Mallarpur Uthnau

Asha for Education September 2025

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Summary

- Governmental school system in Birbhum district largely not functional resulting in informal educational system in place.
- Mallarpur Uthnau program is to empower the local Santali community through educational programs
- It has three locations Garia and Habra Pahari villages targeting preschool to primary school children, and Mallarpur residential center targeting G5-G12.
- Uthnau has a rented house in Mallarpur where 9 boys and 7 girls receive free hostel cum tutorial facilities for high school education.
- YouTube channel created to teach 3 R's in the Santali language. 10 videos have been created with plan to launch in Dec 2025 with 20 videos.
- Asha for Education sole funding source for education programs. Working on getting some support from consultancies and loans.
- Physical Site visit completed on Thursday March 28, 2024. Debjit (Kolkata based) validated the activities of the schools. Virtual visit also planned this week.

Garia Village Supplementary Education Center

Scope: From Pre-school to Primary-school (run by Sona Muni)

1. Students supported

- Number of all students: 32
- Number of special needs students: Nil
- Number of girls: 17
- Number of boys: 15
- Pre primary 15 students, Class I IV 18 students

2. Activities:

- Focused on foundational literacy and numeracy.
- Distributed learning materials (reference books, charts, Santali primers).
- Provided free basic medical treatment and deworming medication.
- Conducted yoga and meditation classes for holistic development.

HabraPahari Village Supplementary Education Center

Scope: For the Santali Students from Pre-school to Primary-school (run by Shaadi)

- 1. Students supported
 - Number of all students : 29 (17 boys, 12 girls)
 - Preprimary 17 students, Class I IV 12 students







Pictures from Garia and HabraPahari schools

Mallarpur Town Residential Supplementary Education Center

Scope: From Junior Secondary to Higher Secondary School (run by Rocky and Mohan)

- 1.Students supported: 16 (9 boys, 7 girls)
- 2.Class V XII 15 students, Undergraduate 1 student

Activities:

- Two residential teachers provided tutorial support, including training in basic computer skills (Windows Office), online search engines, and Al platforms for subjects like Maths, Physical Sciences, Languages, and Humanities.
- Hired part-time expert teachers for higher classes.
- Distributed learning materials and provided health support, including deworming.
- Conducted yoga and meditation classes.
- Supported natural disaster victims through relief efforts.
- One student got a job with Iphone company in Bangalore last year

Mallarpur school pictures







Other activities

Higher Education support

Number of students supported - 4

Activities –

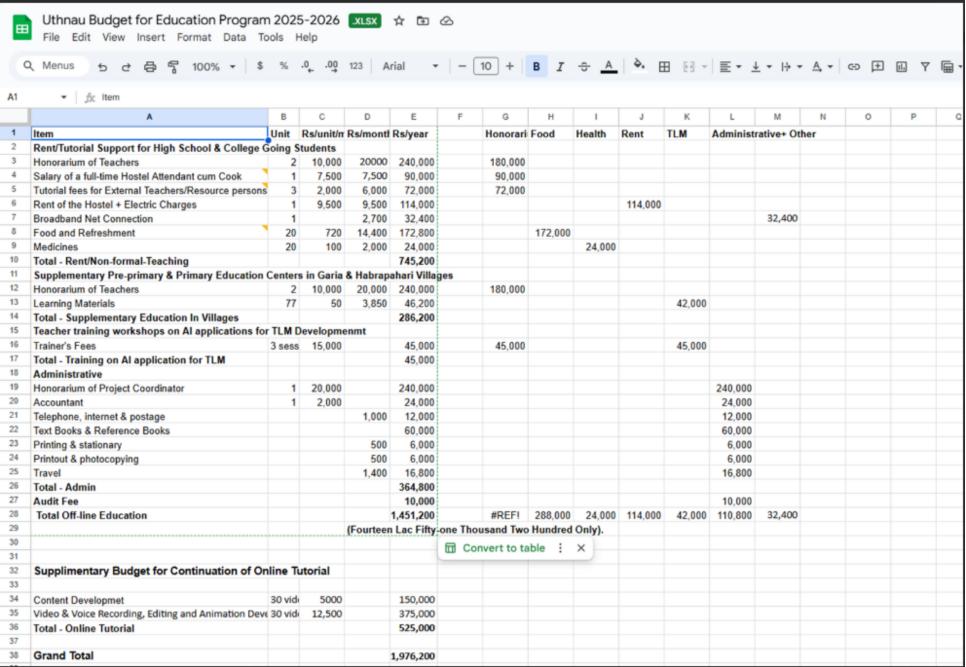
- Provide Financial assistance
- Distributed second-hand textbooks to reduce financial burdens.
- Bio Diversity Initiatives promoting environmental awareness and sustainable practices
- Training on conservation and seed germination for senior students
- Teach sustainable agricultural practices

Disaster relief support during floods in district

Next Year Goals April 2025 to March 2026

- To launch and expand the YouTube Channel for Santali students with 60+ culturally relevant video lessons.
- To strengthen three supplementary education centres, ensuring holistic learning (academic, digital, health, and well-being).
- To provide targeted scholarships and learning support for disadvantaged students in higher education.
- To integrate digital literacy, Al-assisted learning, and mothertongue storytelling pedagogy into Santali education.
- To promote gender equity, ensuring at least 50% participation of girls.

Budget request



Background of budgetary ask



- 2024 support includes YouTube channel funded by Anita Sra
- 2024 approvals were Rs 8.22 lakhs for the schools and Rs 1.42 lakhs for YouTube infrastructure – total of Rs 974,900.00
- 2025 ask all up is Rs 1,976,200.00 (Rs 14,51,200.00 +525,000.00)