



Isha Education Annual Report 2024



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Isha Vidhya

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

10

schools

9700+

students benefited

48%

girl students

100%

pass rate for Class 12

60%

full scholarship students

Highlights





Rural Education



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Educate a Child – Make a Life!

Isha Vidhya is a pioneering initiative committed to making high-quality school education accessible and affordable to all, particularly for children 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 that promote analytical and critical-thinking skills

English-medium instruction, which emphasizes language fluency at a young age

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

Digital classrooms that bring the world into rural schools

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

Modern infrastructure, including well-lit classrooms and clean toilets





Public Exam* Results

	Class 10	Class 12
Pass %	99.3%	100%
% of Scholarship Students	67%	79%
Average Score	79%	74%

*Tamil Nadu State Board

Science Winners

11 of our students were among 733 winners across Tamil Nadu, at the INSPIRE (Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research) Awards MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspirations and Knowledge) by the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India.

The Lives We Touched



"I developed a Medicine QR Code Scanner to educate patients about correctly consuming medicines."

My idea is to have a QR code on every medicine pack that is linked to an app providing information about the medicine in all Indian languages. It will also include dietary tips and the benefits of Ayurveda and Siddha medicine. I am utilizing my award of Rs.10,000 to further develop my project."

- Sakthi, Class 9, Isha Vidhya Coimbatore



"While playing a board game, I noticed my blind friend struggling to read the numbers on the dice."

So I created a cost-effective Musical Die programmed in micro:bit that includes an inbuilt motion sensor and music block. The device is housed in a wooden box and produces a corresponding sound when shaken, indicating a randomly selected number. I utilized some of my prize money to create the prototype and used the rest to purchase two goats to support my family.

- Nabina, Class 6, Isha Vidhya Tuticorin

Celebrating the Girl Child

4300+

girl students
(44% of total)

2700+

scholarship students
(28% of total)

6

out of 8 Class 12
toppers were girls

50%-100%

fee waiver for Classes 11 & 12 awarded
to girl students who achieve specified
target scores in Class 10 public exam





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"My Class 12 achievement reflects not just my own commitment to excel but all the ways that my community stood by me."

As a tribute to my donor for sponsoring my education, I want to become a doctor, help the community, and sponsor the education of needy children."

- Oviya, Class 12 Topper, Isha Vidhya Coimbatore

Midday Meal

12% of students pay a subsidized price for a balanced meal that is hygienically cooked in the school kitchens.

33% of students eat the midday meal sponsored by donors. For many of these students, this is their only square meal of the day.





Exceptional Facilities

Math Labs - Used for weekly sessions where students use kits for visual and practical learning, especially in the primary section

Science Labs - Used by higher secondary students for experiments in physics, chemistry and biology, to help them better understand and assimilate concepts

Digital Classrooms - Over 70% of classrooms are equipped with an audio system, projector and internet connectivity

Computer Labs - Every school has 40 computers, which students begin to use from Class 3 onwards, initially for basic math and digital drawing, and then for higher-level learning

Playground and Play Equipment - Every school has spacious playgrounds for students from Class 5 onwards, with 3-5 periods each week devoted to athletics and group sports

Libraries - Contain around 7000 books, including reference books, story books, biographies and magazines

Accreditations

Gold-certified NGO by Give, signifying the highest level of trust and transparency

CAF International Validated Organization by Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) America, which validates that all donations will be utilized for charitable purposes



When Learning Becomes Fun

Stimulating Blackboards are unconventional, animal and bird-shaped boards for primary school students.

Mathematical Steps help students revise spontaneously as they scramble up the stairs of their school buildings.

Origami Cards were fashioned by Class 1 to 6 students after they learned to make colorful pop-up creations.

Book Reports encourage students to immerse themselves in storybooks, analyze the characters, and write about their experience.

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"Last year, as the best sports achiever of the year, I carried the torch, lit the flame on Sports Day at my school, and fulfilled my dream."

I never tire of training, and watching Usain Bolt inspires me. I won gold in high jump and hurdles, and silver in long jump."

- Ashwin, Class 11, Isha Vidhya Cuddalore



"I first took to taekwondo and then dived into athletic training after watching my school seniors training."

I practice rigorously under my PE teacher's guidance with the thought that I may either win or lose, but I must compete unconditionally."

- Banumathi, Class 11, Isha Vidhya Tuticorin





Innovative Interventions

Atal Tinkering Laboratories at seven Isha Vidhya schools facilitate hands-on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) learning for Classes 4-12, inculcating a design mindset, computational thinking and adaptive learning.

Code Vidhya, starting from Class 4, offers programming and web design skills while strengthening logical reasoning, problem-solving and creative thinking.

Power English Classes include a Total Physical Response activity, such as listening to music, reading and acting, for students from Classes 1-4 who need extra support.

Learning by Exploring and Presenting for Classes 6-7 enables students to learn to organize their thoughts and express themselves effectively by making PowerPoint presentations.

Peer Learning encourages students to communicate confidently before an audience, sharpen their critical thinking and narrative skills, and develop their ability to think on their feet.

Self-management Spaces enable students to take full ownership of a project or event while being mentored by their teachers, helping them grow their organizational and leadership skills.

Robotics projects help develop STEM skills in students. Class 9 students created a toy car by assembling the wheels, motor and batteries with an arduino board. While teaching the students to work with microcontrollers, the novel activity also demonstrated the basics of robotics and engineering, color sensing and facial recognition features.





Celebrating Teaching

Happy Classroom Trainings: Three-day induction programs to gauge teachers' abilities and impart teaching tools.

Methodology Workshops: Subject-specific techniques involving activities, discussion, creative thinking and exploration are demonstrated.

Leadership Programs: Time and team management as well as situational leadership are taught.

Class Observations and Feedback Sessions: Senior school staff observe a class and discuss improvement areas with the teacher, whose development is monitored and further supported.

HERO (Hope Efficacy Resilience Optimism): Teachers learn about the power of thought, how to overcome difficulties, and how to conduct their day-to-day activities joyfully.

Summer Workshops: Offered on financial literacy, remedial subjects, sex education, English and technology.

Hear From Our Support Staff



"I feel protective towards the students and teach them how to travel safely in the bus and on the road. My children studied here, and it has enhanced their prospects."

- Ayyasamy, Bus Driver, Isha Vidhya Coimbatore

"I started cooking for households after my husband died. But since joining Isha Vidhya in 2011, I forget my worries while cooking for the children. I am delighted that my granddaughter is studying in this school."

- Prabha, Cook, Isha Vidhya Salem



"I clean the classrooms and toilets, help the KG students maintain hygiene, chaperone the students on the school bus, and support the kitchen staff. Earning a regular salary has solved my financial issues. I feel independent, confident and at peace."

- Selvi, Nanny, Isha Vidhya Nagercoil



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Alumni Stories



"I am on my way to becoming a doctor at the Government Medical College in Dharmapuri.

Despite physical challenges, I declared my dream in Class 3 and stayed determined, even preparing for NEET myself during the pandemic."

- Jotishri, Alumna, Isha Vidhya Dharmapuri

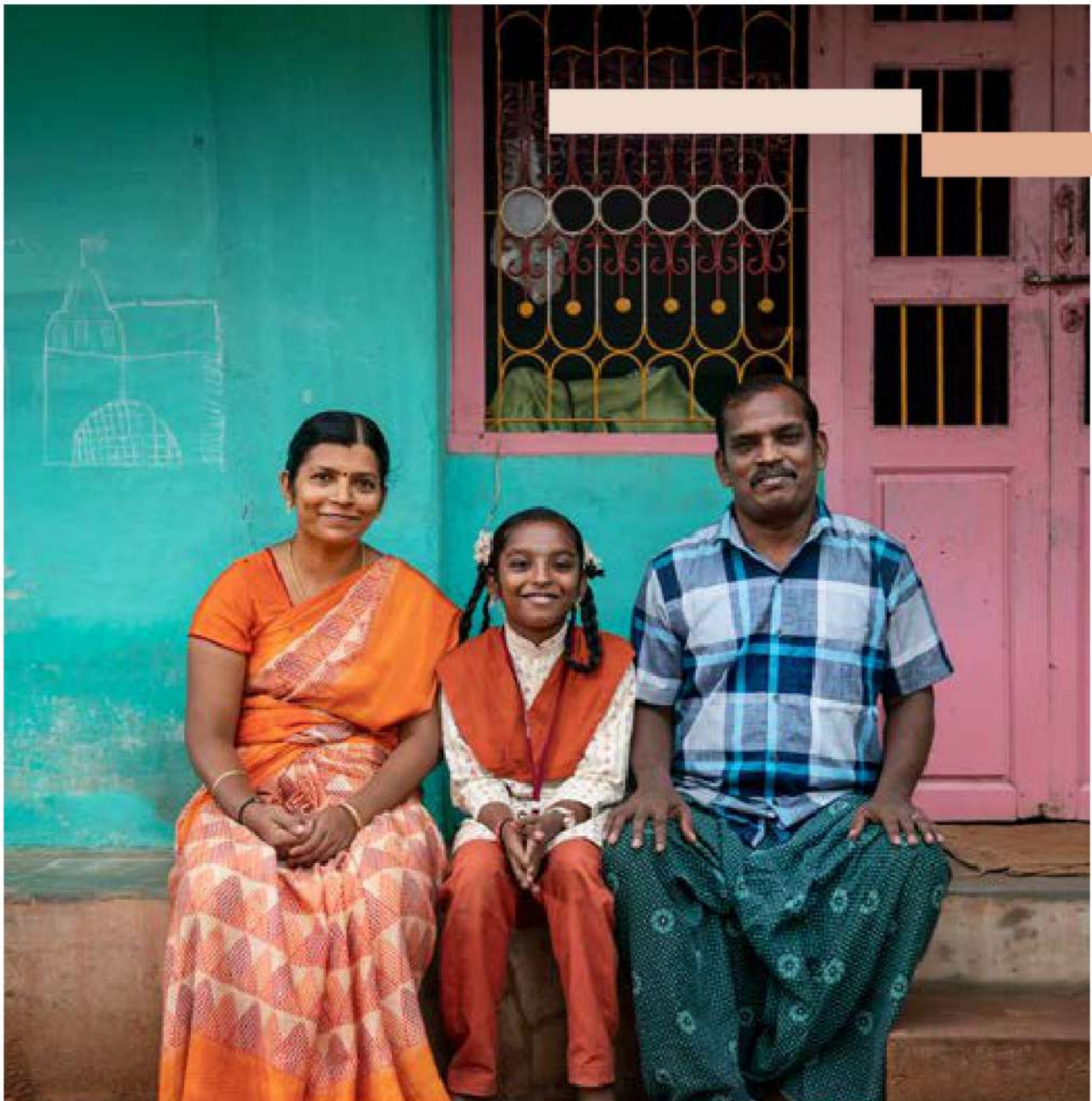


"My father is a fisherman and my family is delighted that I am a software developer at Onward Technologies, Chennai.

I gifted them new clothes with my first salary."

- Shobhika, Alumna, Isha Vidhya Cuddalore





Coaching Students for the Vidyadhan Scholarship Program

Class 11 and 12 students, as well as alumni, are coached to apply for Vidyadhan, a 5-year scholarship program offered by an independent foundation. It covers graduation expenses for meritorious students from economically disadvantaged families.



"These children need to see, 'There are people out there who have the necessary concern to contribute to my wellbeing.' Let them grow up with this trust in humanity."

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