



# CONNECTING DREAMS FOUNDATION

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# SHRI RAM COLLEGE OF COMMERCE



# PROJECT DREAM LIBRARY

A CDF-SRCC INITIATIVE

## ABOUT CDF-SRCC

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- **Connecting Dreams Foundation-Shri Ram College of Commerce** is a non-profit organization registered and licensed under Section 8 of the Companies Act. A student based initiative committed to initiate rural development in India, CDF-SRCC saw its inception in the year **2014**. With **5 projects on ground** and **17 areas** already impacted, it has empowered **thousands of lives** with a working team of just 30 dedicated students.
  - Moreover, our projects have been represented at numerous national and international platforms such as the **United Nations, Harvard US India Initiative** and have won much acclaim. Our initiatives have been recognized and covered by various media platforms such as **UNESCO, Hindustan Times, Times of India, AapkaTimes, DU Assassins** and **JK24x7**.
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# OUR PROJECTS



**Esscent** by Project Arpan is a **floral waste management** model which solves the problem of micro-level pollution through the production of flower based charcoal free incense sticks thereby. We have sold **6000 boxes** and **impacted 5000+ lives.**



**Project Aarogya** aims to combat the issue of menstrual hygiene by establishing a **low cost supply** chain of sanitary napkins in the urban slums of Delhi-NCR, and nearby states. We have created **8 entrepreneurs**, provided **2,47,000+ sanitary pads** and impacted over **51000 lives.**



**Project Rivaayat** aims to **revive the fading art form of terracotta pottery** through a direct market connection model. We have impacted the lives of **17 potters** across **4 different areas** and also **increased their income by 104%**. We are currently listed on **14 different platforms.**



**Project Dream** library is an initiative undertaken to remove ignorance from the lives of thousands of underprivileged children. We have implemented **12 libraries**, donated **3600+ books** and **impacted lives of 1650+ slum children.**

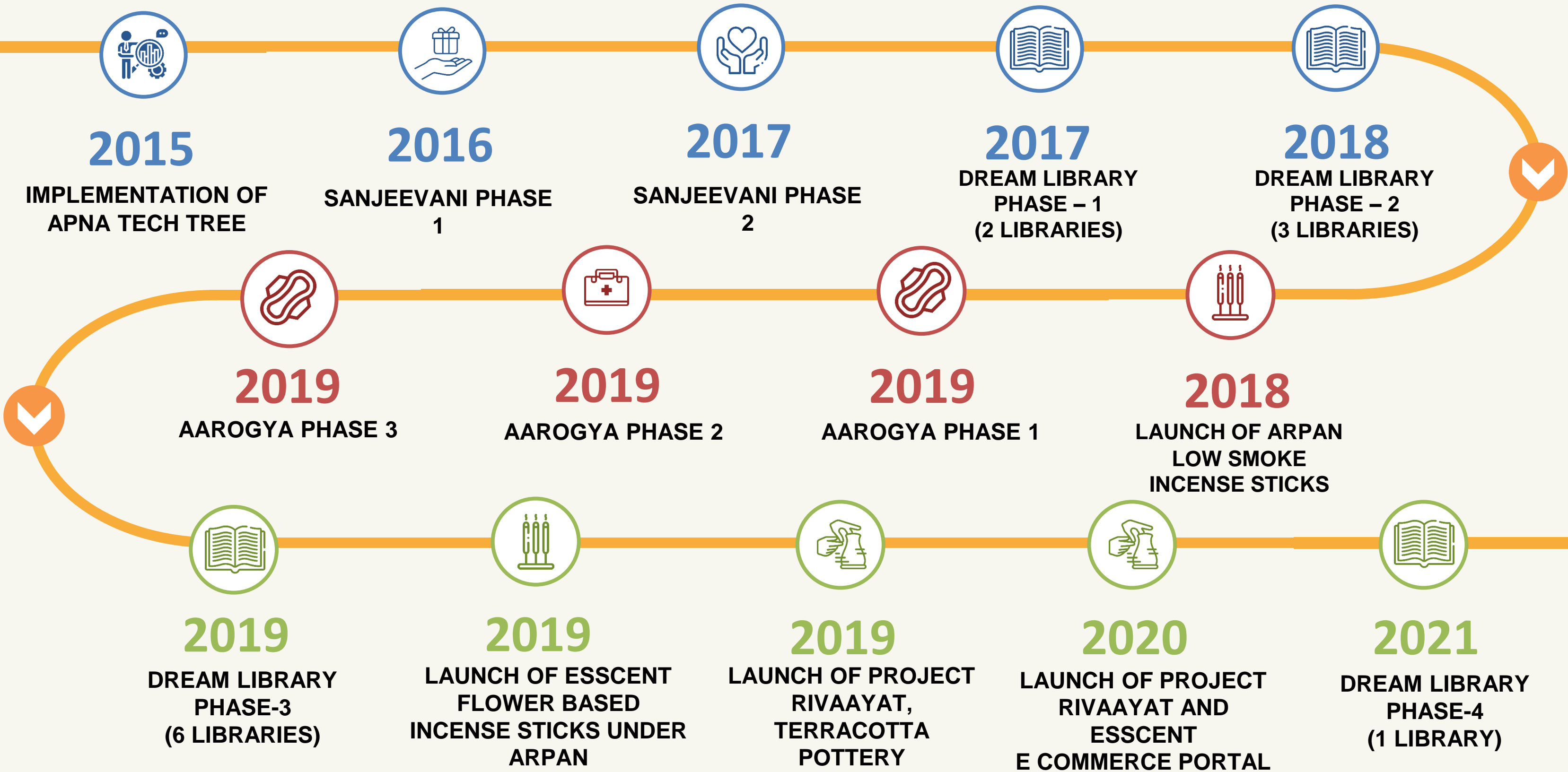


**Project Sanjeevani** is a market linkage initiative that **connects food products**, mainly papad **made by rural women** and potential urban untapped markets. We have created **9 entrepreneurs** and impacted **300+ lives.**



An **E-Pathshala** was established in February, 2016 in the form of a CDF-SRCC Extension center **at Chopla village** where technological and educational aid was made available through '**Apna Tech Tree**' **computer system, library and recreational facilities.**

# MILESTONES ACHIEVED



# PROJECT DREAM LIBRARY

**Dream Library** is an initiative taken up by **CDF-SRCC** to provide educational resources to the underprivileged sections of the society. It was started to uplift the condition of urban Slums, schools and NGO's by providing them access to education and a normal childhood, thus connecting children to their dreams.

## Objectives:

- The main motto behind Dream Library is to set up libraries in schools for underprivileged students who are unable to afford books on their own.
- To equip them with the latest technological trends by giving them access to laptops and computers through the implementation of digital libraries.
- To engage the children with regular and unconventional activities, so that they can have a fun learning experience along with a holistic development.



Govt. School, Tijara, Rajasthan.



RAMESH PARK LIBRARY

# PAST IMPLEMENTATIONS

**1950+**  
Students

**3600+**  
Books Donated

**12**  
Libraries

## RECENT COLLABORATIONS

1. Jazbaa NGO

2. Spreading Smiles NGO

3. Sakshi NGO

4. Samarpan NGO

5. Phia Foundation

6. Govt. School, Tijara,  
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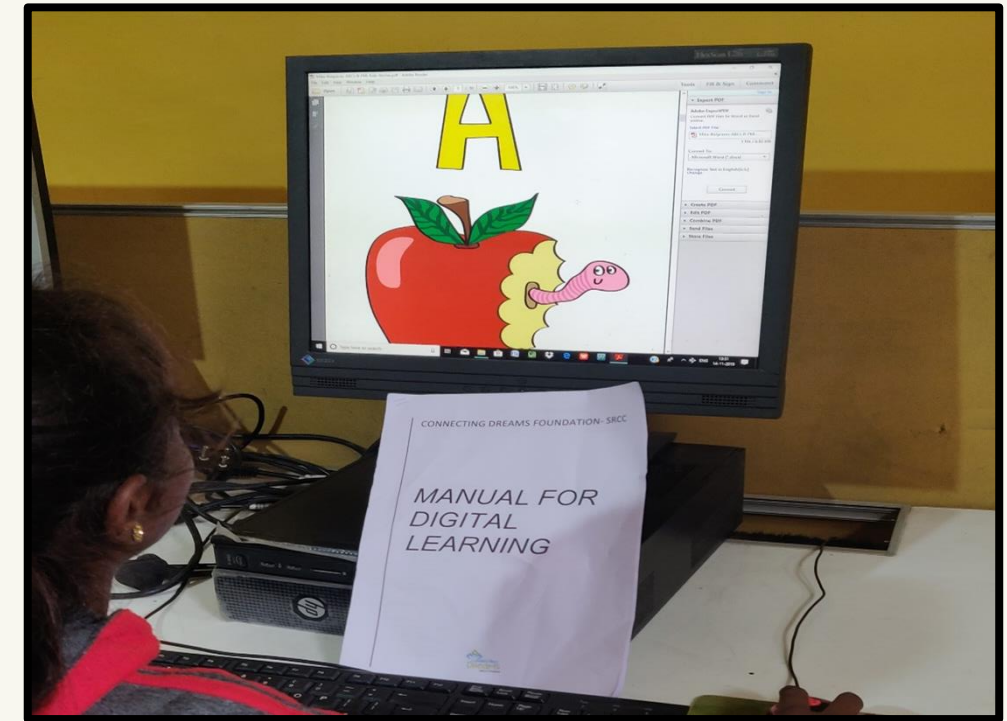
# OTHER IMPLEMENTATIONS IN THE PAST



**DEFENCE COLONY**



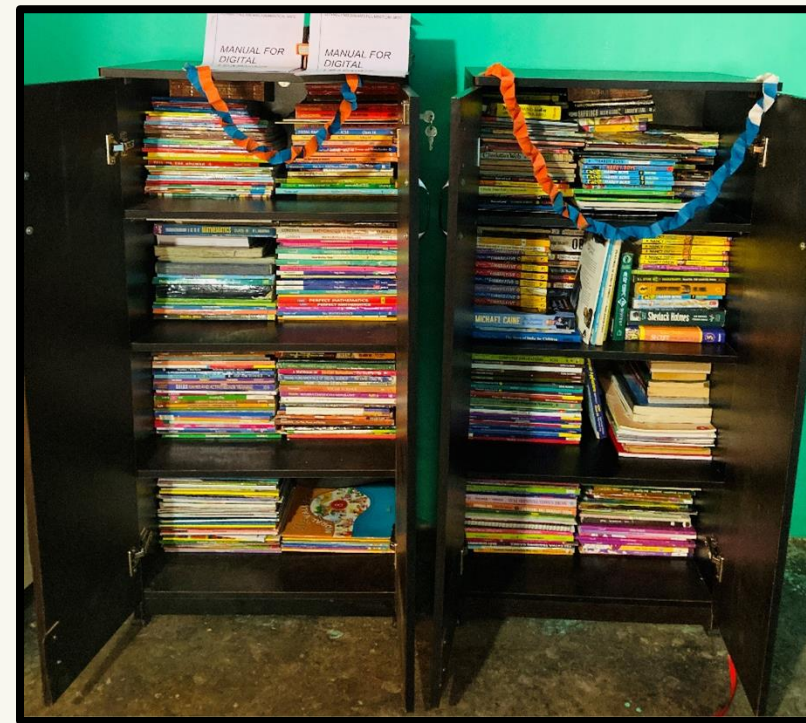
**TIJARA, RAJASTHAN**



**PHIA FOUNDATION**



**LAJPAT NAGAR**



**RAMESH PARK**



**MAYUR VIHAR**



# WHEN STUDENTS GIFT EDUCATION

SRCC students set up libraries in Delhi for underprivileged kids, to spread the reading habit and, above all, joy

Education is the best gift you can give yourself or anyone else, said author Mahatma Narasimhan. And it's one gift students of Delhi University's Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC) are giving those not privileged enough to afford a proper education. The Connecting Dreams Foundation, SRCC chapter, has undertaken the Project Dream Library, setting up libraries at several locations in the Capital — Ramesh Park, Shastrri Park and Mayapuri Vihar, a slum area near Yamuna Bank — for underprivileged kids. "Coming to college, we didn't realise what life would really be about but watching the curiosity in the kids' lives, today I know what the real meaning of life is. During the process from ideation to implementation, we as a team faced numerous ups and downs that we sailed through. This implementation brought me more happiness than even



getting into SRCC did," says a member of the SRCC chapter of the foundation. The team is all set to expand the project to six more locations. The student run body ensures that the children make use of the books regularly through weekly storytelling and book reading sessions. Sixty students from the college are associated with the project, including from the first and second years. Uttam Gupta, a second-year student and one of the project's directors, says, "Our aim is to uplift the underprivileged children by providing them

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books to make sure that their fundamental right to education is fulfilled. We regularly conduct interactive sessions with the children to make them realise the importance of reading. The idea was not just to set up the libraries but also to ensure that the children make effective and efficient use of the books. We have touched many lives with this project and it feels great when you are a part of the bigger cause. "The team is now planning to make the libraries digital to keep the children updated on the technology front as well. - [rohita.gang@srcc.com](mailto:rohita.gang@srcc.com)



SRCC students with underprivileged kids (top); one of the libraries



निगारपुर संजय बस्ती में स्थित समर्पण एन जी ओ ने बस्ती के बच्चों के साथ मनाया बाल दिवस। समर्पण अध्यक्ष श्री अपूर्व भीवान्तवा के नेतृत्व में बाल दिवस के उपलक्ष पर बच्चों को दिया ड्रीम लाइब्रेरी का तोहफा।



नई दिल्ली (संज्ञान न्यूज़)- समर्पण अध्यक्ष श्री अपूर्व श्रीवास्तवा के नेतृत्व में बाल दिवस के उपलक्ष पर बच्चों को दिया ड्रीम लाइब्रेरी का तोहफा। संजय बस्ती दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय नार्थ कैंपस के पास स्थित इस कार्यक्रम को आयोजित किया। यहाँ बस्ती के बच्चों को मिलेगी हर प्रकार की अच्छी रोमांचक कहानियों भारी व कोर्स की किताबों को भी पढ़ बच्चे इस सुविधा का मुफ्त लाभ उठा सकते है और अपना ज्ञान बढ़ा सकते है। समर्पण की इस लाइब्रेरी में गणित, विज्ञान, अर्थशास्त्र, अंग्रेजी से लेकर कंप्यूटर, मीडिया, फोटोग्राफी और कहानियाँ जैसे स्टार वार्स, बराक ओबामा जैसी खूबसूरत किताबों को इस ड्रीम लाइब्रेरी में



## SETTING UP A STAIRWAY TO DREAMS WITH BOOKS

Students of DU's Shri Ram College of Commerce are establishing libraries for underprivileged children across the Capital

For those of us who have grown up reading books, books are not just a source of entertainment. Books have become dream catchers for us, capturing our imagination and sparking our thoughts. It is thanks to them that those who have been able to realise their dreams, have done so. Yet there are many who never get introduced to the world of books because of the kind of lives they live. However, that can now change slightly now. The students of DU's Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC), a part of the Connecting Dreams Foundation, have launched the Project Dream Library initiative with the aim to ensure that every underprivileged child has access to books. Under the college's initiative, Arpit Sharma and Anshu Jais, the initiative will help libraries



The initiative has helped set up libraries in Delhi's School Under the Bridge and School under the Tree. For the underprivileged across the city, the initiative is a ray of hope. The books in the libraries will have wish cards for children to write down at the back of the books they read, which then the collective will try to fulfil.

## IN THE NEWS

The Implementation of Dream Library in 6 Schools on November 14, 2019 was featured in the leading **HT City** and **JK 24x7** and 8 other media publications and news portals. We were also recognised by **UNESCO** and **Outlook India**.



# THANK YOU

Looking forward to collaborating and impacting LIVES.



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