



Editor's Note

We are indeed living in extraordinary times. In the last six months or so, life has changed remarkably and we are sure to feel the effects of these changes for a period that one cannot quite fix a timeline to. COVID-19 has forced us to take a closer look at the things that impact us the most, and prioritise them more than we did before. This period of combined introspection and retrospection has allowed us to view ourselves in a new light—with a fresh perspective. At e1e1, we are constantly striving to improve the way we function and adapt to new ways of schooling just like all other institutions are finding alternate ways of continuity. This year we faced perhaps the biggest and most unexpected one of them all, COVID-19, but we took it up as a challenge, and with the continued support from our patrons, parents, partner institutions and preceptors, we are sure to ride out the storm.

A new academic year marks the beginning of another year filled with learning, adventures, and achievements. Every year we try to introduce fresh, new ideas and this year has not been any different. This edition of the newsletter will talk to you about the new ideas that are being rolled out. From affiliating ourselves with an additional board of education to creating wide-reaching global campaigns, this newsletter would like you to be part of us and share our vision.

This quarterly newsletter also outlines all the latest updates from and for the e1e1 family - what we've achieved since the previous quarter and a sneak peek of what's to come. It is our hope that we all gain a renewed sense of hope and energy from the stories presented in this newsletter.

Covid Situation Prompts Innovative Solutions

COMMUNITY-LED TECH DRIVE ENABLES E-LEARNING

As the entire world has been coping with the COVID-19 pandemic, these past months our partner schools have been dealing with the situation keeping the foremost in mind—the safety of the children and minimal disruption to their classes and learning.

A key initiative in this direction has been the innovative 'Sri Sathya Sai Loka Seva Gurukulam' initiative that was launched on the 16th of May, 2020. The program endeavours to take the classroom into the homes of the students as, this year, the chances of having children attending school look increasingly challenging.

The online classroom program has been taken up on a war footing to translate the curriculum into online content that can be accessed by the students, from the safety and comfort of their homes, anytime. The program is available on multiple channels, including a free mobile app and YouTube. Further, students who do not have a device to access the content and lectures, have been provisioned with one by the schools through a volunteering program. The community has come together to help the initiative by donating old phones to students who need them, while some have gone the extra mile and sponsored new devices.

An interesting aspect of the '**Sri Sathya Sai Loka Seva Gurukulam**' initiative is that the content is open for anyone to access and benefit from. Over the past three months, the lecture videos and content has been a source of education and motivation for not only students from our partner schools, but many more children from outside of our schooling program. Further, the content is not limited to only academic topics but also covers life skills and spiritual education.

As the world adapts to new challenges, from these challenges we see new opportunities emerge. Click the link below to access the YouTube channel or download the mobile application from the Google Playstore.



<https://www.youtube.com/c/Sri-SathyaSaiLokaSevaGurukulam>



<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.srisathyasailokaseva.gurukulam>



NEWSMAKERS

Marksman from Mandya scores 625

It was a day of pride for the e1e1 family when Dheeraj Reddy, a student from the Sri Sathya Sai Sharadaniketanam, Mandya School achieved a perfect score of 625/625 in the 10th grade board examinations that were held in Karnataka. Dheeraj is known among his peers as a great orator, a science-whiz who's won several accolades in debates, and a sharp and sincere student.

Chairman G.B Rajshekhar, who heads the Mandya school praised Dheeraj for possessing the rare qualities of both ability and humility, and the drive to achieve his goal. Dheeraj Reddy, who aspires to join the Indian civil services, has just embarked on this path to achieve this goal. What we have witnessed is a fantastic start to what we are sure is going to be a remarkable journey.

625
625

Perfect Score!



Dheeraj Reddy

e1e1 Foundation Launches 'Each One Embrace One'

A FULL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Each One Educate One program started in 2014 as an informal coming together of a few like-minded individuals with a shared vision of rural empowerment through education. Today, the initiative has slowly grown into a global people's movement, which serves as a platform for many around the world to contribute to the field of education.

Along the way, many wonderful people, ideas and best practices have become a part of the program and a part of its growth. At the centre of e1e1, however, has always been the boy or girl who is currently studying in one of our many schools. These children are a part of our family and the endeavour has consistently been to keep ourselves tuned to the students' needs and ensure that students complete their education without any disruptions. During one such ear-to-the-ground conversations, we learnt that a few students were unable to afford the hostel fees (the e1e1 program was, at the time, only sponsoring the school fees).

This need birthed a new, all-encompassing scholarship programme called the **Each One Embrace One, a full sponsorship program for students who hail from some of the most disadvantaged communities.** The program will cover the student's costs, end-to-end, during his/her time as a part of our schooling system. This includes both the school/tuition fees and hostel expenses. The cost of sponsoring a student through this full sponsorship program has been pegged at INR 70,000 or USD 1000 per year in consultation with our partner schools.

COVID-19 and its disruptive impact on the communities that our students come from puts them at risk of being excluded from continuing their education in the absence of such an intervention. The Each One Embrace One program has come at the right time to specifically address the risks that these communities face.

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INCLUDES BOTH SCHOOL/ TUITION
AND HOSTEL EXPENSES



Introducing a full
Scholarship Program to
help students continue
in school these
challenging times



TRANSITIONING TO THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF OPEN SCHOOLING MODEL

*Re-emphasizing our
commitment
to holistic education*

A PEDAGOGY IN HOLISTIC EDUCATION

It has been over 50 years since the inception of the first of our partner schools. Since then, the start of each new school has helped promote our unique approach to holistic education. Today, while our schools cater to the underserved sections in rural communities through free education, at the core of its pedagogy is the holistic education it offers— giving equal emphasis to the physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual aspects of a child's personality and growth.

CHANGING TIMES

One of the most important changes that human society has witnessed in the past 50 years is the way we access and process information. While on one side, the need to upgrade the curriculum to match global scenarios has opened us up to new technologies, the obsolescence of the old ways of learning, such as long lesson plans, frequent exams, and severe competition has led to increased dissatisfaction.

This leaves very little scope for the development of other aspects of their personality including pursuing their passions, choosing subjects of their liking, and alternate professions rather than simply following the herd. The emotional, mental and spiritual aspects of a child's personality have been compromised in the name of intellectual brilliance. This has led to a lopsided approach to education and has proven disastrous for the happiness quotient of the youth.

ADAPTING TO CHANGE

The last three months have given the administrations of these schools the much needed time to introspect and recalibrate. In order to give greater emphasis to the JOY OF LEARNING, certain best practices have been given due consideration.

The current review and change process endeavours to emphasise the values that define the holistic approach to our education in terms of imparting high-quality academic education, balanced with cultural and spiritual values like service to mankind, compassion for fellow beings, understanding of the spiritual culture of India and its practice in daily life. For the child to have a well-rounded personality and to be able to withstand the pressures of life, in any progressive education system, there needs to be equal emphasis on the Physical, Intellectual, Emotional and Spiritual aspects.

After much deliberation, the three trusts that govern the 24 Each One Educate One partner schools, have decided to transition from the traditional system of education under the Karnataka/ Central Board of Secondary Education curriculum to the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) system and curriculum, which augurs well for our vision of balanced and holistic education, by helping reduce the stress of frequent testing and examinations on our students, and allowing more flexibility in choosing subjects according to one's interest and inclination, leading to a better performance. This has been done after several discussions with educational authorities and other stakeholders. Furthermore, in keeping with the true nature of our fully residential schools, these schools will henceforth be referred to as 'Gurukuls'.

These changes will come into effect, as our partner schools open for the current academic year (2020-21).

About National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS):

- Largest open schooling system in the world.
- Recognition is equivalent to all other education boards of India.
- Flexibility and range of subjects for study.
- Options to choose subjects that are of interest and relevance for the student.
- More emphasis on English-speaking skills, soft skills and computer literacy.

We will continue to bring you updates on these and other transformative changes that are underway in our partner schools.



NIOS
NATIONAL INSTITUTE
OF OPEN SCHOOLING

*'Re- emphasising our commitment to
holistic education and adopting new
best practices'*

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

On the occasion of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam's fifth death anniversary, Sai Global Mission- USA hosted a unique virtual program to pay tribute to the former President of India and a great visionary.

Honoring his immense contributions in integrating ancient and modern educational ideals for the development of a balanced Indian society, the event had various speakers present social initiatives they are associated with, in the fields of Education, Healthcare, Nutrition among others.

The e1e1 program and its contribution in the field of education was recognized by fellow peer social impact organizations. This acknowledgement came in the form of the 'Dr Abdul Kalam Award for Excellence.

Team e1e1 dedicates this award to all the students in our partner schools whose lives have been touched by this program, and the teachers and staff who have made it happen. The smile on each of the children's faces is the reason that has brought us all together. We thank all our donors and sponsors who have joined us on this journey, to make the world a better place through the gift of education.

Finally, a big cheer to all our volunteers and champions from around the world who share their energy and passion with us, and help build awareness about the movement.



DR. ABDUL KALAM AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

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THIS AWARD IS PROUDLY PRESENTED TO

EACH ONE EDUCATE ONE FOUNDATION

FOR THE CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS NATION BUILDING

ON JULY 27, 2020

MR. ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL
MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES & PUBLIC ENTERPRISES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, NEW DELHI - 110011

 

Global Awareness Campaign for e1e1

STRUMMING FOR SCHOOLING



India's 74th Independence Day celebrations at the e1e1 foundation were lit up by the presence of three world-renowned Sarod players—Ustad Amjad Ali Khan and his sons Amaan and Ayaan during an online concert that was hosted by the US e1e1 team.

The global concert 'Generations of Music' that drew in more than 500 viewers from all over the world for called for a celebration. It celebrated the success stories scripted by the boys and girls from the Sri Sathya Sai educational campuses in Karnataka. Thanks to technology, music could not only transcend language and culture but distance as well. The accomplished legend Ustad Amjad Ali Khan and his renowned disciples and sons Amaan and Ayaan who are part of e1e1 family joined in the celebrations with their magical rendition.

India has always had a rich and deep musical tradition which has been a unifying force of this diverse nation. The concert celebrated this oneness of humanity from across the world through music, reminding everyone timeless ideal of - 'Vasudaiva Kutumbakam' - 'The World is One Family' - an ideal that is at the core of the Each One Educate One movement as well.

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