

S.T.A.R.K. FOUNDATION

# The Foundation

An overview of who we are, what we do, and  
where we work.



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## Dear Stakeholder,

If you're reading this, you already know us, or you're about to. Either way, thank you for the few minutes you're giving to a document that tries to explain what STARK Foundation actually does on the ground.

Being part of a non-profit is harder than it looks. From being answerable to many people you interact with (often about what's in it for them), to occasional self-doubt about whether we're really adding any value. The pages that follow are our attempt to answer that question, with examples instead of slogans.

When it comes to adding value, there's no shortage of schemes or organisations claiming to help the underprivileged. But the gap between what's promised and what actually reaches the ground is wide. The reason we started STARK was to shrink that gap. If a credible organisation, public or private, is already solving the problem we see, our first move is to connect the beneficiary to them. Only when nothing exists do we allocate our own time and money.

On the operational side, the team has matured. What started as a few volunteers is now a small full-time team across two centres in Bikaner and Pundalsar. From running batches and college MOUs to facilitating placements and onboarding CSR partners, the foundation isn't just surviving on enthusiasm anymore. It's being run as an institution.

Some of what follows will, we hope, bring a smile. None of it would have been possible without people like you, who showed up with moral, operational, or financial support, and stayed.

Thank you for everything. Upwards & onwards.

Yours,  
**Pradhyumn Singh**

Tech Lead · STARK Foundation

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## SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTER

STARK Foundation's flagship program is the **vocational training centre**, run in collaboration with certified institutes and reputed faculties in Bikaner. Courses are **free of cost** for selected candidates, with placement support or in-house work opportunities (Clothing & Designing vertical).

Admissions follow rigorous screening and background verification, then an in-person interview. We operate two centres: **Bikaner** (since June 2021) and **Pundalsar** (since February 2025), covering both urban and rural Rajasthan.

Skill partners: Tally Education · Singer India.



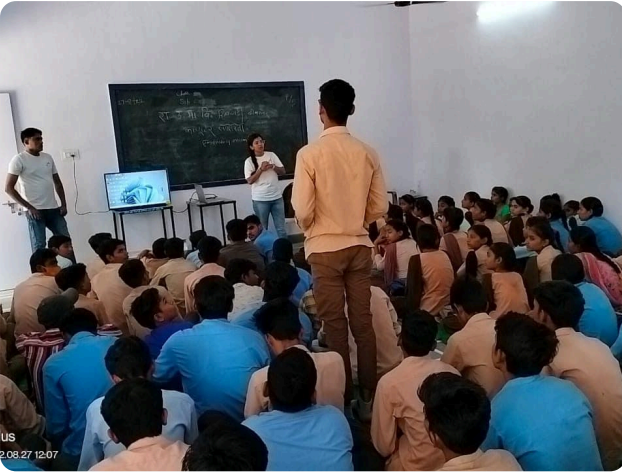
### 'Computer & I.T.' vertical

Batches start with a core competency (Typing or Tally), then build adjacent skills: MS apps, web browsing, applying for jobs online. Soft-skill prep is woven in: resume building, mock interviews, communication fundamentals. We connect students to local vacancies directly.

### 'Clothing & Designing' vertical

Two-tier program: 3-month certificate and 6-month diploma. The centre operates as a small workshop where students take work orders, mentor newer students, and learn the dynamics of supplying to local vendors and clothing brands.

## BACHPAN



**Bachpan** is our work with children in government schools and slum areas around Bikaner. The format is intentionally flexible: summer learning camps in govt schools, weekend workshops, study-kit drives, and Children's Day events.

The flagship initiative is **Adhigam**, a summer learning camp launched in 2023 across 4 government schools, now running an expanded second edition.

The thesis: kids in govt schools don't need a replacement system; they need an extra month of structured exposure with people who've done what they want to do.

### ACTIVITIES ON RECORD

**2021**

14 Nov

#### Children's Day Activities

5 slum areas, Bikaner

150 kids · ₹78,000

Sports and cultural events. Each child received a kit (shoes, jersey, bag, study material, packaged food). Frocks stitched by women in our stitching program.

Partners: Robin Hood Army, YAI, Vrikshit Foundation.

**2022**

2 Mar

#### Enhanced Learning Environment: Pemasar

Govt Sr Sec School, Pemasar

700 students · ₹1.0L

Electricity fittings and sports equipment. Funded via BkESL.

## BACHPAN, CONTINUED

**2022**

28 Mar

**Enhanced Learning Environment: Udairamsar**

Govt Girls + Sr Sec Schools, Udairamsar

968 students · ₹4.23L

Water coolers + RO systems, 100 desks/furniture sets, two computers, storage almirahs. Benefits 500 girls + 468 students. Funded via BkESL.

**2022**

20 Sep

**Study Kit Distribution: Bhagwanpur**

Govt Girls Sr Sec School, Bhagwanpur

200 students · ₹40,000

Notebooks, pens, pencils, erasers and basic supplies. Eases the cost burden on families and equips students for the term.

**2023**

18 May – 2 Jun

**Adhigam: Computer Learning Camp (1st edition)**

NGO Office · 4 govt schools

90 students · ₹52,000

Flagship 2-week summer camp on digital education, science workshops and guest speakers. Schools: Maharani Govt Girls · Ganga Bal · SMJT · Haldiram Sursagar.

**2024**

14 Feb

**Study Kit Distribution: Pemasar**

Govt Higher Sec School, Pemasar

140 students · ₹46,290

Study kits distributed to support student learning.

**2025**

Jul

**MP Colony Distribution Drive**

MP Colony Govt School, Bikaner

Books and learning material distributed as part of ongoing engagement with the school.

**2026**

May – 3 Jun

**Adhigam 2.0: Computer Learning Camp**

Udasar, near Bikaner

55 students

Free one-month computer course for 55 govt school students. Most were using a computer for the first time. The school had a computer lab set up with public money that sat unused for lack of a teacher, so our team rented a hall, brought our own machines, and ran the program. All 55 students certified on completion.

## HIGHER-ED PARTNERSHIPS

We partner with colleges to revive under-used facilities and run free, future-facing courses. Two case studies show the model:



CONCLUDED

### Maharani Sudarshan College for Women

Feb 2024 – Feb 2026 · 2-year MOU

Revived a 10-year-dormant computer lab. Transferred computers from our Bikaner centre and launched free Computer-based Skill Development and Stitching & Fashion Designing programs. ~210 students trained across multiple batches.



ACTIVE

### Engineering College Bikaner: AI Workshops

Since May 2026 · expanding

Partnership with the EICE Department under HOD Ms. Pooja Bhardwaj. Phase 1: AI in industry, agents vs chatbots, hallucination risks, Claude Code & Copilot, plus VLSI hardware design. Phase 2 hands-on project announced.

## C.S.R. PROJECTS

Our entry into the world of corporate partnerships began with a pilot project with **Bikaner Electricity Supply Limited (Bk.E.S.L)**, itself a result of contributions made during the second wave of COVID.

After the pilot, the leadership team at Bk.E.S.L. entrusted us with five more projects across health, eye-care and school infrastructure. The continued momentum echoes a quote from C.S. Lewis: "if you do one good deed, your reward usually is to be set to do another and harder and better one."

For every project, we follow a systematic approach: identify the right area and beneficiaries via on-ground surveys and conversations with local authorities, generate a brief, plan in detail, then execute. The core themes have been **accessible healthcare, sanitation, and infrastructure support for schools.**



## C.S.R. PROJECTS

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### Health Check-up Camp

Vaishno Dham slums

**130**

Total beneficiaries

**55**

People tested (CBC, T3, T4, TSH, etc.)

2

### Eye Check-up Camp

Udasar village

**290**

Total beneficiaries

**97**

Eyeglasses distributed

**13**

Patients treated with surgeries

3

### School Infrastructure & Sports

Pemasar & Udairamsar villages

**3**

Schools

**1,700**

Total beneficiaries

**2**

Water coolers installed

**55**

Sports equipment sets

**100**

Furniture sets distributed

**2**

Computer systems installed

**25**

Classrooms equipped with power

Health camp was followed up with post-diagnostic consultations and medicine distributions.

## DISASTER RELIEF



**When the pandemic hit.** Our disaster-relief muscle was forged through the COVID response in Bikaner: six weeks, ₹6.58 lakh in spend, around 1,500 families served.

We delivered **6,000+ meal boxes** to COVID patients at their doorstep, **4,000+ ration kits** to families whose livelihood was impacted, free home **RT-PCR sample collection** for residents aged 60+ in coordination with the Central Medical Health Office, and **rent-free oxygen concentrators** for discharged patients managing recovery at home.

STARK Foundation continues to maintain disaster-response readiness. If a future emergency arises, the same playbook gets activated.

## DIGITAL PAHEL

**Digital Pahal**(pahal = 'initiative' in Hindi) is our in-kind donation campaign. We collect laptops, desktops, tablets, smartphones, cameras, and sewing machines, refurbish them, and deploy them directly to students at our centres, partner colleges, and government schools we work with.

**None of the items donated will be sold.**

Every device is tested, cleaned, repaired if needed, and configured for our centre or a partner school. Sewing machines are serviced before deployment. We share back with the donor where each item ended up.

The campaign accepts donations from Bikaner and across India. Donors from Delhi, Mumbai and Jaipur have participated in the past.

### WHAT WE ACCEPT

- Laptops (working or repairable)
- Desktops & monitors
- Tablets · iPads
- Android smartphones
- Cameras · webcams
- Sewing machines (Singer / Usha)



*Where donated devices end up: at our centre and partner colleges.*

## COMPLIANCE & TRANSPARENCY

S.T.A.R.K. (Stratifying and Advancing Rural Knowledge) Foundation is a **Section 8 registered firm** and, under M.C.A. guidelines, we go through **annual auditing and I.T.R. filing**.

We hold **12A and 80G approvals**, so monetary contributions qualify for income tax exemption. A certificate is issued to every contributor.

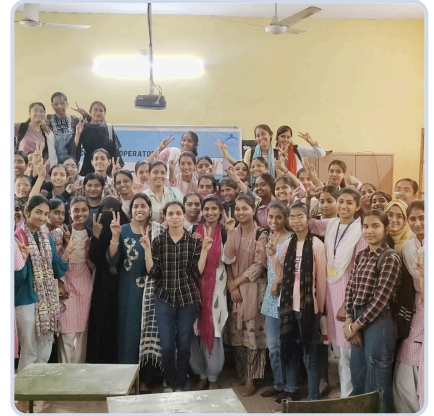
We are M.C.A.-compliant for C.S.R. activities and registered on portals such as **Benevity** and **Razorpay** for fundraising campaigns. Active profiles maintained on government portals including **NGO Darpan** and **Gyan Sankalp**.

**Flow of funds.** 100% of donations come through online transfers (Razorpay subscriptions, direct bank transfer). ~98% of expenses are paid digitally.

**Real-time ledger.** Every employee records their expenses on a shared internal ledger as incurred. Records are validated and approved by one of our directors on a monthly basis.

**Stakeholder access.** Any stakeholder can be added on request to inspect monthly expense records. We share the full P&L breakup with active CSR partners and significant donors as part of standard reporting.

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