



Rural Education And Literacy

A 501(c)(3) youth-led nonprofit organization.

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Overview

- Our Mission: Sonya
- The Rural Challenge: Radhika
- o Programs: Anisha
 - Pardada Pardadi Educational Society (PPES)
 - Thane Discovery Program
 - REALscience
- Goals for 2014-2015: Neeta





REAL's Mission

To support the education and literacy of underprivileged youth in rural India and to support STEM education efforts in Oregon.





Where did the salt go?





Why Education?

- Increases overall health
- Saves lives of children
- Boosts economic growth
- Reduces poverty
- Fosters peace





40% of the world's illiterate live in India





About India

- Largest democracy
- 22 official languages / 122 languages
- o 29 states
- Population: 1.23 billion
- 1,078 people per sq. mile vs.
 90 people per sq. mile in the US

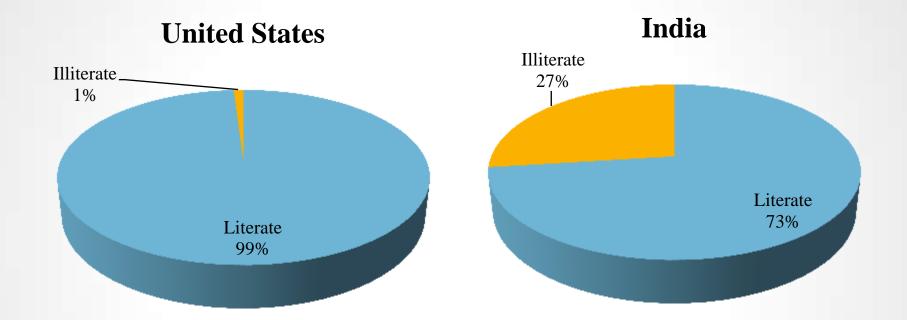


Definition of Literacy



- UNESCO definition: "ability to identify, understand, interpret, create, communicate, compute, and use printed and written material associated with varying contexts."
- 2011 Indian Census notes "[literacy]...greatly contributes in improving quality of life"





Total Population: 314 million

Illiterate Population: 3 million

Total Population: 1.2 billion

Illiterate Population: (334 million)



United States

Poverty line: \$31

Pop. in poverty: 15%

<u>India</u>

Poverty line: \$1.25

Pop. in poverty: 30%

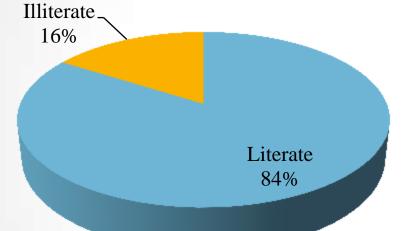
Rural people in poverty: 34% Urban people in poverty: 21%

Average Income per day: \$145.60

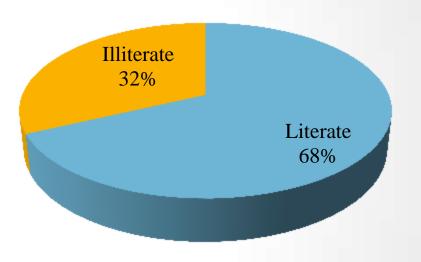
Average Income per day: \$14.82

Urban India 32%





Rural India 68%





Barriers To Getting a Good Education

Family Responsibilities



Early marriage



Distance to schools



Lack of safety

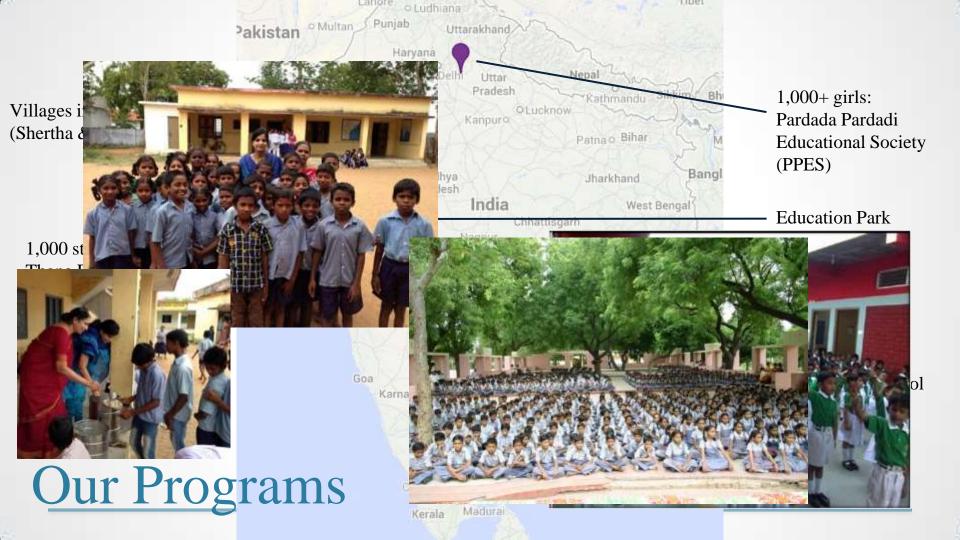


No girls bathroom



No female teacher





Pardada Pardadi Educational Society

 Anupshahar, Bulandshahar district of the state Uttar Pradesh

 Mission: to empower women from the poorest sections of society





Vocation, Education, and Empowerment

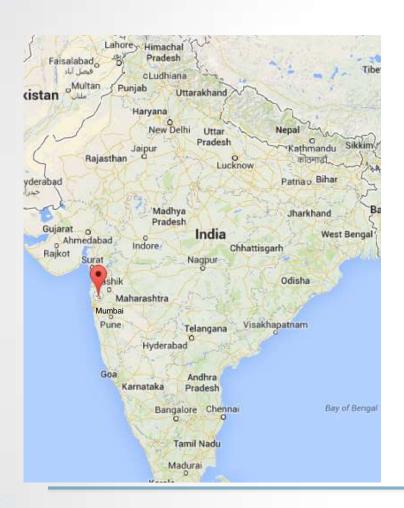






A classroom Transportation



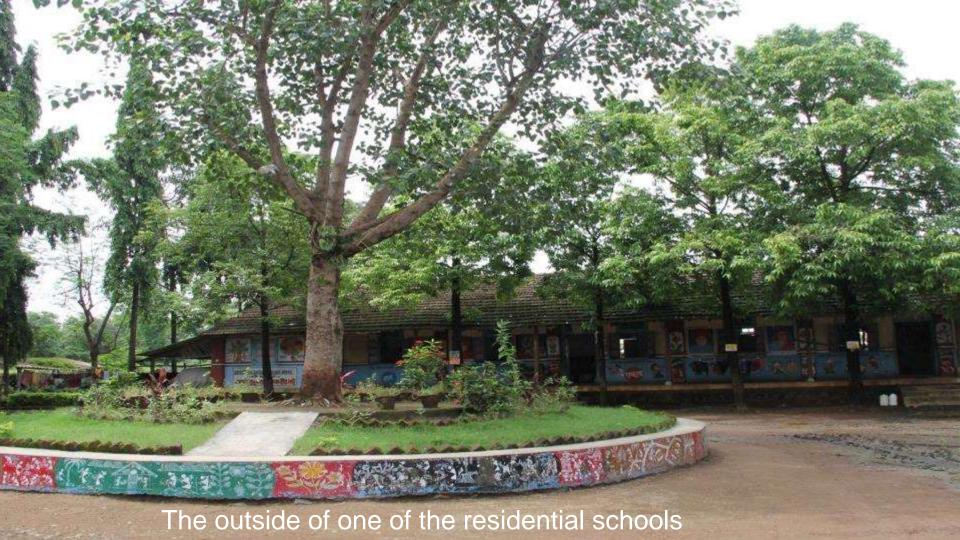


Thane Discovery Program

- Vikramgad and Wada talukas,
 Thane District, North of Mumbai
- o 6 schools (2 residential)
- Serves the Adivasi migrant population



















Life of the People







Empowerment & Local Leadership





REALscience Objectives

- To spark lifelong interest in education and learning
- o To provide a small group learning atmosphere
- To give students the benefit of instructors trained to create an encouraging and positive learning atmosphere
- To give familiarity with technology











2014-2015 Goals

Continue annual grants to

- o PPES \$1,500
- Akshaya Patra \$1,200
- Thane Discovery Program \$3,000
- Implement REALscience \$40,000





2014- 2015 Local Goals

- Increase awareness about the need for 100% literacy
- Identify local STEM partners and implement programs





