



Pratham Nagaland

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Nagaland Districts (Blocks) in which Pratham works:

BEPs – Peren and Kiphire

Education Outlook for Nagaland 2011:

According to the ASER Report 2010, 98.8% of children in Std II can at least recognize numbers. However the situation is dismal for higher classes where only 35.7% 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 high-quality 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 per block. BEPs serve approximately 2000 children between the ages of 6-14, providing volunteer-taught classes in and after school. BEPs aim to demonstrate to the Government and other stakeholders that rapid improvements in learning levels are possible at a low cost.

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 Nagaland this Year:

Geographical Coverage: 54 villages in 2 blocks

Children Reached: 984

Volunteers Mobilized: 51

- Pratham is currently running the **'Read India'** (RI) program through 2 BEPs in Nagaland. The two blocks covered are amongst the most neglected blocks in Nagaland in terms of development. Though a written agreement has not been formed between the government and Pratham, the **District Inspector of Schools** has been approached and access to students as well as permission to use classrooms to conduct classes has been given.
- Pratham Nagaland has also developed a unique motivational program for teachers called **'I Discover'**, with the aim of enabling teachers to improve their skills and abilities, as well as building their confidence as catalysts for social change and development. The program includes activities such as group discussions, role-plays and audiovisuals with motivational themes like discovering ones purpose and tapping into ones passion. This program is being implemented in all the **'DIETs'** (District Institute of Educational Training) in Nagaland in partnership with the **SCERT** (State Council of Educational Research & Training) and is being funded by the **SSA** (SarvaShikshaAbhiyan – the Indian Government's flagship initiative to universalize elementary education).



Future Plans

In addition to the Read India program, Pratham also plans to launch the 'Library' program in the BEPs, which aims to teach children to read as well as to provide communities with access to books. Pratham plans to continue its effort in progressive reading programs and Libraries will ensure that all children in the project communities have access to good books and will encourage reading habits.

Pratham Nagaland is also going to be training teachers in private schools on letter sounds following the demand from them for such trainings to be made available. As a result, Pratham Nagaland is launching the 'Let's Read' program, a reading basics program, in partnership with some private schools in the Dimapur district.