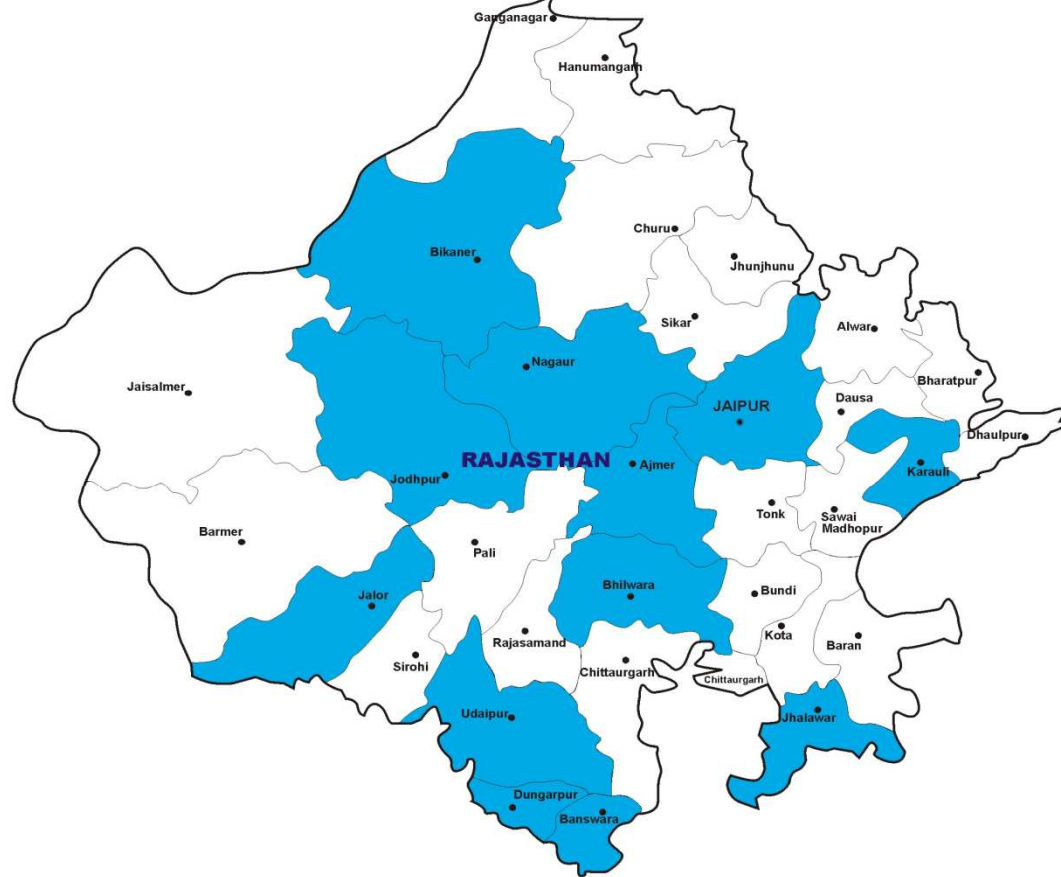




**PRATHAM**

Every Child In School...

And Learning Well



## Pratham Rajasthan

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### Rajasthan Districts in which Pratham works:

**BEPs** – Banswara, Bikaner, Dungarpur, Jaipur, Jalore, Jhalawar, Karauli, Nagaur, Udaipur; **DRCs** – Ajmer, Jodhpur; **Science Project** – Ajmer; **Mother Literacy Project (MLP)** – Ajmer

### Education Outlook for Rajasthan 2011:

As per the 2001 Census, Rajasthan has a literacy rate of 61.03%. According to the recent, ASER Report 2010, only 35.7% of children in Std. III in Rajasthan can read Std 1 level text and 34% of children in Std III still cannot recognize numbers between 11 and 99. Issues remain at higher-level competencies – 32.8% of children in Std. V cannot do basic division.

### 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 (BEPs)** are units of Read India, operating in all the villages in one selected block of a district. BEPs serve approximately 4000 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. DRCs have provided support for trainings across the State.

**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.

**Mother Literacy Project(MLP)** is a randomized evaluation conducted by J-PAL on the effects of educating mothers and providing them activities designed to improve mother-child interactions.

The **Science Project** has been initiated to inculcate scientific temper among children, parents, villagers and teachers through fun based activities. **Science Fairs** and **Science Clubs** are conducted for this purpose.

## Pratham in Rajasthan this Year:

- Pratham is currently running the **'Read India'** (RI) program under 9 BEPs and 2 DRCs. 1 volunteers per school is mobilized in every school to teach a group of 20 – 25 children, who are all well below their expected grade level competencies. The volunteer teaches children in Classes 1 & 2, focusing on basic literacy and numeracy skills. The volunteers also prepare SRCs (School Report Cards) and discuss with SMCs (School Management Committee) and parents.
- As part of **Read India Campaign**, Pratham Rajasthan has signed a **3 year MoU with Government of Rajasthan** on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2011 for 2926 schools in 9 blocks of Block Excellence Program (BEP) and 2 Blocks of District Resource Centre (DRC). The team has trained approx 2500 teachers in 11 Blocks on assessment and Pratham's CAMaL methodology. The Rajasthan Government supports the cost of Teaching Learning Material and Teacher Training costs.
- **Education for Education (EfE)** program has been implemented to build capacity of volunteers of Read India in 11 Blocks. Currently Basic computer course is being offered to the volunteers. In total, 1834 Volunteers have been covered under the Programme.
- 9 **Urban Learning Centre (ULC)** are running under urban programs in Jaipur and Bikaner districts. The **ULC** program in Jaipur and Bikaner adopts a tutorial model, where children are given help where required. These programs operate out of Pratham's own centers, located in urban slums. Pratham pays teachers for 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.
- Under the **Science Project**, 22 school and community based **Science Clubs** have been formed. The team has also organized 22 **Science Fairs** thus far. More than 420 volunteers have demonstrated science activities to 4848 students, 248 parents and 182 Government School teachers.
- The **Mother Literacy Project (MLP)** is to be implemented in 240 villages. MPL is currently in the Pilot Phase. Under the pilot, 922 mothers have been enrolled in literacy classes and other activities geared towards improving the home learning environment.

## Coverage

**Geographical Coverage : 3330 schools across 15 Blocks**

**Children Reached: 49,520**

**Volunteers Mobilized: 3,782**



## 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. At this time, a village census has been conducted, which includes details of proximity, travel times, and travel costs from villages to proposed EFE centres.