

About us

'Samaaveshi Pathshaala Foundation' is a registered nonprofit working on inclusive education in Karjat tribal block of Maharashtra, founded in 2018 by two graduates of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai. Our vision is to build an inclusive future by promoting inclusive education in schools where all children with and without disability study together in the same classroom, using universal design for learning (UDL).

Vision & mission

VISION: One day, all schools will become 'inclusive'.

MISSION: To bring systemic transformation in schools where all children irrespective of their social background or disability have equal access and opportunity to quality education.

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Organizational strategy

A model
inclusive school
in Karjat

Inclusive education:
research, resource
development and
teacher training

Specialized centre for
inclusive education



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Major programmes

AARAMBH (inclusive early education)

Our flagship programme aims to provide quality inclusive early education in Kashele gram panchayat by improving overall infrastructure and placing a team of early educators at all seven Anganwadi centres comprising a total of 150+ students, including five children with disabilities.



Library & Disability resource centre

Our community library/disability resource centre in Kashele vilage has 2000+ print, digital and assistive learning materials for KG to primary level children, and holds regular workshops on diversity & inclusion, literacy & life skills; and offers weekly physiotherapy services to 10+ children with disabilities.



SAMARTH (inclusive Anganwadi training)

This six-month training in collaboration with TISS Mumbai aims to transform rural Anganwadis into 'inclusive, early education centres' by building capacity of local Anganwadi teachers in early disability identification and inclusive-ed skills. Starting with a cluster of 10 Anganwadis in 2019, we're now working with 100 Anganwadi centres in Karjat block.



SAKSHAM (ZP school inclusive education)

Post-COVID, we collaborated with the Block Education Office (BEO), Karjat to strengthen local Zilla Parishad (ZP) schools and implement inclusive-ed by placing a team of primary teachers. In 2024-25, we're working with all five ZP schools under Kashele gram panchayat, comprising 300+ students, majority from Katkari tribal communities; including 10 children with disabilities.



10-year strategy (2021-30)

2024-25

150+ students (5 children with disabilities)
7 Anganwadis under Kashele gram panchayat

2030

500+ students (30+ children with disabilities)
Work with 25+ Anganwadis in Karjat block

2024-25

1 library-disability resource centre
40 children's workshops / 5 villages covered

2030

5 community libraries across Karjat
1000+ library workshops / 50 villages

2023-24

100 Anganwadis covered
3000+ pre-school children in 100 villages

2030

Cover all 300 Anganwadis in Karjat block
Impact 15000+ children across Karjat

2024-25

5 Zilla Parishad school (Grades 1-5)
300+ students (10 children with disabilities)

2030

20 Zilla Parishad schools (Grades 1-10)
Impact 3000+ students (100+ CWDs)