Bridging over Learning Disabilities

Anjali Morris Foundation

Our Objective

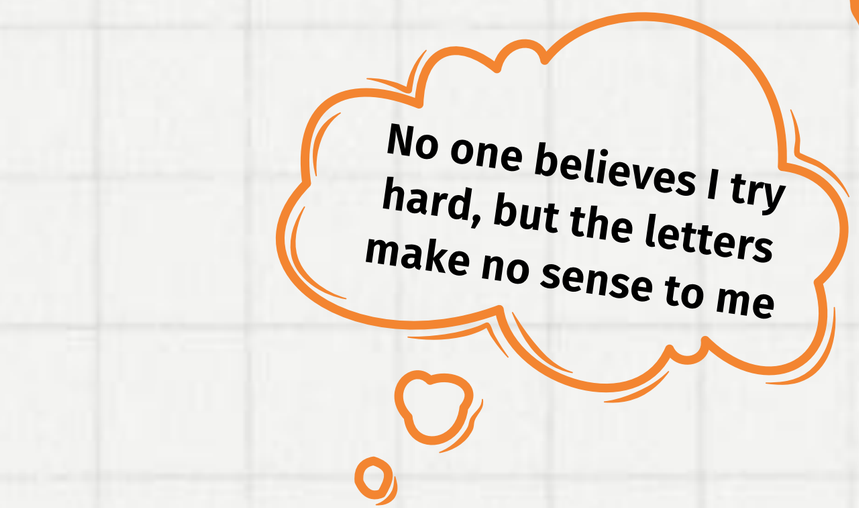
To Assist students with or at risk of Specific Learning Disabilities like **Dyslexia, Dysgraphia , Dyscalculia & Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder**

Our Theory of Change

Early identification and targeted intervention for students with specific learning disabilities to ensure timely support, fostering higher academic and personal success.

2.65 crore Indian students have Specific Learning Disabilities but most lack necessary support

Specific Learning Disability (SLD) is **frequently overlooked**. Instead, individuals with this disability are oftentimes labeled as "lazy," "problematic," or "dumb," **impacting their self-esteem and preventing them from realising their full potential.**



Source: 1) Total students (2) Percentage of students having LD

A Hidden Disability

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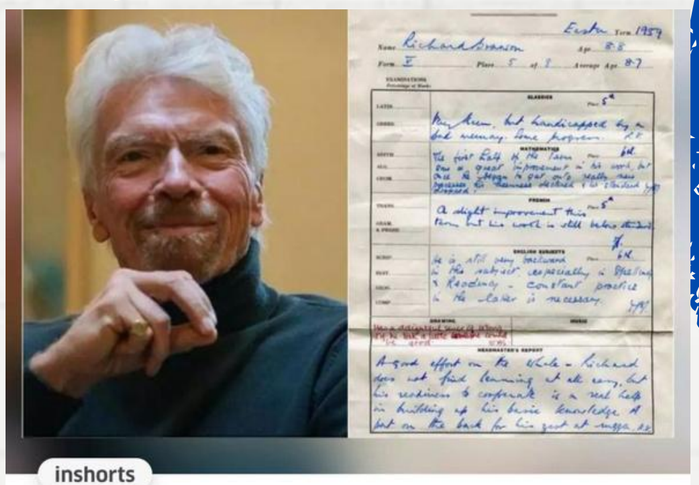
Anywhere between 5-20% of children have dyslexia, according to various estimates. October is National Dyslexia Awareness Month, and parents must be at least aware of Dyslexia.

Both Nikhil Kamath and I were among the worst performers in school, but we turned out alright in life. The key was the support of our parents in everything that we attempted.

Eventually, your school and college scores are not all that matter. The understanding and support of parents is even more important, especially if kids have learning difficulties. Thanks, Arun from DLearners for nudging me to share this.

SLD needs urgent attention!

- Lack of awareness & acceptance that leads to no or late diagnosis
- India currently has 1.2 lakh special educators. The ratio of special educators to students with special needs LD is 1:173, SC of India suggests a 1:5 teacher to student ratio in case of SLD *



inshorts

'Undiagnosed dyslexia wasn't fun,' says billionaire Richard Branson, shares school report

Billionaire and Virgin Group Founder Richard Branson, in a LinkedIn post, shared his school report from 65 years ago. "Going through school with undiagnosed dyslexia wasn't...fun, but I'm glad I didn't let it squash my big ideas," he wrote. Branson also shared how his teachers had written he was "handicapped by bad memory", "very backwards" and had "below standard performance".

- Source: Supreme Court

Vision & Mission

To **bridge the gap in educational opportunities for students with SLD**, ensuring access to **quality support** system and intervention for achieving academic success and lead fulfilling lives.

Ensuring academic success for students with SLD through:

- **evidence-based intervention ,**
- **parent support groups,**
- **teacher training,**
- **school collaboration,**
- **undertaking relevant research.**

How it began?

Our journey began in 2003. Dr. Anjali Morris, a paediatrician and founder of AMF, used to visit schools where they had donated computers. She noticed students facing **regular punishment** and inquired about it. The teachers attributed it to **laziness, incomplete work and lack of attention,** this prompted Dr. Morris to investigate further. Through studying notebooks and behavior, she discovered that some students had Specific Learning Disability (SLD), marking the start of her journey.

MBBS,DCH,MD,FAAP,MPH

Our Journey

2008-13

2 AMF centers established in Pune reaching 1718 students

2013

Started TAP, book release, formed Parent Support Group 'Nischay'

2016

Began developing an assessment tool in Marathi for measuring Oral Reading Fluency from Grade 1 to 6.

2017-21

Ran 3 batches of a one-year certificate course with TMV university

2019

Became the **first Indian** organisation **accredited by the International Dyslexia Association.**

2020-22

During the pandemic, trained 43483 teachers in Maharashtra

2022

Applauding the success of our first batch of 10th graders.

2023

3rd center was opened in Aundh

2024

Launched the Adaptive Teaching Fellowship

2025

MoU with SNDT Women's University Mumbai, to conduct a PGDSLD

International Accreditation

International DYSLEXIA Association

Certificate of Accreditation

This Certificate is Awarded to

Dr. Anjali Morris Education and Health Foundation

For successfully meeting the Professional Standards of Operational Integrity at Quality related to services reasonable within local cultural contexts and consistent with the requirements set forth by the International Dyslexia Association for

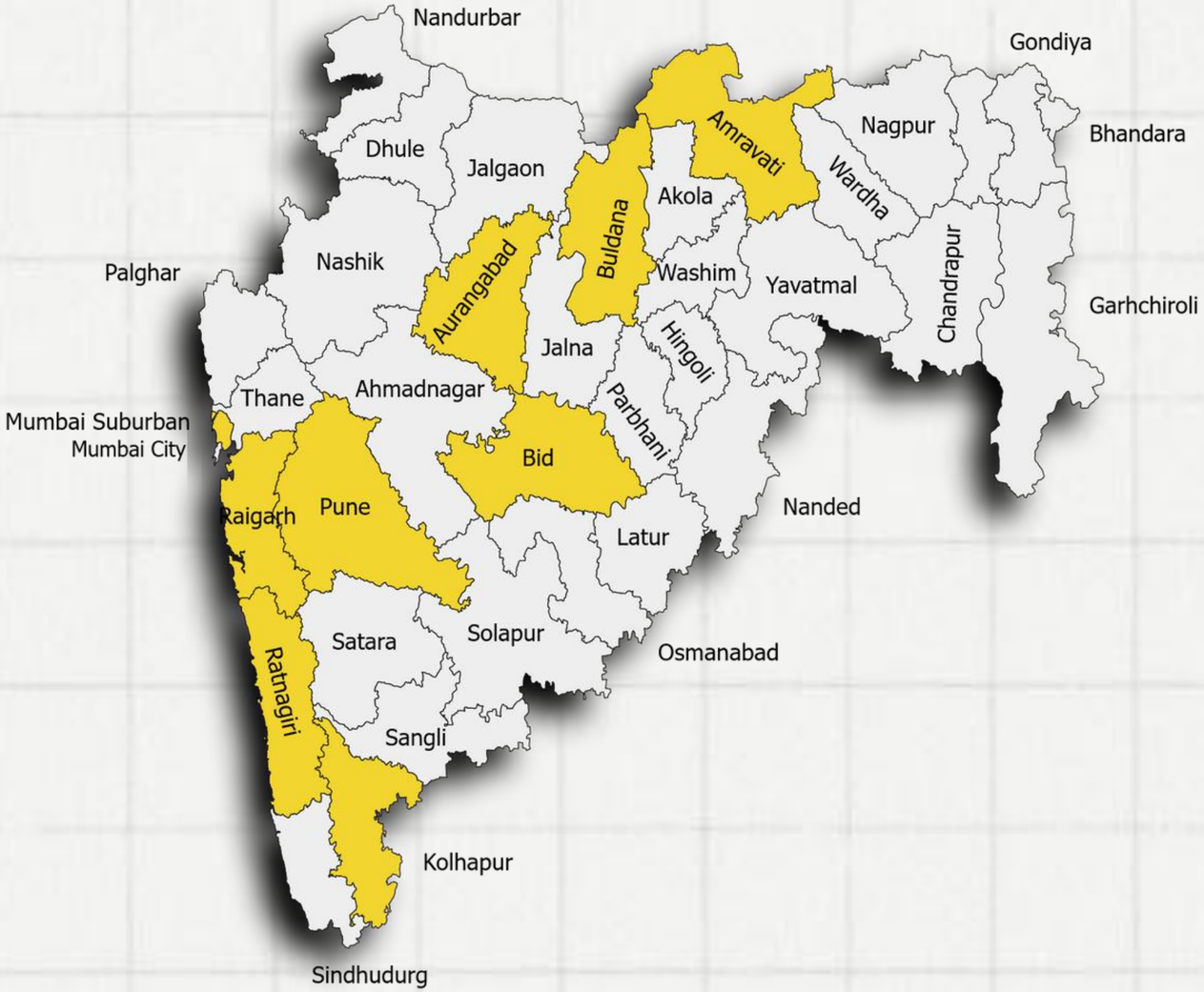
FULL INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION

In Witness Whereof, the Signatures of the Administrators are affixed hereunto this 8th day of November 2019 and expire November 2023.

Joshua Clark
IDA Board Chair

Sonja Banks
IDA Chief Executive Officer

Our Presence

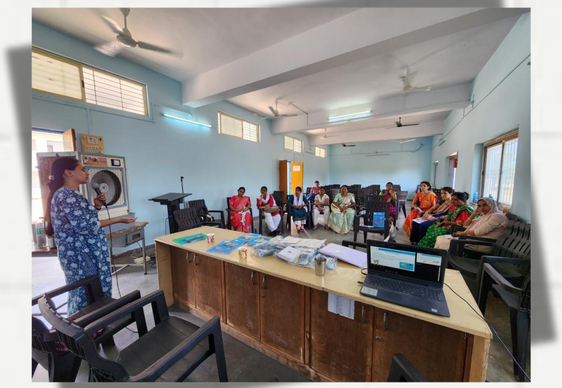


- We have conducted awareness across Private & Government schools in Maharashtra
- We helped 29 schools start intervention centers under our flagship school program - **Technically Assisted Program** (TAP)
- We have reached 3 other states of Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka through awareness & sensitisation programmes

Our Impact

9000+

students with improved learning outcomes



55000+

Individuals trained to help students with SLD

29

schools with equipped teachers & resources for supporting students with SLD

1600+

families supported by the Parent Support Group

32000+

parents, educators, school leaders, community leaders made aware of SLD

Building a system where children thrive

Direct Services

- Assessments
- Interventions at the **centers**
- Interventions at **schools**

Enhancing the ecosystems

- Technically Assisted Program
- Workshops & Trainings
- Fellowship

Awareness & Research

- Community awareness
- Marathi Language Curriculum-based measurement
- Marathi Language App based ORF tool

SLD cannot be “cured”, but it can be managed well with early identification and regular intervention

Let us not fail our children...

Our ***collective timely action*** *can ensure that students with Specific Learning Disability* ***succeed***

Parents

Schools

Teachers

Government

Donors

AMF

Join us to bridge over learning disabilities

- Donate or help us fundraise!
- Help spread awareness about SLD
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