



# NEWSLETTER

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*"I raise up my voice—not so that I can shout, but so that those without a voice can be heard. We cannot all succeed when half of us are held back."*

**- Malala Yousafzai**

SwaTaleem enters 2023 with excitement, humility and pride as we expand our efforts to cover the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) school system across Haryana. In 2022, each SwaTaleem Team member strived with utmost dedication to produce excellent results thereby serving our vision to engage with India's most marginalized Girls. 2023 is a year that we will see our growth in numbers as well as cementing SwaTaleem as a credible global organization in adolescent Girl education space that invests in pedagogy, sustainable operating model, and technology through its 'village approach'.

We conducted cluster sessions for Teachers and Wardens, one session every month spanning July – December followed by field Team members' visits and on-site support at each School in Mewat. This was part of the Mewat cluster cycle from July - December 2022. Built around English and Socio-emotional learning (SEL), these sessions focused on

- Constructed models of learning and application
- Creating classroom resources
- Effective lesson planning and Involving Check For Understanding (CFUs)  
- 'What kinds of questions do we ask in our classroom?'
- Facilitation and supporting each other
- New classroom tools
- Work on observation



***Cluster Session 2 with Teachers and Wardens in KGBV Jhirka***



*Cluster Session 3 with Teachers and Wardens in KGBV Nagina*

## Scale up Orientation Workshops

As part of the state-wide expansion of our efforts, we completed 2-day rotating Orientation Workshops for KGBV Teachers and Wardens in Haryana over November 2022. Offline Workshops in 7 districts these districts were Bhiwani, Fatehabad, Hisar, Jind, Kaithal, Palwal, and Sirsa. And online Workshops in 2 districts, Mahendragarh and Panipat. Teachers and Wardens were introduced to SwaTaleem's work, English-SEL pedagogy and the Interactive Voice Response System. The areas of focus were

- Learning by doing
- Lesson planning
- Print-rich environments
- Classroom management

The participants engaged in reflective and collaborative activities, and learnt different games and tools to try out with their students.





***After the Orientation Workshop in Kaithal district***

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## Haryana Need Assessment Survey

Following the statewide orientation, we conducted Need Assessment surveys in 7 districts of Haryana, across Bhiwani, Fatehabad, Hisar, Jind, Kaithal, Palwal, and Sirsa. We used randomized sampling, selected 1 School from each district covering 600 Girls and 14 Teachers and Wardens from these Schools as part of the survey. The survey aimed to understand the current learning levels in terms of Socio-Emotional Learning (SEL), self-esteem and English comprehension skills of Girls. For Teachers and Wardens, it focused on awareness for girls' education, attitude towards girls' education, and overall development.



*During Need Assessment Survey in KGBV Hisar*



*Team members giving Baseline instructions to Girls*

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## UNGEI Baseline Report 2022

SwaTaleem was one of three organizations from India whose COVID-19 work was covered by the United Nations Girls' Education Initiative (UNGEI) in their G7 Global Objectives on Girls Education's Baseline Report 2022. The report focused on SwaTaleem's innovative solution towards Girls' Education from the residential School scheme to continue learning during the pandemic. To read click [here](#).





## United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) 2022

Our Co-Founder Ananya Tiwari was an invited guest for the 2022 United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) representing SwaTaleem Foundation from September 18 – 25, 2022 in New York City. This was an excellent opportunity to meet with world leaders in gender equality work. From eliminating poverty to advancing education, gender equality, and economic growth, the United Nations #SDGs are critical to creating a better, fairer world.



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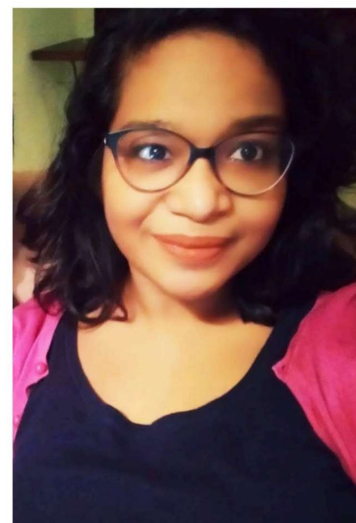
## Meet our Team members!



**Kanishk Bhargava**

***Research, Design, and Readiness  
Lead for English***

Kanishk is an applied arts practitioner, facilitator, and educator. Integrating social, emotional, and political fragments through his practice, he envisions building



**Sreeja Basu**

***Research and Readiness Lead for  
Social-Emotional Learning***

Sreeja is a designer and illustrator from Kolkata. She has studied Visual Communication at Srishti School of Art, Design, and Technology and Liberal Studies at the YIF

degree in B.A(H) English followed by completing his Teach For India Fellowship (TFI), his practice has brought an adept lens while unfurling the interconnectedness between language learning, teacher training and delivery, and curriculum designing.

education sparked almost ten years ago. Since then, she has stuck to the field, while experimenting with different mediums, approaches, and stakeholders. She is on a journey of self-work herself, and enjoys learning and changing every day.

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## Crowdfunding 2022 - #RunToFly

Our Crowdfunding campaign 2022 with the theme 'If it takes a village to raise a child, let's build one for our Girls!', which we started in October has come to an end by December 2022. We are elated to inform you that we achieved our target amount of 30 lakhs INR/36210 USD by the mid of December through different streams. We were able to meet this goal because of collaborators like La-Ultra and supporters like you. We thank each and every one of you for your support. We will now look forward to scaling up our work to other KGBVs and introduce our sports program.

You can continue to support our efforts by donating [here](#)





## A Note from one of our Co-founders

"2022 witnessed SwaTaleem in a new form where it grew into an organization that collaborated as a family to reach out to each and every girl who studies in the KGBV schools in Haryana, India. We pushed ourselves to newer limits and in difficult situations and produced excellent results ahead of time but continue to remain humble in our existence and approach. We look forward to solidifying ourselves in 2023 as an emerging global entity in adolescent girls' education. We are not just grateful but proud of our supporters like you!"

**Ananya Tiwari, Co-Founder**

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