



About Peepul

Peepul is an education-focused non-profit. **We dream and work towards creating an education system in India that enables 'every child to realize their potential.'**

We work closely with governments at the national, state, and local levels to transform government schools and government systems. The poorest children in India study in government schools and too many of them are falling through the cracks. We are determined to ensure that they receive a high-quality education to help them succeed in life.

We are restless, resilient, and reflective. We aim high, we innovate, we work smart, we work as a team and we use rigorous research to inform our work. We run systemic education programs that, together, ensure that we adopt a holistic view towards improving state education systems. We are a fast-paced organisation that aims high.

Towards creating exemplar education ecosystems, some of what we do includes:

- i. **Run Exemplar Schools:** we run exemplar schools in partnership with the government to show what 'great' looks like. Starting with one school with 9 children in 2015, we now have a network of 3 schools that directly impact 1,000 children.
- ii. **Systemic Interventions:** we create systemic influence through large-scale interventions such as teacher training, capacity building of government education officials, working with district and state-level training institutes and advising on policy reform.
- iii. **Government Policy and Advisory:** we advise state governments on improving governance and accountability structures through our work on quality assurance, levers for school improvement and knowledge as practitioners of quality improvement.
- iv. **Thought Leadership:** we recognize the criticality of institutionalizing and codifying our best practices, content and processes so that they can be standardized, scaled and can be adopted by government systems to improve government schools as well as shared more widely with the education ecosystem in India.

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Know More about Development Impact Bond

In India, millions of children lack Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) skills that are the building blocks for future learning. This leaves India with an underperforming education sector, as evidence links FLN outcomes with better educational attainment at higher grades.

In the 2018 Annual Status of Education Report, 49% of grade 3 could not read grade 1 level texts. Similarly, over 35% of grade 3 students could not perform single-digit subtraction, and 28% could not recognize 2-digit numbers.

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated this learning crisis. With school closures, poor connectivity, and lack of access to quality remote and home learning resources, learning for students in the public schooling system has been minimal over the past 18 months

Peepul aims to design and deliver programmes that positively impact FLN outcomes on ground.

Towards this aim, Peepul is participating in an FLN focused DIB (Development Impact Bond). This will be a 5-year project with The South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) starting with a learning year (July 2022 onward) followed by 4 years of outcome-based funding (Academic year 2023-24 onward).

The DIB programme will focus on scalable assessment reforms in SDMC to drive improvement in student learning outcomes.

Assessments are at the core of the student learning, as they diagnose learning gaps and help teachers frame need-based learning plans. Factoring this, as well as the learning loss from two years of school closures due to COVID, this programme aims to roll out a series of academic, governance and technology reforms aimed at strengthening assessments across SDMC.

Over these five years, Peepul will build the systemic understanding and competency in implementing high-quality student-learning focused assessments.

This will be done by reviewing existing practices, co-creating Standard Operating Protocols for conducting high-quality assessments, conducting trainings for officials, etc

