CLT India
(Children's LoveCastles Trust)

Annual Report
2021-22

Celebrating 25 years in 2022

OUR VISION

“Access to quality education for all”

OUR MISSION

“We connect students and practitioners to endless opportunities and new experiences of learning”
I am very proud and pleased to present the annual report of CLT India for the year 2021-22. For everyone the year has been exceptionally challenging. Each one of us has battled the pandemic in diverse ways. Health, Education, and Livelihood were the sectors most affected. School closures due to the coronavirus pandemic affected more than 320 million students across India. The estimated loss of learning for students has been substantial during the pandemic. It also exposed the massive digital divide within India’s education system.

However, the teachers, education department officials, and CSR leaders all rallied together to ensure that the learning loss was minimum. On behalf of CLT India, I take this opportunity to extend sincere thanks, gratitude, and acknowledgment to all our teachers. Their dedication and commitment helped India avoid an education crisis. I hope we as a nation remember this for a long time to come.

Amidst the most challenging of years, I am incredibly proud that CLT India has been able to vigorously continue its efforts to bring access to quality education for all. Implemented our digital programs in more schools, trained more teachers, engaged a wider community, and grew the number of partners. During 2021-22, our e-patashale program was implemented in 257 schools and trained 1,664 teachers leading to 38,758 children benefiting from the initiative. I am sure the positive and beneficial impact of this program would be there in the lives of these children from marginalized families as they traverse their higher education journey. I am also proud to announce that we organized a digital literacy program at the CLT India campus for teachers from 30 schools in Karnataka. Free subscription to our teacher App Jigi and student app Jigi-Jigi continued during the year also to enable access to quality digital stem contents outside the classroom. We prepared 97 videos for the Early Grade Reading (EGR) Initiative (Millenium Alliance Award), to enhance the perceptual learning abilities of children between grades 1-4 in Kannada language. These videos would be available as open-source from this year onwards. That we won various awards during the year especially the Brics India 2021 award only shows how well our efforts, sustainability, and impact are being recognized and appreciated by the sector.

Leading CLT India is truly a great honor and privilege. Being able to connect with Government officials, Corporate leaders, Education leaders, Changemakers and CSR leaders having shared values to enable the realization of our vision of access to quality education for all has been incredibly rewarding. Even more satisfying was seeing the smiles on the faces of students of rural government schools who were overjoyed to see the transformation of their classrooms to digital classrooms.

2022 marks the 25-year anniversary of CLT India. We’ve witnessed several milestones, and challenges, and learned a lot along the way. It gives us great pride and satisfaction to see that our initiatives have so far benefited 2.7 million students and 81,600+ teachers pan India. Just imagine the tremendous efforts that would have gone through to set up 12,600+ digital classrooms all across India. But we also realize that we still have a long way to go to achieve our vision of access to quality education for all and would be putting in our best efforts in the years to come for that.

I would like to thank our partners especially Aseem Infra Finance, Menda Foundation, Rotary Clubs, Bosch, KPMG, Michell Bearings, British Engines, FICCI, Embassy group & Sarvagna Healthcare for supporting us and believing in the impact of our programs. Your contributions have helped us bring change. We all can be rightly proud and satisfied that we have together made a difference. Without your support, we simply would not have been able to so rapidly expand our digital delivery of programs and services, as well as advocate for support across the sector. I hope that you will continue to stand by us in our efforts to bring access to quality digital education for all.

That SAP software corporation selected CLT India as a host organization for their volunteers speaks to our standing in the NGO and ed-tech sector. We thank these volunteers as well as interns from various Universities in Bengaluru for their efforts in helping further our vision.

I would like to extend deep gratitude to my Board of Trustees for their guidance. I also extend my thanks to our Auditors for strengthening our internal governance. Thanks to Ms. Bhagya Rangachar, the founder who stepped down from the role of CEO in Sep 2021 who pioneered and nurtured CLT India so tirelessly over the years, and whose wisdom and support continue to be available to all of us. Of course, the sustenance and success of the program would not have been possible without the exemplary enthusiasm, energy, and commitment of the CLT Team at all levels.

Going forward the new National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, has put special emphasis on online and digital education. This will paved the way for EdTech to be increasingly integrated into India's education system and enable new and more cost-efficient methods of running educational programs, content distribution, and consumption. I, therefore, see bright days ahead for CLT India as we specifically focus on quality digital content, continuous training of teachers, the digital infrastructure that works without the internet, and regular up-gradation of content.
CLT e-Patashale was designed to bring about change in rural classrooms. The entire programme architecture was built around what ‘Access’ meant in the context of underserved communities, which meant that resources had to be available in a variety of regional languages, technology had to be robust yet affordable, teachers could be easily 'upskilled', and content could be accessed without using the internet.

Today, we have a repository of 15,000+ videos in 4 regional languages, 2,000+ digital workbooks for teachers, 81,664 teachers upskilled, having impacted 2.7 million students in 12,606 classrooms learning from e-Patashale STEM.

As in earlier years during the year 2022 also CLT India’s initiative benefited 257 new schools, 1,664 teachers and 38,758 students.
e-Patashale Digital Classroom is an initiative by Rotary Club of Bangalore Junction supported by Rotary Club International and Menda Foundation. Through this partnership we propose to implement 2,000 rural government schools across Karnataka with our e-learning kits.

e-Patashale Digital Classroom was successfully implemented in 180 Schools across 6 Districts & 13 Taluks in Karnataka State. 1,200 Teachers and 27,693 students benefitted from this program.

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e-Patashale the Digital Classrooms Project was implemented in 27 schools in Mumbai and Pune in partnership with Aseem Infrastructure Finance Limited. This will benefit 4,667 students. 140 teachers were trained.

e-Patashale-Digital Classroom is an initiative by Sarvagna Healthcare Institute under the able guidance of Hon. MLA Shri.K.J George, with CLT India as the Knowledge & Implementation partner. Through this partnership, the collective aim was to strengthen government schools with additional teaching resources, strong pedagogy and easy-to-navigate digital tools. e-Patashale Digital Classroom was successfully implemented in 29 Schools across Sarvagna Nagar Constituency. 2,586 students and 131 Teachers benefitted from our program.

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Embassy Group partnered with CLT India to digitally transform 5 schools in Rural Bengaluru. 2,029 students and 52 teachers benefitted from this.

e-Patashale digital classroom implemented in H B Meti govt high school Harogeri Village Gadag District with support of SBI Gram Seva. 147 students benefitted from this and 8 teachers were trained.
Teacher’s Testimonials

True to its strategy of keeping Teachers as the centre of all its initiatives, CLT has successfully trained over 81,600 of them on the e-Patashale program.

Android Apps

JIGI - The Teacher App, a must-have mobile app for middle and high school teachers in India. With content available in three languages, teachers can access content for subjects in order to better plan their classes. This mobile app by us helps make teaching school children in classes 5-10 simple with the help of features like teaching points, discussion topics, cognitive ability highlights, continuous and comprehensive evaluation guidelines, textbook PDF downloads & much more at the convenience of your fingertips.

Jigi-Jigi: The Student App

JIGI JIGI - The Student App, which includes conceptual videos for an unmatched learning experience. Explore the world of e-learning through digital STEM content! Experience digital education by accessing a repository of interactive lessons. Available in regional languages such as English, Kannada, and Hindi from grades 5 to 10. Test modules to evaluate and improve learning outcomes. The video library has materials aligned with the NCERT curricula. Take a Leap towards Learning through JIGI JIGI
As we are moving towards Digital India, ‘Digital Literacy’ plays a big role for every citizen. The teacher upskilling training program in partnership with Rotary Bangalore West was conducted at the CLT campus for 30 faculty members from various Government Schools across Bengaluru. The program includes Computer Basics, Internet usage, Social media and exposures to digital devices like tablet, smartphones and basic PCs.

The workshop is a certified course on Basics of Computer education, which will further be used by the participants to train their students. Rtn. Naveen Kolavara has been CLT’s long-running supporter who ensured the smooth execution of the workshop.

CLT India received the second Millennium Alliance award by FICCI and USAID to support CLT to develop Early Grade Reading Resources in regional language using Ed-Tech innovation to improve reading outcomes for children in underserved communities.

Our Early Grade Reading (EGR) program measures students’ progress towards reading. It amplifies the early literacy skills through our video assessments, audio recordings & interactive learning sessions required to develop the abilities & confidence necessary for advanced education and access to the opportunities they desire.

The team has completed 97 digital modules and done baseline studies for eight schools in rural and urban Bangalore.

By February 2023, 200 Digital Modules will be produced and open-sourced!

CLT in collaboration with Ms Seetha S, formerly with the ISRO and Dr Uday Shankar, formerly with the Raman Research Institute have joined hands to take students on the journey of experiential learning. The program will focus on learning beyond textbooks where scientists and academicians will give talks on science related subjects to provide students with the right kind of exposure into the world of STEM!

CLT aims to provide these resources as open source so that children, irrespective of their backgrounds can have access to new age STEM opportunities.

Early Grade Reading

See-Taare
Taking learning beyond textbooks
Our Team and Community Activities

Sports and Cultural Competition prize distribution held on Childrens Day at Jakkur Govt School

Sound healing session for the CLT Team, conducted by Shilpi Das Chohan of Charista Foundation.

Christmas day program at CLT India office.

Ayudha Pooja Celebration at CLT India office.
Our Partners

Awards

Winner of BRICS Solutions for SDGs Awards 2021 under the ‘SDG 4-Quality Education’ category.

CLT India won the SABERA Award 2021 for our work in providing quality STEM Education to Government schools across India.

Congratulations to a winner of the Charity Impact Challenge: Children’s Love Castles Trust.

CLT India wins the CAFAmerica’s Charity Impact Challenge, the only NGO from India to make it.

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Support us to equip the underserved community with the best education resources.

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