

# Newsletter

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## Computer Shiksha

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*Computer Shiksha is an 80G and 12A certified non-profit, NGO registered in Gurgaon working towards computer literacy among the underprivileged.*

To build an ecosystem for providing Computer Knowledge and Training with passion and commitment, to deliver value in the form of Computer trained people, who use this skill for the betterment of their lives in every possible way.

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## Computer Shiksha breaches the 10000 mark

2018 beginning has been a happy one. We started with 60 students six years back and we are approximately 12000 students now - that's a *200 times* growth in *6 years*. Obviously we may not be able to maintain this pace but the numbers will keep growing. We aim to reach 14000 students by April 2018 and to a million by April 2022. In a nutshell - we have miles to go before we sleep!



## Dr. Rakesh Suri recognized

Paying it Forward  
Rakesh Suri, 55, Social Worker



With over 34 years of experience in the Information Technology and management sectors, this CEO (IT Division) of a major textile firm, along with a few of his colleagues in 2012, set out to work towards delivering IT education to underprivileged schools.

"We first started with serving 60 slum children of a nearby school in Gurgaon. But the effort spread so fast that we had 1,200 students of six schools within 14 months," says Rakesh Suri, the main force behind the initiative.

The Gurugram-based NGO, Computer Shiksha, however, had its fair share of struggles as it hit the usual obstacles of resource, manpower and infrastructure crunch. "But I found a way to deliver the service by conquering all constraints," says Suri, an electronics engineer from BITS, Pilani and a PhD in Business Administration from Aligarh Muslim University. "We shifted delivering computer education ourselves to enabling school partners to deliver the same and removed the human element," he explains. The number of total students trained through the initiative has risen to over 10,000. *by Sumi Sukanya Dutta*

It is heartening for us to see that Computer Shiksha's growth has invited mainstream attention now.

The New Indian Express did a story on 18 people to watch out for in 2018. Dr. Rakesh Suri the Founder President of Computer Shiksha was identified as one of these 18 names.

You can read the story online at the following link.

<http://www.newindianexpress.com/magazine/2017/dec/30/18-people-to-watch-out-for-in-2018-1739210.html>

## Expansion Plans

### Expansion in Rajasthan

Bajaj Auto is funding Computer Shiksha's expansion in 13 schools of the Dhod block in the Sikar district in Rajasthan. This was our first experience in sourcing schools proactively in a select region and it came with its set of learnings. We have now setup processes to make this exercise replicable in any part of the country.

### How you can help

- Find us Funds. (Corporates who are supporting the "Digital India" initiative as a part of their CSR anywhere in the country)
- Find us "End-of-Life" (IT departments of large corporates who usually either destroy / donate / exchange old laptops/desktops and would be willing to donate these to Computer Shiksha).

## Expanding Footprint

Date
15-Oct-17/15-Jan-18
No. of states
7/9*
* Assam, Delhi, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand
No. of centres
77/92
# of students
9067 / 11325
# of Facilitators Trained
189 / 302

## Picture Gallery



Govt. High School, Gharpadhana,  
Punjab



Higher Secondary Tagore Public School,  
Rajasthan



Pragati School, Vatika  
Haryana



Raja Rani Gulab Singh Sethi School  
Uttarakhand

**Thank You**

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Sadbhavna Foundation  
Uttar Pradesh



Sahayata Co-educational or Rehabilitation  
Society; Assam



Society for Promotion of Youth & Masses  
Delhi



Tilokchand Jain High School  
Madhya Pradesh