



**DEVI
SANSTHAN**
Dignity Education
Vision International

Leave no one behind

ANNUAL REPORT

2020-21



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from the CEOs Desk

Dignity, Education, Vision International is a non-profit organization serving underprivileged populations since 1992. The aim of DEVI is to be a catalyst in creating replicable models of change. It is collaborating with donors and NGOs to initiate changes in diverse fields like education, income generation, skills development, entrepreneurship, health care and awareness building campaigns. Global Dream is the primary project of DEVI Sansthan, aiming to bring literacy to the people of Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, and

beyond.

The first section of this report includes general information about DEVI Sansthan's mission, objectives and history. The second section outlines our literacy-related activities. New initiatives taken to assist with Covid relief and development work in marginalised and vulnerable slum communities are described in the third part followed by financials 2020-21.

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BACKGROUND



DEVI Vision & Mission

Dignity, Education, Vision International is a non-profit organization serving underprivileged children populations since 1992. With the slogan 'each one teaches one' we hope to inspire people's movement for literacy throughout the nation. Our vision is that no one should be left behind in the spread of Literacy. Our mission is to be a catalyst in creating a replicable model of change.

Why Literacy

Literacy is the first stepping stone to formal education and a path to freedom for many. The positive benefits of literacy are numerous- a Cambridge study in India found that a mere 4% increase in literacy rate would have the same positive effect on reducing child mortality as a 25% reduction in the poverty rate. And literacy has been found to be the only significant predictor of public health, at the state level. Sadly over 2500,00,000 illiterate adults, nearly 40% off the global total is in India, and there is no program for the lakhs of Indian children aged 6-15 who are currently out of school.



Why Global Dream?

The global dream is a product of years of trial and error based on international research. This research shows that a student-directed program based on increasing the student's thinking time supplemented with immediate feedback and positive reinforcement is the ideal way to accelerate a student's learning curve. BY implementing this research, the Global Dream Toolkits perform far faster than other existing primers and curricula. An average person can begin to read within 2-3 months with a single 15 minutes teaching session per day

Advantages of the Global Dream Learning Program

- Simple steps that build on learners' already existing ability to speak in their language.
- Learner-driven so that thinking time, and therefore cognitive benefits is maximized
- Immediate a sense of achievement that keeps them motivated. Nurtures intrinsic motivation.
- Creates a sense of self-worth, dignity and hope.

A blue-tinted photograph of a classroom scene. In the foreground, a young girl with dark hair tied back looks directly at the camera. Behind her, several other children are visible, some looking towards the camera and others looking down. One child in the background is holding a book with a blue cover that has the word "DREAM" written on it.

OUR INITIATIVES

Global Dream School



DEVI Sansthan has initiated Global Dream School where the teachers and students of City International School, Manas City, Lucknow, join efforts to educate the children from the nearby slums till Grade 5. CIS absorbs them into the main school from Grade 6 onwards. Many children of the Global dream have passed CIS with flying colours, and have proceeded to undertake higher education. The children

are taught all the skills including sports, dance, music and swimming. To date, we have enrolled 40+ slum children in the school who attend the classes on regular basis in the afternoon session. Both children and adults come to learn basic reading and writing, and women are also given vocational training. While professional teachers are employed, CIS children also periodically help.



EACH ONE TEACH ATLEAST ONE

Each One Teach At Least One Campaign is a home based solution where students of Grades 5 to 12 commit to make at least one child or adult literate. They adopt a learner in their homes or near their home's neighbourhood, and teach them using the disruptive Global Dream FLN Toolkits.

2 HOUR FAMILY CHALLENGE

#NAME LITERACY

MY IDENTITY MY EMPOWERMENT

Teach four persons to write
their own name

Take 4 sessions of 15 mins each
to teach the skill to write

Take another 4 sessions of 15 mins
each to perfect writing of name

पढ़ेगी लक्ष्मी
तो बढ़ेगी लक्ष्मी |

HOW?

1. Find a learner (any age or gender)
2. Teach
3. Submit evidence (photos and videos)
4. Get **e-badges** as a BIG thank you
5. Share and tag others to do the same
 - Continue to teach your learner using app sns.globaldream.guru
 - Make your learner completely literate and numerate and become a **Leader Of Change**

A FAMILY CHALLENGE Teach at least 4 persons per family

Parents

Grandparents

Uncle & Aunts

Other Family & Friends

Children (10+ yrs old)





Global Dream Literacy Lab

Literacy Lab has been set up in two slums, Chaandan and Sugamau of Lucknow. The slum-dwellers in these two areas are generally rag-pickers. The children are often seen helping their parents in this activity. The opening of learning labs has helped in taking the literacy model at their

door steps where they come to join us after finishing their daily routine work. We have interns working with us who are the students of Lucknow University Social Work department. Our two month literacy model has helped many of them read and they feel dignified and happy.



We are working on development and research on the Literacy Now App, which provides lessons on the Mobile App and on other devices. Using this App, it is possible to make an illiterate learner of any age reading capable by

spending 20 minutes per day for 30–45 days. We are looking forward towards funding for giving the final shape to this App.

MEDIA

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This UP teacher is making poor kids 'literate' in 30 hour

Dec 21, 2020



Is it possible to make someone literate in just 30 hours? For five years, Sunita Gandhi, an educationist in Lucknow, has done it, free of charge, for children out of school in UP. During the following year, she would replicate the model in other parts of the country. "We hope to take this to 20 states at the end of next year, hopefully reaching out to 20 lakh out-of-school children.

The global dream project is fully driven by volunteers. It's all based on a simple principle - Ask the children what they know and build upon it. So, instead of a uniform structure for all students, it breaks everything for every child.

"Some of my students are unlettered despite having attended school. They have been told that they are 'Less careful' and scolded up. But it's not that they don't know things," said Tom Delaney, 24, literacy programme trainer with the project.

"They can recognize images, know sounds for words. We bring them from what they know with what they don't do." Every session, no more than 15 minutes because children from underprivileged backgrounds are short on time, Very dependent on asking questions about the children instead of telling them the things they repeat.

When it comes to recognizing words, for example, it's not just about identifying letters. The toolkit, an inexpensive Rs-50 pack, starts by relating pictures to syllables. The syllable is then combined to make words. In bite-sized pieces with visual and hearing cues, each child is then taught to recognize words. This toolkit has 30 lessons - 60 short videos, books, alphabet cutouts, and stationery items.

THE TIMES OF INDIA

Indian educationist launches literacy program for out-of-school children, adults

December 12, 2020



NEW DELHI: Global Dream Shaala, an initiative for providing free education to out of school children starting with Uttar Pradesh, launched earlier this week on Human Rights Day. The initiative will promote functional literacy and numeracy among masses, and was born out of an observation of underprivileged children aged 6-14 unable to read even a one-paragraph story fluently.

According to educationist Dr. Sunita Gandhi, "Our primary objective with Global Dream Shaala is to provide a zero-cost scale-up model of learning that is both quick and effective, and that makes learning gain real every day. This keeps the motivation of both volunteers and learners high."

A pilot of this approach was carried out with 22 women volunteers in Karauni village in a rural block of Lucknow. Soon, these women turned teachers and within the first few months prepared 180 women to take the NLM Basic Literacy Exam by NIOS. Together, they made more than 800 women in Karauni capable of reading, writing, numeracy. Later, the program was carried out in other cities targeted to educate underprivileged children, adults and their mentors. may themselves be illiterate.

Their main roles are motivating learners and facilitating their learning as in the new version, the videos do the entire job of teaching. The volunteers too become literate in the process. This will prove helpful in tapping into opportunities to scale up these projects across Uttar Pradesh, starting with Lucknow's urban slums. There are plans to expand the initiative across India including Tier 2 and 3 cities and to take the children from basic literacy to Class 3 and 5 levels within the program.

THE TIMES OF INDIA

This UP teacher is making poor kids 'literate' in 30 hour



LUCKNOW: Is it possible to make someone literate in just 30 hours? For five years, Sunita Gandhi an educationist in Lucknow, has been doing just that, free of cost, for out-of-school children in UP. Over the next year, she will replicate her model in other parts of the country.

"We hope to take this to 20 states by the end of next year, hopefully reaching out to 20 lakh out-of-school children," Gandhi told TOI. The Global Dream Project is entirely volunteer-driven. It's all based on a simple principle — ask children what they know and build on it. So, instead of a uniform structure for all students, it breaks things down for each child.

"Some of my students are unlettered despite having attended school. They have been told they are 'nalayak' (useless) and beaten up. But it's not that they don't know things," said Tom Delaney, 24, literacy programme trainer with the project. "They can recognise pictures, know sounds for words. We take them from what they do know to what they don't."

Each session, no longer than 15 minutes because children from underprivileged backgrounds are short on time, relies heavily on asking children questions instead of telling them things that they repeat. When it comes to recognising words, for instance, it isn't just about identifying letters. The toolkit, an inexpensive Rs-50 pack, starts by relating pictures to syllables. Those syllables are then combined to make words. In bite-sized pieces with visual and auditory cues, each child is then taught to recognise words. The toolkit has 30 lessons — 60 short videos, books, alphabet cutouts and stationery items.



OUR SUPPORTERS



Kupanda Sisters

We are collaborating with Kupanda Sisters in their mission of Literacy for All in the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, South America. The mission is to make

education accessible for all and easy to learn even in the remotest part of the Republic.



Chatra Jharkhand Project

An MOU has been signed with the district administration, Chatra, Jharkhand for implementing the Global Dream FLN program in Government Schools. The

program will be initially implemented in 50 schools to fill post covid FLN gaps among children of grades 1-5.



Piramal Foundation

We have partnered with Piramal Foundation to enhance foundationally literacy and numeracy of around 50 million children across 112 Aspirational districts covering 27 Indian states. The

program will enable children in grades 1-5 to quickly catch up with the grade-level curriculum and achieve grade-level learning outcomes.



Literacy Chicago

In collaboration with Literacy Chicago, the Global Dream ALfA English toolkits are

being converted into videos and will also be piloted with adult learners in Chicago.



SBI Life Insurance

DEVI Sansthan partnered with SBI Life to develop and launch Global dream Literacy Lab for two slums Chandan and Sugamau of Lucknow to make

underprivileged people literate. Children and Adults from these slums come to the Literacy labs and learn how to read, write and do basic numeracy.



City Montessori School

DEVI's "Each One Teach One" program mobilizes and trains school and college students to teach literacy. A 5-year MOU has been signed with City Montessori

School, wherein 25,000 student volunteers of grades 5-11 will participate in the 'Teach At least One' campaign every year

Global Advisory Committee

We thank our advisory committee members for their guidance and motivation.



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M/S DEVI SANSTHAN
35, NAZARBAGH, LUCKNOW
BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31ST MARCH, 2021

Liabilities	Amount	Amount	Assets	Amount	Amount
Capital Fund:-			Fixed Assets (as per schedule attached)		5,84,634.77
Opening Balance	18,40,727.58		Investments		
Add Excess of Income over expenditure	3,38,770.01		FDRS' with accrued interest		16,68,530.00
		21,79,497.59			
Advance from NFE to Devi		21,324.00			
Advance from NFE- A.C. to Devi		8,200.00			
Advance from Japan to NFE		4,000.00			
			Current Asset.		
Advance from Devi to Japan		71,100.00	Cash in hand		3,089.50
Expenses Payable		4,81,170.00			
Unutilized Balance					
Grant in Aid :-					
1. British	11,988.50		Bank Balance		13,95,706.32
2. Japan	3,34,062.50				
3. N F E	17,971.00				
4. N F E – A.C.	8,839.00				
5. Global Dream Project	5,59,032.00				
		9,31,893.00			
			Advance to Devi from -		
			British	11,700.00	
			N.F.E.	21,324.00	
			N.F.E. – A.C.	8,200.00	41,224.00
			Advance to NFE from Japan		4,000.00
Grand Total -		36,97,184.59	Grand Total -		36,97,184.59

Shailen Varma

(Secretary)

Dr Sunita Gandhi

(President)



For M/s Abhimanyu Singh & Co.

Chartered Accountants

(Abhimanyu Singh)
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M/S DEVI SANSTHAN
35, NAZARBAGH, LUCKNOW
Income & Expenditure A/c
(For the year ending 31st March, 2021)

Expenditure	Amount	Amount	Income	Amount	Amount
To Salary & wages	1,39,700.00		By grant for projects Opening Balance:-		
To Telephone expenses	4,200.00		i-British	11,988.50	
To Bank Charges	472.00		ii-Japan	3,34,062.50	
To Global Dream expenses by Devi:-			iii Non Formal Education	17,971.00	
Printing & Stationary	1,36,230.00		iv-N.F.E.-A.C.	8,839.00	
Salary & Wages	3,44,940.00	6,25,542.00	v- Global Dream Project	9,85,062.00	13,57,923.00
			By Donation		5,00,235.50
To Projects Expenses on:-	-		By Devi School Fees		1,16,500.00
1-British	-		By interest Income		13,547.00
2-Japan	-		By interest earned on FDR		64,175.00
3-Non Formal Education	-		By Sale of Books		2,89,067.70
4-N.F.E.-A.C.	-				
5.Global Dream Project	4,26,030.00	4,26,030.00			
To Unutilized Balance:					
i-British	11,988.50				
ii-Japan	3,34,062.50		By Donation/Grant for Project during the year:		
iii-Non Formal Education	17,971.00		Global Dream Project		—
iv-N.F.E-A.C.	8,839.00				
v. Global Dream Project	5,59,032.00	9,31,893.00			
To Depreciation (As per schedule attached)		19,213.19			
To Surplus-Excess of Income over expenditure		3,38,770.01			
	Total	23,41,448.20		Total	23,41,448.20

Shailesh Varma

(Secretary)

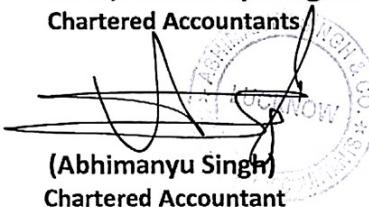
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