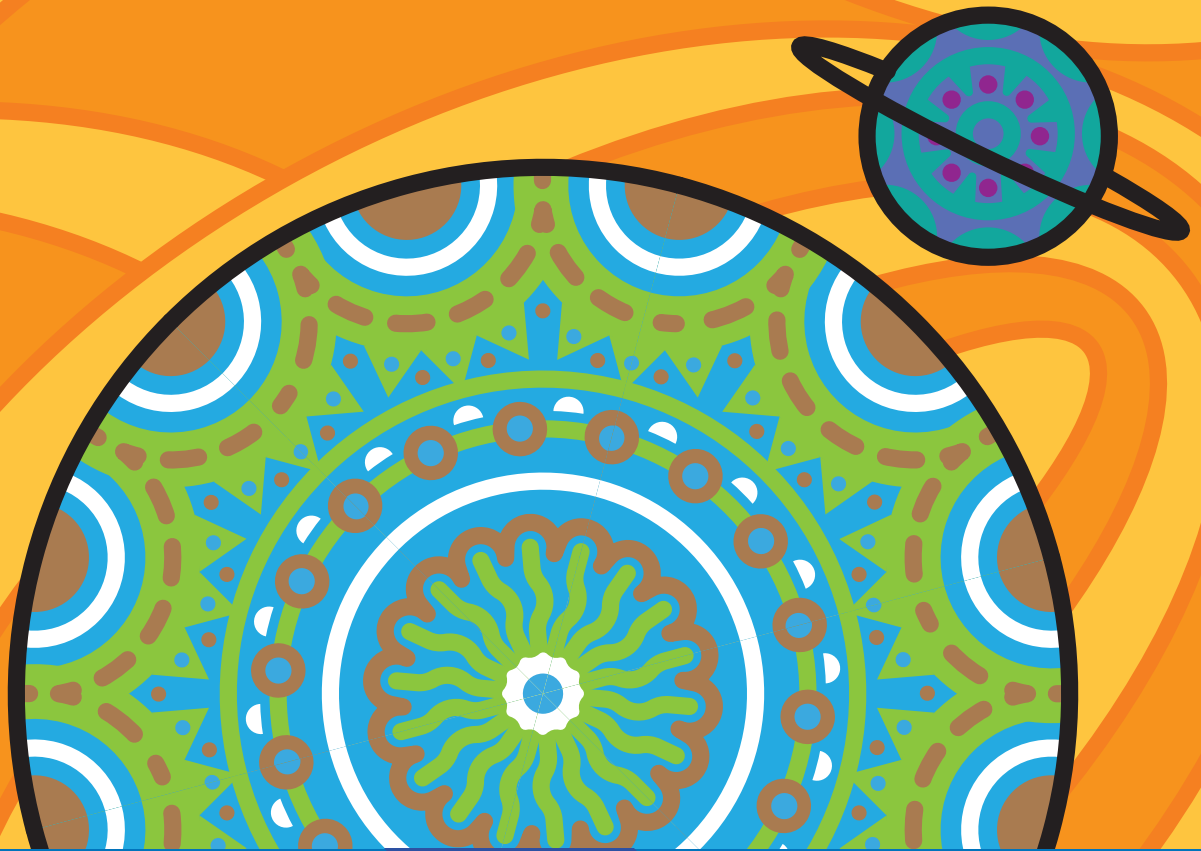




# ANANDSHALA



**Stay.  
Engage.  
Learn.**



Quest Alliance is a non-profit trust working to bridge the education and skills divide by enabling self-learning for young people 10-35 years old.

Crucial to our vision is the Anandshala program, which works at turning schools into learning spaces full of joy, and ensures that every child stays, engages and learns in those schools. It builds stronger relationships between students, teachers and parents. With effective use of data, it enables teachers to understand and support learners comprehensively. Anandshala enhances students' language abilities, and encourages ownership towards schooling by creating spaces for free and creative expression. On a larger level, through advocacy and capacity building, it attempts to foster a responsive education system.



Since 2012, Anandshala has zeroed in on improving implementation of government policies towards quality learning in Indian schools.

## OUR GOALS (2015-2018)

Students attend school more regularly, exhibit enhanced levels of engagement with school-related activities and demonstrate improvements in their language and communication skills.

Teachers act as change-leaders with the necessary knowledge, skills and attitudes to ensure a student-friendly environment and positive teacher-student relationship in schools.

The advent of a more responsive system at the school and district level that provides support to education functionaries to perform their roles and responsibilities effectively.

## OUR STRATEGY

### **Developing Change-Leaders**

The program looks at creating a cadre of master trainers chosen from among government officials. These officials, in turn, train other stakeholders to ensure the application of the Anandshala approach at the school level. The program comprises experiential workshops, on-site support, an interactive telephone helpline and toolkits.

### **Recognition of Good Practices**

A platform for teachers and schools to share good practices, get recognised through awards, and encourage wide-scale adoption of those good practices.

### **Advocacy**

An integrated system connecting the different stakeholders of the education system from the school level to the district level, built around the idea of joyful learning environments.

### **Technology**

We use technology extensively across the program to support the change leaders with capacity-building tools like instructional videos, interactive voice response system-based engagement and support, and school-level data collection through the use of tablets and internet.

Anandshala's approach to creating joyful learning spaces includes:

### Early Warning System



A system that uses school level data to help teachers get to know students, build relationships and track progress of those who are not attending, engaging & learning at school.

### Enrichment Program



Activities for students to develop language skills, using innovative strategies and tools like body movement, the arts, and stories, allowing for creative expression and freedom, while actively interacting with the community.

### Parent Engagement



Activities and games for parents to build awareness & engagement with schools and their role towards their child's education.

The Anandshala approach has evolved from the School Dropout Prevention Pilot Program (SDPP), a USAID funded 4-country program implemented from 2011-15. This was a Randomized Control Trial (RCT) undertaken to understand the reasons behind school dropouts, and pilot strategies to tackle the issue effectively.

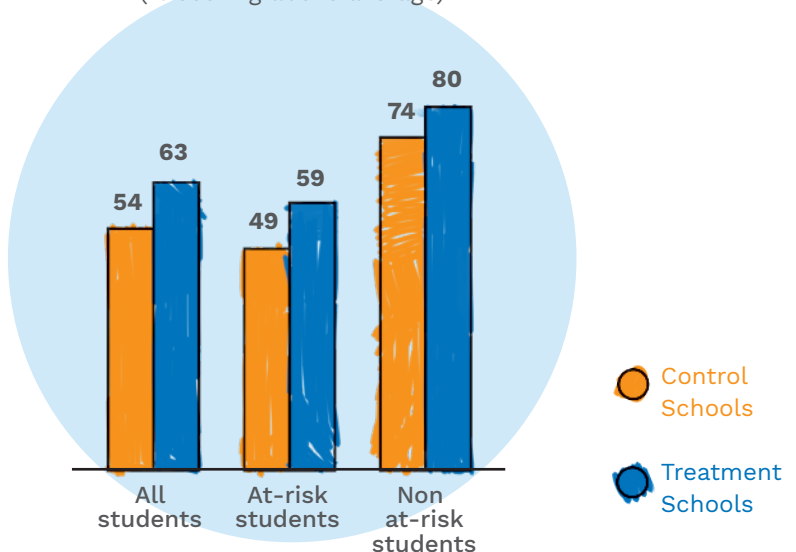
“Being in touch with the parents has changed parents' perception of the school and built mutual accountability. Now they look at teachers with more respect, which is visible in their attitude towards their child's education as well”.

Mantu Paswan,  
Class V Teacher

The successful outcomes of the SDPP included a marked rise in attendance rates and better identification of at-risk students; an improvement in Language and Maths scores of children, vastly improved student-teacher relationships, overall better learning environments in schools and an evolved role of parents, teachers, headmasters and education functionaries in childrens' education.

### Positive Impact on Hindi Scores

(% scoring above average)



## PARTNER WITH US

Quest Alliance brings over a decade of experience in designing toolkits and training programs that enable joyful learning experience in schools. We offer exciting opportunities for partnership.

### For Funding Partners

If you are seeking to support large-scale education programs with quality learning outcomes, the benefits of collaborating with us are many:

- End to end project management and support by our experienced team of professionals
- Leveraging existing Quest knowledge in technology, design, media & content to formulate unique offerings for joyful learning in partnership with you
- Data-driven reporting and analytics dashboards to view impact and project outcomes
- Cross-donor leverage across different Quest funding partners
- Adding sustainability, scale and stability by working closely with the government system



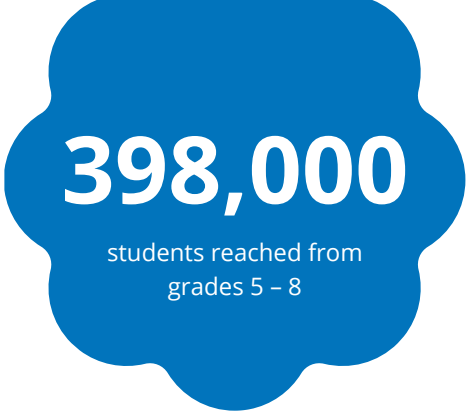
### For Outreach Partners

If you are an NGO working with schools or state education functionaries, striving towards quality learning, you could benefit through:

- Access to ready-to-use toolkits and training support to integrate different aspects of the Anandshala program such as enhancing student engagement with school, enrichment activities, or parent engagement strategies
- Sharing best practices around having a more responsive system especially via education functionaries
- Capacity building and ongoing support of teachers and education functionaries as change leaders, with a system for recognition of best practices
- Improving systems of student level data management at the school level



## OUTREACH

 <b>996</b> Government schools	 <b>3984</b> Teachers	 <b>398,000</b> students reached from grades 5 – 8
<b>996</b> Headmasters	<b>20</b> Change Leaders	<b>250</b> Education Functionaries

## STRATEGIC PARTNERS



**USAID**  
FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

“The Anandshala program has played an important role in boosting my enthusiasm to work and breaking my inhibitions. It has enhanced my understanding of different ways in which a teacher can engage with children in the school.”



Premchand Prasad,  
Anandshala Change Leader,  
Rosera

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