



HELPING UTTAR PRADESH BECOME NIPUN



Research Pilots & Scale-up in UP



August 2022	10 + 10 schools of Shamli LPD (per MOE)
October 2022	200 + 70 schools in Shamli
2023/24	325 + 100 schools in Lucknow, Unnao, Barabanki
TOTALS	535 Treatment Schools 180 Control Schools 715 Schools in RCT Design
India-wide	RCT completed in 1200 schools

NIPUN Schools in NAT

	#Tested	#NIPUN	% NIPUN
Total in UP	68,352	16,169	24%
Total in 4 Districts	3,682	638	17%
ALfA Schools in 4 Districts	344	120	35%

4 Districts in which ALfA was implemented were:

Shamli, Unnao, Barabanki and Lucknow

Out of 535 ALfA Schools, 344 were tested, 35% became NIPUN

Impact Shamli District

- Shamli implemented ALfA in **210 schools** from Nov 22–March 23.
- Formerly an LPD, Shamli now ranks 18 out of 75 districts in state.
- **43%** of ALfA schools were declared NIPUN compared to **30%** of non-ALfA schools.



Impact Hilauli Block

- Entire 155 schools of Hilauli Block implemented ALfA since Sept'23.
- Formerly, an Aspirational District, it came **Rank 1 of 17 blocks of Unnao** in the NAT.
- **47%** of schools were found to be NIPUN, c.f. 15% for Unnao as a whole.

निपुण भारत मिशन में हिलौली प्रथम, पुरवा दूसरे और हसनगंज तीसरे स्थान पर

जागरण संवाददाता, उन्नाव: सरकार साक्षरता में वृद्धि के लिए लगातार प्रयास कर रही है। देश का हर बच्चा शिक्षित हो और अभिभावक शिक्षा कार्यक्रम से जुड़े रहे। इसके लिए भारत सरकार द्वारा निपुण भारत मिशन की शुरुआत की गई है। जिसका उद्देश्य तीसरी कक्षा तक के बच्चों में आधारभूत साक्षरता और संख्यात्मकता ज्ञान को बढ़ावा देना है। निपुण भारत मिशन लक्ष्यों की प्राप्ति के लिए सभी ब्लकों की कंपोजिट रैंकिंग सूची शासन द्वारा जारी की गई। जिसमें सभी पैरामीटर्स में विकासखंड हिलौली प्रथम, पुरवा द्वितीय और हसनगंज तीसरे स्थान पर रहा।

निपुण भारत रैंकिंग में जिले के अंदर चौथे स्थान पर नवाबगंज ब्लॉक रहा। जबकि, असोहा, बिछिया, सिकंदरपुर कर्ण, मियागंज व सफीपुर की रैंक औसत रही। वहीं जिन ब्लकों में रैंक फिसड्डी रही। उनमें सबसे नीचे नगर क्षेत्र इसके बाद सुमेरपुर, फतेहपुर,

- नगर क्षेत्र, सुमेरपुर व फतेहपुर चौरासी रहा फिसड्डी
- अन्य 10 ब्लॉक निपुण रैंकिंग में रहे औसत

सिकंदरपुर सरोसी, बीघापुर, बांगरमऊ, गंजमुरादाबाद, औरास ब्लॉक रहे।

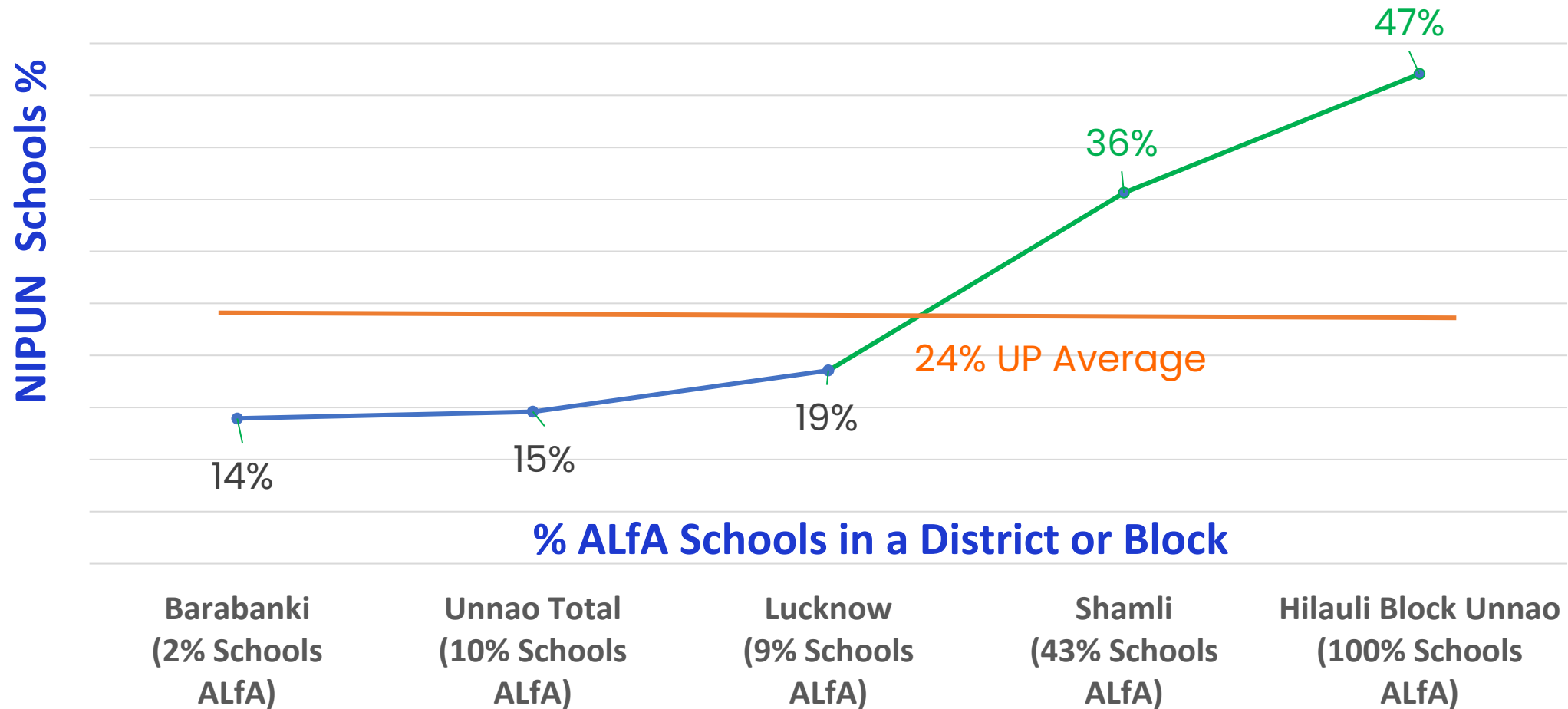
हसनगंज ब्लॉक के शिक्षक रवींद्र सिंह, सरांक सिंह, एआरपी शैलेंद्र सिंह, मोहदीनपुर प्राथमिक विद्यालय की प्रधान शिक्षिका प्रीती वर्मा, भांभाऊ की ज्योति वर्मा, नमिता सिंह, सूर्यकांत सिंह, अनुपमा जयसवाल, दीपक कुशवाहा आदि ने हर्ष व्यक्त कर बीईओ को बधाई दी। बीएसए संगीता सिंह ने बताया कि शासन द्वारा सूची जारी की गई है। जिसमें हिलौली, पुरवा व हसनगंज ने बेहतर रैंक पाई है। यह संबंधित ब्लॉक की पूरी टीम द्वारा ईमानदारी से काम करने का परिणाम है।

ब्लकों की रैंक प्रतिशत के हिसाब से

1-हिलौली	40
2.पुरवा	32
3.हसनगंज	20
4.नवाबगंज	16
5.असोहा	11
6.बिछिया	11
7.सिकंदरपुर कर्ण	11
8.मियागंज	10
9.सफीपुर	10
10.औरास	09
11.गंजमुरादाबाद	09
12.बांगरमऊ	04
13.बीघापुर	04
14.सिकंदरपुर सरोसी	04
15.फतेहपुर 84	01
16.सुमेरपुर	01
17.नगर क्षेत्र	0
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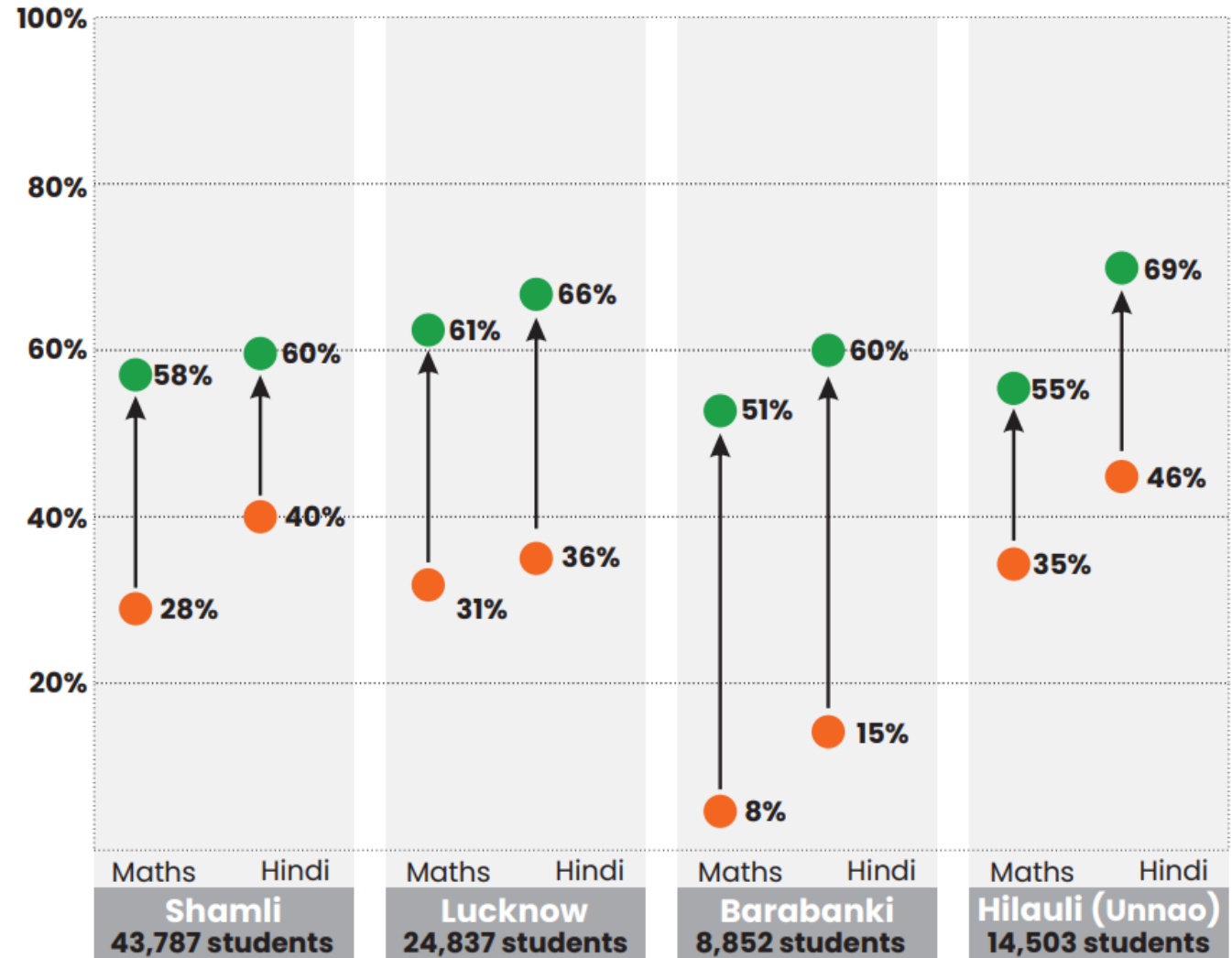
Findings

The greater the % of ALfA schools in a region, the greater was the NAT result.



Third-Party Evaluation

- Multiple-choice questions based on NIPUN competencies.
- Test conducted by D.El.Ed. & College students.
- Orange circles show baseline results, green show endline (typically after 45 days of implementation)
- Not all schools in the ALfA treatment group participated equally



WAY FORWARD

2024-25 Way Forward: District-Wide Implementation

- ✓ **5 of the 8 Aspirational Districts**
- ✓ **+ 4 Districts which have already conducted ALfA pilots in (535 schools)**
 - Grades 1 through 5
 - Hindi, Mathematics and English

District	% Schools NIPUN
Siddhartnagar	4%
Chandauli	5%
Balrampur	9%
Bahraich	14%
Chitrakoot	14%
Barabanki	14%
Unnao	15%
Lucknow	19%
Shamli	36%

Factors for Increasing Impact

- ✓ Initial 45-day on ALfA FLN – Once children know how to read, they understand more and move faster
- ✓ Followed by continuation of Paired Learning rest of the year with prescribed study material
- ✓ Clear instructions to the government officials, school heads and teachers
- ✓ Training of teachers (including refresher training / MOOT)
- ✓ No overlap of similar mandates with other NGOs
- ✓ WhatsApp Groups & Portfolios
- ✓ Honouring Ceremony

**How is ALFA FAST,
HOLISTIC & EVIDENCE-
SUPPORTED**

ALfA Pedagogy Is

FAST

RESULTS COME
QUICKLY
(45 DAYS)

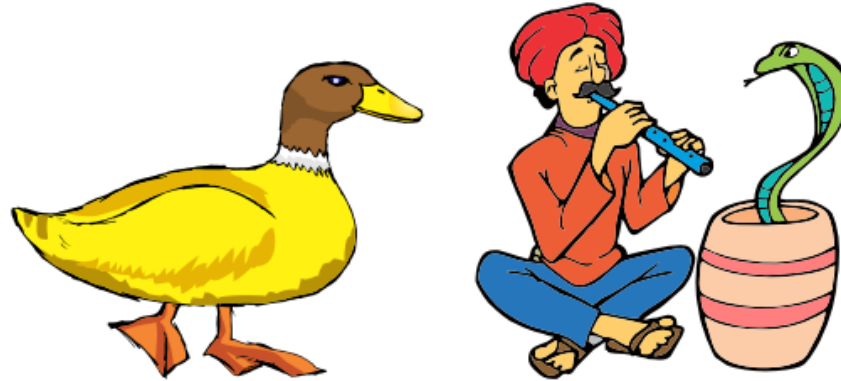
HOLISTIC

21ST CENTURY
SKILLS
IN-BUILT
(NEP2020)

**EVIDENCE-
SUPPORTED**

3rd Party RCTs /
Government's
Own Tests /
Endorsed by
Harvard &
UNICEF

यह क्या है?



इसकी पहली
आवाज़ क्या है?

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आवाज़ों को जोड़कर
क्या बनता है?

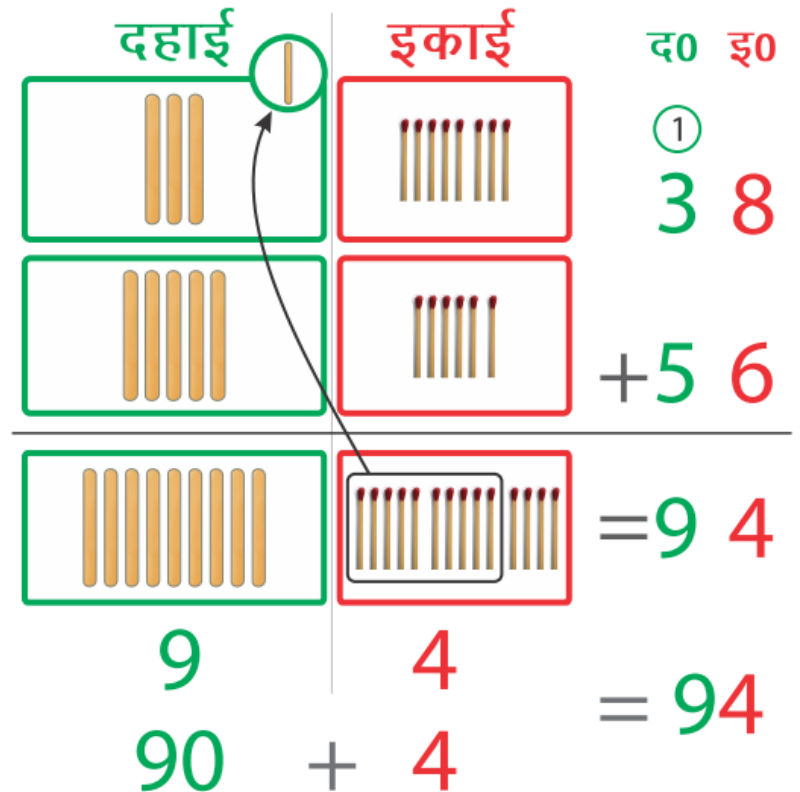
बस

1. **Pair Work:**
Class collaborates in pairs
2. **Simple Questions:**
Three key prompts
3. **Turn-Taking:**
Kids ask and respond
4. **From Pictures to Letters:**
Direct association
5. **Immediate Reading:**
Start with words
6. **Skip Alphabet:**
Saves a year

FAST Numeracy

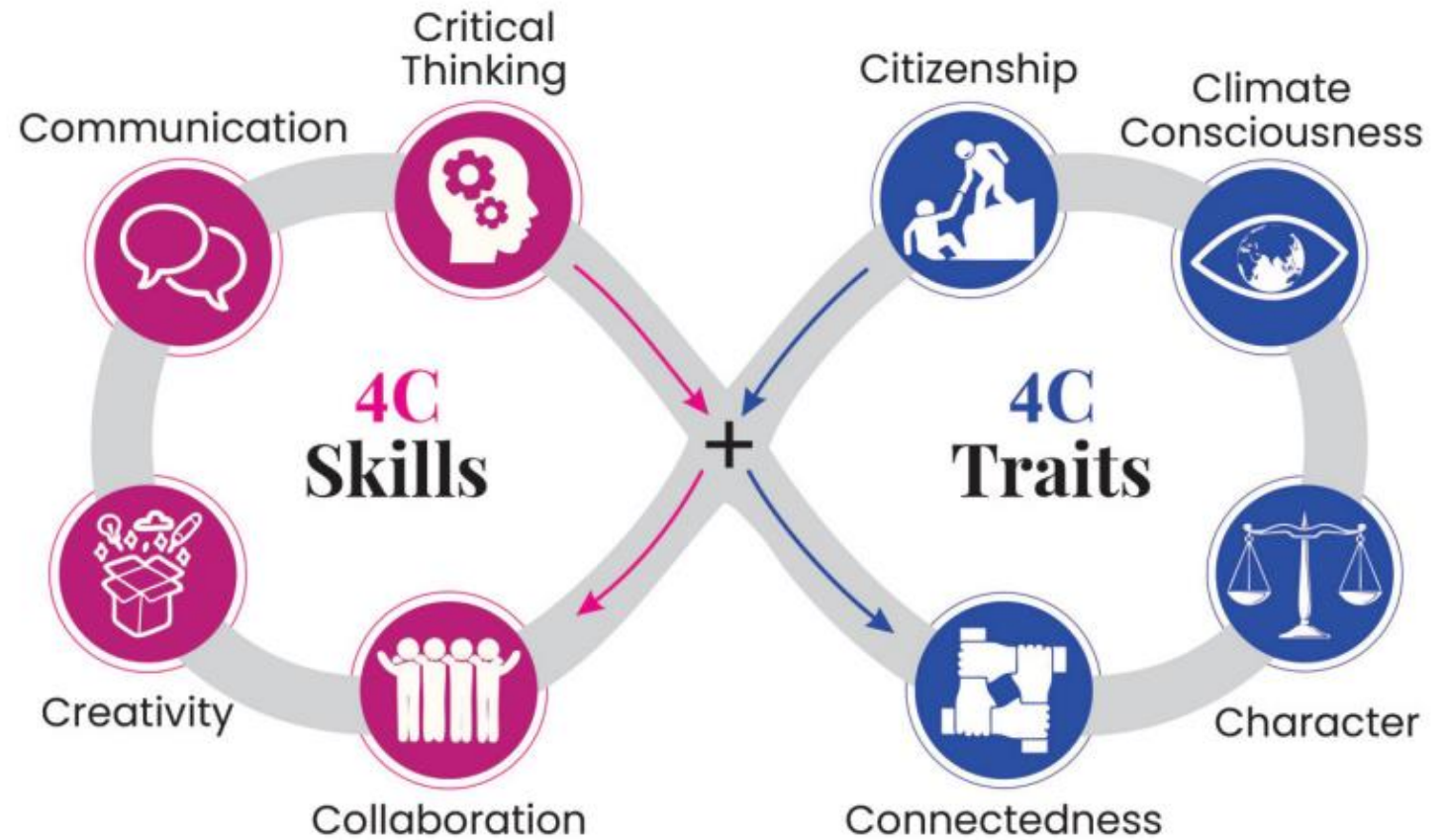
- Materials:**
Ice cream sticks (tens), matchsticks (ones)
- Visual Aids:**
Simple, illustrative modules
- Demo:**
Teacher showcases the activity
- Pair Problem-Solving:**
Kids work together
- Peer Questions:**
Children create challenges for each other

मेरे पिताजी ने मुझे 38 सेब और
माँ ने 56 सेब दिए। अब मेरे पास
कुल कितने सेब हैं?

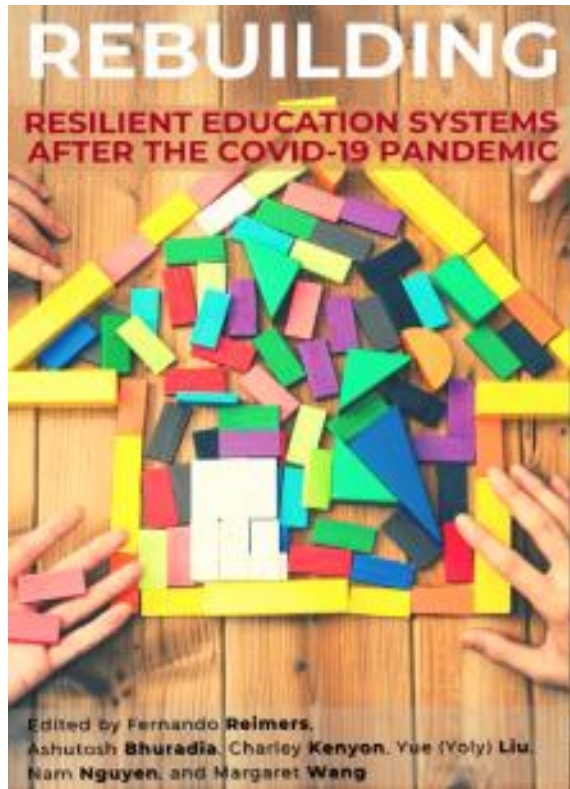


A Holistic Education

- Paired learning:
Children learn by taking turns
- Facilitated by visual modules written for paired work
- Teacher Prompts empower children and teachers
- Develops 4C Skills and 4C Traits



The Evidence



Book by Harvard Graduate School of Education
Chapter 8 on ALfA in Shamli & Chapter 10 on
ALfA in **MALDIVES** with UNICEF support

Disruptive Literacy (Bloomsbury, 2022)
Accelerating Learning for All
(Bloomsbury, 2024)

**GROWTH &
SUPPORT**

ALfA Across India



Himachal Pradesh

Implementation has begun in 496 schools of Solan district, with an MOU in place for taking it state-wide in the 2024-25 session.

Exponential Growth in Just One Year

Uttar Pradesh

ALfA is being scaled up in schools across four districts: Shamli, Lucknow, Unnao and Barabanki. Adult literacy programs are also being implemented across several districts.

Mizoram

An adult literacy program implemented in partnership with the department of education has reached 5000 learners. There are now plans to implement ALfA in primary schools too.

West Bengal

An adult literacy program in partnership with IIMPACT Foundation has helped 1000 women become literate.

Odisha

Initiated as a research pilot batch of 10 schools will soon have their endline testing done, after which the program may be expanded to more schools throughout the district.

Haryana Rajasthan Uttarkhand

IIMPACT women's literacy program expanded to 9000 women across North India

ALFA Global

12 Countries
Different Contexts
Diverse 30 Languages
1 Pedagogy

USA



Peru



Philippines



Maldives



Trinidad & Tobago



Kenya



Malaysia



Support by Our Leaders



"I am very happy to know that DEVI Sansthan is implementing a project in slums of Lucknow to enable foundational literacy and numeracy through this **innovative toolkit** and leveraging technology."

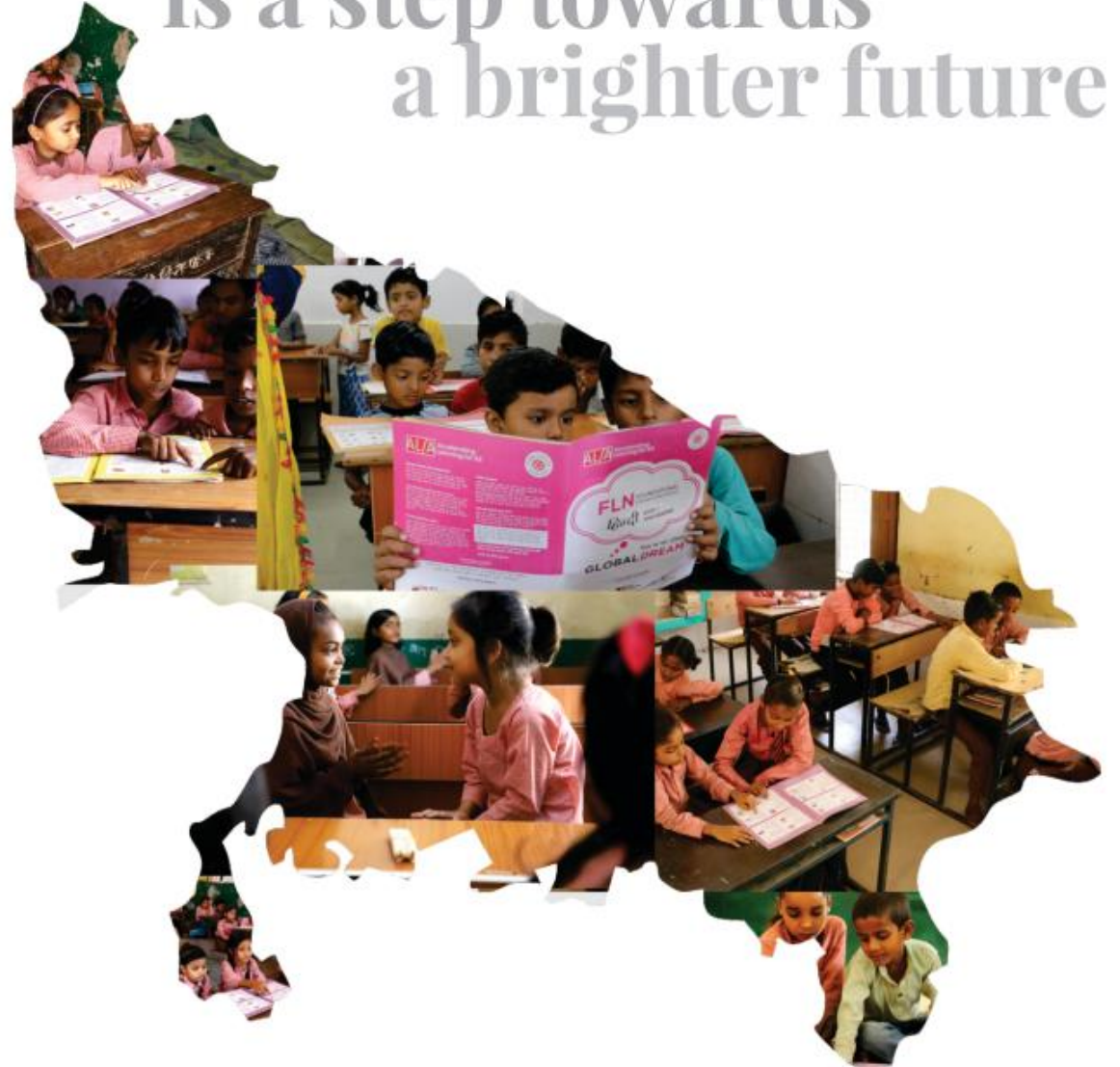
Mr. Yogi Adityanath
Chief Minister
Uttar Pradesh



"Dr. Sunita Gandhi's **30 hour literacy and numeracy model** is highly innovative, and highly scalable, that can benefit school children, out of school children and illiterate adults."

Mr. Rajnath Singh
Defense Minister
Government of India

Every word read
is a step towards
a brighter future



Our Wish
HELPING
UTTAR PRADESH
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2026/27



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