

Monthly Newsletter

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Learning In Action: Academic Programs That Make a Difference

Nagpur Municipal Corporation, FLN Baseline

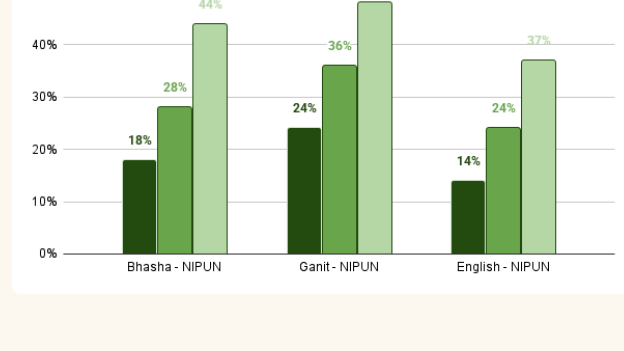
- The FLN Baseline test was successfully conducted in Nagpur MC Schools, with 1,538 sheets scanned and analysed. Students were assessed in three core subjects - Bhasha, English and Mathematics.
- In Mathematics, nearly one-fourth (24%) are in L1, and just 17% reached the highest proficiency.
- In Bhasha and English, learning gaps were more pronounced - one-third of students are at beginner level (L1) with only 13% reaching NIPUN, the proficient level.
- The analysis of the test by OLF will provide a strong foundation for the district to plan focused support for steady learning outcomes.

KDMC Students Shine in FLN Test 3

- September marked a milestone for KDMC, with 412 OMR sheets scanned and analysed by OLF, testing a total of 7,537 students from classes 2-8 in three subjects – Bhasha, Maths, and English.
- Students show remarkable growth between three tests, with 25% average increase in grade-level proficiency.

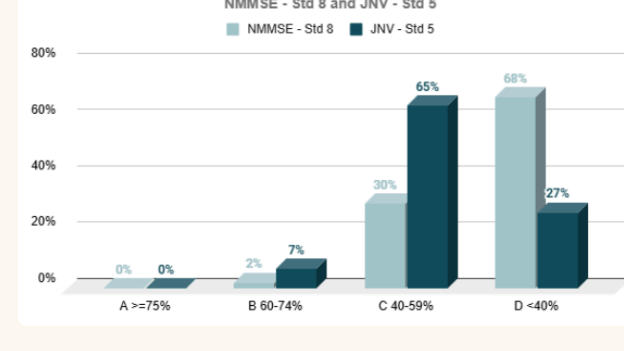
Rajnandgaon Students Step Up for JNV Test

- On September 1st, 7,731 class 5 students took the JNV Practice test conducted by OLF in partnership with the district.
- The results highlighted significant learning gaps - no student scored above 75%, most were clustered in the mid and lower ranges, with over half between 40-59% and many below 40%.
- Analysis of top- and bottom-performing schools, clusters, and blocks will provide the district with a clear picture of where children are struggling and help administrators identify focus areas and track improvements in the coming months.



Gariaband Prepares Students for Scholarships

- The district of Gariaband moved from classrooms to competitive spirits, testing 3,808 students of class 8 and 486 of class 5 for NNMSE and JNV, respectively.
- OLF scanned 5,129 OMR Sheets, saving teachers 641 hours and administrators 1,739 hours of manual compilation and results analysis work. The analysis shared with the district will play a pivotal role in planning focused next steps.
- The results depicted in the graph show students clustered in Grade C & D, underscoring the need for intervention.



Seoni – FLN Baseline Test Brings Key Learning Insights

- The FLN Baseline Test was successfully conducted across Classes 2 to 5 in Seoni district, marking an important step in understanding students' learning levels. A total of 39,371 students participated in the assessment.
- To ensure accuracy and transparency, OLF efficiently scanned 7,769 OMR sheets, enabling timely data analysis for the district.
- A strong 71% of students were clustered in the upper levels (L3 and NIPUN), while only 6% remained at the foundational Level 1, indicating promising learning progress.
- The insights from this baseline will guide teachers and administrators in planning targeted interventions to strengthen learning outcomes across Seoni's government schools.

Polestar Mentorship Program - Guided By Wisdom

The Polestar Award Ceremony 2025 was held at the NIT Raipur Campus in collaboration with Avanti Foundation and the Raipur district administration. This event marked one year of the Polestar program, where IIT and NIT students mentor government school children for JEE/NEET preparation.

- 53 Polestars received certificates, while 11 outstanding mentors were specially felicitated under categories like Inspiring Polestar, Supportive Polestar, Coordinator Felicitation, and Polestar of the Year.

Program scale over the past year

450	25,560	30%
Sessions	Mentoring Hours	Rise in Mock Test Score

- Highlight of the evening - Neha, a polestar mentee, stood proudly on stage as the competitive exam clearer, proving the ripple effect of mentorship.



Front row (L-R): ADEO Durg Amit Ghosh, OLF Founder-CEO Sanjay Dalmia, Raipur Dist. Collector Dr. Gaurav Singh, NIT Raipur Director In-Charge Dr. Anupam Bala Soni, OLF Trustee & Snehalay Founding Member Rajiv Kumar Singh, DEO Raipur, Vivek Sharma, APC Durg, and DMC Raipur Arun Sharma.

Growth of Non-Academic Programs for Holistic Development



What started with a handful of schools is turning into a wave of enthusiastic participation. In just one month, several schools have opened their doors to the joy of Storytelling, Poetry, Spoken English, and Spelling Bee through the Mahavachan/Bolega Bachpan program.

Seoni, Madhya Pradesh

- Poetry recitation is now active in 135 schools, up from 93 in August.
- Spoken English saw a leap from 40 to 90 schools, giving students a strong communication boost.

Jashpur, Chhattisgarh

- Storytelling went from being active in 9 schools in August to 48 in September.
- Spelling Bee programs are buzzing in 90 schools, almost double from last month.

Our Impact in Numbers - People, Progress, and Programs

Reach: 36 districts | 57,859 schools | 1,84,995 teachers | 4.2 million students

Teacher Hours Saved (Sep): 4,350 Hrs

Administrator Hours Saved (Sep): 42,802 Hrs

No. of programs completed in academic year '25-'26

Academic - MH 11 | CG 11 | MP 1

Life Skills - Poetry, Reading, Storytelling, Spelling Bee,

Morning Assembly

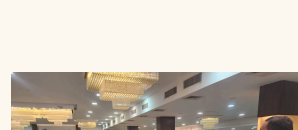
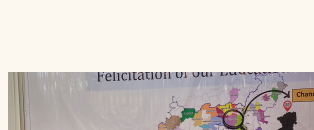
Teacher Recognition - 1,055 Teachers Recognized

Stage Events - 8



Events leading to Change

Shikshan Utsav - When technology, innovation, and teacher dedication come together, transformation is inevitable.



Jashpur - Planting the Seed of an Educational Maha Kumbh

- On 4th of September, Jashpur saw over 70 selected teachers and education officers come together, bringing diverse experiences and innovations. The gathering reflected the shared commitment to reimagining government schools as places of excellence.
- District Collector Rohit Vyas described Shikshan Utsav as the "Seed of an educational Maha Kumbh", a festival of ideas and change. He praised OLF for giving teachers a common stage to share and learn together through the Vinoba App.
- The event celebrated 5 outstanding teachers, 3 CACs, and education officers for their dedication and outstanding work.

Chandrapur - An Event Buzzing with Exchange of Ideas

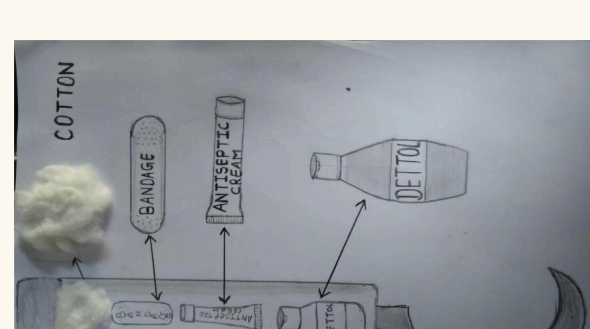
- The sixth edition of Shikshan Utsav was celebrated in Chandrapur with tremendous energy, bringing together teachers, education leaders, and community members on one inspiring platform.
- The event was organized by OLF, with support from the District Administration and Mastek Foundation, making it a collective effort towards improving education quality in government schools.
- A grand felicitation ceremony honoured 12 outstanding teachers, 2 principals, 3 cluster heads, and 1 block education officer, recognizing their exemplary contribution to education.

Voices of Dinkar Echo in Begusarai

- Begusarai came alive with poetry as the first-ever District-Level Rashtrakavi Ramdhari Singh Dinkar Poetry Recitation Competition was held to mark his 117th birth anniversary.
- Over 900 students participated through the Vinoba App, with 52 finalists selected for the grand finale.
- Winners were chosen across three categories – Classes 1–5, 6–8, and 9–12, recognizing young voices for their confidence, rhythm, and love for poetry.
- This celebration not only honoured the legacy of Dinkar but also inspired the students across the district to embrace literature and cultural pride.

'Little Innovator' Winner Pallavi Kawale's Inspiring Educational Tour

The Little Innovator initiative shows how rural students' creativity can lead to real-world innovation



For Pallavi Kawale, a winner of the Little Innovator Competition, a two-day Journey to Pune turned into a live classroom of science, Innovation, governance and history.

A Class 10 student of ZP School, Nagpur, Pallavi won the first place in the Little Innovator Competition with her unique idea, 'A First-Aid Kit for Farmers'. The competition invited projects from students of Classes 5 to 9 across ZP schools, with 10 finalists presenting their innovations to experts. From this group, Pallavi's idea stood out as the most impactful.

Her tour gave her a taste of multiple worlds. Each institution she visited played a crucial role in shaping her curious and creative mind.

Bolega Bachpan with Sonali Kulkarni: A Celebration of Storytelling and Joyful Learning

- Renowned actress Sonali Kulkarni recently joined government school teachers from Chhattisgarh in an inspiring session on creative writing and storytelling, hosted under OLF's Bolega Bachpan initiative.
- She shared practical tips with teachers on nurturing creativity, encouraging good listening, creating safe learning spaces, and helping children find stories in everyday life.
- The session came alive with storytelling by students - one from Gariaband moved the audience with her heartfelt narrative. The event blended learning, laughter, and inspiration, truly celebrating the power of stories in the classroom.

"The Vinoba app has brought a big change here. We are learning from each other, moving forward together, and our students are excited to learn something new every day." - Vaishali Khairnar, Teacher, Zilla Parishad School, Ghoti Station, Nashik.

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