

Kolibri Grassroot Stories - Task

[i-Saksham - Learn And Teach](#)

Background

India is plagued by the education crisis. While the government is taking sincere efforts to improve provisioning of education, constraints especially in the backward areas such as poor availability of teachers, under-resourced schools, multi-grade classrooms, etc. have resulted in poor learning levels time and again.

Apart from this, education systems have largely been around rote learning globally making learning a gruelling task and also eradicating a child's imagination and ability to rationalise things.

i-Saksham Education and Learning Foundation was established in 2015 by three ex-Prime Minister's Rural Development Fellows as a response to the challenges of education witnessed by them during their fellowship in Jamui and Munger, two of the extremism affected districts in Bihar.

Grantee Background

Learning Equality is committed to enabling every person in the world to realize their right to a quality education, by supporting the creation, adaptation and distribution of open educational resources, and creating supportive tools for innovative pedagogy.

Learning equality runs a Kolibri Hardware Grants Program.[^note] Supported by funding from [Google](#), the "**Kolibri Hardware Grants Program**"[^note] provides organizations with a grant of approximately \$15,000 USD for the purchase of necessary hardware to implement Kolibri in formal schools, educational facilities, and non-formal learning settings to reach both school-aged and adult learners.

Hardware Model

A tablet-client model with laptop server. The organization uses kolibri on portable laptop server and tablet client devices in community learning centers in India.

Summary For 2019-20 Annual Report

- i-Saksham has now grown to be a team of 100 edu-leaders and completed 5 years of their journey.
- significant improvements in learning levels of children and in their increased commitment towards learning. 80% of children achieved appropriate learning competency.
- Community and right use of technology is helping in providing education at this time of global pandemic situation.
- partnership with **JEEViKA** pioneered a new model of developing community edu-leaders in association with federation of women Self-Help Groups

Key Takeaways

Insights From 2019-20 Annual Report[^note]:- **2015-16**

- The prototype recognized as a **top 5 Skilling Innovations in the country** by National Skill Development Agency (NSDA), GoI.
- Became an **innovation training partner of NSDC**, and signed a 10 year MoU.

2016-18

- **Piloted a 2 year i-Saksham Fellowship** Program to build community edu-leaders.
- Received incubation support from IIM B, TFIx, Unltd. India, Edumentum.

2018-20

- Became a team of **100 community edu-leaders** and reached **2500 children**.
- **Partnered with JEEViKA, Bihar State Rural Livelihood Mission** to scale the model with women SHG network.

Key Demonstrations

- 90% of alumni continue to serve the educational needs of their backward communities.
- 50% of our alumni enrolled in professional education courses, and aspire to become teachers/education professionals.
- 25% of our alumni joined i-Saksham team as a peer-mentor ('buddy') to support ongoing batches of fellowship

Referances

[^note]:[Kolibri Hardware Grants Program](#) [^^note]:[i-Saksham 2019-20 Annual Report](#)