculum laid out by the **Rajasthan State Education Board**.



Education MoU with Government of Rajasthan



IIFL Foundation signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Government of Rajasthan to provide **Flat interactive panels to 150 government schools in Udaipur and Baran districts of Rajasthan**. The project was approved under the guidance of Honourable Minister of School Education, Rajasthan, **Shri. Madan Dilawar**.

IIFL Foundation signed the MoU with the Rajasthan government in the presence of Mr Ashish Modi, Director of Education, Rajasthan, Mr Dilip Parihar and Assistant Director of Education, Rajasthan.

This initiative aims to improve the digital infrastructure in government schools, and provide a window of opportunity to many students towards promoting digital accessibility inclusion.



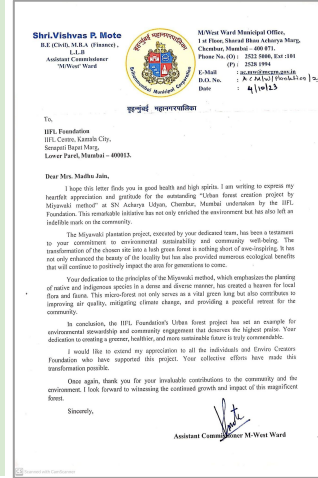
Environment

Environment Chembur Garden - Miyawaki



October 2023

With BMC we launched the Miyawaki Urban Forest project in Chembur, Mumbai. Developed on a **2500 square meters** plot with **10,300 indigenous plant species**, it's 100 percent organic and self sustainable project.



February 2024



The 10 Pro+ 5C 108MP



IIFL Foundation as a part of its efforts promote green spaces within the city and also promote art, music, culture in the city, has supported for maintenance of public spaces in Mumbai city.

- Birla Garden, Juhu, Mumbai.
- Coastal Garden, Juhu, Mumbai.



Livelihood

Livelihood Homestay Host Training for Youths



IIFL Foundation, the National Cadet Corp (NCC) - India, under the Ministry of Defence and REACHA (Implementing agency), supported by Lohitpur Brigade and Dao Division have launched the first homestay training program for youth in Arunachal Pradesh.

Direct beneficiaries - 160 youths
Duration - 12 months

Objective - **To transform lives of underprivileged youths by providing comprehensive training in homestay hospitality management to provide livelihood and help promote tourism.**

In alignment with Hon. PM Shri Narendra Modi's and MDoNER's vision for Northeast development. (Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, GoI)



Livelihood Homestay Host Training for Youths



Practical sessions - Room maintenance



Practical sessions - Role play

Note: Captured by GPS Map Camera



An exposure visit to Wakro town in Lohit district



Classroom session

Livelihood Hospitality Training & Retail Skill Development



A practical session on Punjabi cuisine



Girl participants of the Chef Trade Training



IIFL Foundation initiated Skill development programmes, curated specifically for youths residing at **Kupwara** (Aspirational) district in **Kashmir**, supported by **Indian Army**. They also receive support for securing internships.

Programme	Beneficiaries
Hospitality Training	160
Retail skill development	132



A classroom session of the Retail Skill Development course

Livelihood Banking and Finance, Entrepreneurship



Supporting a programme to offer Skill based training to students belonging to the lower income households in Mumbai. The programme is preparing **30 youths** for establishing a career in BFSI sector, along with internship opportunities.



IIFL Foundation supported **Network of Indian Cultural Enterprises (NICE)** along with **Jaipur Rugs Foundation** for an unique mentoring program spanning over 3 months, for **15 cultural entrepreneurs** in Home Decor space.

Livelihood Glocalbodh Mobile App & GROW



IIFL Foundation supported development of a mobile app **GlocalBodh**, offering a **year long immersive capacity building training for 50 grassroots organisations from Maharashtra.**

Key highlights of the project:

- 2 batches of 25 NGOs
- 60 hrs of video content
- **500 Hrs** of Hand Holding sessions
- **64 hrs** of Mentoring sessions from Industry Experts
- 8 Assignments
- **80 videos**

The organisations would meet for classroom sessions and quarterly review meetings.



The Grassroots, Resilience, Ownership and Wellness (GROW) Fund is a first-of-its-kind initiative aimed at building the capabilities, resilience and future readiness of grassroots organisations, in turn facilitating their efforts to effect the change at the grassroots.

With IIFL Foundation's support, The Grow Fund aims to strengthen **high impact grassroots organisations**, from across India, over span of 24 months.



Poverty Alleviation

Bicycle donation for Girls, Palghar



IIFL Foundation in collaboration with Mithibai NSS, Ex. Students Charitable Trust and Rotary Club, Mumbai donated **50 bicycles** to students at **Zilla Parishad School, Dahanu, Palghar**.

These girl students cover a distance of more than 5 KMs to access school, which is the only educational facility till grade 10 for children residing in more than five villages.



Other Activities

Exploratory Trip to Mawlynnong, Meghalaya



IIFL Foundation organised an exploratory trip for **22** members of Panchayati Raj Institutions (**Sarpanchs**) from Rajasthan, to **Mawlynnong** village in Meghalaya, which is renowned as **the cleanest village in Asia**.

Highlights

- Visit to State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD) at Nongsder.
- Exposure to programmes on skill development and entrepreneurship, Bamboo treatment and construction technology, Waste management through solid and liquid resource management, a course on gender budgeting and mainstreaming.
- Visit to a model Anganwadi centre in the Nongsder village.
- **Exposure visit to Mawlynnong village and interaction with the Dorbar Shnong (Headman) and community member and learning of their best practices to keep the village clean and build sustainable model.**



Interaction with the Dorbar Shnong (Headman) of Mawlynnong village

Celebration Independence Day



Independence day celebration with the Indian Army by youths of our Skill Development programme in Kashmir



आईआईएफएल फाउंडेशन ने केईएम अस्पताल, मुंबई में प्रसूति एवं स्त्री रोग विभाग को एनएसटी मशीनें दान की



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नैस्टेस्टेरेनोमीट्री फाउंडेशन की स्थापना 2016 में हुई है। आईआईएफएल फाउंडेशन की स्थापना आईआईएफएल मुम्बई की स्वामी सीआरएच पावने और इलाक़ा की कोशिकाओं को सुदृढ़ बनाने में सहायता करने के लिए की गई थी। यह संस्था आईआईएफएल मुम्बई की स्वामी सीआरएच पावने और इलाक़ा की कोशिकाओं के माध्यम से राष्ट्र निर्माण में योगदान देने में सहायता प्रदान कर रही है। संस्था

IIFL Foundation, Muskaan Dreams to digital literacy to marginalised communities

IIFL Foundation and Muskaan Dreams have announced a partnership to provide digital literacy to underserved communities.



As part of a CSR initiative, IIFL Foundation and Muskaan Dreams will work together to implement digital literacy programs in 25 schools across Rajasthan to help students from marginalized communities have access to technology and the internet.

"We are thrilled to partner with Muskaan Dreams to bridge the digital divide in Indian classrooms," said Madhu Jain, Director, IIFL Foundation. "We believe that technology and the internet are essential tools for social and economic growth, and we are committed to providing access to the internet, and bringing equity and digital inclusion."

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IIFL to provide hospitality training, create employment opportunities in Kupwara

Srinagar, July 19: IIFL Foundation has joined hands with the Indian Army to launch a programme aimed at providing market-related



Addressing female literacy and girls education remains a challenge in remote villages of Rajasthan. Sakshiyon Ki Baadi, a community-based learning initiative, is bringing tribal girls to the school.



Udaipur, Rajasthan: Udaipur: The land of heroes, Mewar Kings, their magnificent palaces, and sparkling lakes. Of colorful raggedis (rathbans), ancient musical instruments, and stories and songs of valor. But behind these beautiful things are another reality, usually not immediately visible to the eye.

Villages in Udaipur district located in the lap of the Aravalli range in south central Rajasthan are also home to child marriage. High literacy rates especially among women, and respect maternal and gender discrimination. Moreover, and among its tribal Meena and Bhil communities.



The children between the ages of 4-6 were busy forming words in Hindi using aksharas or letters written on sheets of papers.



Foundation has joined hands with REACHA of Indian Army to launch a programme aimed at providing market-related hospitality training and opportunities to the youth of north Kashmir's

This initiative is to engage with the local youth, and help them unleash their full potential.

offer comprehensive hospitality training to with the necessary skills and knowledge to in the industry," an Army official said. The programme will cover a wide range of topics, including hotel operations, cooking techniques, and service standards, and more.

preparing the trainees for suitable nities available in Kupwara and the region's tourism sector.

to the programme, industry expert Indira Jitendra (IICL) has expressed its willingness to provide placement opportunities to the trainees.

ensures that the program not only imparts theoretical knowledge but also provides hands-on experience. The program will consist of 40 trainees, and the course duration is set at 12 weeks.

In addition, REACHA will partner with other organizations like TATA Strive, TAJ, and other to provide a comprehensive curriculum.

The program will cover a range of essential skills, including customer service, retail, and customer service, and more. The program will further enhance the employability and increase their chances of finding jobs in the hospitality sector. As per the program, beneficiaries must have a minimum level of passing the 10th grade and fall within the age group of 18 to 25 years.

CSR: IIFL Foundation and Ministry of Defence Launch Home Stay Training Program in Arunachal Pradesh

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COVER STORY
Successful Interventions in Girl Child Education



Madhu Jain - Championing the cause of girl child education through Sakshiyon Ki Baadi. Ms. Madhu Jain is leading force in the Indian philanthropy and social impact arena. She, along with her husband, Dr. Anil Jain, is the Founder and Director of IIFL Foundation, the largest Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative of 56 billion INR Group.

Under her guidance, IIFL Foundation has created significant impact in the areas of education, health, financial literacy, water conservation, livelihoods, poverty alleviation, and climate action.

Sakshiyon Ki Baadi - A sanctuary for girl child education among indigenous communities in Rajasthan. In India's largest state by area Rajasthan, where the echoes of history intertwine with the progress of a visionary initiative embarked in 2008 to tackle universal challenges girl child literacy, Sakshiyon Ki Baadi - a haven of hope harbored with an aim to nurture the girl child education narrative for Rajasthan, a state grappling with the specter of a disappearing low female literacy rate at 57.6%, as reported by the National Statistical Office.

Mumbai: Urban forest to bloom in Chembur with BMC's new initiative

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The BMC and IIFL Foundation's joint initiative seeks to address environmental concerns by creating urban forests in Mumbai, an official statement said



In a remarkable effort to enhance the green cover and environmental health of Mumbai, an urban forest named 'Nagri Forest' has been inaugurated in Sharad Narayan Acharya Udyan, Chembur.

This visionary project is a collaborative endeavor between the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) and the IIFL Foundation. The project was officially launched by Additional Municipal Commissioner Ashwini Bhidve, who highlighted the significance of nurturing trees that sustain the lives of the city's residents, an official statement by the civic body said on Tuesday.

The initiative seeks to address environmental concerns by creating urban forests using a unique method, known for its effectiveness in promoting rapid and dense growth of native plant species. This strategic planting of 10,264 saplings representing 48 indigenous species within a 2,500 square meter area is made possible through the social responsibility fund provided by the IIFL Foundation, the statement said.