

COVID RESPONSE

ADHYAYAN



IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

Continued and Engaged Learning

Overview

Adhyayan Foundation seeks to improve the leadership and governance of teaching and learning in schools. It wishes to catalyse a movement of school leaders, helping them engage both children and community in the process of learning in their schools. It engages all stakeholders to collectively own and solve problems related to children's education.

Adhyayan over the last 6 years, working across 390+ schools in 27 states, has helped schools adopt an evidence-based self-review, benchmarked against global and Indian best practices. These participatory reviews help schools and communities adopt school improvement plans that work in their contexts.

Adhyayan Foundation has been working in Goa since 2017. It was closely working with 824 schools in the state. The Covid lockdown brought to light the lack of technological infrastructure in Goa's school system. Suddenly left without physical classrooms, teachers were unable to teach.

Adhyayan was approached by the Director of Education, Goa to help teachers adapt to teaching online. Adhyayan, in partnership with Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), ran Training of Trainers (ToT) program, a 4-day interactive module on delivering online teaching to secondary schools. Eleven thousand teachers in Goa got trained through this program.



This helped build capacity as well as motivation of teachers to continue teaching online. The multistakeholder training involving government functionaries as well, helped participants build comfort with technology and online tools.

Teachers were able to inspire the children to source the necessary gadgets to continue their education. Learning communities continued to function on WhatsApp groups. This intervention helped government school students in Goa, continue secondary school education throughout the pandemic.



Conclusion

Adhyayan believes that continued education should be a critical part of direct relief assistance in times of crisis.

Funders and government, by focusing on education in times of crisis, will ensure that fundamental needs of children and communities are truly addressed. Adhyayan has diligently focused on bringing education and learning to children during the pandemic.

