



Pratham Uttar Pradesh

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Uttar Pradesh Districts (Blocks) in which Pratham works:

DRCs – Aligarh, Basti, Allahabad; **BEPs** – Agra, Ambedkar Nagar, Azamgarh, Bahraich, Ballia, Barabanki, Bareilly, Bijnor, Etah, Faizabad, Firozabad, Gonda, Gorakhpur, Hardoi, Jaunpur, Kaushambi, Kushi Nagar, LakhimpurKhiri, Mainpuri, Mathura, Meerut, Muradabad, Pratapgarh, Raibareilly, Rampur, Sitapur, Sultanpur, Varanasi.

Education Outlook for Uttar Pradesh 2011:

As per the 2001 Census, Uttar Pradesh has a literacy rate of 57.36%. The percentage of those living below the poverty line between '99-'00 was 31.1%. According to the recent, ASER Report 2010, only 38.9% children could recognize at least numbers up to 99 after attending 6 months of school. Issues remain at higher-level competencies as only 25% of children in Std. V could do basic 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 Uttar Pradesh this Year:

Geographical Coverage: 3,100 villages across

Children Reached: 149,006

Volunteers Mobilized: 8,013

- Pratham is currently running the 'Read India' (RI) program through 28 BEPs and 3 DRCs, as well as the Urban Learning Centre (ULC) program in 5 cities. The Read India program is operated out of the BEP's through government schools as well as community centers. Although formal written consent hasn't been obtained by Pratham to teach in government schools, in many blocks, schools give either oral consent or written permission, allowing Pratham to teach in a school environment.
- The ULC program in all the 5 cities adopts a tutorial model, where children are given help where required. There are currently 87 ULC's running in 5 cities (Lucknow, Allahabad, Varanasi, Agra and Rampur). These programs operate out of Pratham's own centers, located in urban slums. Pratham pays teachers 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, between the ages of 18-23.
- 272 EFE (Education for Education) centers were made operational in 27 BEPs and 3 DRCs. 3375 volunteers have been trained in digital literacy. More volunteers will be offered digital literacy courses as well as English courses in the year ahead.



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.

Volunteers classes will run till 25th March, when the post-test data collection process will start.