



## Rural Education

# Isha Vidhya Annual Report 2023

“Quality education is the only ladder that we can provide these rural children to help them and their families climb out of the economic and social pit.”

*Sadhguru*



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## Isha Vidhya

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

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Schools

10,200+

students impacted

5,500+

full scholarship students

48%

girl students

100%

pass rate for Class 12



Highlights



## 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 which 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 traditional Indian wisdom and diversity

## Midday Meal

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

**29%** of students eat the midday meal sponsored by donors - the only square meal of the day for many of these students



# 2023 Updates



## Public Exam Results

	Class 12	Class 10
Pass %	100%	98%
% of Scholarship Students	81%	68%
Average Score	74%	74%

## Accreditations

- ~ Gold-certified NGO by Give, signifying the highest level of trust and transparency
- ~ CAF International Validated Organization by Charities Aid Foundation America, which validates that all donations will be utilized for charitable purposes





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# Students' Success Stories

## Winning Ideas

Eleven Isha Vidhya 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) organized by the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India. Winning ideas included a medicine QR code scanner, musical dice for the blind and a heartbeat monitor to measure students' mental health.







## Mini Football Champions

The mini football team (in the under-11 age category) of Apollo Isha Vidhya, Argonda, surpassed seven district teams to win a state-level tournament. Ten students in the under-11, 13 and 15 age categories were selected for the nationals. The Mini Football Association (recognized by the School Games Federation of India) sent recommendation letters to five students from the winning team to play at the international level in Yugoslavia.



## Entrepreneurial Dreams

Vignesh turned his passion into a profession by founding “Lingam Pets” with the aspiration of becoming an entrepreneur. He studied on a scholarship at Isha Vidhya and credited his accomplishments to the unwavering support and guidance of his teachers, which provided direction for his college journey. Currently running his business from a rented shop with a few pets in his backyard, he aspires to grow into a wholesale pet dealer in Tuticorin.

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# 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 critical thinking, narrative skills and impromptu responses

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

Career Day saw 18 guest speakers from professional fields like engineering, medicine and law speak to Classes 9-12 online about career options

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# Celebrating Teaching

Happy Classroom Trainings are three-day induction programs to gauge teachers' abilities and impart teaching tools

Methodology Workshops in which subject-specific techniques involving activities, discussion, creative thinking and exploration are demonstrated and practiced

Leadership Programs for principals, vice-principals and a few teachers on time management, situational leadership, team management, sharing feedback and follow-ups

Class Observations and Feedback Sessions in which 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) in which teachers learn about the power of thought and how to overcome difficulties and attend to day-to-day activities joyfully





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## Our Teachers Share



“After the recent ‘Expressive Reading’ workshop, I now read stories with much more expression to my students, and they enjoy the way I read. Some students share that they have emulated my style while reading stories to their friends and family.”

- Uma Devi, Teacher, Isha Vidhya Salem



“The Happy Classroom training helped me conduct classes joyfully and taught me how to handle naughty students. One day, my student Yoshan came to me and said, ‘No one teaches me like you. From today, you are my favorite teacher, and from now on, I will study your subject well.’ As a newly trained teacher, this was a memorable moment for me.”

- Parkavi, Teacher, Isha Vidhya Villupuram



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## 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.







“My mother is a daily wager, and as a single parent, this scholarship has substantially reduced her financial burdens.

I want to pursue a B.Sc. Agriculture and then research organic farming, as I believe that agricultural growth is integral to a developing economy.”

- Thulasi, Class 12, Isha Vidhya Salem



“Encouragement from my school principal, coordinator and past awardees helped me earn this scholarship.

My teachers’ guidance in facing challenges, both academically and emotionally, and their concern and care towards my family have been very helpful. I plan to pursue medicine at Coimbatore Medical College and then study to become a cardiologist.”

- Veeramani, Class 12, Isha Vidhya Dharmapuri



“I want to pursue biotechnology research for incurable diseases like cancer. It is now a possibility with this scholarship.

My mother runs a small stationery shop, and her meager earnings cannot finance my academic aspirations. I also aim to do well in Class 12 for my mother’s sake and to study at a good college.”

- Lakshana, Class 12, Isha Vidhya Salem

<b>Income &amp; Expenditure Statement (All figures are in INR (in lakhs))</b>			
<b>Income for the year ended on</b>	<b>31-Mar-23</b>	<b>31-Mar-22</b>	<b>31-Mar-21</b>
Earned / Self-generated income	1,378.47	787.90	471.31
Donations from Indian sources	1,681.06	1406.11	1403.34
Donations from international sources	517.38	432.05	521.57
Other income	419.74	367.57	341.73
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3,996.66</b>	<b>2993.62</b>	<b>2,737.95</b>
<b>Expenditure for the year ending on</b>	<b>31-Mar-23</b>	<b>31-Mar-22</b>	<b>31-Mar-21</b>
Program-related expenses:			
Salaries & benefits	1,106.12	978.58	889.73
Staff training	15.39	1.31	0.03
Staff travel	5.35	6.07	1.28
Office support expenses	368.08	257	109.81
Material procured (Consumables like food / books / provisions)	348.36	245.35	172.5
Event registration & public awareness expenses	6.54	-	1.77
Student transport expenses	496.71	182.59	104.66
Depreciation on buildings	170.56	187.63	195.69
Depreciation on assets other than buildings	209.42	174.77	171.29
Other expenses	43.99	15.51	49.01
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>2,770.52</b>	<b>2,048.81</b>	<b>1,695.76</b>
<b>Surplus / Deficit</b>	<b>1,226.13</b>	<b>944.82</b>	<b>1,042.19</b>

#### Notes

##### Income & Expenditure Statement:

- All figures pertain to the Isha Vidhya project. Relevant amounts which appear as part of the accounts of the Parent Trust (Isha Education) have also been identified and aggregated here to present a complete financial picture of the Isha Vidhya project.
- All donations are received only in the name of the Isha Education Trust, which has FCRA and 80G approvals.
- Other income includes bank interest appearing in Isha Education's accounts.
- Buildings are appearing in the books of Isha Education Trust but used exclusively for the Isha Vidhya project.

<b>Balance Sheet (All figures are in INR (in lakhs))</b>			
<b>Assets as on</b>	<b>31-Mar-23</b>	<b>31-Mar-22</b>	<b>31-Mar-21</b>
Fixed assets			
Land & buildings	2,222.86	2,304.17	1,900.44
Other assets	1,233.28	1,075.79	942.37
Investments	9,235.84	7,473.49	6,772.52
Loans and advances			
Deposits	22.24	19.88	9.36
For capital expenses	23.82	-	-
For operating expenses	0.25	1.43	5.97
Cash and bank balances	274.09	442.86	320.07
Other current assets	67.15	80.64	56.49
Excess of expenditure over income	-	-	-
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>13,079.53</b>	<b>11,398.26</b>	<b>10,007.23</b>
<b>Liabilities as on</b>	<b>31-Mar-23</b>	<b>31-Mar-22</b>	<b>31-Mar-21</b>
Isha Education Funds	9,474.56	8,329.23	7,458.15
Corpus and utilized earmarked fund transferred	2,574.98	2,146.28	1,970.07
Restricted / Earmarked funds	1,010.95	912.63	562.72
Current liabilities and provisions	19.05	10.12	16.28
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- Fixed assets include assets Rs.1,911.39 lakhs, Rs.2,312.97 Lakhs and Rs.2,230.10 Lakhs for the years 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 respectively, appearing in the name of Isha Education but used exclusively for Isha Vidhya.
- Inter concern transactions are clubbed with Isha Education funds.



<b>Receipts &amp; Payments Account (All figures are in INR (in lakhs))</b>			
<b>Receipts for the year ended on</b>	<b>31-Mar-23</b>	<b>31-Mar-22</b>	<b>31-Mar-21</b>
Opening cash and bank balance	442.86	320.07	3,505.49
Earned / Self-generated income	1378.47	787.90	471.31
Donations from Indian sources	1681.06	1,406.11	1,448.34
Donations from international sources	1284.40	1,403.22	1,125.63
Reduction in value of investments	-	-	-
Increase in current liability	8.93	-	-
Inter concern transaction	-	-	-
Other receipts	419.74	367.57	341.73
Decrease in current assets	-	-	9.20
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>5,215.48</b>	<b>4,284.87</b>	<b>6,892.50</b>
<b>Payments for the year ending on</b>	<b>31-Mar-23</b>	<b>31-Mar-22</b>	<b>31-Mar-21</b>
Capital items/ assets purchased for the organisation	456.15	396.89	239.00
Increase in investments	1762.34	700.97	4,983.87
Increase in current assets	11.52	30.12	-
Decrease in current liabilities	-	6.16	0.12
Inter concern transactions	320.82	1,021.45	20.66
Operating expenses	2,390.55	1,686.41	1,328.78
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>4,941.39</b>	<b>3,842.01</b>	<b>6,572.43</b>
<b>Closing cash and bank balance</b>	<b>274.09</b>	<b>442.86</b>	<b>320.07</b>

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- Capital assets include those assets exclusively for Isha Vidhya, but appearing in Isha Education's account.

We are deeply grateful to our sponsors




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## An Appeal

Isha Vidhya runs ten rural schools in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh, with 10,000+ students from Lower Kindergarten to Class 12. Over 60% of them are supported by scholarships, and a majority of them are first-generation school goers. Without this opportunity, these children would face a bleak future. The Isha Vidhya team is doing its best to offer quality education to these children. Keeping in mind the parents' situation and the interests of the children, we seek continued support from all our donors to ensure that the necessary funding is mobilized to keep the schools running. We also invite volunteers who can help our academic and fundraising teams in their efforts.



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“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.”

*Sadhguru*

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