eVidyaloka
To Educate ~ Anywhere Anytime

What is eVidyaloka?

eVidyaloka is an aspiration to transform the education landscape in the rural and remote parts of India. Every child carries the same potential to learn and excel, and deserve the same opportunity to learn, irrespective of the socio-cultural settings, geographies and other demographics. eVidyaloka's educational philosophy is to contribute towards in developing this human capital by equipping the children with skills, substantive knowledge that they can apply and participate in the life of their community as full-fledged, autonomous citizens.

It is being developed with a strong conviction in connecting people and applying technology. Online teaching is a preexisting phenomenon and so are the investments and research in the pedagogy. The innovation exists in taking this to the Government school children in the rural and remote locations across India.

eVidyaloka is a delivery model, which is scalable, replicable, and sustainable. The deliver model constitutes the *five* key tenets of eVidyaloka:

Key Tenets

Remote & Rural
Provide Access to Quality of education where no alternative exists

Partnership
Synergize with local NGO to Leverage already established Trust & Relationship

Local Empowerment
Engaging & empowering local Community (Parents, Headmaster, Local Administration) to enhance Participation

Multilingual
Adopt Local language as medium of instruction in a dialect close to the local for effective learning

Connecting People
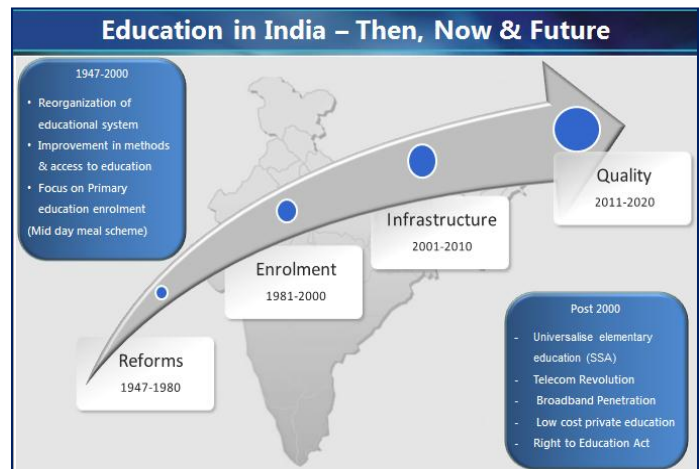Enabling Global Community to connect & contribute to Rural India through technology

The singular goal of eVidyaloka is to see a happy child, who is able to "understand and apply the concepts of their respective standards in their regular curriculum subjects".

Educational Landscape in India:

India has been on development path since its era of independence now with a population of over billion is marching towards a better India with providing access & improves quality of teaching as its core agenda.

Today's INDIA is a reflection of investment in the Education sector done over past years but that seems to be not enough given more than 50% of our Population as below poverty line and education in various forms can help us move forward. Since Independence - India's 5 year plan has been the documented approach for our development

Gaps in the current education system:

There have been systemic investments in the areas of Infrastructure and enrolment as covered above. However the desired quality of learning by the children has been consistently below threshold levels in the Government schools across the country, leading to Gap in Education and most affected are the Children of rural India.
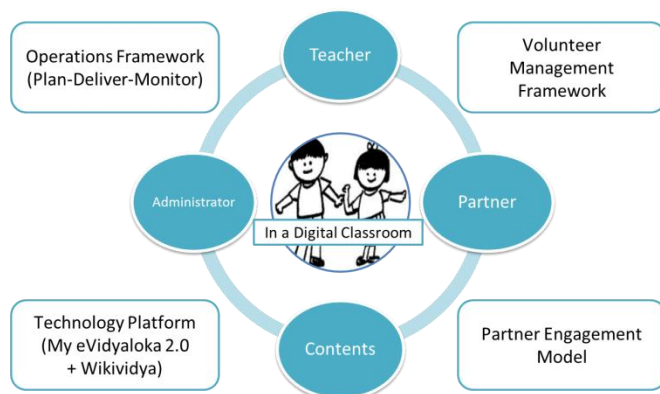
Top two challenges include:

- Teacher Shortage
- Quality Teaching

We can no longer ignore this problem and find a method to solve this problem and take this as National priority while conscious efforts are brought in by Government, Private & Social enterprises.

How do we achieve:

eVidyaloka is an ecosystem that would complement the existing system of elementary school education and supplement the quality teaching capacity.

A Digital Classroom – at the Remote location, to consume the services
Teachers – Spread across the globe
Contents (Wikividya) – Text books, enriched with multimedia, multilingual aids and support and through a single window access
Frameworks – Process & Technology that orchestrates and powers the above core components

Who - The People

 Satish Viswanathan – *Co-founder*: A qualified Chartered Account has held various leadership positions in the field of Banking, Business Finance and Operations in companies like Canara Bank HP, Microsoft. Currently holds the position of Director – Operations with Microsoft, Bangalore. A passionate teacher at heart, aspires to unleash the power of human connect, while dreaming about eVidyaloka
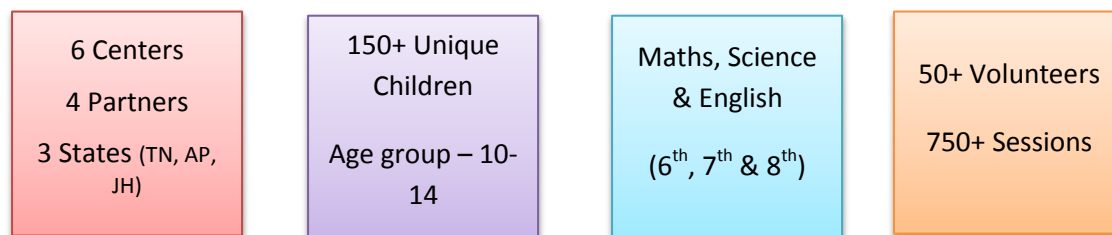
 Venkataramanan Sriraman – *Co-founder*: An Engineering graduate from BITS, Pilani ('95 batch) has held various engineering positions in the field of Software product and IT application development in companies like Citigroup, Honeywell, Microsoft and Dell. Exited from the position of Sr. Manager – Dell, Bangalore and taking up as Director, eVidyaloka. A passionate technologist, who gets excited about applying the information technology to solve chronic social challenges of India. And eVidyaloka is a dream, to be realized in that direction.

 People – Volunteers: Apart from a lean and mean team working in the backend, every volunteer involved in the journey comes with a unique capability and owns a social stake in realizing the children's aspirations of Rural India.

Where we are Today – 24 months Pilot:

6 Centers 4 Partners 3 States (TN, AP, JH)	150+ Unique Children Age group – 10-14	Maths, Science & English (6th, 7th & 8th)	50+ Volunteers 750+ Sessions

Where we want to go– 3 year plan:

Y1 - 2013 → Y2 - 2014 → Y3 - 2015 → Results

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Centers: 15 **Teachers**: 6-8 per Centre **STR**: 1:10 **Content Adoption**: 50% **Support volunteers**: 25+	**Centers**: 35 **Teachers**: 8-10 per Centre **STR**: 1:12 **Content Adoption**: 75% **Support volunteers**: 40+	**Centers**: 50 **Teachers**: 8-12 per Centre **STR**: 1:15 **Content Adoption**: 75% **Support volunteers**: 50+	On Time Class (95%) Volunteer effectiveness Progress report for every child Rhythm of Communication