



Note – the map above doesn't show Narayanpur, which was carved out of Bastar recently and Bijapur, which was carved out of Dantewada. Updated maps with the aforementioned districts are not available at the moment

Pratham Chhattisgarh

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Chhattisgarh Districts in which Pratham works:

DRC – Dhamtari; **BEPs** – Raipur, Mahasamund, Kanker, Durg, Bilaspur, Rajnandgaon, Kawardha, Korba, Janjgir-Champa, Sarguja, Koriya, Raigarh, Jashpur, Bastar, Narayanpur, Dantewada, Bijapur

Education Outlook for Chhattisgarh 2011:

As per the ASER report 2010, over 98% of children of between the ages of 6-14 in Chhattisgarh are enrolled in school. However, learning levels are low in this heavily tribal populated, Naxal insurgency affected state. Only 44% of children in Std III can read Std. I text fluently whereas the situation is dismal in arithmetic where only 39% of children in Std V can do division.



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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 Centers (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 Chhattisgarh this Year:

Geographical Coverage: 2077 villages in 18 blocks

Children Reached:73,527

Volunteers Mobilized:3,288

- Pratham is currently running the **‘Read India’** (RI) program through **17 Block Excellence Programs** (BEPs) and 1 **District Resource Centre** (DRC) in Chhattisgarh. 4 volunteers are mobilized in every target village to teach a group of 20 – 25 children, who are all well below their expected grade level competencies. One volunteer teaches children in classes 1 & 2, focusing on basic literacy and numeracy skills, while the other volunteer teaches children in classes 3-5, focusing on reading fluency and comprehension, as well as Arithmetic operations. Volunteers also teach English, where the focus is on letter recognition, vocabulary building and ability to conduct basic greetings in English. Read India classes occur in 100 villages in each BEP block.
- Pratham is running the **Education for Education** (EFE) program in 18 districts in Chhattisgarh. Nearly 3000 volunteers are benefitting from the EFE program in Chhattisgarh at this time.
- Various initiatives, such as reading fairs, public testing fairs and activities such as painting blackboards and slogans in village walls have been undertaken in order to engage the community in the issue of education.
- Pratham has partnered with **Korba West Power** to run a **‘Library’** program, where children are taught to read in 8 villages of Raigarh district. The program operates out of Pratham’s own centres. Pratham pays teachers a nominal sum, in order to motivate their teaching and to give them a form of self-sustenance. The teachers are young women and men from the local communities, between the ages of 18-23.
- The **‘Cambridge English Certificate’** course is also being offered to school teachers to develop their command over English. Pratham administers and evaluates the course.



Future Plans:

Pratham plans to set up ‘PRATAP’ Centres (Pratham Training, Assessment and Placement Centre) in order to begin its transition to a post-secondary institution which will not only be accessible to volunteers but to all youth. These centres will be run in conjunction with the EFE program initially.

A campaign to increase awareness about the stipulations of the ‘Rights to Education’ act (RTE) will be organized for villagers where meetings will be conducted in every village. Communities will be informed about the rights of their children as per the RTE norms. Focus will also be given on generating awareness about the roles and responsibilities of School Management Committees (SMCs).

In addition to this, the next six months in Chhattisgarh will include volunteer mobilization, strategically improving parent and community participation, refresher training for Pratham Chhattisgarh personnel, and development of resource material.