



The Art of Living Free schools

Gift a Smile



About us

The Art of Living Free Schools provide an enriched learning environment that has helped countless students from rural, slums and tribal areas to get ahead. Founded in 1981, today the schools are located in 20 states in India and reflect the diverse backgrounds and cultures of the country. 53,361 students eagerly learn, create and grow together.



AIM

Our aim is to give access to holistic, value based quality education to the children of underprivileged, rural, slum, tribal and remote sections of society.

Our Inspiration



“ Education is this civilisation’s greatest leveller. It has the power to empower the weakest of the weak, bring peace to the world and alleviate poverty. It is often seen as the only lit path in the pursuit of happiness.” - Sri Sri.

Sri Sri Ravi Shankar is a humanitarian and spiritual leader, an ambassador of peace and human values. Through his life and work, Sri Sri has inspired millions around the world with a vision of a stress-free, violence-free world. The Art of Living Free Schools program was founded in 1981 in Udaypura in rural Bangalore, India. Sri Sri recognized the need to reach out to local children and provide proper education, food, clothing, and medicine. This led to the creation of Ved Vignan Maha Vidya Peeth Trust that provides a combination of modern and holistic education to children from rural, slum and tribal communities without charging any fees.

Our Director

Bhanumathi Narasimhan is the Director of Women Empowerment & Child welfare programs of The Art of Living, a not-for-profit, educational and humanitarian NGO engaged in bringing stress relief and service initiatives in more than 155 countries. Under her leadership the “Gift a smile - Care-for-Children” program. There are 425 schools in 20 states of India educating 53361 children with a special focus on the girl child education.



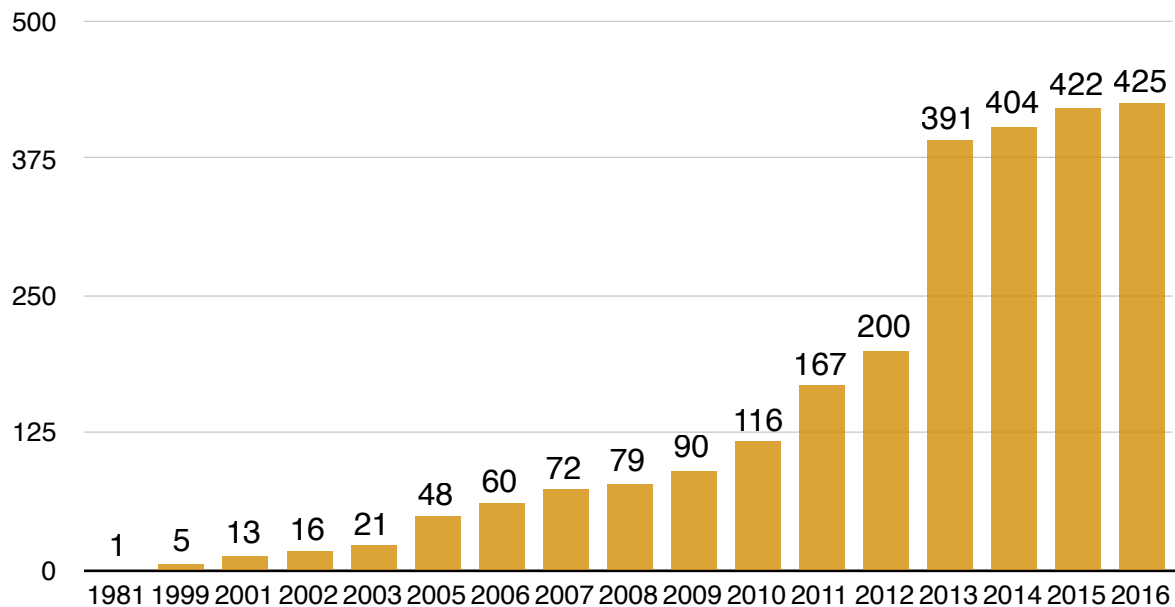
Our Presence

53361 Students | 425 Schools | 1300 Villages | 20 States

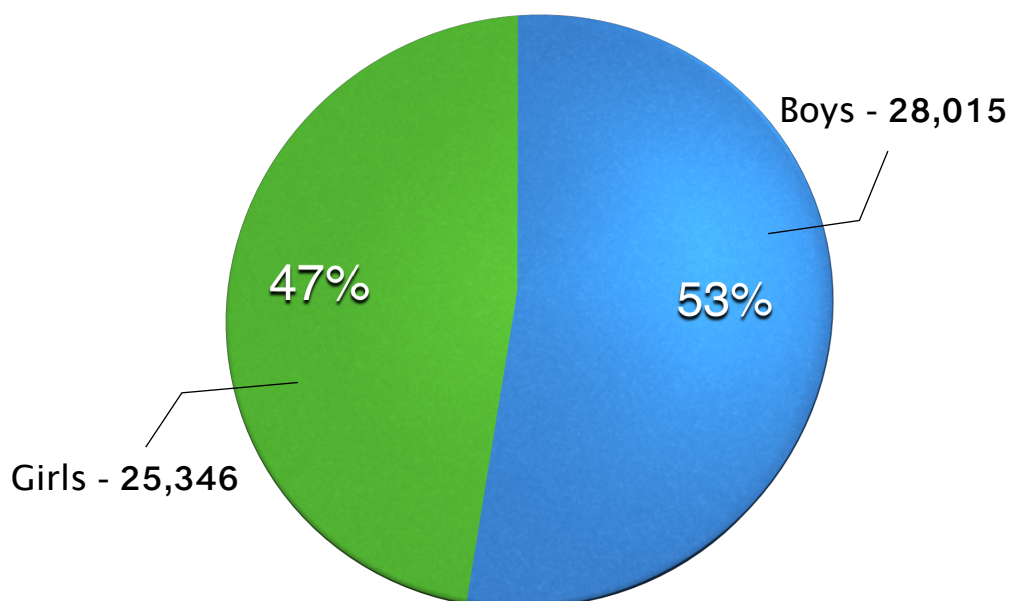
	State	Total number of students	No.of Schools in State
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	552	3
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	215	1
3	ASSAM	4680	20
4	BIHAR	1565	3
5	CHATTISGARH	765	4
6	GUJARAT	2029	27
7	JHARKHAND	3171	17
8	KARNATAKA	2300	1
9	KERALA	277	1
10	MADHYA PRADESH	1947	9
11	MAHARASHTRA	1415	7
12	MANIPUR	143	1
13	ODISHA	703	6
14	RAJASTHAN	600	2
15	TAMILNADU	969	1
16	TELANGANA	177	1
17	TRIPURA	5110	43
18	DELHI NCR	265	2
19	UTTAR PRADESH	17460	238
20	WEST BENGAL	8832	37

Journey So Far

Growth Chart of Schools



Number of Boys vs Girls







Facilities we provide



BASIC EDUCATION

The schools offer syllabus accredited by the State Govt. thus allowing children to mainstream into the current educational context.



NUTRITION AND HEALTH

Schools provide free nutritious mid-day meals and regular medical checkups, which include dental and oral hygiene on a periodic basis.



FREE BOOKS

Text books for all subjects are provided to students free of cost.



FREE UNIFORM AND BAGS

Free school uniforms including shoes and socks and school bags are provided to all students enrolled in our schools.



TRANSPORTATION

Special school buses provide free transportation to students in many areas.



COMPUTER LAB

Students are given access to well-equipped computer labs.



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Dance, drama, sports, debates, literary competitions, social responsibilities and human values such as tree planting campaigns, meditation, vocational training such as tailoring, plumbing, computers, electrical repair, etc.

Testimonials



PARENTS EXPERIENCE FROM PHUBALA VILLAGE

We work in the paddy fields daily for our livelihood and therefore we cannot afford to send our children to private schools. Ever since Sri Sri Gnan Mandir started in our village, I feel happy as my children are getting a good quality education, that too for free. My children have become more interested in studies, and their behaviour has also changed. This school is different from other schools because they not only teach academics in school, but they also encourage my children in sports and cultural activities etc. I am grateful to all the people who are involved in the functioning of the school.



KARAN FROM DAHIGAON VILLAGE

KARAN FROM DAHIGAON

I did not want to go to school. My parents wanted me to study and signed me up at four different schools, but at every school, I was running away from classes and leaving the school. Finally, my parents sent me to Sri Sri Gnan Mandir school in Dahigaon. After a lot of complaining on the first day, I managed to go on the second day and started to attend the school regularly. I love every moment of being in the school and my parents are very happy and grateful. I have improved a lot and according to my parents and teachers. I have shown all round development.



JANMONI - MOHONG SCHOOL

Janmoni, is presently studying in class 3. When she took admission in class 1, she was not interested in studies, and she used to be very untidy. Today she is completely transformed. She is doing well in her studies and also participating in activities – she participated in Bihu dance competition and had brought fame to school.

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