

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 AI 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, AI-assisted learning, and mother-tongue storytelling pedagogy into Santali education.
- To promote gender equity, ensuring at least 50% participation of girls.

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1	Item	Unit	Rs/unit/m	Rs/month	Rs/year		Honorari	Food	Health	Rent	TLM	Administrative+ Other					
2	Rent/Tutorial Support for High School & College Going Students																
3	Honorarium of Teachers	2	10,000	20000	240,000		180,000										
4	Salary of a full-time Hostel Attendant cum Cook	1	7,500	7,500	90,000		90,000										
5	Tutorial fees for External Teachers/Resource persons	3	2,000	6,000	72,000		72,000										
6	Rent of the Hostel + Electric Charges	1	9,500	9,500	114,000					114,000							
7	Broadband Net Connection	1		2,700	32,400								32,400				
8	Food and Refreshment	20	720	14,400	172,800		172,000										
9	Medicines	20	100	2,000	24,000				24,000								
10	Total - Rent/Non-formal-Teaching				745,200												
11	Supplementary Pre-primary & Primary Education Centers in Garia & Habrapahari Villages																
12	Honorarium of Teachers	2	10,000	20,000	240,000		180,000										
13	Learning Materials	77	50	3,850	46,200						42,000						
14	Total - Supplementary Education In Villages				286,200												
15	Teacher training workshops on AI applications for TLM Development																
16	Trainer's Fees	3 sess	15,000		45,000		45,000				45,000						
17	Total - Training on AI application for TLM				45,000												
18	Administrative																
19	Honorarium of Project Coordinator	1	20,000		240,000							240,000					
20	Accountant	1	2,000		24,000							24,000					
21	Telephone, internet & postage			1,000	12,000							12,000					
22	Text Books & Reference Books				60,000							60,000					
23	Printing & stationary			500	6,000							6,000					
24	Printout & photocopying			500	6,000							6,000					
25	Travel			1,400	16,800							16,800					
26	Total - Admin				364,800												
27	Audit Fee				10,000							10,000					
28	Total Off-line Education				1,451,200		#REF!	288,000	24,000	114,000	42,000	110,800					

Background of budgetary ask

× Funding History		
Sep 2024	Seattle	USD 424
Apr 2024	Seattle	USD 11690
Jul 2023	Seattle	USD 10130
Sep 2022	Seattle	USD 3556
Aug 2020	Seattle	USD 11015
Jun 2019	Seattle	USD 14358
Jul 2018	Seattle	USD 18853

- 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)