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At A Glance

Founded in 2010

Communities Served

- Economically Disadvantaged Children
- Youth Facing Barriers to Education
- Women from Slum Communities
- Sanitation Workers

Project Locations

Patna, Bihta and Samastipur (BIHAR)



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About

Diksha Foundation

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Diksha Foundation is a non-profit organisation that has been working in Bihar since 2010, dedicated to fostering education and social development. At the heart of our mission lies the provision of holistic education to children, youth and women from socially and economically marginalised backgrounds across India.

Since 2010, our journey has been focused on establishing transformative learning environments for children and youth, where education surpasses mere literacy to incorporate the social, creative, and moral development of each student.

In the past few years, we have also started engaging with adult learners, adolescent girls and women from marginalised communities, empowering them through different training, skilling programmes and In-kind support.



Our Vision

Diksha Foundation's vision is to see every individual in India have access to a holistic education and lifelong learning, which will help them to become responsible and ethical global citizens.

Our Mission

- Creating inclusive and vibrant learning spaces.
- Engaging children and youth in community action, civic rights, responsibilities, and global citizenship.
- Enabling children to use technology to become creative designers/developers of innovative solutions.
- Engaging in activities that enable adult learners to acquire new skills and knowledge.

Core Values



Freedom

We empower individuals to explore their interests freely leading to greater self-awareness.

Joy

We incorporate games and play based methods to make learning enjoyable



Democracy

We encourage students to participate in decision-making processes, mirroring democratic principles..



Holistic Education

We focus on the intellectual, emotional, and social growth of every student, encouraging them to realize their full potential.



Vibrant Learning Spaces

We prioritize experiential aspects of learning creating an environment where students feel comfortable expressing themselves, taking risks, and learning collaboratively.

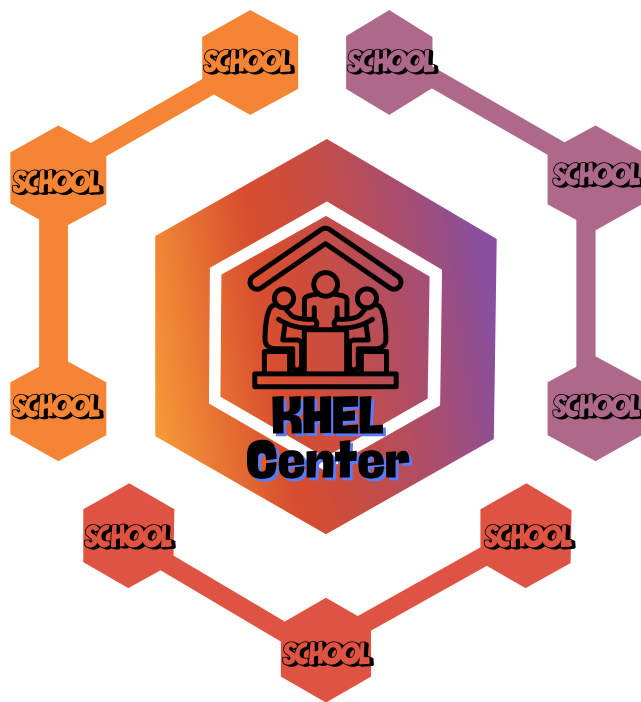


Community Learning Centres

We operate Learning Centers that provide supplementary education support to low-income students. These centers also serve as rejuvenation spaces for their parents.

At Diksha Foundation, we are committed to engaging with the broader community through different social development programmes and fostering a culture of lifelong learning beyond the confines of the center.

Hub & Spoke Model



The Hub & Spoke Model is our approach to expanding the reach and impact of our KHEL (Knowledge Hub for Education and Learning) centers. The model involves linking KHEL centers, which serve as central hubs, with nearby community schools, which act as spokes. Through this interconnected network, Diksha aims to improve learning outcomes for a larger number of students and enhance the overall educational landscape in underserved communities of Bihar.

Fellow Teachers as Connectors

Diksha's Teaching Fellowship Program plays a crucial role in connecting the hubs and spokes. Fellow Teachers, who are trained and mentored by Diksha, conduct classes in both KHEL centers and nearby community schools, ensuring consistency in teaching quality and curriculum delivery.



Our Programs

Our program champions 21st-century life skills through innovative teaching techniques, including STEAM-based learning. Our educational programs emphasize English language proficiency, communication, and critical 21st-century skills, fostering Global Citizenship and aligning with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In addition to educational initiatives, Diksha Foundation actively engages in Community Development Programs, working with sanitation workers and women from slums in Patna. By providing skill training in both soft and hard skills, we empower these communities to lead more sustainable, dignified, and self-reliant lives.

KHEL Center, Patna



The KHEL Patna Learning Center, located in the Rukanpura area, is a supplementary education hub catering to children and youth from low-income communities. The center supports 147 learners through a range of enriching programs. Operational for over a decade, it has consistently provided a nurturing environment for personal growth and educational excellence.

Our curriculum focuses on:

- * **Academic Support:** Supplementary education in Maths, Hindi, and English.
- * **Social-Emotional Growth:** Training through the SEE Learning Curriculum by the Dalai Lama Trust.
- * **Digital Literacy:** Computer education in an ICT lab using Khan Academy for e-learning.
- * **Sports:** Saturday football practice at Gandhi Maidan for boys and girls.
- * **Weekend Clubs:** Activities include movie screenings and STEAM labs for science and art projects.

KHEL Center, Bihta

Sita Ram Ashram, Bihta



Our KHEL Centre in Bihta is located in the serene surroundings of Sita Ram Ashram, founded by Swami Sahajanand Saraswati, a revered freedom fighter and farmers' leader. The centre is supported by Ruban Patliputra Hospital through their CSR initiative.

Our program includes:

- * The center caters to 150 students from the local community through a robust after-school program that emphasizes holistic education, including academics, life skills, and extracurricular activities.
- * Our team members actively volunteer in 4 community schools during the first half of the day, supporting overall school improvement.
- * We offer excellent sports facilities, including a volleyball court and a badminton court, encouraging physical activity and teamwork.
- * Students also participate in cultural performances held in a well-equipped amphitheater, showcasing their creativity and talents.
- * The center extends its focus on well-being through an Ayurvedic Clinic, which operates twice a week, providing alternative healthcare options to the local community and promoting holistic health.

KHEL Center, Sarairanjan

Our KHEL Centre in Sarairanjan was established in August 2024 and currently serves over 179 students from low-income communities. The centre is supported by the BP Singh and Shakuntala Devi Foundation as part of their CSR initiative.

Child Centric Learning

Academic Programs: To ensure well-rounded academic growth, baseline and midline assessments are conducted to track students' progress. Supplementary classes in Hindi, English, and Math help bridge learning gaps and strengthen core subjects.

Life Skills focus: Learning extends beyond academics with weekly art & craft sessions, sports activities, debate and quiz competitions, and community events. A Children's Parliament (Bal Sansad) has been established to empower students in decision-making, focusing on experiential learning of democracy.

Community Engagement & Parent Involvement

Fellow teachers from the center conduct two-hour sessions in three government schools – UHS Manika Vishanpur, Primary School Dhuniya Tola (Ward No. 5), and Primary School Khetapur. These efforts not only enhance student learning but also foster deeper relationships with the local education system.

A recent Parent-Teacher Meeting at the Center saw the participation of 52 parents, strengthening collaboration between families and educators.



Individualized Tracking

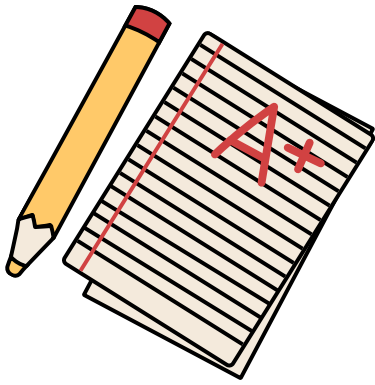
- **Pre, Mid, and Post Assessments:** Diksha uses assessments by external partners at different stages to gauge students' learning progress. This allows teachers to group students based on their performance and tailor instruction to their specific needs.
- **Learning Levels:** To measure academic performance, students take pen-and-paper assessments three times a year. These tests help determine students' academic learning levels and guide teachers in creating appropriate learning groups and providing individualized support.
- **KHAN Academy:** Diksha utilizes the KHAN Academy online learning platform, which offers a personalized learning experience for each student. This platform allows students to learn at their own pace, focus on areas where they need additional support, and progress through the material based on their individual mastery.

Technology Integration

Diksha Foundation leverages technology to enhance learning experiences and foster greater student engagement. Our approach to integrating technology includes:

- **Computer Labs:** We have established well-equipped computer labs at our KHEL centers to provide students with hands-on training in essential digital skills. These labs offer structured courses such as the Diploma in Computer Application (DCA), empowering students with practical knowledge to thrive in the digital age.
- **Khan Academy:** To supplement traditional learning, Diksha Foundation incorporates Khan Academy, a renowned online learning platform. This allows students to access a wide range of educational resources, learn at their own pace, and build a deeper understanding of core subjects.





Faculty and Staff

Our faculty consists of dedicated educators & youth, many of whom hold advanced degrees and certifications in their respective fields.



After School KHEL Program

Available from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM from Tuesday to Sunday, offering a safe and enriching environment after regular school hours.



A Legacy of Excellence

Since its founding in 2010, Diksha Foundation has established itself as a leading institution. Our graduates are consistently among the achievers, recognized for their academic performance and leadership in high schools and universities worldwide.

21st Century Skills

At Diksha KHEL Centres, we believe that education extends beyond the classroom. Our extra-curricular activities are designed to provide students with opportunities to explore their interests, develop leadership skills, and build lifelong friendships. These programs play a crucial role in shaping well-rounded individuals who are not only academically strong but also socially engaged and physically active.



Enrichment Activities

We offer a variety of activities that cater to the diverse interests of our students. Each activity is designed to encourage creativity, teamwork, and the pursuit of personal passions.



STEAM Club

Engaging students in hands-on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics projects.



Bal Sansad

Allowing students to explore their artistic talents and experiment with different media.



Creative Arts and Theater

Developing students' confidence and performance skills through acting and stage production



Social Emotional Ethical Learning

Encouraging students to express themselves through musical instruments and performances

Indoor & Outdoor Activities

Physical activity is an essential part of our curriculum, helping students develop healthy habits and teamwork skills. We encourage students to stay active and challenge themselves in a supportive environment.



Football

Badminton

Indoor games

Volleyball

These programs not only promote physical health but also help students develop important life skills such as discipline, resilience, and cooperation.

Scholarships & Exchange Programs

Diksha Foundation offers a few higher education scholarships to support students from marginalized communities

- English Access Program
- Bharat Education Scholarship
- Tilak Raj Gauri Memorial Scholarship
- Renu Sinha Memorial Scholarship



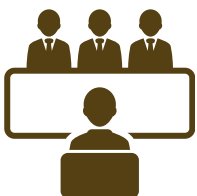
English Access Program

This two-year program, funded by the U.S. Department of State, provides students aged 13–21 with enhanced English language skills, 21st-century learning skills, communication skills, and global citizenship awareness.



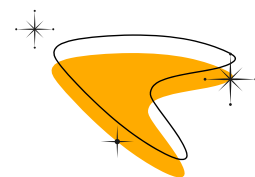
Bharat Education Scholarship & Renu Sinha Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship enables students to pursue higher education funded by one of our individual donors. Two Diksha students have received this scholarship and are attending Amity University.



Tilak Raj Gauri Memorial Scholarship

These two scholarships also enable students to pursue higher education funded by our individual donors. Two Diksha students have received this scholarship and are attending Azim Premji University & Shiv Nadar University.



Parental Involvement And Community Engagement

At Diksha Foundation, we believe that education is a partnership between the home. We actively encourage parental involvement and provide numerous opportunities for families to engage with the Diksha community. We understand that a strong relationship between parents and the centre fosters a supportive environment that contributes to the success and well-being of our students.



Parental Involvement

Parents are an integral part of the Diksha community, and we provide several ways for them to be involved in their child's education, including:

- Community Engagement
- Parent-Teacher Meet
- Parent Showcase, Workshops, annual events,

Poonji Project

Poonji project aims to provide grants to financially marginalized women or groups of women, who do manual work or marginal business to support their family.

supported by: **eGain**



WHERE

Patna, Bihar, India



WHAT

Self Help Group formation in order to support women and financially strengthen them to promote entrepreneurship activities.



WITH WHOM

Each group consists of micro entrepreneurs who will be willing to learn and support their family.



Bal Sansad

We believe that every student has the potential to be a leader. Our Bal Sansad provides students with the chance to take on leadership roles, represent their peers, and contribute to the school community.

Through the Bal Sansad, students learn how to organize events, work collaboratively, and develop important leadership skills that will serve them throughout their lives.

Empowering Futures- A capabilities-based Adolescent Girls Program

A 3-year programme to empower 300 adolescent girls across 6 urban informal settlements in Patna.

supported by:



WHERE

Patna, Bihar, India



WHAT

A three-year capability-based programme to collectivise adolescent girls from socio-economically marginalised communities, building confidence, life skills, and peer leadership.



WITH WHOM

Implemented across six urban locations of Patna - Shastri Nagar, Bhola Paswan, China Kothi, Haj Bhawan, Mahuabagh, and Kaushal Nagar.



This programme strengthens the agency, voice, and leadership of adolescent girls from six underserved urban communities in Patna. It creates safe peer-learning groups where girls explore identity, build confidence, and develop essential life skills.

The initiative enables them to navigate education, health, safety, and government entitlements with greater clarity and independence. Over time, the programme aims to cultivate a cadre of young peer leaders who can inspire and influence positive change within their families and neighbourhoods.

Institutional Donors



We actively seek partnerships with local and global organizations to enhance the educational experience of our students. These partnerships provide opportunities for collaboration on projects, internships, and exchanges, exposing our students to new perspectives and ideas.



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Make a difference in the lives of children, make a donation towards their education. Your donation to Diksha allows us to implement our holistic learning programme, achieving better student education.



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