

Paying it forward

Despite busy schedules, assignments and projects, these college-goers take out time to educate the underprivileged, a mission close to their heart. This is their idea of giving back to the society, they tell Rhea Lodhiya

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NAVY A TOPI, an IIM Ahmedabad student who has been engaged in the education of underprivileged children in Gujarat, says that it is not the idea of paying it forward that motivates her. "It is the idea of giving back to the society, which motivates me to do this," she says.

She is also an active member of the IIM Ahmedabad's 'Pay it Forward' club. She says that the club is a platform for students to give back to the society. "We have many projects and activities that we do for the underprivileged children in Gujarat," she says.



MICA

TRISHALA DELIWALA, a student at the MICA campus, discovered the need for English while working in a retail store. She says that she noticed that many of the employees were unable to read and write in English. "I decided to start a class for them," she says.

I,J Group of Institutes

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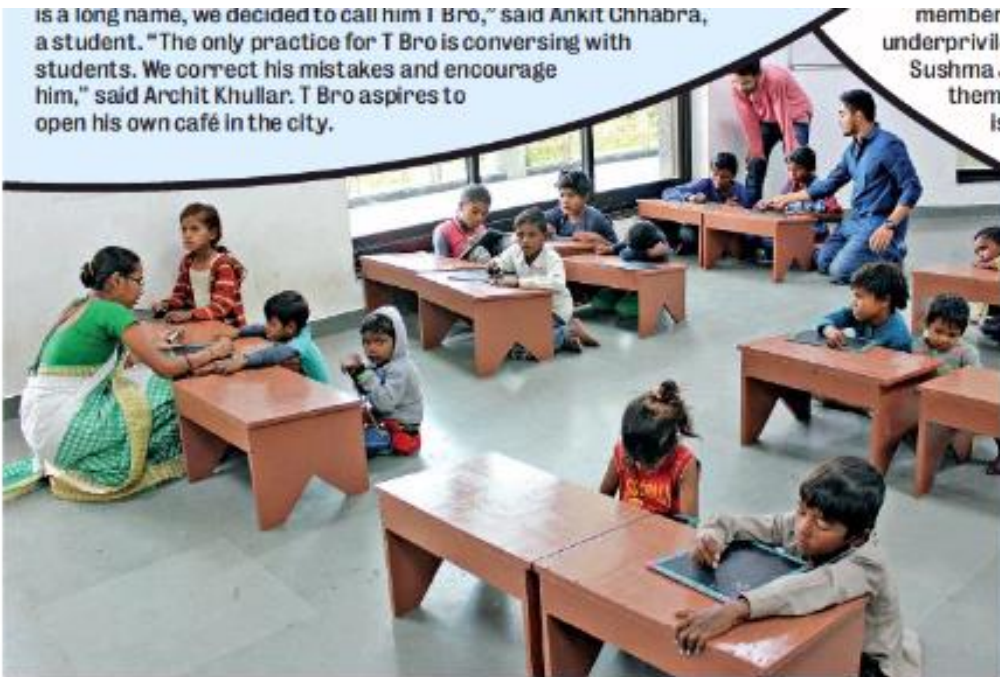


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is a long name, we decided to call him I Bro," said Ankit Chhabra, a student. "The only practice for T Bro is conversing with students. We correct his mistakes and encourage him," said Archit Khullar. T Bro aspires to open his own café in the city.

member with the desire to teach English to the underprivileged around the campus. The faculty, Ms Sushma Jacob, was impressed and encouraged them to take up other subjects as well. This is how Prayas came into being. "We currently have about 35 kids from Class 1 to 10 who attend classes on week days," shared volunteer Kintul Modi.

then evaluated and depending on their performance, they are taught advanced material. At present, there is a one-to-one student to teacher ratio. Saturdays are for tests, computer classes, games, competitions and activities. "We wished for them to have something similar to a complete school experience," added Trishala Deliwala. Resources and other funds are generally accumulated at college events or taken care of by the institute. "We have more Prayas volunteers today and hope to educate many more children," shared Malik Maaz, another volunteer.

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BACK IN 2011, it occurred to Monica Yadav that given the condition of the construction workers in Gandhinagar, their kids would be devoid of adequate education opportunities. This is what led to the birth of Nyasa. Akash Keshav Singh contributed to its sustenance and now it is an open air school, primarily driven by student volunteers. Daily, study sessions are held from 9 am to 5 pm for kids between 6 and 12 years. They are also provided mid-day meals and fruits. "We teach them

basics of language and mathematics. The idea is to enable them to read and write," shared volunteer Saksham Singhal. Nyasa conducts activities like computer training, craft sessions, cultural and sports activities as well as health camps. Falguni Solanki and Ila Vaghela are teachers who volunteer full time. "Since workers keep migrating, the children only spend three to four months at a place. So, we have designed their syllabus accordingly," shared C R Greeshma, a volunteer.