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Message from
Shri Naveen Patnaik,
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Odisha

Today is a momentous day. 'Mo School Abhiyan' has completed five years, and surpassed every expectation since it was launched on 14th November 2017. At that time, my personal dream was to pull every stakeholder to galvanize local action for the upliftment of our Government schools. I have always believed that sustainable progress depends on ownership at the grassroots level. And no one can own a school better than those who spent their most enriching times in it.

I am delighted that in the last five years, with relentless dedication together, we have brought 20 lakh past students of Government schools in our fold. They have taken over the cause with pride and passion. Mo School's success has created community action beyond the alma mater. Local citizens have joined hands to create a movement. The result is nothing short of what I may call it total transformation.

The thrust on school education is one among the many reasons to celebrate Odisha's achievements in the last five years. Under the umbrella of the '5T Initiative', alongside Mo School, we have pushed ahead with the High School Transformation programme. The impact is visible in every district.

I heartily congratulate everyone who has been a part of the Mo School movement. May the years ahead see even a greater accomplishment, harnessing the collective power of the Government, society, and the individual. Together, we can do it. Together, we must. For, we owe it to our future generations whose ideas and actions will deliver a new Odisha.

Message from
Shri Samir Ranjan Dash,
Hon'ble Minister, School & Mass Education,
Government of Odisha

Under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister, the education sector in Odisha is witnessing a revolutionary change, both in infrastructure and academics. The state government's efforts to equip our young ones with 21st century skills have delivered stellar results. The gap between private and government schools has been narrowed down as far as imparting quality education is concerned. Introduction of digital technology has ushered in a visible transformation, the state has never seen before.

The "Mo School Abhiyan", launched on November 14, 2017 by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik, has become one of the largest alumni connect programmes in the country. The unique initiative reached out to Odias in India and abroad, leveraged the emotional connect of alumni to their alma maters, inspired community action and facilitated stakeholder participation to encapsulate the vision of Hon'ble Chief Minister. The initiative has provided a platform to all the government and government aided schools of the state to expand beyond their physical campus through their robust and vibrant alumni networks. Everyday, the initiative is taking concrete steps to bring about qualitative improvements in learning ecosystem of the state. With the farsighted approach, Mo School is bringing new paradigms in the education arena.

With 5T being at the core of the model, High School Transformation Programme launched by the Government of Odisha has resulted in 360-degree transformation of schools across the state. The transformative journey of Odisha in school education sector has been propelled by the 5T model with innovative approach has changed the face of the government and government aided schools of the state, thereby providing best infrastructure & academic resources to nurture the future generations of Odisha.

I am taking this opportunity to convey my heartfelt gratitude to every single alumnus who has been a part of this revolutionary journey. Needless to say, the future of the next generation is safe in the hands of today's generation.

Message from
Smt. Susmita Bagchi,
Chairperson, Mo School, Odisha

I am delighted that at Mo School Abhiyan, we have raised a child who completes 5 years today. In real life, a child starts formal schooling around this age. This is when tiny feet, small and confident, step into the big world and with that, an entire lifetime's journey begins. That is how I see Mo School Abhiyan today. A bright child, hair nicely in place, looking smart in smart uniform, shoelaces tied neatly, bag in hand, ready to dash past the school gate. Into the classroom. Out to the world of possibilities.

In making this come alive, alumni of more than 35000 government and government aided schools, teachers, local community members and department officials have all joyfully joined hands. Together, they have made the dream of our Honourable Chief Minister, Shri Naveen Patnaik a great success.

Standing at the school gate, seeing the child run to the classroom, all of us must renew our pledge to hold the hand of the 5-year-old for the next five years. That is when the child will truly stand confident; the child will become independent, and that child will one day steer us to a future that we have not imagined in our own lifetime.

Odisha will turn 100 in the year 2036. It will be a rare, historic moment for all of us. The teenagers who would be ready to leave school in 2036 are already born. They are here. It must be the sacred goal for each one of us to give them a platform like none before. That platform is Mo School.

Today, as I write this message, my heart is full of gratitude to every stakeholder. I also must take a moment to salute the spirit of every member of the Mo School Abhiyan team who has worked with missionary zeal over the last five years. They have taken in their hands the vision of our Honourable Chief Minister and raised it with the power of our collective purpose.

In the pages that follow, you will feel that power of purpose in the images of our children in whose dreams a new Odisha is already weaving her unique identity.

Come, let us join hands to take Mo School Abhiyan, farther forward.

Message from
Ms. Aswathy S., IAS
Commissioner-cum-Secretary,
Department of School & Mass Education,
Government of Odisha

Education is the foundation for a progressive Odisha. A brighter and more prosperous future can only be achieved through primary education and Mo School has laid that foundation to nurture the makers of progressive Odisha. The striking changes in the state's education sector that Mo School has brought in is helping lakhs of students of Odisha to dream big and achieve their goals. This would not have been possible without the efforts of our dearest alumni members. I take this opportunity to thank all the dedicated alumni who have given their sweat and blood for the development of their alma mater. I can proudly mention that more than 7 lakhs alumni have invested their time, money and, knowledge and worked tirelessly to transform school education system in Odisha.

Our schools are being groomed with state-of-the-art facilities to bring laurels to the state and the country in the field of education, sports, science and culture under Hon'ble Chief Minister's visionary '5T High School Transformation Programme'. As part of this Programme, the existing high schools of the state have been renovated and given swanky looks. Old school chairs and tables have been replaced with modern furniture. Classrooms have been refurbished with brighter lighting systems. Blackboards have been replaced with digital interactive boards. The programme has not only changed the schools but also helped in building confidence among the students of rural areas in a very short span of time.

Mo School Abhiyan has added a glorious chapter to the education system in Odisha. The programme has been touching new heights every day and has given a complete facelift to the state-run schools with state-of-the-art facilities. Not only alumni, but members from the community have also exhibited extraordinary support with their volunteerism. Mo School has set an example not only for states across the country but also for the world.

Part II

Vision

Provide a philanthropic platform for alumni to contribute and catalyze a healthy, inclusive and creative environment to groom a new generation of dreamers, doers, makers, growers, artists, writers, thinkers, designers, scientists, innovators, leaders, explorers and entrepreneurs.

Mission

Reach out to anyone who connects to schools of Odisha in India and abroad, and leverage emotional connect of alumni to their alma maters, inspire community action, facilitate stakeholder participation, collaborate with various non-profits working in the area of education and child development to:

- Address needs of school-going children of varying ability, caste, gender, religion, linguistic-origin and ethnicity.
- Enable schools to provide appropriate creative, technological, physiological and psycho-social support right from the early formative years to help children blossom and achieve their full potential as they grow.
- Support schools to help them evolve into happy, healthy, wholesome individuals who can live in harmony with their environment and go on to do wonderful creative and constructive things for their community, state, nation and the planet-at-large.

Mo School @5

Instituted with the noble aim of transforming government and government aided schools of the state, Mo School Abhiyan, launched by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik on 14th Nov 2017, is going to step into its sixth year of inception. The unique initiative has reached all gram panchayats, blocks and districts across the state. In a short span of 5 years, Mo School has become one of the largest alumni contribution programmes in the country with project cost touching a whopping ₹5318 crore mark. The initiative has already been implemented in more than 40,000 schools, directly benefiting 43,32,642 students. More than twenty lakh alumni and community members have joined the bandwagon of educational transition with Mo School and contributed towards the holistic development of schools across the state.

The state government's exceptional programme has reached individual students through various infrastructural and academics-related activities in schools. About 72% of students in government and government-aided schools of Odisha have benefitted directly or indirectly from the scheme. With alumni contribution and the 2x matching grant, the schools have taken up several developmental works. The contributions received at the school point have led to creation of 1,26,761 physical assets through 63,710 projects executed in schools that have added to the school infrastructure, learning environment and supplementary learning processes.

Mo School: Unlocking the Power of Community

DATA CARD

ARTICULATING NUMBERS

- **More than 45 Lakh**
  Students and Teachers reached
- **20 Lakh**
  Contributors
- **More than 40,000**
  Schools covered
  (Inclusive of kind an service)
- **1,26,761** Assets created through **63,710** Projects
- **INR 1861 Crore**
  Matched by the Govt. of Odisha
- **INR 935 Crore**
  in Contribution*
  (Total Contribution- Alumni+CSR)
- Alumni Contribution
  INR 171 Crore
  (Matching Grant from State Government- INR 334 Crore)
- CSR Contribution
  INR 763.88 Crore
  Matching Grant from State Government- INR 1527 Crore)
- **A 5-Year-Old**
  Initiative

Alumni as stakeholders in enhancing quality education:

The active involvement of alumni groups has resulted in solving issues at the school level by mobilising additional resources. Our vibrant alumni committees are focusing on strengthening school eco system and supporting the academic enrichment programmes. The committees are also facilitating aspirational changes in schools and strengthening the learning outcomes beyond school hours through effective approaches. Infrastructural gaps have been bridged and schools are being transformed with advanced and state-of-the- art facilities with the positive interventions of alumni networks.

The alumni have taken up several programmes like mentoring, coaching, alumni talks and alumni interaction events at school and district level. Academics-oriented programmes under Mo School Abhiyan have aided the school children develop critical thinking skills, creativity, communication, storytelling and design thinking, among other skills, to absorb and initiate conversations relevant to their career goals. With help of the alumni members, schools across the state have been organising career counselling sessions, subject teaching and special coaching sessions for students who excel at sports.

Mo School: Global Presence

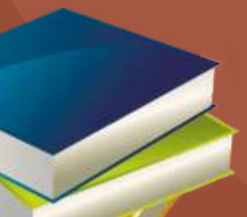
Alumni around the world

Accelerating aspirations

Taking a stride ahead, Mo School is committed to promoting various co-academic activities in schools to help build a generation of world leaders under the Aspirational Programme. Rigorous and extensive training to implement coding, 21st-century skills, communicative English and capacity building of teachers and head teachers have taken the front seat. Under the Aspirational Programme, opportunities in exploring several career paths, wider exposure to a better understanding of the world, curtailing dropout rates and students' participation and representation in both academic and co-academic field will be amplified.

School Adoption Programme: Developing schools with mentors

The School Adoption Programme, the pilot project of Mo School Abhiyan, launched on January 26, 2021 by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, has given ample scope where a leading member of the society adopts a school and personally gets involved in the betterment of a school. The initiative leverages the intellectual capital and professional success of the alumni members, thereby improving the overall academic and co-academic eco-system of the school. The programme has seen an enthusiastic response with 1353 individuals from various walks of life adopting 1386 government and government aided schools.



5T High School Transformation: Transformation towards Aspirations

The High School Transformation Programme under the aegis of 5T initiative of the state government blended with innovative approach has changed the face of the government and government aided high schools of the state, thereby providing best infrastructure and academic resources. In the first phase, 1075 high schools from across the state were transformed and equipped with new smart classrooms, well-developed e-libraries, state-of-the-art laboratory-cum-interactive science centres, advanced sports infrastructure and child-friendly campuses. After the initial success of the programme, the state government has transformed 2906 high schools in the second phase and will transform 2400 schools in the third phase.

Part III

30 Districts-30 Themes-30 Stories

Angul
Doing justice to the state's initiative

Government High School, Khalari in Angul district has done an exceptional job in transforming itself after joining hands with the 'Mo School' initiative in 2018. Under the leadership of the school head teacher, the alumni association has been instrumental in making the school a renowned institution in the district. With the help of alumni, the school has received a grant of ₹9.14 lakhs as alumni contribution and 2x matching grant from the state government under Mo School Abhiyan. The funds have been used to renovate the existing classrooms, construct separate toilets for boys and girls, an MDM hall and other improvements to the school infrastructure. Along with financial donations, past students have come forward to take classes and provide life skills to the students.

“Giving back to the alma mater is a great way to keep up with the legacy and ensure that future generations have the opportunity to pursue quality education. Mo School Abhiyan has provided the opportunity to connect and serve the alma mater in a number of ways,” said Smt Gayatri Dash, the school's headmaster.

Balasore

Fostering unity and promoting engagement

Located in Bhograi block of the district, Srinath Chandra Simanta High School is one such example where alumni from each batch have come together to participate in the school's transformation drive. With a whooping contribution of ₹25.32 lakhs from alumni and the state government, the school has successfully established itself as an abode of learning by introducing advanced and child-friendly infrastructure under Mo School Abhiyan.

The funds, raised under Mo School have been judiciously utilised in various developmental works such as construction of new classrooms and renovation of existing classrooms, smart classroom, separate toilets for boys and girls, an MDM shed, playground, boundary wall with BALA painting, a stage for cultural programme, installation of drinking water facility, beautification of campus, procurement of furniture for students, sports and science equipment, books for library, teaching and learning material along with computers and printer. Coming to the academic front, the school has registered a 100% success rate in the board exam. Students of SCS High School have held the pride of their school by showcasing extra ordinary academic outcomes.

Today, the alumni are inordinately proud when they say, 'Ama Bidyalaya Srestha Bidyalaya'!

Bargarh
Nurturing aspirations

Among all the schools in the district, the alumni network of Tejagola UP School boasts the most robust and flexible one. Under Mo School, the well-established alumni of the school have made innumerable contributions for the sake of their alma mater. The commitment and individual approach of the past students have made the school one of the best in the district.

Situated in Bargarh district, Govt. Upper Primary School, Tejagola was established in the year 1924. Since the school joined the Mo School Abhiyan in 2018, it has made a lot of headway, from creating sustainable learning spaces to nurturing million aspirations. The alumni members chip in their time and energy and within a short span of time, the school fundraised ₹1,63,500 through alumni donations.

To this, state govt's 2X matching grant amounting to ₹3,27,000 tallied the total project cost to ₹4,90,500 which has gone towards building of an MDM hall, smart classroom, beautification of campus. The school has now access to safe drinking water, better sports facilities and IT infrastructure. Apart from the monetary aids, alumni of Tejagola UP School have exhibited extraordinary support with their voluntary acts of guiding students and monitoring the ongoing infrastructural projects at the school.

“The multi-stakeholder and collaborative efforts have brought laurels and the school witnessed a spectacular rise in enrolment”, informed the school head teacher Sri Upendra Khamari.

Bhadrak
A quintessential success story

The dedication, resourcefulness and diligence of Sri Tapan Dwibedi, head teacher of Govt UPS, Rameswarpur, Bhadrak have helped transform an elementary school, to a model centre for learning with 195 students in the span of just two years. Mo School, supplementing to the efforts of the head teacher, has paved way for active community involvement that has visibly benefitted the school both in terms of academics and infrastructure. The initiative has succeeded in strengthening the alumni relationship with school.

With a contribution of ₹2.42 lakh, the school has established itself as an abode of learning by yielding smart classrooms, smart light and sound systems, drinking water facility, computers, specially designed learning packages for class 1-8 students and sanitary napkin incinerator for girl students, all under Mo School. The quintessential success story, driven by Sri Dwibedi's passion has also been amplified by Mo School's School Adoption Programme. Retired Odisha Administrative Officer Sri Sibabrata Ghosh extended his support to the school administration to create a sustainable learning space for nurturing aspirations.

Bolangir
Reinvigorating Sports in Rural Odisha

Town Boys High School in Bolangir district has shouldered the responsibility to lift the standard of field hockey, to nurture the inflow of talent. By leveraging the expertise and professional success of the alumni members, the school has paved the path for a better sports infrastructure and achieved a niche in the field of sports by giving equal importance to education and co-curricular activities.

The school joined hands with the 'Mo School' initiative in the year 2018. Given the rising popularity of sports in Odisha, the school administration and the alumni association have come forward and decided to promote sports among the future generations to help athletes climb the next rung of the sporting ladder. The incorporation helped in strengthening the grassroots of sports ecosystem. The alumni, who once lead the state and national level sports teams, are now voluntarily offering sports coaching and mentoring to the students.

Apart from field hockey, the school has also represented the district at state level football tournaments. The collaborative initiative has helped in development of an illustrious sports eco-system in the school, thereby supplementing the state government's initiative to emerge Odisha as a major sports hub in India.

Boudh
Making efforts to boost sports infrastructure

Samaleswari High School, Ghantapada in Boudh district has witnessed a big uptick in academics and infrastructure ever since its association with Mo School Abhiyan in July 2018. The alumni and community members took charge and lead the change in order to accelerate the school's development process. The formers have played a great role in owning the transformation process with a significant stride in the academics.

The school flourished further by introducing state-of-the-art infrastructure, after its association with Mo School. Donations to the tune of ₹2.6 lakh have poured in from the alumni members and with the government's 2x matching grant, the school now has ₹6.18 lakh to carry out developmental works. Mo School has paved the path for a better sports infrastructure, thereby churning out state and national level talents in sports. Under Mo School, with the help of alumni, the school has produced several players for the under-17 state football team.

"It is one of the most successful programmes initiated by the government of Odisha. In the past, alumni had nothing to do with school. The state government's initiative has succeeded in strengthening the alumni relationship with the school and the school authorities. They have been able to integrate themselves into the betterment of their school. Many of the additional necessaties in academics have been overcome," said Sri Pitabasa Panda, head teacher, Samaleswari High School.

Cuttack
Striking infrastructural makeovers

The iconic Odisha Police High School carved a niche for itself in nurturing students in the millennium city. Established in the year 1964 by the former Inspector General of Police (IGPs) Sri Sudarshan Mishra and Sri Bidhubhusan Parija, the school prides itself for nurturing and training some of the best minds, which brought revolutionary changes in the socio-cultural arena of the state. The contribution of the first headmaster Sri Narayan Pati, a veteran mathematician and retired headmaster of Ravenshaw Collegiate School, is noteworthy in its establishment.

Alumni of Odisha Police High School have served the community and country in various capacities. Ex-students of the school include eminent writer and Chairperson of Mo School Abhiyan Smt Susmita Bagchi, well-known actor late Sri Hara Patnaik, Indian Administrative Officer Sri Jyoti Prakash Das, musician Sri Soubhagya Mohanty.

The school administration decided to bring the institution under the Mo School initiative in 2018. The recognition followed significant efforts from the past pupils, which has also offered a financial assistance of ₹4.321 lakh in first phase. Topped up with a 2x matching grant of ₹8.42 lakh from the state government, the school build itself a smart and child-friendly campus. The school's library and science laboratory sport a modern look following its renovation under the Mo School. Sri Harihar Panda, former Odisha Administrative Service Officer has contributed ₹25 lakh to the school, which is also the highest individual contribution under Mo School Abhiyan.

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Dhenkanal

Stepping stones to a better 'tomorrow'

In the late 19th century, when only few children had the privilege of formal education, and Chatasalis were the only mode of schooling, Dhenkanal witnessed the dawn of modern education, a rarity in Odisha of those times. King Bhagiratha Mahindra Bahadur took it upon himself to establish a Middle English School in 1868. The British administration recognised the institution as State High English School, Dhenkanal, in 1896. Post-Independence, it was renamed Brajanath Badajena High School, now popularly known as BB High School.

In 2018, the school was incorporated in the Mo School Abhiyan, which pledges to lay the foundation for the redevelopment of this heritage school. Amidst the outstanding response, contributions worth ₹5.47 lakh have been raised. This fund was topped up with another ₹10.94 lakh as 2x matching grant. The money went into numerous developmental activities, thereby providing the best infrastructure and academic resources to its students.

Students of BB High School have represented the district and the state at several state and national-level science and sports competitions. Girl students are trained in self-defence, as part of an initiative under Mo School Abhiyan. The School Adoption Programme of Mo School has also been a game changer initiative for BB High School. A science gallery has been constructed with the help its mentor Sri Sudhansu Sarangi, Chairman, Odisha Police Recruitment Board by mobilising funds from Odisha Police Housing Corporation.

Deogarh
Ordinary people doing extraordinary things

The modern-day learning method encourages application of the acquired knowledge. Chakadola Upper Primary School, located in Barkote block of Deogarh district aptly understands the need of the hour and thus, stimulates the intellectual faculty of the kids with innovative methods.

Located in the countryside, the school is based about 45 kms from the district headquarters. With agriculture being the key source of income for majority of the families, many locals support their families by farming and nearly one-fifth of the villagers work as daily wagers and contractual labourers to make a living. But that didn't stop them from contributing towards the greater cause of strengthening education.

After coming in association with the Mo School Abhiyan, alumni and communities were made aware of its aims and objectives. An escalated mass was quick enough to donate ₹4.72 lakh as financial aids. Subsequently, a total of ₹14.16 lakh was collected in the form of total project costs. The grant has been judiciously utilised in various projects such as construction of classrooms, a meeting hall, kitchen, staff common room, procurement of electronic equipment, furniture for teachers and students, cold drinking water, books for library, improvement of sports infrastructure and setting up of a garden.

After the association, dropout rates have fallen steeply. Now the students are happy to go to school!

Gajapati
Reaping rich dividends

The students of Mahendragiri Municipal High School in Gajapati had a pleasant surprise in store for them when the then District Collector Sri Anupam Saha became their Geography teacher for the day. The school authorities were taken unaware when Sri Saha reached the school on a surprise visit. Before they could decide how to respond and accord a welcome to him, he entered a classroom to don the mantle of a teacher. Though, the students were visibly elated to find the Collector amidst them, their surprise turned into awe, when he began imparting Geography lessons to them. Sri Saha taught them national geography and talked on India's boundaries with neighbouring countries as the students listened to him with rapt attention.

The classroom teaching by the District Collector himself, formed the part of 'Mo School Abhiyan'. The district administration has called upon the academicians and past pupils to teach and interact with the students. The initiative under Mo School Abhiyan turned into a campaign, named 'Teach for Gajapati', thereby attracting alumni and community members from across the district to contribute for the holistic development of students of all government and government aided schools.Today, Mahendragiri Municipal High School is reaping rich dividends. Under Mo School Abhiyan, the school has received an amount of ₹3.89 lakh, resulting in renovation of classrooms, library and reading room, computers, internet and drinking water facilities, furniture, beautification of school garden and organization of annual events.

Ganjam
A colourful revolution

Located in a rural hamlet, Kalipali Upper Primary School in Ganjam has come out as a model school in the southern part of the district. The active participation of the alumni members and sheer dedication of the teachers have helped in achieving the milestone in a mission mode. Established in the year 1958, the school has undergone a colossal transformation after it joined hands with “Mo School Abhiyan” in 2018. Under the aegis of Mo School Abhiyan, the school now adorns a renovated building with brand new classrooms, a stunning campus with improved infrastructure.

'Mo School Abhiyan' has emerged as an energiser by giving the former students a stage to be a section in adding to the holistic development of their alma mater. Not only the alumni, but people of the local community also have been instrumental in successfully transforming the school. The buildings have been transformed to a welcoming and child-friendly learning environment with the BALA painting. The external walls are now adorned with alphabets, numbers, multiplication tables, maps and fruits. The classroom walls and roofs bear stars, the solar system and cartoons. The talking walls and the vibrant learning spaces have led to an increase in the enrolment of students. The academic arena of the school has also flourished under the fabric of Mo School Abhiyan.

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Jagatsinghpur
Alumni making a difference

From a humble beginning as a primary school in 1864 by a small group of community of undivided Cuttack district, the school became the symbol of a renaissance in Odisha's educational landscape. Established as Raghunathpur Primary School, the school upgraded to an upper primary school and flourished further by introducing newer initiatives. The century-old school has achieved many laurels and has been a centre of cultural and educational advancement in the state. The illustrious teachers associated with this school churned out students of high caliber, earning the institution the sobriquet of “Talent Manufacturing Factory.” The school of historical and literary significance has produced some of the brilliant minds, who have immensely contributed towards various fields for development of Odisha and India.

In 2018, the school joined hands with the Mo School Abhiyan that played an immense role in the development of this institution by the combined effort of the alumni of this school and the state government. Led by the headmaster, with the help of other teachers, the school has managed to break away from resource constraints to deliver success under Mo School. Alumni of the school whole heartedly participated in all activities and helped plan and implement projects along with the school administration. With the enhanced facilities and committed efforts of the past students, the school is now attracting more than 400 students from nearby 15 villages.

Developed under Mo School Abhiyan, the school is an epitome of Mo School's success!

Jajpur

A perfect blend of connection, collaboration, contribution

Established in the year 1938, Janha Govt Upper Primary School has garnered wonders for catalysing a healthy, inclusive and creative environment for its students. The school is situated in a remote area of Jajpur district, inhabited by tribal people. Despite of this, the school has managed to bring a ray of hope for the students of the area.

The school accelerated its developmental journey after it joined Mo School Abhiyan in 2019 under the leadership of head teacher Sri Gajendra Swain. The geographic location of the school has posed a hindrance in financial contribution, but the alumni have never left a stone unturned in lending a helping hand to their alma mater. Alumni, along with the community members, take care of the school in many other ways. From taking classes to school beautification, from organising sports competition to regular maintenance of school infrastructure, they have been looking after all the needs of their children by volunteering their time and energy.

“Through Mo School Abhiyan, we are able to achieve the initiatives that we once dreamt of. I must thank the Govt. of Odisha, the entire team of Mo School Abhiyan, the alumni and most importantly the people of the local community for their constant support and engagement. Without their co-operation, Janha Govt Upper Primary School couldn't have blossomed,” said Sri Gajendra Swain, Head Master, Janha Govt Upper Primary School.

Jharsuguda
Dropout rates arrested

Established in the year 1981, JO Govt. High School, Sahaspur has had its fair share of ups and downs. The school operated in a small cottage in the land contributed by Smt. Jagyasini Nayak. It was due to the utter dedication and hard work of the villagers that the school could stand the test of adversity.

Few years back, students' strength of the schools had been gradually decreasing, which became a major concern for the school administration. To address this issue, the management decided to come up with a lasting and smart solution. It was the idea of school alumnus Sri Utkal Kumar Patel to launch an initiative to make the school dropout free. A team of alumni and community members were formed and door-to-door drive to prevent school dropouts was conducted to encourage parents to send their kids to school. The campaign bore excellent fruits when many of its students enrolled back. Re-admission of dropout students has shot up and daily attendance has gone up from 72% to 92% with noticeable increase in enrolment.

A total of ₹1.82 lakh was contributed by alumni and a 2x matching grant of ₹3.65 lakh was provided under Mo School which summed up to ₹5.48 lakh as the total project cost. This fund is being effectively utilised for the holistic development of the school. “Mo School Abhiyan is not just a programme, it's a mission to work collectively for the all-round development of the schools. I have high hopes for the projects that we have undertaken and wish to execute more in the future,” said Smt. Jayanti Barik, Headteacher.

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Kalahandi
A turnaround story from the hills

The state government is leaving no stone unturned in bringing a 180-degree change in our public-school ecosystem. And its' efforts compounded by the sheer zeal and willpower of the school administrations along with the alumni are creating success stories every day. Here is one of those stories:

The Govt High School, Junagarh in Kalahandi district has shown exemplary performance under the Mo School Abhiyan, thanks to the visionary steps undertaken by the then headmaster of the school. The school is excelling both in terms of academic performance and infrastructural development. With a whooping contribution of ₹20 lakh from alumni and ₹40 lakh from state government, the school is now equipped with renovated classrooms, a beautiful campus, science park, a culture stage and drinking water facility. A botanical garden, with medicinal plants, has just amplified the beauty of the picturesque campus.

Many alumni members, residing in foreign countries, got connected to their alma mater after years and it rekindled their childhood memories. They are also actively participating and interacting with the school students. Every month an alumni meeting is being conducted by the headmaster making the bond even stronger. The adoption policy of Sri Tapimani Jani, the former headmaster has aided a lot to improve the study environment in the school. In academics, more than 20 students came out with flying colours after they were adopted by an individual teacher.

Kandhamal
Eliminating child marriage, curbing dropouts

Around 70 kms away from the district headquarters, deep in the heart of tribal-dominated Raikia block is Vijaya High School. With a history of excellence, stretching back more than six decades the school in Kandhamal district has produced several brilliant and able professionals, who are contributing to the society in various fields.

With student strength of 474, the school hosts more than 70% students from scheduled tribes, scheduled castes and disadvantaged classes. The sexagenarian school has been one of the few establishments rendering services to improve education in the remote tribal areas. With the help and support of alumni, the school's comprehensive development is on the track. From well-lit classrooms with desks, benches to a state-of-the-art science laboratory, the school has everything that is required for a joyful school ambience.

Under Mo School Abhiyan, a financial aid of ₹6.74 lakh was raised from the alumni members. The contribution, topped up with a 2x matching grant of ₹13.48 lakh from the state government, has resulted in development of a beautiful campus with a picturesque garden, refurbished classrooms, drinking water facilities, advanced digital infrastructure, a well-organized library, meeting hall and other child-friendly elements. The school, with the help of alumni and community, is brainstorming to excel itself in its efforts to eliminate child marriage and to bring girl dropouts back to school by convincing the villagers and the vulnerable communities to take a pledge to not allow child marriage in their village.

Under Mo School, the school is now the window to a better future for the children!

30 Districts-30 Themes-30 Stories

Kendrapara
Promoting 'the habit of reading'

As a genesis of streams of knowledge, a library is more than just an amalgamation of four walls. It is here, where dreams take wings and aspirations see daylight. Under Mo School Abhiyan, the school library at Jamapara Nodal High School in Kendrapara district has become an absolute favourite among the students. The colorfully decked books have opened the windows of the world to these blooming minds.

Founded in the year 1964, Jamapara Nodal High School located in the Marshaghai block of Kendrapara district, has added ample feathers to its hat. Quality education and congenial atmosphere for teaching and learning lead it to pinnacle of glory. The major accomplishment of this school is its well-stocked library, which offers both students and teachers with a range of reference books, text books, encyclopedia, journals, newspapers and internet facilities to enrich their classroom activities and knowledge. The library hosts more than 30,000 books covering from fairy tales to fiction, non-fiction, biographies, short stories, travel literature and classics.

The alumni of Jamapara Nodal High School have made a contribution of ₹2.63 lakh for the holistic development of their alma mater under Mo School. Coupled with the state government's 2x matching grant, the school infra is now furnished with a bicycle shed, staff common room, furniture for students and teachers, drinking water system, science laboratory and a smart classroom to impart digital education to its students.

Keonjhar
Alumni taking the 'big' step ahead

Having understood the value of education and the role a school plays in imparting value education, villagers of Sadangi in Keonjhar district set out on a mission to transform the school with their limited resources. To further support this cause, the school administration and alumni joined hands for making a difference in the lives of tribal children belonging to socio-economically marginalised sections of society. Thanks to Mo School initiative, today the school boasts of an exemplary infrastructure!

Under Mo School, Govt. UPS, Sadangi in Keonjhar district was capable enough to cement many of its infrastructural needs and necessities. The school now has one of the best libraries in the district with a collection of 2000 books from all genres. Attached with a reading corner, the library is carefully designed by the combined efforts of school administration, villagers and alumni members. Govt. UPS, Sadangi has a picturesque campus with a renovated playground and advanced sports infrastructure. For the successful execution and completion of these activities, alumni donations worth ₹3 lakh were received which pumped up to ₹9 lakh with the inclusion of a 2X matching grant from the state government.

Appreciating the state government's initiative, the school head teacher Smt Jyotirmayee Pattnaik said, “Alumni network, one of the biggest support systems of the school, has made its remarkable presence. Not only have they pledged financial contributions to their alma mater but they also have shown extraordinary team spirit with their selfless acts of volunteerism.”

Khordha

Memories of the past, Aspirations for the future

From a storage house of discarded items to a vibrant reading space, Govt Girls' High School, Khordha has undergone a jaw-dropping transformation with a generous contribution under Mo School initiative. Not just that, the school has replaced the conventional blackboards with digital smart boards to help students learn through activities and games that enhance their digital identity, communication skills and digital literacy. With the blended approach, the school has witnessed a big uptick in academics, under Mo School Abhiyan.

Govt Girls' High School, Khordha has a special mention among the reputed educational institutions of Khordha for its outstanding academic results. Not only have the results been soaring high in the current times, but the school is also registering massive success in co-curricular activities. The robust alumni networks of the school have stood by the side of the school through thick and thin. Smt. Namrata Patnaik, who lives in far-off California, United States, has made a generous contribution of ₹2.5 lakh to Govt Girls' High School, Khordha in her mother's memory and the government contributed a ₹5 lakh matching grant. Along with this, the school has managed to collect an amount of ₹2.78 lakh from the past students that was topped up by another ₹5.56 lakh from the state government. With this financial support, the school has been able to make many improvements for the benefit of the students that include a library and a reading space, sitting arrangement for students, a TLM room, sports infrastructure, school magazine, sponsorship for participating in national and International sports and cultural events.

Koraput

Moving forward: Breaking old shackles

Enveloped within the mountainous terrain of Koraput district, Govt. High School, Pottangi was established in the year 1969. As one of the focus areas, the institution imparts education to the underprivileged students, making significant contributions to developing their skills and personalities. The school has managed to get a vibrant makeover under state government's Mo School and 5T HST initiative. With infrastructure and learning upgrades, student strength of the school has increased by 200, as compared to the last session.

Here, in Govt. High School, Pottangi, every alumni member is a leader in his/her own right and takes ownership of efficiently improving the school's infrastructure. Introduction of Mo School Abhiyan has helped the institute in bringing everyone together to push its physical, digital, intellectual and emotional infrastructure development. Taking a stride further, alumni of the school donated their energy and volunteered their time to make school a better space for the posterity.

Sri Bhagaban Khara, alumnus, Govt HS, Pottangi has been voluntarily imparting the techniques of pencil drawing and shading art to students every week. Sri Khara is motivating thousands of students to pursue art as a profession. Elaborating his experience, Sri Khara shared, “Every child is blessed with a unique talent. It is our responsibility to give them opportunities to explore their interests and talents at a young age. I am doing my bit and I am hopeful that more and more engagements from alumni follow suit.”

Malkangiri
Out-of-the-box

Wonders do happen. Not mythically but in reality. Just as in the case of Govt. UGHS, Kakurukonda in Malkangiri district. The school is a pioneer of modern education, thanks to its robust and solid alumni network. By using exemplary, inventive and practical methods to impart education, the school helps children learn pragmatically and thereby instill all-round development under Mo School Abhiyan.

Kakurukonda UGHS has been giving equal importance to education, sports and other co-curricular activities with the support and interventions of its alumni members. Set up in 1959, the school has a student strength of 600, majority of them coming from the socially marginalised community. But, what makes the school standout in crowd is its unique sense of carrying out co-curricular activities by understanding the need of every student and supplementing the academic curriculum. The school, in association with the alumni association, organises career counseling sessions, debate, essay and painting competitions, sports events and cultural festivals at regular intervals. Students of Kakurukonda UGHS have won many accolades in district and state level dance competitions and made the school proud by winning several awards in district level football tournament.

With a total project cost of ₹2,40,000 the school has redefined the term 'transformation' by renovating the campus and its garden, installing smart utilities, safe drinking water system, providing computers and internet facility to bridge the digital gap.

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Mayurbhanj
A step in the right direction

'Mo School' is driving a quiet change in Mayurbhanj district with the active involvement of community and alumni members. With the widespread impact, the programme has been ushering a positive transformation in schools across the district. Earlier, we had no common platform to hold together the alumni with the school and students. But thanks to the launch of Mo School Abhiyan, the problem has been put to rest," says Sri Nabakishore Giri, the District Education Officer, Mayurbhanj.

Giving the example of Govt Primary School, Podadiha, he said, "The school has witnessed a boost in student enrollment after the school managed to get a vibrant makeover under Mo School Abhiyan. What makes the school special is the involvement of community members since its inception. With the passing of time, the alumni joined hands with the community. With their passion and experience, they ensured the smooth running of this premier institution and put a lot of emphasis on excellence."

Established in 1921, Govt Primary School, Podadiha has undergone quite a few developmental changes. With ₹8,98,500 from the alumni and a matching grant of ₹17,97,000 the school has now renovated classrooms, a new laboratory and a library, furniture for students, a picturesque garden, drinking water facility, a playground and advanced digital infrastructure. Not only has the school's infrastructure observed a drastic transformation, but also the academics have experienced a noticeable turnaround.

With enrollment, attendance of the students has witnessed a steep rise, more than ever before!

Nabarangpur
Grooming future leaders

The commitment and individual approach of the alumni members have made Govt. Panchayat Nodal High School of Nabarangpur one of the best in the district. With a student strength of 426, the school is an epitome of Mo School's success.

Established in the year 1968, the school covered under Mo School Abhiyan in 2018, which pledges to lay the foundation for the redevelopment of the school. Amidst the outstanding response, contributions worth ₹1,40,000 have been received under Mo School initiative. But, this is not where the participation of the alumni in the school's development process comes to halt. Apart from the monetary aids, they are actively participating in the school's development process; making full use of their professional expertise. Here, education, both innovative and creative, curated for the students is being imparted by the alumni members. Education through demonstration and simulation is adopted for better understanding and knowledge enhancement of the students. With such level of dynamic commitment, the school achieved a noticeable increment in its scholastic outcomes.

Under Mo School's Alumni Connect Programme and School Adoption Programme, the school reaped benefits with facilities like additional classrooms, toilets, furniture for students and other added infrastructure.

No doubt, the school has set the benchmark remarkably high for others.

Nayagarh

Newer technology - better facilities - nicer campus

Kishore Chandra Bidyapitha in the district of Nayagarh has been associated with 'Mo School Abhiyan' since 2018 and it has brought forth spectacular changes. The students' performance has improved. School's infrastructure has improved. The head teacher gives all the credit to its former students.

Under Mo School, with the present-past collaboration, the school has made its mark by delivering excellent performances. Alumni of Kishore Chandra Bidyapitha have played a great role in driving the transformation process. With their active involvement, the school has changed the stereotypical perception of government schooling experiences. Their involvement has resulted in increased enrolment and better academic outcomes. The school, which started with few students, now functions with 600 students. Every year, many students pass with flying colors, skilled in education, sports and arts.

After joining the initiative, the school has received financial aid worth ₹27,98,316 in the form of donors' contribution. The grant was doubled up to ₹55,96,632 with the inclusion of a 2x matching grant from the state government. With this financial support, the school has been able to make many improvements for the benefit of its students. Mo School's School Adoption Programme has also helped the school in introducing newer technology and better facilities. Now, the school has a distinguished academic programme, outstanding teachers, excellent alumni network and an energetic community.

Nuapada
Registering new milestone

Playing in the park, learning about plants, swinging on a hammock. No, these are not summertime activities but a regular day at the Govt. UGHS, Dumerpani in Nuapada district. This school seems like a never-ending vacation where students grow together, learn together and teach each other the values they'll need in life. The focus is more on the development of a child rather than on textbook lessons.

Speaking on the idea of imparting holistic education, Sri Koustava Kumar Sah, head teacher Govt. UGHS, Dumerpani said, "Under Mo School Abhiyan, our school is making all-round efforts to create opportunities for our students, provide them an environment for breaking the mould and put them into the driver's seat to take Odisha to new heights. Innovative teaching-learning process, game-based education are bringing new paradigms in teaching pedagogy, thereby attracting kids from the nearby villages to this school. We have introduced Zero Period to make learning fun with the help of our alumni members," he added.

In 2018, the school joined hands with the Mo School Abhiyan that played an immense role in the development of this institution. With ₹4.72 lakh from the alumni and a matching grant of ₹9.44 lakh the school has now renovated classrooms, a new laboratory and a library, cycle shed, drinking water system, garden and a playground, stage and open air auditorium, separate toilets for boys and girls, furniture of students and teachers, a TLM room, sanitary napkin incinerator for girl students, automatic hand sanitizer dispenser, CCTVs and a campus with electricity connectivity.

With a state-of-the-art campus, the school will make you want to go back to school, again!

Puri
The synonym of 'volunteerism'

From career counseling to teaching kids about time management, the ex-students of UGMS Vidyapitha, Kakatpur in Puri have been raising the bars with their remarkable contribution under Mo School Abhiyan. The state government's initiative has bridged the gap between the alumni, school and students. Under Mo School, the school has opened its doors to make more room for community involvement and after a year the result we have witnessed is wholesome.

Having understood the value of education and the role a school plays in imparting value education, Sri Brundaban Mallick, an alumnus, set out on a mission to develop intellectual curiosity among students. This further enthused other alumni, SMC members and villagers. They came forward and transformed the school with their service contribution and active participation. Apart from the financial contribution, alumni of this school rendered their voluntary services by taking extra classes, providing life skills, looking after the infrastructural needs and conducting massive plantation drives.

By leveraging the intellectual capital and professional success of the alumni members, the school reshaped itself as a knowledge hub and a powerhouse of talents under Mo School initiative. “I am overwhelmed to be a part of this great initiative. As an eyewitness to the transformation that has been going around in the school after its association with Mo School Abhiyan, I would request all the alumni of UGMS Vidyapitha to contribute and be a part of this amazing programme,” said Sri Brundaban Mallick, alumnus of the school.

Rayagada
Combating child labour

Sri M. Rajanikant, an assistant teacher of Govt. UGHS, Gumma in Rayagada, has been integral in the upliftment of not just his students but also the village as a whole. From taking on issues such as girl child marriage to child labour, he has made several efforts to curb problems hampering the development of children. After introduction of Mo School by the state government, Sri Rajanikant managed to garner support from alumni and community members to fight against the social evils.

Under Mo School, the school has opened its doors to make more room for community involvement under and after a year the result we've witnessed is wholesome. Alumni, SMC members and villagers have come forward to support the greater cause and transformed the school with their service contribution and active participation. Almost 80 per cent of the dropouts have enrolled back and the cases of child labour have been brought down with the sustained efforts and integrated plan of action.

Miraculously, the academic bar of the school has ascended and the school registered a result of 100% in the HSC examination. With a smile, the head master proudly said, "Nothing beats the feeling of seeing my former students returning and encouraging children to choose education! They tell them, 'If our lives could change through education, yours can too!'"

For him, the biggest reward is seeing his students do well.

Sambalpur
Breaking stereotypes

Established in the year 1903, Govt. Girls UPS, Rampella in Sambalpur district has equipped itself with state-of-the-art infrastructure under Mo School Abhiyan. The century-old school has been rendering quality service to the society by shaping future of many great alumni by bridging the racial and cultural divides.

Govt. Girls UPS, Rampella joined hands with Mo School Abhiyan- the state govt's initiative to aid schools undergo academic and infrastructural make over, back in the year 2018 under the able leadership of the school head teacher. The school has concocted a milestone in itself by focusing on comprehensive education of girls of the locality. The ex-students have made it a practice to help the school administration in their spare time through their service contribution. This atmosphere of collaboration and ownership among the teachers, alumni and villagers is really exemplary. This has been possible, because everyone shares the same dream of ushering in a bright future for the children and make them better citizens of the world.

With such dedicated alumni at the forefront, success is just around the corner for Govt. Girls UPS, Rampella. Not only has the school exhibited marvelous scores in infra, but its academic results are also touching the sky. Since the school came in association with Mo School Abhiyan, it has recorded a massive increment in its academic performance.

An achievement worth mentioning!

Subarnapur

Towards a sustainable future

Located in the Ullunda block of Subarnapur district, the Govt. UP School, Kairajhuli was established in 1956 with help of the local community. Today, the community and the alumni have kept the same spirit up. Since the school joined the Mo School Abhiyan in 2020, the school has made a lot of headway. Alumni, community and parents have chipped in to help with the making of an exemplary school.

The mission was to educate children, provide livelihood and empower the future generations. The school administration along with the active involvement of the alumni committee stepped up to achieve this goal. With collective efforts, the school has stood out to be a model example in the region. It is now equipped with a children's park with multi-play station, climber, slider, swings and wave slide, a scenic garden, renovated classrooms with sitting arrangement for students, a computer lab with internet facility, all under Mo School. Up-gradation of the school infrastructure in terms of wall paintings, murals and reshaping the school into a knowledge hub thus imbibing the culture and discipline in the students, the alumni have left no stone unturned.

The eco-friendly campus of Govt. UP School, Kairajhuli stands out in the crowd. The school encourages its teachers and students to protect the environment for the welfare of our future generation by improving green space, eliminating harmful toxins and ensuring ample of natural light. The school has been doing an exceptional job in waste management, water management, and energy efficiency. Building a healthy and comfortable environment for children in school is always a challenge, but Govt. UP School, Kairajhuli leads the way by designing a beautiful and eco-friendly school campus with its sustainable efforts.

Sundargarh
The making of an exemplary school

Established in 1965 with a student strength of 35, Govt High School, Kutra in Sundargarh started with an aim to impart holistic education to its students. After its association with Mo School Abhiyan in 2018, the school has emerged as one of the leading education institutions in the district. Enrolment has gone up from 35 to 900 with the efforts and hard work of school admin and past students, thereby attracting and cultivating a diverse student body from the nearby area.

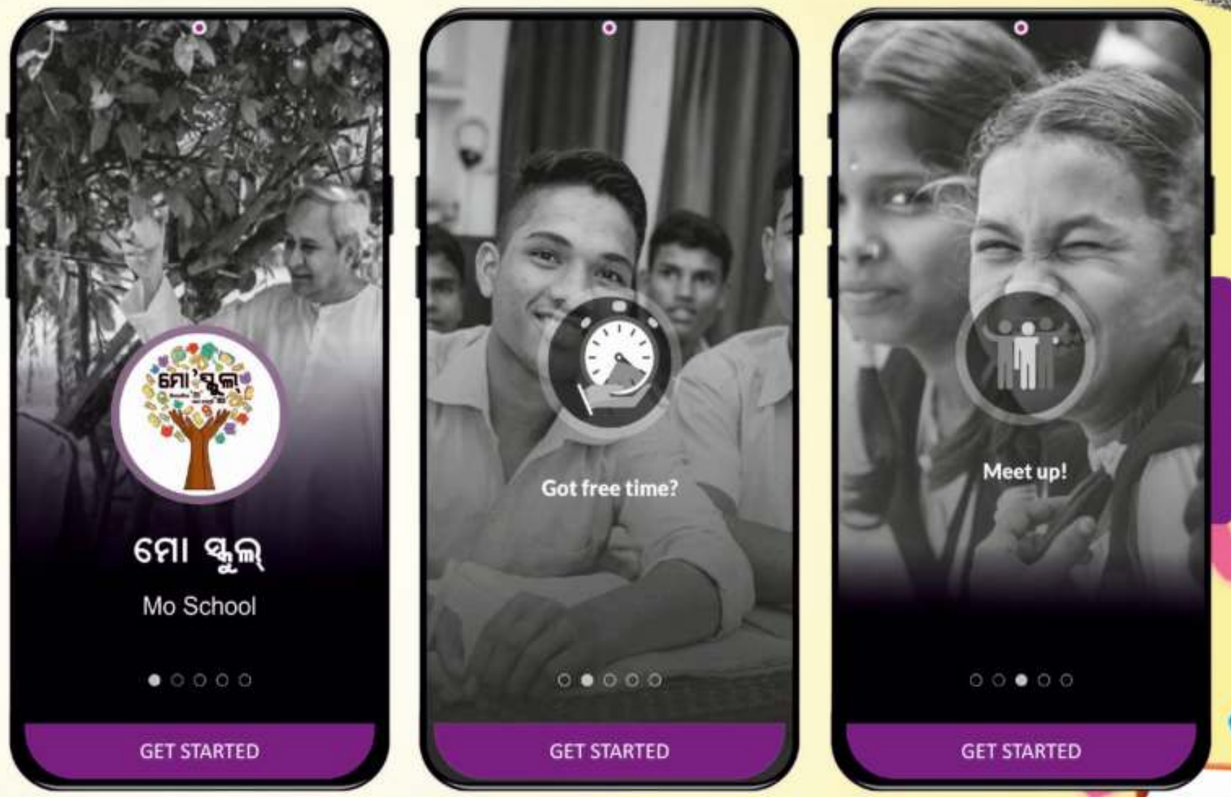
Funds, raised from alumni donations and state government have resulted in the campus electrification, renovation of school building, construction of a multi-functional assembly, art gallery, separate toilets for boys and girls, procurement of furniture and installation of water purifier. Apart from the infrastructural makeover, the school has also witnessed a boost in its academic performance. Sports and other co-curricular activities have taken the front seat. The number of school dropouts has drastically come down.

Part IV

Mo School App

Mo school app brings the school, current students, alumni, and staff together in a seamless manner. **Using the app, a current student can seek career guidance for a particular area from a former student of the same school working in that field.**

The app also helps the alumni to stay in touch with their school by getting regular updates about the changes that are taking place. **They can also contribute to their favourite causes at their school through this app.** Be it running a scholarship or betterment of the playground, they can do it all from the comfort of their own home from anywhere in the world, using this app. Today the Mo School App has over 97,000 users connected from different corners of the globe.



Plans ahead

Mo School has decided to lay emphasis on promoting service volunteering at the school level with the aim to connect a greater number of alumni under Mo School Abhiyan. The alumni members will pose as the source of inspiration and guide the young generations through their skills, expertise and interest. They will facilitate a healthy and conducive environment to interact with the students to help them build a better future.

Mo school will be focusing on transformation of primary, upper primary and standalone higher secondary schools in the state to impart quality education to students. Emphasis will be laid on revamping infrastructure and all-round development of schools. Special drives will be undertaken at the district level to ensure transparency in project work. Mo School Abhiyan will organise training programmes and workshops in association with several national and international organisations to upgrade teachers' skills and to implement skill-based teaching-learning processes in schools.

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