

# ATOOT SHIKSHA ABHIYAN

ENSURING BRIGHTER FUTURE AND BETTER  
LIFE OPPORTUNITY THROUGH EDUCATION

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# EDUCATION CREATES OPPORTUNITIES

Education is a transformative force that empowers individuals and entire communities, fueling economic growth and development. For women, particularly those from marginalized backgrounds, education is a beacon of hope and opportunity. It equips them with essential knowledge and skills to elevate their lives and challenge societal norms. With education, women are empowered to make informed decisions, secure better job opportunities, and advocate for their rights. This not only fosters leadership but also contributes significantly to building a more equitable and just society.

# EDUCATION REDUCES POVERTY

One of the most significant benefits of the work that JOSH has been doing in education is its role in reducing poverty. Through his efforts, education empowers individuals to earn higher incomes and better support their families. By ensuring that children receive quality education, JOSH is helping to increase their chances of escaping poverty in the future. Atoot Shiksha, helps in giving girls a second chance in their lives and to escape poverty



# MAIN BARRIERS FOR GIRLS TO COMPLETE 12 YEARS OF EDUCATION

- Young women in urban slums are disproportionately excluded from digital literacy and the 21st-century skills necessary for employment.
- Many have completed schooling but lack fundamental computer skills, internet navigation abilities, functional English for professional settings, and exposure to formal work environments.
- Societal norms, safety concerns, and restricted mobility hinder their access to skill development programs, preventing them from participating in India's rapidly expanding digital economy.
- These safety issues also lead families to limit or prohibit girls' use of mobile phones and smartphones.



# TYPES OF INTERVENTION

Atoot Shiksha initiative has three main components- classroom teaching which includes 480 hours of teaching, solving of past year question papers, evaluation and assignments; trainings on various issues and handholding on completion of NIOS registration.

- **Classroom Teaching Support:** Structured classes for all students, which includes 480 hours of classroom teaching, evaluation, test paper solving and others
- **Life Skill Training:** Thematic and life skill trainings of girls, on issues like understanding gender, legal aid, sexual and reproductive health and rights
- **Enrolment through NIOS:** JOSH on completion of one instructional year, facilitates enrollment of the students into the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS). They are supported through the application process and with complete fees for the enrollment and examination.



# DETAILS OF CURRENT BATCH

- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Batch: There are 26 girls pursuing their 10<sup>th</sup> board examination through NIOS
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Batch: There are 19 girls pursuing their 12<sup>th</sup> board examination through NIOS in the Atoot Shiksha program



# UZMA'S JOURNEY: EDUCATION OVERCOME CHALLENGES

Uzma met the JOSH staff members during a community campaign and shared her struggles with financial hardships and family duties that blocked her education. They introduced her to the Atoot Shiksha program of education support, which offers free education for women who couldn't finish their studies. Inspired by this, Uzma enrolled.

Her family life was tough—her husband is faced with financial issues, and she had early marriage so carries significant responsibilities. Yet, she was determined to change her future.

With the JOSH's help, Uzma completed Class 10, which allowed her to apply for jobs that required 10<sup>th</sup> grade pass. After completing her 10<sup>th</sup> board, she has now started to give home tuitions and has also joined a local shop as a front desk personnel thereby making her financially independent.

Uzma's journey is a powerful example of how education and community support can empower women to overcome adversity and build a brighter future.



# SHAGUFTA: FROM STRUGGLE TO TRIUMPH

Shagufta is a married woman and a mother of two children. Her husband rarely stayed at home, did not provide financial support, and was addicted to alcohol. Because of this, Shagufta faced many difficulties in managing household expenses and providing food and care for her children. She often felt helpless and worried about their future.

Although her education was incomplete, Shagufta decided not to give up. She got in touch with JOSH and joined the Atoot Shiksha program, to complete her 12th standard education. Alongside this, she started doing small jobs and worked hard to earn money for her children's needs.

Today, Shagufta is has become financially independent and can support her family with dignity. Her story reflects courage, determination, and the strength of a mother who struggled against difficult circumstances to build a better future for her children.



# "INTRODUCING DIVYANSHI: A JOURNEY OF INSPIRATION"

In the heart of Trilok Puri's slum, young Divyanshi fought against the odds of a life defined by male dominance and stifled dreams. In a household where her voice was silenced, her dreams of education were crushed under the weight of household duties. Her brother and father dictated her fate, her sister conformed, and Divyanshi was left yearning for a future beyond the confines of her home.

Years of pleading with her family fell on deaf ears, as her aspirations were dismissed and her mental well-being suffered. Stripped of opportunities, she was made to believe that her dreams were unreachable. Yet, despite the emotional turmoil, Divyanshi never stopped yearning for change.

This year, a renewed effort to engage her family bore fruit. With persistent counselling and encouragement, we slowly chipped away at the walls of resistance, securing a sliver of freedom for her education. Divyanshi joined the Atoot Shiksha Program to complete her 12th grade exam. Simultaneously she also started to learn computer operations and, English. This really helped to rekindled her self-belief.

Today, Divyanshi stands as a symbol of resilience and hope. Her journey from suppression to empowerment shows the transformative power of unwavering support. She was placed in small firm in Lakshmi Nagar, where she is working as a data entry operator. Now her family finally supports her, recognizing the strength and potential she has always held. Her story is a testament to the incredible change that belief and persistence can bring, lighting the way for others trapped in similar darkness.



# PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR

JOSH proposes to continue to work with girls who have dropped out due various reasons and would extend education, social, emotional and life skills to the girls to give them a second chance to a life with the kind support of ASHA for Education. This year the initiative will continue to reach 45 dropped out girls.



# BUDGET- MAY 2026-APRIL 2027

ASHA FOR EDUCATION (May 2025- Apr 2026)				(May 2026-April 2027)	
Budget for 45 Girls Student				Budget for 45 Girls	
Budget Line	Unit	Rate	Amount	Rate	Amount
Teacher Honorarium	12	26400	316800	29,040	3,48,480
Resource Centre Rent and Maintenance	12	26400	316800	29,000	3,48,000
Printing Postage and Photocopy	12	6400	76800	5,000	60,000
Stationery	12			5,000	60,000
Mobilisation	2	4000	8000	4,400	8,800
Enrollment and Examination Fees	45	3700	166500	3,700	1,66,500
Program Coordinator	12	17000	204000	17,000	2,04,000
Audit fee	1	11000	11000	12,100	12,100
<b>Total</b>			<b>1099900</b>		<b>12,07,880</b>

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