

*‘Quality education is the only ladder that we can provide our rural children to help them and their families climb out of the vicious cycle of poverty.’ – Sadhguru*

**Objective:** To make quality education accessible & affordable to the rural poor

**Means:** 1. Building & running rural schools, providing scholarships to those who cannot afford to pay  
2. Working Govt schools to enhance their quality through critical interventions & training

### **Isha Vidhya:**

- 9 rural schools (8 in TN in districts of Coimbatore, Erode, Salem, Cuddalore, Villupuram, Tuticorin, Nagarkoil & Dharmapuri, 1 in AP in Chittoor Dt.), creating a bright future for 6,415 children
- Many of the students are first-generation school-goers
- About 60% of the students are supported by full tuition scholarships. The rest pay a subsidised fee
- Actively promote education of female children (46% are girls) by visiting villages & counselling parents of girls to send their children to our schools and by providing proper toilet facilities for girls.
- Transforming parental attitudes to education & increasing educational awareness in rural communities while striving to preserve village identities and culture

### *Highlights*

- Infrastructure by way of clean and spacious classrooms
- Science, maths and computer labs, digital classroom, library, playground and play equipment
- Extensive audio, video and computer material augment English-medium education
- Education beyond literacy and rudimentary skills by following a holistic approach
  - Attention to sports, arts & crafts, environmental awareness, health and yoga
- Balanced mid-day meals containing proteins and salt fortified with 7 micro-nutrients
  - For most children, this is the only wholesome meal of the day.
- Most students learn even basic hygiene only in the school
- Student teacher ratio is 19:1, with special care for slow learners
- Total no. of employees – 311 teachers and 186 other non-academic staff.

### **Government School Intervention Program in Tamil Nadu & Andhra Pradesh:**

With experience in setting up and running schools in rural areas, Isha Vidhya is only too aware of the challenges faced by government schools. These include a high student-teacher ratio, unmotivated teachers, lack of basic facilities, gaps in teacher recruitment & training and a high student drop-out rate.

Isha is, therefore, currently carrying out critical interventions in 56 rural government schools in the districts of Coimbatore, Dharmapuri, Kanchipuram, Villupuram and Salem of Tamil Nadu, benefiting over 34,000 students. In Andhra Pradesh, a project for direct intervention in 460 Govt. schools in Kuppam, Chittoor Dt. is also underway benefiting over 38000 children and 2000 Govt. teachers.

### *Initiatives include:*

- Extensive Teacher Training using Isha Vidhya methods.
- Special assistance to slow learners, who constitute 25% of class, through critical Remedial interventions
- Improving children’s English language skills through special methodologies
- Supporting holistic development through sports, yoga, environmental education, health awareness
- Ongoing monitoring & feedback support to teachers

**Guides and Supports:** Operating under Isha Education Trust (founded by Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev of Isha Foundation, Coimbatore). Prominent individuals including Deepak Satwalekar, former MD of HDFC & HDFC Standard Life, Prahlad Kakkar, Ad Guru, Ravi Venkatesan, Independent Director at Infosys & former Chairman of Microsoft India serve on our Board of Trustees & Advisory Committee.

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**General Info:** Isha Education is a registered Trust with **12A, 80G, FCRA** & other statutory approvals..

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## Current Funding Requirements (for 2015-16):

S.No.	Description	Amt. (Rs.)
1	Infrastructure Reqts for Isha Vidhya schools	60,970,255
2	Student Sponsorships	53,175,000
3	Govt. School Program in TN	24,085,000
4	Govt. School Program in AP	14,864,050
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,530,94,305</b>

Salient aspects of the infrastructure requirements are given below:

		<i>All Amounts in Indian Rupees Lakhs</i>								
S.No.	Description	Total	Dharmapuri	Coimbatore	Erode	Nagercoil	Tuticorin	Villupuram	Cuddalore	Salem
1	Class rooms (12)	85.20	49.70	-	-	-	-	-	35.50	-
	(Quantity)	(12)	(7)	-	-	-	-	-	(5)	-
2	Class Furniture	7.53	4.39	-	-	-	-	-	3.14	-
3	Compound Wall	176.00	22.50	30.72	20.00	37.30	15.26	18.75	15.76	15.71
4	Computer Lab Eqpt	3.06	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38
5	Science Lab	2.23	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28
6	Math Lab	2.52	0.96	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22
7	Arts & Craft	0.92	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12
8	English Lab Matl.	2.71	0.52	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31
9	Learning Materials	2.00	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
10	School Buses (19)	316.92	50.04	16.68	33.36	83.40	33.36	33.36	33.36	33.36
11	Green Nursery	0.40	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
12	Sports requirements	4.48	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56
	<b>Total</b>	<b>603.97</b>	<b>129.81</b>	<b>49.57</b>	<b>55.53</b>	<b>122.87</b>	<b>50.79</b>	<b>54.28</b>	<b>89.93</b>	<b>51.21</b>

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