

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-22



Engage Educate Empower



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Founder's Message



UCatapult Foundation was a vision born during the 2020 pandemic . While the world grappled with the new normal, I noticed a pressing need to close the growing gap in digital education ecosystem. With compassion in my heart and a problem-solving mindset, I started UCatapult Foundation. We first aimed to offer free online classes to students in far-flung areas linking them with talented teachers gathered from all over the country. We soon learned that education by itself wasn't enough. To encourage independence and financial growth, we added job training courses for women.

The ride hasn't been a smooth sail. We've had to deal with tech problems, sort out tricky logistics, and keep up with the changing world of digital education. But seeing students grow and communities change has made it all worthwhile.

UCatapult now shows what can happen when people come together and education changes lives. We're thankful for our partners, donors, and volunteers who've stuck by us through thick and thin. Looking forward, we plan to reach more people, make our programs even better, and help create a brighter future for the next generation.

Prema Mishra
Founder, UCatapult Foundation

Vision

UCatapult aims to reach all rural students, teachers and community at large (both educated and un-educated) to make them self-reliant and sustainable -through access to national and international resources & best practices in a simplified customized way.

Mission

Our Mission is to fulfill Dreams.

We enable the 'Deprived to achieve', 'Complete the Incomplete' and by bringing forth the best resources from across the country.

Be it enrolling school drop-outs again for education OR community women re-skilling OR connecting with their historical roots, UCatapult gives them a platform to achieve, shine and contribute together to grow a educated world.



About Us

UCatapult Foundation, launched in 2020, is a registered non-profit organization working relentlessly on the mission to revolutionize rural education in India by equipping students with the transformative tool of technology.

UCatapult Foundation - **Digital Machaan**, initiative is an after-school program in Virtual mode for passionate students of rural India. Like any other full-time regular school, the students have to come to the community center and attend LIVE classes participate in , and submit assignments & assessments.

We have conducted classes in collaboration with 10 local NGO'S from classes VI to X and have completed Bihar State board syllabus in Hindi & English language.

Till today, UCatapult has conducted over 1000+ online sessions with the support of its 65+ teachers who have all come together, to make learning accessible to the underprivileged and disadvantaged. Each individual of UCatapult is on a mission, driven by focused passion to create an able future for tomorrow. How else will you explain, the support and contribution of numerous individuals on this mission who are everyday voluntarily investing their time, energy, and funds to teach these disadvantaged students, and giving them tools to dream big and fly high.

Our Journey so far...

April 2020 - March 2021

APRIL - JUNE 2020



We started reaching out to NGO'S & government schools' teachers to help them upskill and make them more self-reliant in a sustained fashion.

OCT TO DEC 2020



We collaborated with local NGOs in Begusaria, Bihar to launch our after- school program for rural students.

1

2

JULY - SEPT 2020



We launched an After-school program for rural kids in Bihar. We also sent 10 new mobile phones for students to study.

3

4

JAN TO MARCH 2021



This time, we connected with local NGOs in Bodh Gaya, Bihar and launched our after-school program for rural students.

Our Journey April 2021 - March 2022

APRIL - JUNE 2021

1



We established Digital Machaan in Gaya and Begusaria in Bihar. We sent electronic devices to the students and provided them with wifi connectivity.

2

JULY - SEPT 2021



We established Digital Machaan in Bhagalpur and Purnia Districts in Bihar giving s NGO's access to electronic devices and WiFi.

3

OCT TO DEC 2021



We established Digital Machaan in Rohtas & East Champaran districts in Bihar and also sent electronic devices to the students and provided them with wifi connectivity.

4

JAN TO MARCH 2022



Our Founder Ms. Prema Mishra went for a field visit in Bihar in Patna to explore training and job opportunities for her students in a hospital.

OUR INITIATIVES

CHESHTA

Cheshta — is a UCatapult endeavor to reach rural, govt. schools' teachers to help them upskill and make them more self-reliant in a sustained fashion. It is a project brainchild born out of the hope to fill in the inequalities and the gaping gaps in education by empowering the teaching facilitators to create the best possible output. At Cheshta, we equip the teachers through a battery of training programmes, directed at perfecting themselves to deliver their classes, at four strategic levels- the Formative, the Primary, the Middle and Secondary levels, that form the crux of every stage of the academic years. During this lockdown period, UCatapult has successfully conducted over 150+ trainings for over 1700+ teachers/facilitators across various academic subjects primarily in the state of Bihar & rural UP. We currently have over 20+ resource people working this initiative pro-bono. It is our 'Cheshta' to enable our teachers with the best skills -from across the world.



BUNIYAAD

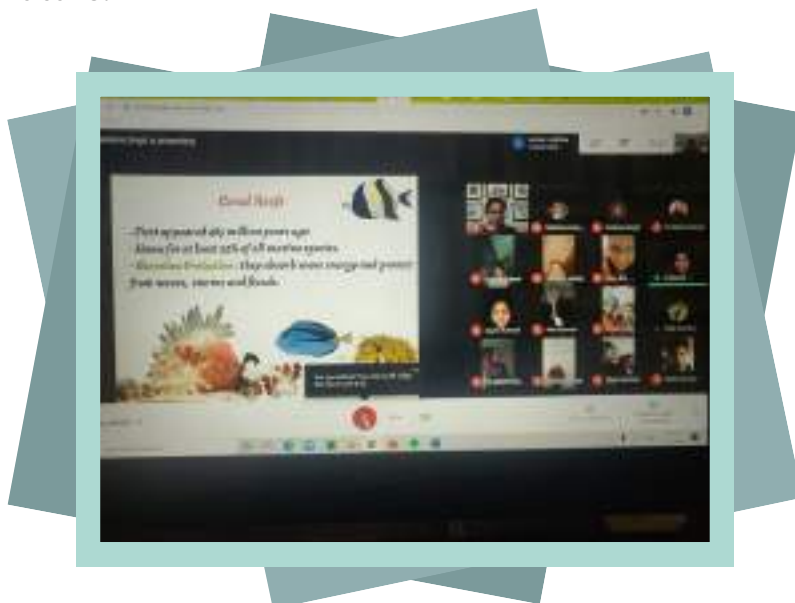
UCatapult worked with identified change leaders from chosen few schools in rural Bihar & UP, and started the Alternative Virtual School -an online initiative - to teach students of class VI to X and help them to learn to read as per NEP 2020 . The teaching is done over a mobile handset -provided both in individual as well as group setting.

A key differentiator of UCatapult is that it has strong knowledge resource, made of both urban and rural teachers. Urban teachers help with designing learning modules, and rural teachers help in facilitating the course content in these segments. Our local teachers from remote Bihar play an integral role in delivering our course content. They help us with mobilizing support within communities for our learning initiative, share their learning needs and requirements, and help us deliver better.

Our Interactive and engaging digital curriculum, is delivered by qualified & certified teachers from India & abroad, in simple Hindi language to build the students' solid foundation and start them on the path to being a lifelong learner.

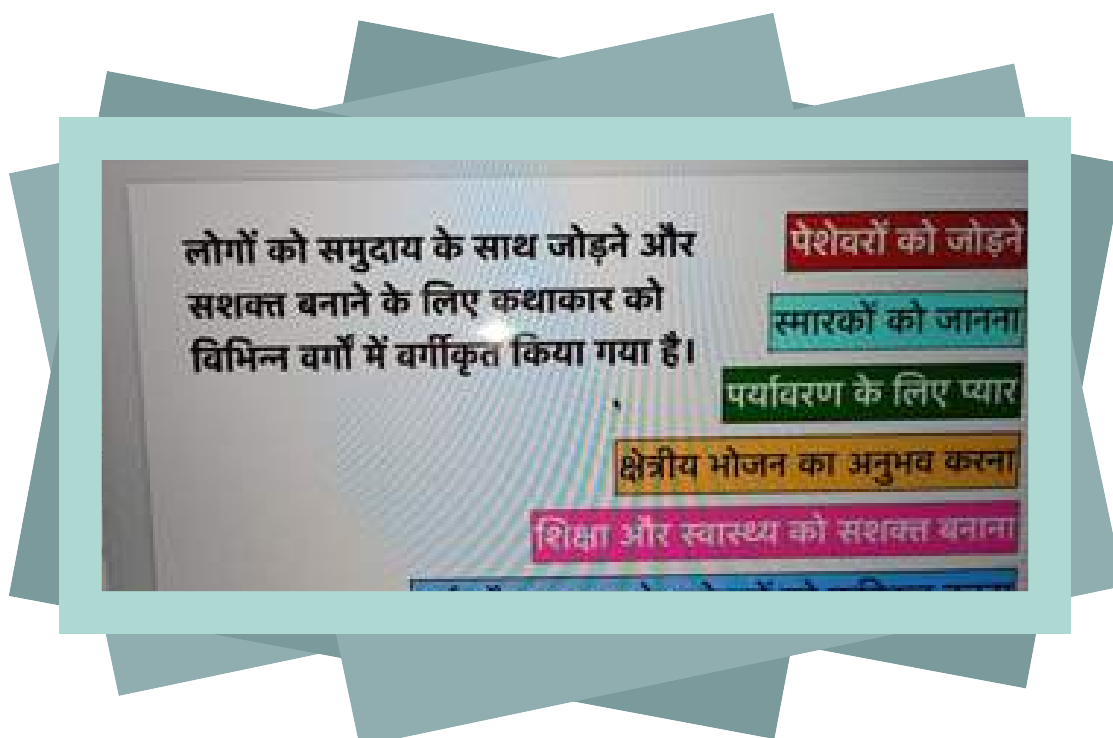
We Focus on storytelling classes to immerse students in English language and encourage development of students' affinity with English. An observable change could be seen in students' confidence, command and interaction with English. Their vocabulary, syntax and pragmatic knowledge showed a huge leap. The subjects which were dealt with in the subject classes were- English grammar, Science, Heritage Education and Mathematics.

Additionally, we also ran Saturday special classes like — Astronomy, Robotics, Performing Arts — Theatre, Indian music, Heritage Education etc. These classes are taken by subject experts and also by some students as teacher. We also conduct workshops for Parents & Students on topics like cyber security, general counselling, gender sensitivity and more. Setting up the Buniyaad to build a better future.



KATHAKAAR

Education must be an experience, not a forced one. The joy of learning must be the underlying ethos. Education should be the means of connecting people with their own community, culture and heritage. Kathakaar is a storyteller, who shares his/her journey of growth and assimilation, and in the process inspires these young students. The idea is about 'giving back to your roots' and helping young learners in the process - connect with their own community and take pride in their culture. So far, students from Sitamarhi and Motihari have gathered copious amounts of information on the history, culture and demographics of Bihar and their districts. They have also been benefitted by learning from the journey of achievers from Bihar, who are settled across the globe and are immensely proud of their roots. The project has two broad stages. In the first stage, children are trained to explore and present the stories about their region/state. In the second stage, these trained ambassadors share their research, vision, perspective, along with their story - with the masses (via institutions).



SAKSHAM

It is said that if we teach/empower a man, we only educate one learner, but if we empower one woman – we educate a full village. Saksham is a program where we ask rural, less/under privileged women to join us to rise, shine and contribute to society in their own small way.

The objective of Saksham is to provide self-sufficiency to community women – so that they upskill and earn their livelihood better and enhance their standard of living. UCatapult provides Career Counselling, Short online skill development courses (Beautician, Embroidery, Fine Arts etc.) and Counselling sessions for parents etc.

In addition to above, for women who had to leave their education mid-way -because of either financial or personal reasons – and they want to re-start the same (irrespective of their age), UCatapult enables their further education (or completion of education) via enrolment through NIOS, and paying all admission expenses, enabling their teaching via competent outside teachers and takes care of all their academic expenditure.



PUSTAKALAY

“A room without books is like a body without soul”. Our Pustakalya initiative is built on the the foundation of child’s access to books. Our mission to set up atleast five physical libraries in such Bihar’s out back will serve both as an educational resource and satisfy their curious minds.

It is our “koshish” towards Reforming the community with access to un-interrupted learning. "If Knowledge and Learning decide to journey to the ends of the earth, who are we mortals to stop them? In the new-normal situation, when half the world is still continuing with learning and teaching through computer, laptop and smart phone , there is this other half which is struggling to keep pace, in our own country. So, our endeavors at Ucatapult will ensure that every child gets his/her window to the world of books, where they feel welcomed and motivated to learn and grow.

Our vision to construct a physical library will continue to feature more creative and advanced attributes in future such as mobile library to establish a well set-up knowledge hub for these kids.



VIDYA VAANI

Vidyavaani – COMMUNITY RADIO

Vidyavaani is a community radio initiative dedicated to promoting education from Pre-Primary to Functional Literacy through broadcasts in regional languages. In collaboration with Bharat FM, it offers internet radio programming three times a week, delivering educational content that caters to diverse literacy levels.

Vidyavani initiative celebrates International Mother Language Day with storytelling sessions in six languages, extending over 100 days. Each week features one story and two activities, reaching community schools in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Punjab, for pre-primary and primary students. With contributions from prominent RJs, the program supports language acquisition, boosts self-esteem, and enhances parent-child interaction. Backed by the Ministry of Education and state boards, it underscores the benefits of mother tongue education.

This initiative not only provides essential learning resources but also fosters community engagement, ensuring that educational opportunities reach underserved populations, helping bridge the educational gap in rural and remote areas.



Field Visit

BIHAR



Class 12 Students of Akhand Jyoti Eye Hospital



Management Akhand Jyoti Eye Hospital



Eye Hospital,
AKhand Jyoti Foundation, Patna



Artisans of Madhubani Painting,
Madhubani District



Met Parents, Madhubani District



Artisans of Madhubani Painting

Digital Machaan

How We Create Digital Machaan:

We set up Digital Machaan by collaborating with local NGOs and Zilla Parishads to establish community learning centers. These centers are equipped with smart TVs, laptops, and high-speed internet, creating a vibrant space for education.

What Services We Offer:

Digital Machaan provides interactive, live classes for students in grades VI to X. Our curriculum is delivered in a regional language, with regular assessments and assignments to enhance learning and ensure student progress.

What Commitment We Seek from the Local Community :

We seek active involvement from the local community to support and sustain the program. By working closely with local stakeholders, we ensure that Digital Machaan remains effective and impactful for students in rural areas.

Digital Machaan-Images from BIHAR



Bodh Gaya, District



Rohtas, District



Bodh Gaya, District



Gaya, District



Purnia District



Bhagalpur, District



Begusarai, District



East Champaran, District



Begusarai District



Patna, District

Testimonials

Teachers Education - Cheshta

(Impacting Teachers)

A UCatapult Foundation's first endeavor to reach rural, govt. schools teachers to help them upskill and make them self reliant in a sustained manner.



Ashish Sir
Government School
Teacher, Bihar



Prashant Sir
Government School
Teacher, Bihar



Priyanka Ma'am
Government School
Teacher, Bihar



Dr. Bindu Kapoor
Counsellor

Scan the QR code to watch the Testimonials

School Education - Buniyaad

Empowering students

Buniyaad is an after-school program in Virtual mode for passionate learners of rural India.

Government School Students, Bihar



Student 1



Student 2



Student 3



Student 4

Scan the QR code to watch the Testimonials

Skill Development - Saksham

(Impacting Community)

Provides Career Counselling, Short online skill development courses (Beautician, Embroidery, Fine Arts, Bakery etc.) and Counselling sessions for parents etc.



Shabnam Kumari



Manorama Pathak

Scan the QR code to watch the Testimonials

Our Achievements



During COVID, 125 students accessed our digital platform through rural government school teachers.

Sakshi Raj from Araria District achieved a perfect score of 100/100 in Math on her board exam, highlighting the impact of our educational initiative.

Sakshi Raj

Some glimpses of our Online Class



Kundan Kumar

Dasrath Manjhi Sansthan, an NGO in Gaya, Bihar, collaborated with us for Navodaya coaching classes for 6th grade. Out of 12 students, Kundan Kumar successfully passed the test and gained admission to Navodaya School, showcasing the effectiveness of our partnership in providing educational opportunities.



OUR IMPACT



3000

**Teachers
inspired**



10

**Schools/NGOs
digitally engaged**



7

**Libraries
enriched**



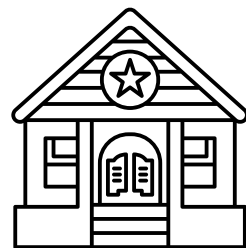
730

**Live sessions
conducted**



1100

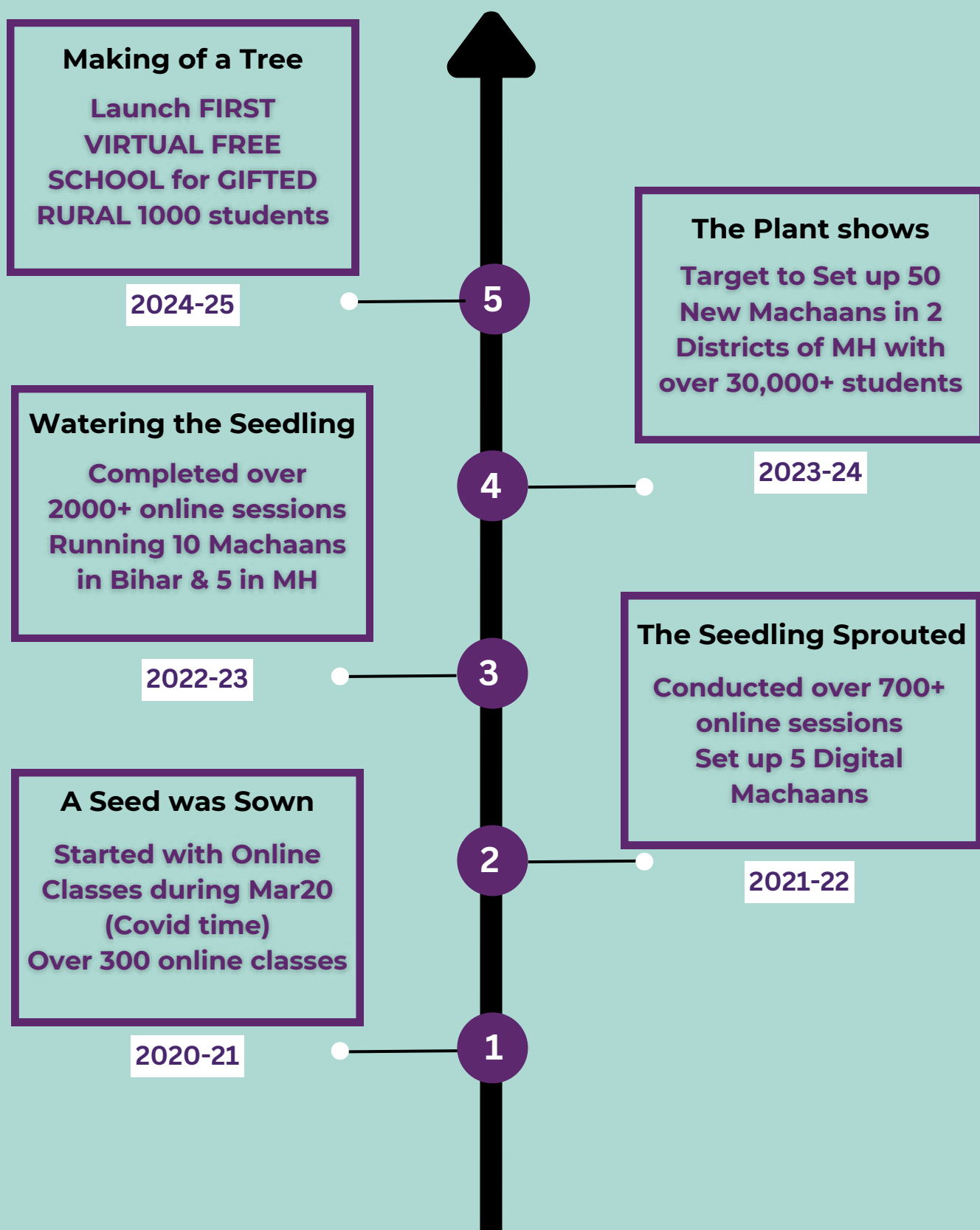
**Children
engaged so far**



10+

**Districts
covered**

WAY FORWARD...



Our Collaborations

Educational Partners



NGO Partners



Companies partnership



Our Donors



Mr. Dev Batra



Mr Sanjeev



Mr. Jas

Special Thanks!

**Government School Teachers who
supported us from Rural areas**



Veena Kumari



Narendra Pandey



Priyanka Kumari



Poonam Kumari



Anupama Singh



Radhika Kumari

Join Us



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Digital Machaan, or in supporting our cause?

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