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NGO claims drastic improvement in Gadchiroli schools

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Nagpur: Four years after implementation of its project, a Mumbai-based NGO has claimed improvement in average learning outcomes of students, above national and state average scoring in mathematics and language. The schools have also witnessed reduction in dropouts due to seasonal migration in several remote villages of Naxal-infested Gadchiroli district which is among its four special focus places.

Amravati, Nandurbar and Parbhani are the other districts where NGO EdelGive Foundation has initiated 'The Collaborators for Transforming Education' project under its School Transformation Programme, which was started in 2016. It covers 272 schools in the four special focus districts.

The NGO has tied up with Maharashtra government's department of school education and sports (DSES) for the purpose.

The Collaborators for Transforming Education has been initiated by EdelGive to bring together a consortium of key funders, and experienced and highly respected NGO partners to work with government's education machinery and local communities to transform last mile delivery of education.

The coalition aims to improve learning outcomes of elementary schoolchildren and also identify and disseminate best practices of the sector that can be integrated into the government education system.

This public-private-partnership with the state government finds EdelGive Foundation at the centre as the anchor funder. EdelGive facilitates the flow of funds from the pool of funders to the partners on ground at zero-cost. It also monitors the impact of the programme and conducts a third-party evaluation of the programme periodically. Through the programme, EdelGive aims to build a case for collaborative philanthropy, where all stakeholders (government, funders, implementing partners and the beneficiaries) are aligned towards social progress.

Recently, the NGO organized a media visit to a couple of villages in Gadchiroli district and meetings with education officials there.

“The Collaborators for Transforming Education’ programme was developed to strengthen the existing government education system in Maharashtra. Working with the state government for two years before we launched the programme enabled us to collectively understand the needs of the government and design interventions that would support the existing machinery. I am thankful to the officials across the state, district and block level for their partnership in the programme; the impact and scale of which would not have been achieved without their complete support,” said Vidya Shah, CEO, EdelGive Foundation.