

# TRANSFORM SCHOOLS

News from the Field: June 2019



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## J-Pal pilot evaluation results

Transform Schools' programmes are in their third year of operation at a state-wide level in Odisha. J-Pal South Asia have conducted a pilot evaluation of our Learning programme in Odisha which revealed the average effect of a student's participation in our core 69 day remedial programme is equivalent to up to 2.5 years of typical progress in school. A full RCT is now underway.

## Three New State-Level Partnerships

Transform Schools' model of whole school transformation is in demand. We have launched in Chhattisgarh and Haryana & are in detailed talks with Himachal Pradesh.

## Empowering Girls

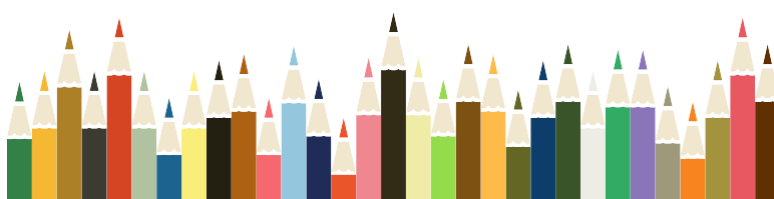
Following a successful mini pilot with two Teach for India schools in Delhi, we're rolling out a pilot of our new Transform PARity programme to 50 schools in Delhi and Odisha, helping teenage girls to make smart decisions and aim high.



## Welcome to Transform Schools

India is projected to have the largest workforce in the world by 2027. Yet, 7 out of 10 children in government secondary schools (Class 9 & 10) are performing below grade level hindering their transition to higher education, limiting access to employment opportunities, and perpetuating the cycle of poverty.

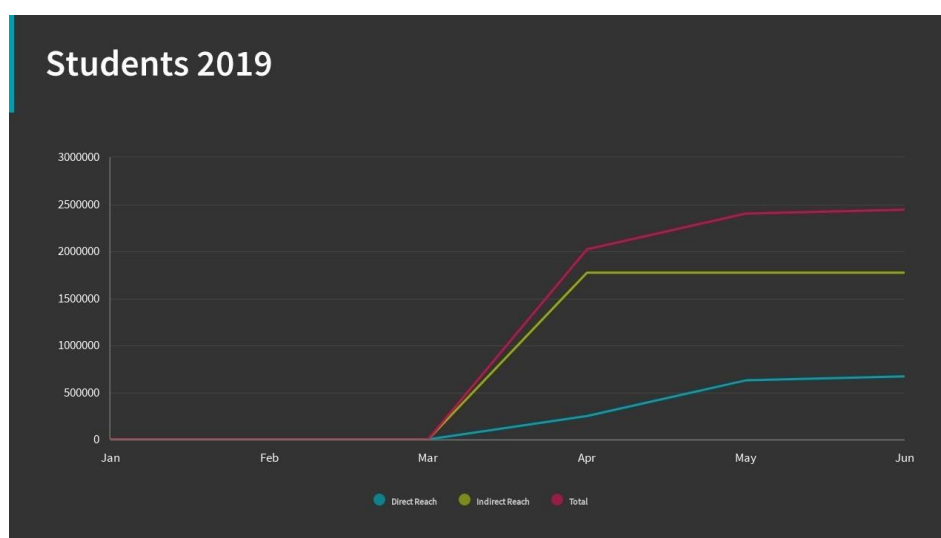
We launched Transform Schools just six months ago, to turn around an unacceptable situation that is limiting the ability of millions of young Indians to fulfil their potential as humans. We have been delighted - and a little overwhelmed - by the enthusiastic response we have received from teachers, head teachers and government officials.



## What's Happening Right Now

From building new government partnerships, to refining and developing our own programme offering, and putting together our platform and plan for long-term sustainability, we could not have done it all without our partners, donors and friends. Here's a taste of what you've helped us to achieve.

We now reach **669,567** students directly with our core models in **67,833** schools across **41** districts of India.



### Odisha

We are in our third year of running the core Transform Schools programmes in Odisha - where we are working in **4,290** schools. Having built our core programme in Odisha in partnership with our founding partner [Kusuma Trust UK](#), we've been delighted to see the strength of the offering backed up by the initial J-Pal evaluation findings.

### Chhattisgarh

We are supporting the Chhattisgarh government to roll out our core remedial programme to 10 districts right now. State-wide roll out is planned for 2020. The government is also working with us to improve governance in its secondary schools. After a high-level review of our model and resources, we have been training State officials on Transform Schools' Management model and resources.

### Haryana

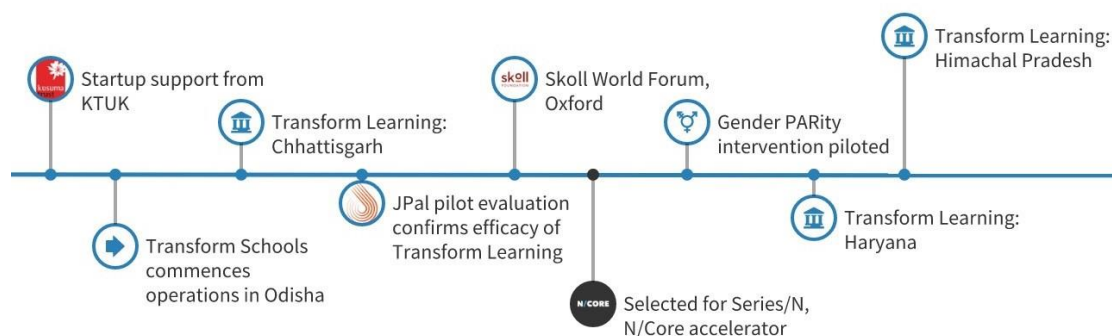
We have signed an MoU with the government of Haryana to roll out Transform Schools programmes in three districts in the academic year 2019-20 for Class 9. Implementation will begin in Q3.

## Himachal Pradesh

After multiple meetings and information sharing sessions with the Education Secretary and regional directors a partnership with Himachal Pradesh is being developed with potential for roll out in 1,000 schools during the academic year 2019-20.

### Milestones

January 2019 - June 2019



### Milestones, News & Announcements

- We were successful in a highly competitive bid to [N/Core](#), a Bangalore based foundation that seeks to power the most promising ideas and start-ups working on problems related to poverty. N/Core has committed funding, mentoring and hands on support by top industry experts to support our learning and development.
- Pankaj and Bindiya were selected as social entrepreneur participants in the [Skoll World Forum](#) in April 2019
- Pankaj has been invited to take part in this year's [WISE Summit](#) in Doha and is looking forward to participating in a global exchange of ideas in education
- Bindiya has been selected for the prestigious [Dasra Social Impact Leadership Programme](#) in partnership with Harvard University
- We participated in Global Giving's Accelerator programme and have now been accepted as a permanent platform member. Check us out on <https://www.globalgiving.org>.
- The formal launch event of Transform Schools will take place this Fall, at the India International Centre. Representatives from our partner States will come together to discuss drivers and barriers to student learning and success. Please let the Transform Schools team know if you'd like an invitation. You are warmly welcome.

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## Transform PARity

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We're excited to announce the launch of our gender justice programme: Transform PARity. Using participatory action research methodology, the programme is designed to build the students' own agency, helping them to tackle the gender norms which affect education outcomes and life decisions for so many of the girls we work with. Following a successful mini pilot in two Teach for India Schools, we're launching a 50 school pilot programme which is launching in Delhi and Odisha this month. Watch out for the results!

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## The Transform Model

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Our collaborative and holistic model is designed to enable teachers and their students to get up to speed and to succeed at secondary school. We work across four key pillars providing remedial learning for students, professional training and coaching for teachers, school management training for head teachers and governance support for school oversight bodies.

Our flagship Transform Learning remedial programme is now running in **67,833** government schools in India. And 70% of all our delivery costs are met by government.

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## Contact Us

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Please contact Pankaj or any of the Transform Schools team any time to learn more or just to have a chat : [pankaj@peopleforaction.org](mailto:pankaj@peopleforaction.org)

"For a significant time now, we teachers have felt an urgent need for a programme for students that helps them catch up the learning levels appropriate for their classes. Nikhaar programme meets this requirement in a structured manner. I am excited and committed to be part of the solution and support teachers and students to excel."

***Smita Deshmukh, Teacher and Trainer, Nikhaar (the "brand name" of Transform Learning in Chhattisgarh), Raipur***

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