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BHILAI EDUCATION CHARITABLE TRUST (BECT)



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*" Enabling and inspiring students
to achieve their potential "*





Story of BECT!!

Saudade (pronounced saw'dadzi) a deep emotional state of nostalgic longing for something that one cares for.

School reunions always left us in the state of saudade. They reminded us of the particular ways in which Bhilai had shaped us into the individuals that we are. Bhilai township had given us fond memories, a strong foundation, an education and so much more. Our very sense of what it means to live a meaningful life was inextricably Bhilaian.

In 2014, we decided to turn this feeling into action by registering “Bhilai Education Charitable Trust”. None of our founding members were located in Bhilai and none had experience of running an organisation remotely, so the task initially seemed daunting. But we were determined, so we pushed on. BECT’s first charitable activity was the awarding of scholarships to talented young Bhilaians to recognise and motivate them. Our scholarships to school students set a record for the largest scholarship amounts in Bhilai. Scholarship amount of Rs 1 Lakh was unheard by a class topper in Middle school.

In time, our focus shifted from supporting meritorious students to supporting underprivileged children. We realised that the latter group was in greater need of support and encouragement. Today we work primarily with government school students in the Durg-Bhilai region. Even during pandemic, BECT is operating through online portals providing Free NEET, JEE, Spoken English classes and distributing tablets to those in need. We believe that lack of resources should not deny any child in Bhilai the education they deserve.

BECT began with a handful of passionate Bhilaians and some financial support by friends. Today our team comprises of Five trustees, Six members in our Board of Advisory committee, a Full-time Chief Program officer, Four BECT Ambassadors and Twenty BECT Volunteers. Bhilai Education Charitable Trust (BECT) is celebrating 7 years since its inception on 1st July 2021, B.E.C.T’s Foundation Day.

It gives me immense pleasure to share the story of our trust. The word “Saudade” also has a bittersweet connotation, and BECT has in fact been a bittersweet experience. Bitter, because there is still so much that needs to be done in our community; but sweet, because whatever little we can achieve when we try to help only brings in happiness and joy to the lives of others.



Juhi Shukla
(Trustee- BECT)





Creating a milestone...

JEE-NEET Coaching

Founded back in 2014, with the efforts of a wide alumni network, in-line with the District Education Department’s mission “Better Education”, **BECT** has surely come a long way. In 2017, the trust took up a greater challenge of providing a free JEE-NEET coaching for those meritorious students who were unable to provide for a coaching.

In 2020 we hit our first milestone when seven of our students bagged seats in different Engineering colleges. Students details are as follows:-

- 1) Ajay Kanherkar from Govt. H.S.School, J.P. Nagar, Bhilai
- 2) Lucky Dewangan from Govt. H.S.School, Titudih, Durg
- 3) B.Monika from Govt. Girls H.S.School, Vaishali Nagar, Bhilai
- 4) Ganesh Meshram from Govt. H.S.School, Ruabandha
- 5) Lakshya Nirmal from Govt. H.S.School, Kohka, Bhilai
- 6) Piyush Meshram from Govt. H.S.School, Borsi
- 7) Chaitanya Kumar from Govt. H.S.School, Vinayakpur, Durg



Gaurav Sahu from Shri Sankara Vidhyalaya, Sec-10, Bhilai who topped our scholarship test was awarded Rs 25000

On an average we spend Rs 25,000 per student per year undergoing JEE-NEET coaching.

To ensure that learning stays uninterrupted during this Covid -19, we purchased 20 Unacademy subscriptions for JEE-NEET courses for 12 months. This initiative helped our beneficiaries to study from home without any risk.



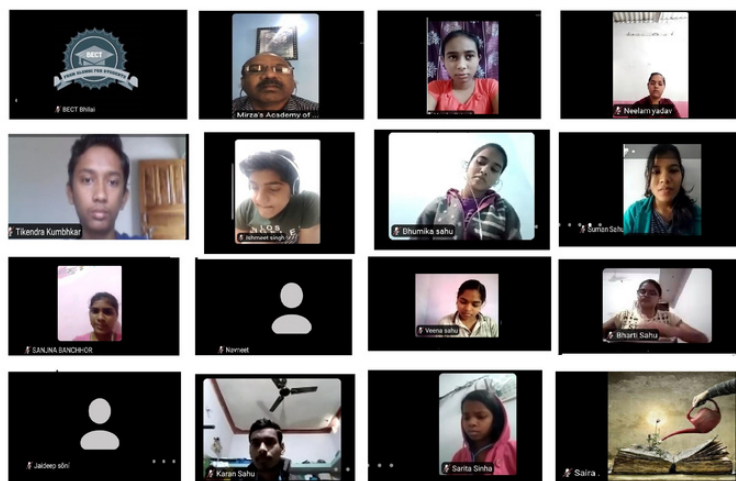
Combating Language Barriers

SPOKEN ENGLISH CLASSES

“ If one wants to learn, then language can’t be a barrier”

BECT is determined to help students to learn and be ready for the dynamic world. Students who belong to Hindi Medium Schools and un-advanced backgrounds find english language challenging. Thus we realised a great need for the Spoken English classes.

This year BECT has pledged to provide Spoken English classes for free and online to 200 students. For the same purpose we have a contract with Dev Spoken English Classes, New Civic Center Bhilai.





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Mentoring In New Dimension

Everyone is born talented, but to reach the highest potential, guidance and new perspectives are helpful. Our mentorship program is based on this belief, where anyone who wants to guide the young talents, can sign up and do online volunteering (for at least an hour a month).

This one hour of mentorship is definite to bring a difference in the life of the students and prepare them for greater challenges. We already have many mentors signed up for all the career streams who are keen on sharing their experiences and learning.



Activities at a glance

Year	Events	Facilitated by
2017	BECT Talks	Mr. Alok Sharma and Mrs. Rachna Sharma from New York
2018	BECT Talks	Dr. Pramod R Gupta, Director of CIIMHANS
2018	BECT Book Distribution camp	Dev Spoken English
2018	Essay Writing Contest	BECT
2019	Health Awareness Camp	BECT
2019	BECT Talks	Ms. S. Annamma, from "Nutrition Center", Bhilai
2019	Voter Awareness Campaign	BECT
2019	BECT Talks	Mr. Shri. Pravas Singh Baghel (District Education Officer, Durg):
2019	BECT Talks	Mrs. Prionka Ray from Sinapore (A TED Ed speaker and Founding Director of Sequel)
2020	Poster Contest 2020	BECT

Awards, Scholarships & Donations

From 2014 till 2016 BECT has awarded cash prizes worth 12.5 lakhs to students who excelled in academics and co-curricular activities.



We supplied educational content for the digital classrooms to 3 schools worth Rs. 5,000 each.

BECT also provided 2 tablets to the needy students so that they can resume online classes in this pandemic.

In 2019 we donated 5 computers to Azad H.S.School, Stn. Maroda to help them to setup a new computer lab.

Computer Education

BECT imparted free Computer Education to more than 130 needy students.



NTSE Coaching



BECT has given free coaching to 120 students and so far 4 have qualified the exam.

Pillars on ground - Our Volunteers

No organization is complete and no event is a success without volunteers. We have grown our team from 5 to 25 in these years

We are very thankful to our volunteers who have always been our ground support.

Our volunteers helped in revising the courses for students in the **Nayandeep Vidhya Mandir** (School for visually challenged).

Padhna Likhna Abhiyan: (PLA):

Our Volunteers helped in identification of non-literates through door-to-door survey in "Padhna likhna Abhiyan" programme by the Department of School Education & Literacy Ministry of HRD, Government of India,

Election Awareness camp:

With an aim to increase the voting percentage, a voter awareness program was conducted by our volunteers under our guidance.

We are grateful to all our volunteers!



Volunteer Team

It's been Seven years for us. We went through the pain and rigour but joyful ride of creating structure and processes on what we do. We started with a very clear objective around providing opportunities to the deserving but underprivileged kids to access quality education. To remain focused we kept our activities within the domain of class K-12 only. We believe this is the best way to prepare students to go and succeed in colleges or any professional training program and be on the path of prosperity. While we feel very proud of what we have done and achieved, we think a lot more can be done. We have had great success so far with JEE-NEET Coaching, English-speaking, NTSE Coaching, Scholarships etc. and we believe that this is just scratching the surface. The underlying principles we see ourselves using are Initiate, Iterate, Replicate and Leverage.

Since 2014 we have tried to contribute in a small way to help needy students to support and pursue dreams. While we created a very broad mission statement we were not aware of the enormity of what we had signed up for. Once we understood the entire schooling system in Bhilai and joining areas better, we realized that a large number of students are not getting proper education for variety of reasons. In some case it could be as basic as not understanding English well, in some cases it could be the schools that they go to are not operating well and in many case it was just family issues. This led us to expand our objectives and add different modules to our program, things like how do we train the teachers to be more effective, how do we promote & train people in the use of technology and how do we prepare people for better English speaking and reading skills.

While we have made a good start and come so far, we believe a lot is desired to be achieved. We see ourselves as the creator of the platform which anyone who is keen to give back can leverage upon. We are looking for partners, donors, volunteers to help us radically transform the education opportunities in and around bhilai. There are tremendous opportunities to support students who have been marginalized. We encourage everyone to come forward and join us in this noble cause.

Regards,



Rajkumar Singhal
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