

Pratham Partnerships with Government Elementary Schools for Grade 3 -5 and Grade 6 - 8 (2017)

Andhra Pradesh

Initiated in 2015, the partnership in Andhra Pradesh is in its 2nd year of a 3-year agreement involving SSA, Pratham and J-PAL. In the 1st year, Pratham with support from J-PAL implemented the partnership in half of all primary and upper primary schools of Anantapur district. The partnership was extended to 2 more districts in 2016-17. Using Teaching at the Right Level (TaRL) methodology, the objective is to measurably improve language and math learning outcomes for children in grades 3 to 5.

Bihar

In the past, Pratham has worked very closely with the Bihar Government in a number of successful initiatives. In the period between 2006 and 2010, Pratham was the government's biggest partner in the Sankalp program for mainstreaming out of school children. More recently, in terms of partnering for learning improvement, a landmark moment in Pratham's work with the government came with the successful implementation of "Padho Jehanabad", a district administration led partnership in 2012-13. Success of this particular intervention, thereafter paved way for "Mission Gunwatta", a state-wide initiative in all 39 districts of Bihar where Pratham partnered with Bihar government in 18 districts across the state. In 2016-17, based on past experiences in the state, new forms of partnerships with self-help groups like JEEViKA - Bihar, Rural Livelihoods Project and government paid volunteers in the community (Tola sevaks) are being developed, so as to strengthen Pratham's existing work with government bodies in Bihar.

Chhattisgarh

The district-level partnership in Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh was formulated as a result of Pratham's work which brought into limelight the very low learning levels in reading and numeracy in the district. The MoU was signed in 2015 for a duration of 3 years and has clearly defined measurable goals for grades 1-2 and grades 3-5 to be achieved.

Gujarat

For the past two years, Pratham in Gujarat has worked with the district administrations in three districts; Sabarkantha, Aravali and Gandhinagar. In addition to this collaboration, Pratham also has two smaller block level partnerships in Kheda and Mandvi districts.

Himachal Pradesh

Since 2007, Pratham has been working closely with multiple levels of governments in Himachal Pradesh in order to improve language and numeracy skills of children. These collaborations have significantly grown and evolved over the years, with multiple state and district level partnerships currently ongoing in the state. In 2016-17, Pratham collaborated with Himachal Government on the following programs:

- Prerna (Grade 3-5: State partnership focusing on Hindi and Arithmetic)
- Prayas (Grade 6-8: State partnership focusing on Science and Arithmetic)
- First Step – in district Solan (Grade 3-5: Block level partnership focusing on English)

- Prayas Plus – in district Bilaspur (Grade 6-8: District level partnership focusing on Science and Math)

Jammu and Kashmir

Starting with a successful program in Bandipora district in Kashmir in 2015-16, in 2016-17 Pratham and the government in Jammu and Kashmir decided to expand the scope of the collaboration to ten districts in the Kashmir valley. The program is focussed on improving reading and math levels of children in primary schools.

Jharkhand

In 2013, Pratham entered into partnerships with district administrations and in some cases with UNICEF in several districts across the state to implement learning improvement programs for children in grades 3-5 in government schools. Work done initially in these interventions and later in Simdega and West Singhbhum districts, eventually led to a state level partnership in 2016, with a focus on 66 educationally backward blocks in 15 districts of the state. JPAL is also a partner in the state level collaboration.

Karnataka

A multi district partnership has been initiated with the Karnataka Government's Department of State Educational Research and Training (DSERT) in 2016. A 60-day learning improvement intervention was being piloted in 3 districts for children in grades 4 and 5. This program, known as "Odu Karnataka", which will be further scaled up to 10 districts in 2017. Summer Camps were also organized in April and May 2017 for children in grades 4 to 6 in drought affected districts and areas across the state.

Uttar Pradesh

Pratham first began working in Uttar Pradesh in 2001 in Lucknow as a partner to the Government of India-Janshala program carried out by UP Government. Since then, Pratham has partnered on several occasions with various levels of governments in the state (for example Pratham and UP government collaborated in the Nai Disha Program for Std. 1-2 in 40 districts in 2006-2007 and in the state-wide Learning Enhancement Program in 2008.

In 2016-17, Pratham partnered with 3 district administrations in Uttar Pradesh for full district learning improvement programs and also worked with the district governments in two districts for strengthening the educational experiences of upper primary girls in the Kasturba Gandhi Bal Vidyalayas (KGBVs) in 2 more districts.

Smaller initiatives

Assam

In 2016, Pratham partnered with the district administration in Kamrup to launch a teacher led intervention in Kamalpur and Karara districts.

Telangana

Pratham is in the process of piloting CAMaL in the Mahbubnagar district of Telangana. In January 2017, a MoU was signed with the District Department of Education for the implementation of the intervention in 45 schools across a total 3 mandals. Based on the experience of the pilot, the plan is to scale up the program to the entire district in the coming 2017-18 academic year.