



**New Age Learning Centre,
Changlang (Arunachal Pradesh)**

Innovation (District)

To eradicate illiteracy as well as minimize the dropout ratio in the district, Changlang District of Arunachal Pradesh launched the new age learning centre initiative (NALC).

Initiative

- NALC is a Free of Cost Service which enables flexible, state of the art, futuristic and leisure learning space which enables people from all age groups to learn and improve every aspect of their personality through free Wi-Fi (24x7), online training through tablets, e-reading through kindle, etc, in an environment furnished with modular furniture.
- It converges resources that are rendered unused viz. libraries of government schools are marred with a lack of dedicated library teachers, library infrastructure and books and transforms these existing libraries into NALC helping in optimum utilization of unused resources of libraries run by the library department which acts as cluster libraries for nearby schools wherein children from all schools may access this space as their library.
- It is open for all members including children on all days and also late nights during exams. The NGO volunteers help the library staff to ensure the seamless operation of the library.
- It adopts a flexible timing as per the demand of users and has a free provisioning of books to students belonging to economically weaker sections. Even demand specific books (competitive exams like IIT, JEE, Medical, UPSC, etc.) are provided to users.
- During mass celebrations like Republic Day, Independence Day and Statehood Day awareness is generated amongst the public about the initiative through a membership drive.
- Weather controlled space by provisioning air conditioning and heating to enable children to learn at ease.
- Peer to Peer Learning is promoted to enable cross-exchange of talent, ideas and skills takes place at NALC as children of various nearby schools participate in the club-based activities of NALC.



- The Centre engages in imparts personality development training, disaster management techniques, career counselling, cultural education, fun learning and creates hobby clubs, interest groups, etc.
- The New Age Learning Center is a knowledge creation space meant to accommodate the rising aspirations of new generations who find the concept of traditional library boring. An effort has been made to design the space according to the taste and comfort of the users (mainly children) to enable them to study, learn and dream without any restraint.
- The activity in the centre and the safety for the girl students and little children are monitored through CCTV surveillance.
- This initiative is unique in form of New Age Learning Centre wherein children of various age groups are provided with fun and interactive learning under one single roof. The space is designed with special emphasis to provide end-to-end learning solutions at a single delivery point by integrating the features of library, motivation Centre, personality development space and skill training center to make the learning more comprehensive and interesting.
- Children of all age groups as well as adults are the beneficiaries of this initiative.

However, the priority and central target group is the school-going children coming from lower economic strata who find it difficult to afford a personal space for study.

Impact

- Prior to the establishment of NALC, children were hesitant to even speak their name but as per our interaction with the students now they are debating and confidently expressing themselves.
- The NALC acts as knowledge hub for all the students who are undergoing holistic personality transformation through this platform & various activity-based learning modules. Many children have started or resumed their preparations for competitive examinations like IIT, NEET, UPSC etc.
- Children coming from the economically backward sections who cannot afford their own dedicated study rooms have now access to a modern reading centre to study with access to books of all genres as well as a treasure trove of online resources at their fingertips.
- All the children of GHSS, Miao who appeared for compartment exams for Classes 10th and 12th, passed because the place was made available for them as per their demand before the exam hours with all practice books and access to online resources with dedicated faculties.
- The initiative has been lowly replacing drug and alcohol culture through increased knowledge of culture and motivating of youths to pursue positive habits like reading, learning, etc.
- Post establishment of NALC, most students have been initiated in preparations through the provisioning of suitable books, BYJU based platform. This may get further boost with starting of SUPER 30 Program in the extension premises of NALC under CSR initiative funded by OIL INDIA LTD.
- The NALC also puts increased emphasis on peer-to-peer learning wherein a child with specific talent helps other interested children willing to develop that hobby.
- NALC is also acting as a fulcrum of PROJECT SAFAL of District Administration to improve the passing percentage of children in board examinations.