

Intellect, Ullas Trust and Mission Samridhhi Partner to Empower Rural Students with Library and Science Kit Program in 23 Schools in Wardha, Maharashtra

A Transformative Initiative to Elevate Education and Inspire Lifelong Learning in Students

Chennai, India, November 27, 2024: In a concerted effort to bridge the educational divide in rural India, [Ullas Trust](#), [Intellect Design Arena](#), and [Mission Samridhhi](#) have brought the Ullas Library and Science Kit program to life in 23 schools (20 Zila Parishad and 3 Government Aided High schools) across 9 clusters of Mission Samridhhi in Wardha district of Maharashtra. The initiative seeks to uplift the standard of education in the region by enriching students' learning experiences.

Ullas Trust, a leading NGO focused on educational initiatives, supported the program in partnership with Intellect Design Arena, an enterprise-grade financial technology leader, and Mission Samridhhi, a social impact platform dedicated to the holistic development of rural India. By providing resources, the initiative aims to improve and develop children's reading skills and students' scientific temperament. Under this initiative, over 2000 students across 9 clusters will benefit from the Ullas Library and Science Learning Programme.



Interaction with students on the importance of library and use of science kits

The Wardha district, located in the Nagpur division of Maharashtra, is home to many government schools that are on a journey toward enhancing their infrastructure, including the addition of libraries. This initiative aims to enrich students' learning environments, providing access to diverse knowledge and resources that will support their academic growth and overall development. It is set to transform the learning experience by bringing libraries and science kits into these schools, fostering an environment that encourages curiosity and critical thinking.

The Library and Science Kit Program equipped each participating school with a comprehensive library featuring 500 children's storybooks (80% in Marathi and the rest in bilingual and English versions), iron

book racks, and science kits for the science labs. This setup ensures that children can access these resources in a welcoming, child-friendly environment.



Mr. Arun Jain, CMD of Intellect Design Arena and Founder-Trustee of Ullas Trust, remarked, “This initiative is a significant step towards creating equal educational opportunities for students in rural India. As we strive for a Viksit Bharat, it is imperative that every child, irrespective of their socio-economic background, has access to quality education and learning resources. Our goal is to ignite curiosity and build a culture of lifelong learning from early childhood. This collaboration empowers the students to dream beyond their circumstances and become active participants in India's journey towards becoming a developed nation. We hope that this program becomes a foundation for their growth, enabling each child to envision a future filled with possibility and purpose.”

“Knowledge is true power. The children who read more books and do the science experiments gain more knowledge, scientific temper and confidence,” said **Dr. D. Kumbhare, BEO Wardha.**

“This initiative helps not only academic excellence but also cultivates creative thinking skills and other essential skills to get children ready for the future,” said **Kishor Jagtap, State Program Manager, Mission Samridhhi.**

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About Mission Samridhhi

Mission Samridhhi, founded and funded by AAUM Trust and Polaris Foundation, is a social impact platform dedicated to holistic development of Rural India, through the design and development of projects that are sustainable and capable of scale to positively impact the larger population.

As suggested by the name, ‘Samridhhi’, the unifying value is prosperity for all. Mission Samridhhi believes in the cumulative strength of Celebrate, Connect, and Catalyse - Celebrating what is working, Connecting people, process and technologies to drive scale & Catalysing the change by providing competence, confidence, education and funding.

Mission Samridhhi empowers rural and marginalised communities to dream the change by enhancing their self-worth, overcoming constraints, addressing limiting beliefs and thereby becoming the agents of their development. For details visit: <https://www.mission-samridhhi.org/index.html>

About Ullas Trust

Ullas Trust, (A Polaris Foundation Social Initiative) was started in 1997 with an aim to integrate the employees with a larger community and nurture a ‘Can do’ spirit among the students. The Trust recognizes and rewards academic excellence through annual merit scholarships. Ullas Trust has been organizing an annual workshop for the past 21 years to expose young minds to role models and achievers from the real world. Every year, the workshop culminates

with the Trust awarding merit scholarships to students from Corporation and Government schools in the 5 cities (Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Mumbai, and Pune) identified through a selection process.

The SUMMIT comprises 20 modules spanning crucial life skills including communication skills, confidence building, memory skills, active teamwork, public speaking, and leadership skills. It is graded from Level 1 to Level 4, with Level 1 beginning for Class IX and finishing with Level 4 for Class XII.

The 'Touch the Soil' program reaches young minds in the districts through its 'Diary of Dreams' and 'Planning' workshop for Class IX and X students. The program spreads the power of believing in dreams to high school students across the rural areas of the country. For more information, please visit www.ullastrust.org

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