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# NEWSLETTER

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In times of COVID, SwaTaleem pivoted and responded to the Girls, their communities

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“You know, we’re in a sports center. Imagine if you have a team and you don’t let half of the team play. That’s stupid. That makes no sense. And the evidence shows that communities that give their daughters the same opportunities as their sons, they are more peaceful, they are more prosperous, they develop faster, they are more likely to succeed.”

**Barack Obama**

## ELM 2020 CULMINATION - THE PANIPAT SCHOOL WORK



Five Young India Fellows of the Ashoka University engaged with Girl students of KGB Jalmana in Panipat for one academic year as part of the Experiential Learning Module. You can see their efforts as part of their collated sessions in the [video](#).

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## TEACHERS RESPOND TO OUR FIRST YEAR IN MEWAT

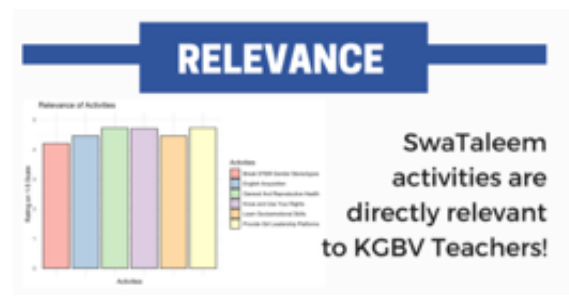
The Endline survey with the Teachers highlights their satisfaction with the

Over 90% of Teachers were able to implement activities promoting

training and curiosity to learn more! [Full Infographic 1.](#)



storytelling and teaching skills through games. [Full Infographic 2.](#)



## PIVOTING IN COVID: LAUNCHING THE IVRS PROGRAM



How do we ensure support and learning continuity for adolescent girls from rural communities who don't have access to technology? SwaTaleem used an Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) to address this issue. We also created

female role model stories in addition to the IVRS program.

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## SWATALEEM'S ANANYA WINS THE 2020 ILLINOIS INNOVATION PRIZE



The Technology Entrepreneur Center (TEC) and The Grainger College of Engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign awarded Ananya Tiwari with the Illinois Innovation Prize for \$20,000. The Illinois Innovation Prize seeks to recognize and empower passionate, innovative change makers who have demonstrated a potential to create a significant and visible societal impact.

Formal Press Release [here](#).

## SWATALEEM TALES

[Learning to Help](#)

[The Resounding "Yes"](#)



During November of 2019, Founders at University of Illinois Urbana Champaign hosted a two-day event in Chicago for startups and entrepreneurs around Illinois. Ananya, SwaTaleem's Co-founder, asked a team member to represent and pitch, so I decided to give it a try. At first I was a bit weary as start-ups are notorious for their extravagant missions and plans revolving around their product and we were about people, education, and social change. Moreover, I had never worked or had experience in this space, but Ananya assured me it ..



I was really looking forward to the component of Experiential Learning Module (ELM) as part of the course, Young India Fellowship, and was more than happy to get on board with an organisation, SwaTaleem Foundation founded by YIF alumni – Ananya and Vaibhav. I am really passionate about working in the education sector, of having taught students in some capacity before, I had the full support of my team here at YIF and the team at SwaTaleem to make it one of the best experiences of my life. We were mentored by experts in teaching STEM to students...

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**IN PRESS**





[Gendered Impact of COVID-19](#)  
Samuhik Pahal, WIPRO Foundation

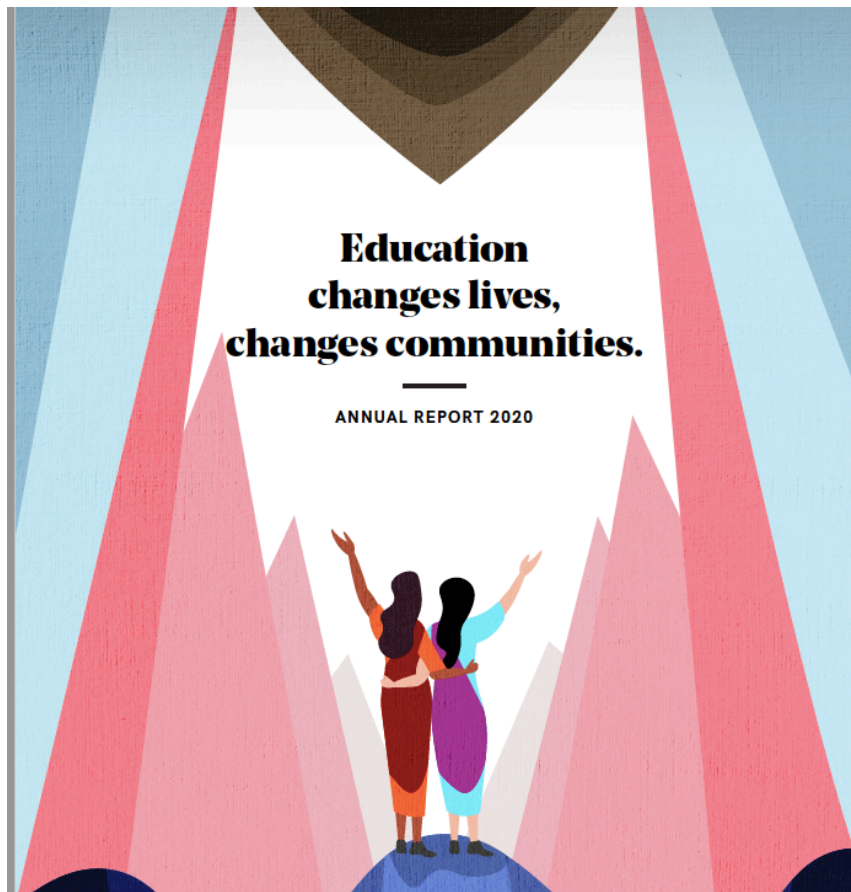


[Household Chores, Marriage Instead Of Classrooms Awaits These Girls In Haryana](#), Youth Ki Awaaz

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## 2019-2020 Annual Report is up NOW

We look forward to your feedback and suggestions. Read the full report [here](#).



Also, check out SwaTaleem's work on two more platforms:

**Instagram:** [@swataleem\\_ngo](#)

**YouTube:** [SwaTaleem Foundation](#)

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## You are **NEEDED** more than before in **COVID-19!**

COVID-19 has affected the landscape for underrepresented Girls in unimaginable ways. **It has not just triggered rural adolescent girls to be pushed out of schools but also massively increased the probability of their early marriages.**

In fact there will be **13 Million** more Girls pushed into child marriages due to COVID because of dropping out of school (UN).

Support us to make quality education possible for many such Girls by becoming part of our journey!

**Contribute to the** [Covid-19 Education Resilience Fund](#)  
[for 900 Girls from rural Haryana](#)



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