

Read India Districts in Andhra Pradesh



Pratham Andhra Pradesh

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Andhra Pradesh Districts in which Pratham works:

DRC: Guntur district with Bapatla as the focus block.

BEPs: Krishna, Prakasam, Medak, Warangal, Nizamabad, Visakhapatnam, Vijayanagaram, Srikakulam, Rangareddy, Nalgonda, Karimnagar

Education Outlook for Andhra Pradesh 2010:

As per the ASER report 2010, 3.5% children between the ages of 6 to 14 are out of school. Out of the children that are in Std. V, only 53.4% of them are able to read Std. II level text. Where Arithmetic is concerned, 34% of children in Std. I cannot recognize numbers from 1 to 9. There is a great demand for private schools in the state with almost 36% of children between the ages of 6 to 14 being enrolled in private schools.



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Every Child In School...
And Learning Well

About Pratham

Pratham works in both urban and rural contexts across 21 states of India, reaching over 2.2 million children through its educational programs. **Read India** is Pratham's capstone rural program—a grassroots effort for which we recruit volunteers from local communities to help struggling students develop basic literacy and numeracy skills. Pratham trains volunteers and government teachers in our accelerated learning methods, provides effective teaching-learning materials, and monitors learning outcomes closely to ensure that children make consistent progress towards clear, targeted goals.

Block Excellence Programs (BEP) are units of Read India, operating in 100 villages in one selected block of a district. BEPs serve approximately 2000 children between the ages of 6-14, providing volunteer-taught classes either during or after school. BEPs aim to demonstrate to the Government and other stakeholders that rapid improvements in learning levels are possible at a low cost. **District Resource Centres (DRCs)** are run across the district, with one focus block operating like a BEP. Additionally, DRCs offer courses for middle and high school children as well as vocational courses for volunteers.

Education for Education (EFE) is a program designed to strengthen Read India by offering courses to volunteers in exchange for her contributions to the program. In the current phase of EFE, computer courses are available, while spoken English will be offered in the future.

Pratham in Andhra Pradesh this Year:

Geographical Coverage: 1867 villages across 11 BEPs & 1 DRC

Children Reached: 73,594

Volunteers Mobilized: 2,882

- The **Read India** program is running in 12 districts in AP through 1 DRC and 11 BEPs. While Pratham covers children between the ages of 6 to 14, the focus is on the weaker children who need extra support. In AP, there is no formal government partnership and therefore the program is largely community based and is implemented by village level volunteers.
- In spite of having no formal partnership with the government, Pratham enjoys a very strong **Panchayat** level partnership across most districts where village volunteers have been given permission to teach on school premises before and/or after school hours.
- In the coastal regions of Vishakhapatnam, Vijaynagar and Srikakulam, almost 50% of volunteers are **Vidya Volunteers** (Para teachers,) implementing the Read India program in government schools.
- In the Medak district, the Pratham team has been able to forge a partnership with the district government where government school teachers are being trained to teach English using Pratham's CAMaL methodology. The program is now being implemented as part of the school curriculum.
- The Urban program is running in 2 cities; Hyderabad and Vishakhapatnam. In Vishakhapatnam, Pratham is working through a **ULC** model where children are tutored and are given help where required. These programs operate out of Pratham's own centers, located in Vishakhapatnam urban slums. Pratham pays teachers for both programs a nominal sum, in order to motivate their teaching as well as to give them a form of self-sustenance. The teachers are young women and men from the local communities.
- In Hyderabad, Pratham works with the government through various programs such as the **SMC program** which deals in the strengthening of School Management Committees. Given the vital importance and role of SMCs as laid out by the RTE act, it is crucial that SMCs are made aware of their roles and capacities to influence school operations. Besides this, Pratham runs the **Early Childhood Care and Education program**, as well as the **English** and **Madarsa** programs in partnership with the local Government.
- Lastly, Pratham is currently in the process of rolling out its **Education for Education (EFE) program** in Andhra Pradesh.



Future Plans:

A training cum science center is being constructed that is scheduled to start by Mid 2011. The center will be located in the Balpatla block of Guntur district. Apart from conducting the state trainings there, the center will also be used to promote science in the block through various workshops, melas and other science related activities.

In addition to this, there is a partnership in the pipeline between the state government and Pratham where Pratham will work alongside the government to strengthen SMCs (School Management Committees) across the 12 district in Andhra.