

# Newgen Digital Discovery Paathshala

**NDDP**



Newgen Digital Discovery Paathshala (NDDP), the flagship CSR initiative of the organization, contributes towards two core government campaigns, 'Digital India' and 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao.'

The program helps the students undertake a transformational journey to become more aware, understand the value of education, and strengthen their personalities. The implementation of the program is similar to a butterfly's lifecycle. For instance, NDDP enrolls students with a basic understanding of using the internet and nurtures them to become digitally proficient, enabling holistic development and giving them wings to fly high. With our sessions, we have seen our girl students gain critical

thinking skills, have perspectives on different topics, and become more enthusiastic about achieving their ambitions.

NDDP's footprints are spread across the Government Girls Sr. Sec. School in Tekhand and Harkesh Nagar, New Delhi. Under the program, students are taught how to browse the internet and search for information using iPads. During the sessions, the facilitators use fun and interactive ways, such as roleplays, quizzes, movies, presentations, audios, visuals, and other digital mediums to help students understand their textbook concepts better. The content is designed inhouse for the students and is aligned with what's best for them.

## Program Highlights

**Online sessions** - With the onset of COVID-19, NDDP transitioned from the classroom to online sessions, ensuring uninterrupted learning for students of classes 6th to 12th. The transition was smooth as the students adapted quickly to virtual classes and were proficient in using video conferencing apps and creating informative presentations.

Newgen has equipped over 1200 students with digital devices, including iPads, tablets, and smartphones with SIM cards. This enabled the students to attend school virtually and participate in NDDP sessions. We conducted various activities monthly, and winners were awarded prizes, such as happiness kits, general knowledge books, and poster colors, to boost their morale during the pandemic. Additionally, NDDP has touched the lives of several indirect beneficiaries, including students' parents, siblings, friends, and their communities.

**Hybrid Model** - Currently, we have adopted a hybrid model. The students can now attend sessions either online or in school. The hybrid model has fastened the pace of our program, enabling digital empowerment and bringing a behavioral change in students toward studies.

NDDP sessions are designed considering the regular feedback from the students and per the curriculum. The textbooks are taken as a reference point, and relevant contemporary information is added where required. The digital device (tab/iPad/ phone) acts as an enabler that helps the students to enhance their learning and become more inquisitive.



**Self-development and Self-motivation Program (SDSMP)** - This program focuses on the holistic development of the students. It helps students attain basic skills right from an early age so that they have appropriate behavior and attitude. With this program, we aim to promote sustainable development, helping the students to become responsible individuals. SDSMP covers various topics like time management, critical thinking, conflict management, problem solving, health and hygiene, and ethical behavior.

**Alumni club** - To strengthen the NDDP program, a new initiative was rolled out in December 2019. The initiative focuses on bringing together students from all the adopted schools who have left the regular program and are now in senior classes. The initiative covers various areas, including career counseling, personality development through peer leadership and life skills program, and an advanced level of digital education. The current batch consists of over 500 students.

**NDDP Maargdarshaks** – In 2022, we created a group of 12th-passed NDDP alumni students who guide their juniors on various aspects of higher education and career planning, including the identification of interests and skills.

**Interaction with Mothers (Chai pe Charcha)** – NDDP conducts various activities to connect with the students' mothers. We believe mothers are an integral part of the community and must be empowered to amplify the magnitude of change desired from the NDDP program. We help them access information through digital media and generate awareness about several areas, including financial literacy, menstrual hygiene, and more. Every year, an annual interaction helps the team connect with the mothers and discuss the program and its impact on their children.

**Samarth Shikshaks** – We have formed a group wherein we ask the schools' teachers to share their feedback on the impact of the NDDP sessions. This helps us in making our sessions more effective and engaging.

**NDDP Emerge Scholarship** – NDDP Emerge is a platform for NDDP students who have excelled academically. The identified group of students are guided about various education streams, careers, and soft skills by professionals. Also, we extend support to students with exceptional performance through the NDDP scholarship program.